

Example: - Show that weak convergence does not imply convergence in norm.

Soln: - By the application of the Riesz-representation theorem to the Hilbert space $L_2(0, 2\pi)$, we find that

$$f(x) = \langle x, g \rangle = \int_0^{2\pi} x(t)g(t) dt \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Consider the sequence $\{x_n(t)\}$ defined below

$$x_n(t) = \frac{\sin nt}{\pi} \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

We show now that $\{x_n(t)\}$ is weakly convergent in $L_2(0, \pi)$ but is not norm convergent in $L_2(0, 2\pi)$.

Weak Topologies weak Convergence & Reflexive spaces from eqnⁿ (1), we have

$$f(x_n) = \langle x_n, g \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\sin nt}{\pi} g(t) dt \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

The right hand side of eqnⁿ (2) is the trigonometric Fourier coefficient of $g(t) \in L_2(0, \pi)$. By the Riemann-Lebesgue theorem concerning the behaviour of trigonometric Fourier coefficients

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin nt g(t) dt \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

or $f(x_n) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, i.e. $f(x_n)$ converges weakly to 0, we have,

$$\|x_n - 0\| = \|x_n\| = \left(\int_0^{2\pi} |x_n(t)|^2 dt \right)^{1/2}$$

$$= \left(\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{|\sin nt|^2}{\pi^2} dt \right)^{1/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

$$\text{Since } \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 nt dt \right)^{1/2} \neq 0 \forall n,$$

$$\|x_n - 0\|$$

cannot tend to zero and therefore $\{x_n\}$

cannot converge in the norm.

Thus a weakly convergent sequence need not be convergent in the norm.

Example: Show that weak* convergence does not imply weak convergence.

Soln: - Let $X = \ell_1$ (we know that ℓ_1 is the dual of C_0 or m) and $Y = C_0$. Then $Y^* \cong \ell_1$.

Thus, the dual of Y is X . Let $\{x^k\}$ be a sequence in X defined by the relation.

$$x_j^k = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } k \neq j \\ 1 & \text{if } k = j \end{cases}$$

For $y = (y_1, y_2, y_k, \dots) \in C_0$, let $x^k(y) = y_k$.
[x^k belongs to the dual

of C_0 , i.e. it is a bounded linear functional on C_0]

Since $y \in C_0$, $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y_k = 0$

and so $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x^k(y) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y_k = 0$.

Therefore, the sequence $\{x^k\}$ of the dual space of $Y = C_0$ converges weak* to zero. Now if $z \in X^* = \ell_\infty$ with $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots)$, then $x^k(z) = z_k$. Since $z \in \ell_\infty$, $\{z_k\}$ is bounded with respect to k but need not converge to zero as $k \rightarrow \infty$.

In fact, if $z = (1, 1, \dots)$ then $x^k(z) \rightarrow 1$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$

Therefore, $\{x^k\}$ does not converge weakly.

This example shows that weak* convergence does not imply weak convergence.