Mathematical Methods in Quantum Theory

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Exercise 5: Completeness of normed spaces

(a) Let $I := [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$ an interval with a < b and consider the family of vector spaces

 $\mathsf{Poly}_n := \{ f : I \to \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ is polynomial with } \deg(f) \le n \}$

Show that $\mathcal{P} := \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathsf{Poly}_n$ becomes by virtue of

$$||f||_{\infty} := \sup_{x \in I} |f(x)|$$

a normed space which is *not* complete.

- (b) Let $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed space ¹.
 - (i) If $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is complete and $Y \subset X$ closed, then also $(Y, \|\cdot\|)$ is a complete normed space. In short: a closed subset of an complete normed space inherits the completeness from the ambient space.
 - (ii) If $Y \subset X$ and $(Y, \|\cdot\|)$ is complete, then Y is closed in X

Exercise 6: Completeness of function spaces

Let $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and $(Y, || \cdot ||)$ a Banach space. For $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and $f: S \to Y$ we define

$$H_{\alpha}(f,S) := \sup \left\{ \frac{|f(x) - f(y)|}{|x - y|^{\alpha}} \, | \, x, y \in S \,, \, x \neq y \right\} \in [0,\infty]$$

If $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ open and bounded we define for $m \ge 0$ the function spaces

$$C^{m,\alpha}(\overline{\Omega},Y) := \{ f \in C^m(\overline{\Omega},Y) \mid H_\alpha(\partial^s f,\overline{\Omega}) < \infty \text{ for } |s| = m \}$$

Prove that $(C^{m,\alpha}(\overline{\Omega},Y), ||\cdot||_{C^{m,\alpha}(\overline{\Omega})})$ is a Banach space when

$$||f||_{C^{m,\alpha}(\overline{\Omega})} := \sum_{|s| \le m} ||\partial^s f||_{C^0(\overline{\Omega})} + \sum_{|s|=m} H_\alpha(\partial^s f, \overline{\Omega})$$

¹ The claims remain true also if one replaces the normed space by an metric space

Exercise 7: POVM

As you have already learned in the lecture the qubit state space can be seen as a 3-dimensional unit ball and thus any state can be parametrized by two variables, i.e., $|\psi\rangle = |\psi(\theta, \varphi)\rangle$.

(a) Show that the set of effects $\mathcal{M} = \{E_0, E_1, E_2\}$ is a valid POVM if $\varphi_k = \frac{\pi}{2}$ for all k = 0, 1, 2 and

$$E_k = \frac{2}{3} |\psi_k(\theta_k, \varphi_k)\rangle \langle \psi_k(\theta_k, \varphi_k)| \text{ with } \theta_k = \frac{2\pi k}{3} \text{ for } k = 0, 1, 2$$

(b) Compute the probability distribution for the outcomes of the measurement \mathcal{M} if the states are given by

$$\rho_1 = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{I}_2 \ , \ \rho_2 = \frac{1}{3} |+\rangle \langle +| + \frac{2}{3} |1\rangle \langle 1| \ , \ \rho_3 = |\psi(\frac{\pi}{2}, 0)\rangle \langle \psi(\frac{\pi}{2}, 0)|$$

Exercise 8: Geometric properties of Hilbert spaces

Let X be a complex vector space, $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : X \times X \to \mathbb{C}$ a positive semidefinite hermitian form and $||x|| := \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$.

- (a) For $x, y \in X$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ prove the following statements:
 - (1) $||\alpha x|| = |\alpha| ||x||$
 - (2) $|\langle x, y \rangle| \le ||x|| ||y||$
 - (3) $||x + y|| \le ||x|| + ||y||$
 - (4) $||x + y||^2 + ||x y||^2 = 2(||x||^2 + ||y||^2)$
- (b) For $x, y \in X$ prove the polarisation identity

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{k=0}^{3} i^{k} ||x + i^{k}y||^{2}$$

(c) Show that if $(X, || \cdot ||)$ is a normed space and (a4) holds then there exists an inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ on X such that for all $x \in X$ we have $||x||^2 = \langle x, x \rangle$.