

Math 118 Spring 2003: Supplementary Exercises 1

Exercise 1 Use the Dominated Convergence Theorem to prove that convolution with a scaled Gaussian converges to the original function as the scaling goes to zero:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi\epsilon}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(x-y)^2/\epsilon} f(y) dy \rightarrow f(x) \quad \text{as } \epsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

(Hint: change variables to $z = (x - y)/\sqrt{\epsilon}$.)

Exercise 2 Verify that the complex 2-dimensional vector space \mathbf{C}^2 is a Hilbert space under the usual inner product

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^2 u_j^* v_j :$$

Check that (a) the associated norm

$$\|u\| = \sqrt{\langle u, u \rangle}$$

has properties A.3 through A.5, (b) that Cauchy sequences converge, and (c) that A.6 is satisfied.

Exercise 3 Let $H = L^2(\mathbf{R})$ and $L : H \rightarrow H$ be the integral operator

$$Lf(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-|x-y|} f(y) dy.$$

Compute the adjoint operator L^* .

Exercise 4 Let $H = L^2(\mathbf{R})$ and $L : H \rightarrow H$ be the operator that takes f to $f(x)$ if $x > 0$ and 0 otherwise. Determine whether L is (a) a projector, (b) an orthogonal projector, and (c) selfadjoint.