

Homework 6

Math 16310-Section 50

Due: Tuesday May 19th

Exercise 1. 1. Let x, y, z be three real numbers such that $2x^2 + y^2 + 5z^2 \leq 1$. Show that $(x + y + z)^2 \leq \frac{17}{10}$.

2. Let $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $x_k > 0$ for each $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and $x_1 + \dots + x_n = 1$. Show that $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{x_k} \geq n^2$.

3. We recall that $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$, study whether $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n$ converges or not with $u_n = \frac{1}{n^2(\sqrt{2})^n} \sum_{k=0}^n \sqrt{\binom{n}{k}}$.

Exercise 2. Let x, y, p, q be four strictly positive real numbers such that $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. Let $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_n$ be $2n$ strictly positive real numbers.

1. Prove that for all $t \in [0, 1]$ we have $\ln((1-t)x + ty) \geq (1-t)\ln(x) + t\ln(y)$ and prove that

$$xy \leq \frac{1}{p}x^p + \frac{1}{q}y^q.$$

2. Prove that $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \leq (\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} (\sum_{i=1}^n b_i^q)^{\frac{1}{q}}$.
Hint: one can first study the case $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^p = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^q = 1$.

3. We now suppose that $p \geq 1$. Prove that $(\sum_{i=1}^n (a_i + b_i)^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq (\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} + (\sum_{i=1}^n b_i^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$

4. We define $\|x\|_p = (|x_1|^p + \dots + |x_n|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$. Show that $\|\cdot\|_p$ follows the properties of Theorem 18.10.

Exercise 3. Let A be a bounded non-empty set of \mathbb{R}^n . The goal of the exercise is to prove the existence and uniqueness of a closed ball of minimal radius containing A .

1. Define $D = \{r > 0 \mid A \text{ is contained in a ball of radius } r\}$. Prove that D admits an infimum which we denote r_0 .

2. For $n \geq 1$, set $r_n = r_0 + \frac{1}{n}$. Show that there exists $x_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $A \subset \bar{B}(x_n, r_n)$.

3. Show that (x_n) is bounded and deduce the existence of the minimal radius.

4. In this exercise, $\|\cdot\|$ denotes the usual Euclidean norm.

a. Prove that for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 = 2(\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2)$$

b. Prove that the ball is unique.

Challenge (Not graded): If we define the diameter of A as $d := \sup_{x, y \in A} \|x - y\|$ and r the minimal radius, prove that

$$r \leq d \sqrt{\frac{n}{2(n+1)}}.$$

Exercise 4. Bonus Exercise. Let $u_1, \dots, u_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $C > 0$. We suppose that

$$\forall (\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n) \in \{-1, 1\}^n, \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i u_i \right\| \leq C.$$

Prove that $\sum_{i=1}^n \|u_i\|^2 \leq C^2$.



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