Open problems raised during the Workshop in Analysis and Probability

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The problems here were either submitted specifically for the purpose of inclusion in this list, or were taken from talks given during the Workshop in Linear Analysis and Probability.

Problem 1 (Submitted by Francisco Garcia). Let $X$ be a normed space.

(a) Suppose $X$ is strictly convex. Can one renorm it so that its completion is strictly convex?

(b) Suppose $X$ is locally uniformly convex. Can one renorm it so that its completion is locally uniformly convex?

Problem 2 (Submitted by Mrinal Raghupathi). Let $B$ be a finite Blaschke product, $z_1, \ldots, z_n \in \mathbb{D}$ and $I$ the ideal \{\(f \in H^\infty : f(z_1) = \cdots = f(z_n) = 0\)\}. What is the least dimension of a Hilbert space on which the quotient \((\mathbb{C} + B \cdot H^\infty)/I\) can be represented isometrically? In particular, are there finite dimensional ones?

Problem 3 (Submitted by Yun-Su Kim). Does the Riesz representation theorem hold for Hilbert spaces with respect to $L(C(K))$-valued norms?

Problem 4 (Submitted by Yun-Su Kim). Is every Banach space a Hilbert space with respect to some $L(C(K))$-valued norm?

Problem 5 (Submitted by Greg Kuperberg). The Mahler conjecture asserts that the product volume $(\text{Vol } K)(\text{Vol } K^\circ)$ is minimized for Hanner polytopes. Is the volume of the starlike body $K^\circ$ defined in my paper maximized for Hanner polytopes?

Problem 6 (Submitted by Greg Kuperberg). (a) Is the variance $V_{K \times K^\circ}[x \cdot y]$ maximized by ellipsoids?

(b) In particular, is this conjecture easier for log-concave or $s$-concave measures in one dimension?
Problem 7 (Submitted by Julio Bernues). Let $E$ be a $k$-dimensional subspace of $\mathbb{R}^n$ and $P_E$ the orthogonal projection onto $E$. We want to estimate the isotropy constant of $P_E(B^n_p)$, a projection of the unit ball of $\ell^n_p$ for $1 < p \leq 2$. In order to do it we consider $\int_{P_E(B^n_p)} f(x) dx$ for good $f$. An expression for any $E$ and $p = 1$ or $E$ hyperplane and any $1 < p \leq 2$ is known. The question is to extend it to any $E$ and any $1 < p \leq 2$.

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