MATH S4062 – MIDTERM – SOLUTIONS

1. Banach Fixed Point Theorem: If (X, d) is complete and f is a contraction, then f has a unique fixed point p.

STEP 1: Let $x_0 \in X$ and define $x_n = f^n(x_0)$

Notice $d(x_1, x_2) = d(f(x_0), f(x_1)) \le k d(x_0, x_1)$ and

$$d(x_2, x_3) = d(f(x_1), f(x_2)) \le k d(x_1, x_2) \le k k d(x_0, x_1) = k^2 d(x_0, x_1)$$

More generally $d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \le k^n d(x_0, x_1)$

STEP 2: Claim: (x_n) is Cauchy

Why? Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given and N be TBA, then if m, n > N (WLOG assume $n \ge m$), then

$$d(x_m, x_n) \leq d(x_m, x_{m+1}) + d(x_{m+1}, x_{m+2}) + \dots + d(x_{n-1}, x_n)$$

$$\leq k^m d(x_0, x_1) + k^{m+1} d(x_0, x_1) + \dots + k^{n-1} d(x_1, x_0) \qquad \text{(By STEP 1)}$$

$$\leq (k^m + k^{m+1} + \dots + k^{n-1}) d(x_1, x_0)$$

$$= k^m (1 + k + \dots + k^{n-m-1}) d(x_0, x_1)$$

$$\leq k^m (1 + k + k^2 + \dots) d(x_0, x_1)$$

$$= k^m \left(\frac{1}{1-k}\right) d(x_0, x_1)$$

$$\leq \frac{k^N}{1-k} d(x_0, x_1) \qquad \text{Since } m > N \text{ and } k < 1$$

But since k < 1 we have $\lim_{n\to\infty} k^n = 0$, so we can choose N large enough so that $\frac{k^N}{1-k}d(x_0, x_1) < \epsilon$, which in turn implies $d(x_m, x_n) < \epsilon \checkmark$

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STEP 3: Since (x_n) is Cauchy and X is complete, (x_n) converges to some p

Claim: p is a fixed point of f.

This follows because

$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} x_{n+1} = \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n)$$

$$p = f\left(\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n\right) \qquad \text{(continuity)}$$

$$p = f(p)\checkmark$$

STEP 4: Uniqueness: Suppose there are two fixed points $p \neq q$, then

$$d(p,q) = d(f(p), f(q)) \le kd(p,q) < d(p,q)$$

Which is a contradiction

2. Suppose there are $x \neq y$ with $f(x) \neq f(y)$ and let $\epsilon = |f(x) - f(y)|$

Since f_n is equicontinuous on [-1, 1] there is $\delta > 0$ such that if $|x_0 - y_0| < \delta$ then for all n we have $|f_n(x_0) - f_n(y_0)| < \epsilon$.

However, with x and y as above, then since $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{x}{n} - \frac{y}{n} = 0$ there is n large enough so that $\left|\frac{x}{n} - \frac{y}{n}\right| < \delta$, and both are in [-1, 1], and therefore

$$\left| f_n\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) - f_n\left(\frac{y}{n}\right) \right| < \epsilon$$

$$\left| f\left(n\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)\right) - f\left(n\left(\frac{y}{n}\right)\right) \right| < \epsilon$$

$$\left| f(x) - f(y) \right| < \epsilon$$

$$\left| f(x) - f(y) \right| < \left| f(x) - f(y) \right|$$

Which is a contradiction, and therefore f is constant.

3. Notice that if $x \ge a$ then $1+(n^2) x \ge (n^2) x \ge n^2 a$ and therefore

$$\frac{1}{1+(n^2)x} \le \frac{1}{n^2a} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{a}\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)}_{M_n}$$

Therefore, since

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} M_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a(n^2)} = \frac{1}{a} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$$

Converges (it's a 2-series), by the Weierstraß M-test, it follows that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 + (n^2) x}$$
 converges uniformly on $[a, \infty)$

However, it does not converge uniformly on $(0, \infty)$ because if it did, then it would be uniformly Cauchy, and so by the Cauchy criterion for series, there would be N such that if with $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2}$ there is N such that if $n \ge m \ge N$ then for all x > 0

$$\sum_{k=m}^{n} \frac{1}{1 + (n^2)x} < \frac{1}{2}$$

In particular if you let m = n = N then for all x > 0, we have

$$\frac{1}{1 + (N^2)x} < \frac{1}{2}$$

But this contradicts the fact that

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{1}{1 + (N^2)x} = 1$$

4. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given, then since $f_n \to f$ uniformly, there is N_1 such that if $n > N_1$ then for all y we have $|f_n(y) - f(y)| < \frac{\epsilon}{4M}$

Moreover, since $\lim_{n\to\infty} \int_{|y|>M} |f_n(y) - f(y)| \, dy = 0$ there is N_2 such that if $n > N_2$ then $\int_{|y|>M} |f_n(y) - f(y)| \, dy < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$

Let $N = \max \{N_1, N_2\}$ then if n > N then for all x we have

$$\begin{split} \left| \widehat{f}_n(x) - \widehat{f}(x) \right| &= \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_n(y) e^{-2\pi i x y} dy - f(y) e^{-2\pi i x y} dy \right| \\ &= \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (f_n(y) - f(y)) e^{-2\pi i x y} dy \right| \\ &\leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_n(y) - f(y)| \underbrace{\left| e^{-2\pi i x y} \right|}_{=1} dy \\ &= \int_{|y| \le M} \underbrace{\left| f_n(y) - f(y) \right|}_{<\frac{\epsilon}{4M}} dy + \underbrace{\int_{|y| > M} |f_n(y) - f(y)| dy}_{<\frac{\epsilon}{2}} \\ &\leq \frac{\epsilon}{4M} \int_{|y| \le M} 1 dy + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{4M} (2M) + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ &= \epsilon \checkmark \end{split}$$

Therefore $\widehat{f}_n \to \widehat{f}$ uniformly