

Exam paper of “Istituzioni di Analisi Matematica”

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1. Prove that there exists a sequence of functions $u_n : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of class C^∞ such that

- $\{u_n\}$ is an orthonormal basis of $L^2((0, 1))$,
- $u_n(0) = u_n(1) = 0$ for every positive integer n ,
- for every positive integer n , there exists a negative real number λ_n such that

$$(\cos x \cdot u_n'(x))' = \lambda_n u_n(x) \quad \forall x \in [0, 1].$$

2. Discuss existence, uniqueness and regularity of solutions to the boundary value problem

$$u'' = -1 + \sqrt{u}, \quad u(0) = 1/2, \quad \dot{u}(2020) = 1.$$

3. For every positive real number R , let B_R denote the ball in \mathbb{R}^3 with center in the origin and radius R . For every real number $p > 1$, and every real number $r \in (0, 1)$, let us set

$$I(p, r) := \inf \left\{ \int_{B_1 \setminus B_r} (|\nabla u|^p + u^{2020}) \, dx : u \in C^\infty(B_1), u(x) = 1 \text{ for every } x \in B_r \right\}.$$

- (a) Prove that $I(p, r) > 0$ for every $p > 1$ and every $r \in (0, 1)$,
 (b) Prove that for every $p > 1$ there exists

$$\ell(p) := \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} I(p, r).$$

(c) Determine the values of $p > 1$ such that $\ell(p) = 0$.

4. For every measurable function $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, let us define $Tf : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as

$$[Tf](x) = \int_0^x tf(t) \, dt \quad \forall x \in [0, 1].$$

Determine whether the restriction of T defines

- (a) a bounded operator $C^0([0, 1]) \rightarrow C^0([0, 1])$ (in case, compute the norm of the operator),
 (b) a bounded operator $L^2((0, 1)) \rightarrow L^\infty((0, 1))$ (in case, compute the norm of the operator),
 (c) a compact operator $L^2((0, 1)) \rightarrow C^0([0, 1])$
 (d) an open mapping $L^2((0, 1)) \rightarrow L^{2020}((0, 1))$.

Every step has to be *suitably* motivated. Every exercise is marked considering the *correctedness* of the arguments provided and the *clarity* of the presentation. Just writing the answer without explanations deserves no marks.