

MMAT5010 2021 Home Test 1

**Q1.** (i) Let  $T : (X, \|\cdot\|_1) \rightarrow (X, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$  be defined by  $Tf(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tf\|_\infty &= \sup_{x \in [a,b]} |Tf(x)| \\ &\leq \sup_{x \in [a,b]} \int_a^x |f(t)| dt \\ &\leq \int_a^b |f(t)| dt = \|f\|_1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\|T\| \leq 1$ . Furthermore, if we let  $f : [a, b] \in \mathbb{R}$  to be  $f(x) \equiv \frac{1}{b-a}$ , then  $\|f\|_1 = 1$  and

$$Tf(x) = \frac{x-a}{b-a}$$

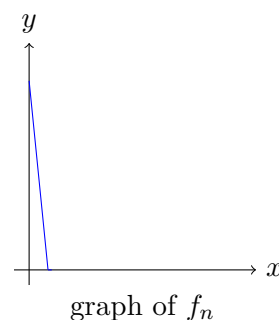
We have  $\|Tf\|_\infty = 1$ . Hence  $\|T\| = 1$ .

(ii) Let  $T : (X, \|\cdot\|_1) \rightarrow (X, \|\cdot\|_1)$  be defined by  $Tf(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tf\|_1 &= \int_a^b |Tf(t)| dt \\ &\leq \int_a^b \int_a^t |f(s)| ds dt \\ &\leq \int_a^b \int_a^b |f(s)| ds dt \\ &= (b-a)\|f\|_1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\|T\| \leq b-a$ . We claim that  $\|T\| = b-a$  by finding a sequence  $(f_n)$  in  $X$  with  $\|f_n\|_1 = 1$  and  $\|Tf_n\|_1 \rightarrow b-a$ . Our  $f_n$  is defined by the followings:

- $f_n = 0$  on  $[a + \frac{1}{n}, b]$
- $f_n(a) = 2n$
- $f_n$  is a straight line on  $[a, a + \frac{1}{n}]$



It is easy to check that  $\|f_n\|_1 = 1$  and  $Tf_n(x) = 1$  on for  $x \in [a + \frac{1}{n}, b]$ . Thus  $\|Tf_n\|_1 \geq b - (a + \frac{1}{n})$  for every  $n$ . Hence  $f_n$  is the desired sequence and  $\|T\| = b-a$ .

**Q2.** (a) Let  $M \subset X$  be a closed subspace,  $\pi : X \rightarrow X/M$  be the canonical quotient map. Let  $B_X, B_{X/M}$  be the **open** unit ball of  $X$  and  $X/M$  respectively. We claim that  $\pi(B_X) = B_{X/M}$ .

Suppose  $x \in B_X$ , then it is clear that  $\pi(x) \in B_{X/M}$  because  $\|\pi\| \leq 1$ . Suppose  $\bar{x} \in B_{X/M}$ . First, there exists some  $x \in X$  such that  $\pi(x) = \bar{x}$ . Because  $\|\pi(x)\| < 1$ , there exists some  $m \in M$  such that  $\|x - m\| < 1$ . So  $x - m \in B_X$  and  $\pi(x - m) = \bar{x}$ . It follows that

$$\|\bar{F}\| = \sup_{\bar{x} \in B_{X/M}} \bar{F}(\bar{x}) = \sup_{x \in B_X} \bar{F}(\pi(x)) = \|\bar{F} \circ \pi\|$$

(b) Let  $a \notin M$ . By the Hahn-Banach theorem, there exists  $\bar{F} \in (X/M)^*$ ,  $\|\bar{F}\| = 1$ ,  $\bar{F}(\pi(a)) = \|\pi(a)\| = d(a, M)$ . The desired  $f \in X^*$  is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\|\pi(a)\|} \bar{F}(\pi(x))$$

**Q3.** (i) Fix  $x \in c_0$ . Let  $y \in \ell_1$ . To show that  $M_x(y) \in \ell_1$ , we must show that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |x(k)y(k)| < \infty$$

Observe that for each  $N = 1, 2, \dots$ ,

$$\sum_{k=1}^N |x(k)y(k)| \leq \left( \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |x(j)| \right) \sum_{k=1}^N |y(k)| \leq \|x\|_{\infty} \|y\|_1$$

Therefore  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |x(k)y(k)| < \infty$ . Hence  $M_x$  is well-defined.

(ii) In (i) we show that  $\|M_x(y)\|_1 \leq \|x\|_{\infty} \|y\|_1$ , i.e.  $\|M_x\| \leq \|x\|_{\infty}$ . Let  $e_k = (0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots)$  be the canonical basis vectors in  $\ell_1$ . We have  $\|e_k\| = 1$  for all  $k$  and  $\|M_x(e_k)\| = |x(k)|$ . So  $\|M_x\| \geq |x(k)|$  for all  $k$  and Hence  $\|M_x\| \geq \|x\|_{\infty}$ .

(iii) The adjoint operator  $M_x^* : \ell_{\infty} \rightarrow \ell_{\infty}$  satisfies

$$M_x^*(\xi)(y) = \xi(M_x y)$$

for all  $\xi \in \ell_{\infty}$  and for all  $y \in \ell_1$ . Note  $\xi(M_x y)$  is just a number in  $\mathbb{R}$  (or  $\mathbb{C}$ ):

$$\xi(M_x y) = \xi(1)x(1)y(1) + \xi(2)x(2)y(2) + \dots$$

We see that  $M_x^* \xi = (x(1)\xi(1), x(2)\xi(2), \dots) \in \ell_{\infty}$ .

**Q4.** Let  $x \in X$ . By the Hahn-Banach theorem there exists  $f \in B_{X^*}$  such that  $f(x) = \|x\|$ . Since  $B_{X^*} \subset \cup_{k=1}^n B(x_k^*, r)$ , there exists  $k_0$  such that  $f \in B(x_{k_0}^*, r)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tx\|_{\infty} &= \sup_k |x_k^*(x)| \\ &\geq |x_{k_0}^*(x)| \\ &\geq |f(x)| - |x_{k_0}^*(x) - f(x)| \\ &\geq \|x\| - \|x_{k_0}^* - f\| \|x\| \\ &\geq (1-r)\|x\| \end{aligned}$$