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(Problem 1.)

Let $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed vector space. This particularly implies that the triangle inequality (or subadditivity of $\|\cdot\|$) holds in $(X, \|\cdot\|)$. That is,

$$\forall x, y \in X, \quad \|x + y\| \le \|x\| + \|y\|. \tag{1}$$

We start with the following

Definition 1 (Strict subadditivity). *A norm is called strictly subadditive if in* (1), *strict inequality holds except when x or y is a nonnegative multiple of the other.*

Show that the sup norms of $(l^{\infty}, \|\cdot\|_{\infty})$ and C([0, 1]) are not strictly subadditive. Recall that for $f \in C([0, 1]), \|f\|_{\infty} := \max_{x \in [0, 1]} |f(x)|.$

Problem 2.

Is the set

$$\mathcal{U} := \{ f \in C([0,1]) : |f(t)| < 1 \text{ for all } t \in [0,1] \}$$

open in C[0, 1] (equipped with the sup-norm)? Explain.

Problem 3.

Let $f_n(t) = t^n$. Obviously $f_n \in C([0, 1])$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. show that $f_n \to 0$ in $(C([0, 1]), \|\cdot\|_1)$ while $\{f_n\}_n$ does not converge (to any limit) in $(C([0, 1]), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$.

Problem 4 (On equivalent norms).

Show that the norms $\|\cdot\|_1$ and $\|\cdot\|_{\infty}$ are **not** equivalent on C([a, b]).