

Hilbert Spaces

X vector space / \mathbb{C} (special case: / \mathbb{R})

Def: $(\cdot, \cdot): X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ hermitian product if

1) $(x, x) \geq 0$, $(x, x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$ ($\forall x \in X$)

2) $(y, x) = \overline{(x, y)}$ ($\forall x, y \in X$)

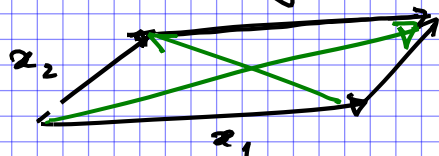
3) $(\alpha x_1 + \beta x_2, y) = \alpha (x_1, y) + \beta (x_2, y)$ ($\forall x_1, x_2, y \in X$
 $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$)

Def: A pair $(X, (\cdot, \cdot))$ is called a Hilbert space

if w.r.t. $\|x\| = \sqrt{(x, x)}$ the space is complete.

morally: Hilbert means "complete space w. hermitian product".

In part. Hilbert spaces are a subclass of Banach spaces, and they are characterized by the validity of the "parallelogram identity".



$$\|x_1 + x_2\|^2 + \|x_1 - x_2\|^2 = 2\|x_1\|^2 + 2\|x_2\|^2$$

Prop 12. to check that \square defines a norm, the only

"non-trivial" thing is the triangle inequality

$$\|x_1 + x_2\| \leq \|x_1\| + \|x_2\|$$

For that, we need Cauchy-Schwarz, i.e.

$$(*) \quad |(x, y)| \leq \|x\| \|y\| \quad (\forall x, y \in X)$$

Proof: • if $\|x\| = 0$ or $\|y\| = 0$ nothing to prove

• else scale them so that $\|x\| = 1$, $\|y\| = 1$, must check

$$|(x, y)| \leq 1.$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \|y\|^2 = \|tx + (y - tx)\|^2 \quad (t \in \mathbb{C}) \\ &= |t|^2 \|x\|^2 + \|y - tx\|^2 + 2t \operatorname{Re}(x, y - tx) \end{aligned}$$

choose $t = \overline{(x, y)}$ so that $(x, y - tx) = 0$

$$1 \geq |t|^2 \|x\|^2 = |t|^2 = |\overline{(x, y)}|^2 = |(x, y)|^2. \quad \blacksquare$$

rank equality $\Leftrightarrow y = sx \quad s \in \mathbb{C}$.

Examples:

1) \mathbb{C}^n w/ $w \cdot z := \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \bar{z}_i$

2) $L^2(0, 1; \mathbb{C}) \quad (f, g)_{L^2} = \int_0^1 f(t) \overline{g(t)} dt$

3) (special case of 2)

$$l^2_{\mathbb{C}} \quad (z, y) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} z_k \bar{y}_k.$$

Orthogonality

Setting as above. Take $Y \subset X$ subspace.

$$Y^\perp = \{x \in X : (x, y) = 0 \quad \forall y \in Y\}$$

Lemma: given any subspace Y , then Y^\perp is always a closed subspace.

Proof: • given $y \in X$ (in part. $y \in Y$)

$$\begin{aligned} l_y: X &\longrightarrow \mathbb{C} && \text{(a } \mathbb{C}\text{-linear map)} \\ z &\longmapsto (z, y) \end{aligned}$$

this defines a bounded operator by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$|l_y(z)| = |(z, y)| \leq \underbrace{\|y\|}_{C} \|z\|$$

$$|l_y(z)| \leq C \|z\|.$$

Hence (by continuity) $\operatorname{Ker}(l_y) \subset X$ closed subspace

$$Y^\perp = \bigcap_{y \in Y} \operatorname{Ker}(l_y) \quad \underline{\text{closed}} \quad \blacksquare$$

Basics about orthogonal.

$$a) \quad Y_1 \subset Y_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad Y_1^\perp \supset Y_2^\perp$$

$$b) \quad Y = \underline{0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad Y^\perp = X$$

$$c) \quad Y^\perp = \overline{Y}^\perp$$

$$d) \quad \overline{Y} = X \quad \Rightarrow \quad Y^\perp = 0 \quad (\text{use c})$$

$$Y = \overline{Y} \xrightarrow{a)} Y^\perp = \overline{Y}^\perp$$

Let's check the converse inclusion: $x_0 \in Y^\perp \stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow} x_0 \in \overline{Y}^\perp$

Know $(x_0, y) = 0 \quad \forall y \in Y$

$$\overline{y} \in \overline{Y} \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \exists (y_k) \quad y_k \rightarrow \overline{y}$$

$$(x_0, y_k) = 0 \quad \text{for } k \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$(x_0, \overline{y}) = \underbrace{(x_0, y_k)}_{=0} + \underbrace{(x_0, \overline{y} - y_k)}$$

$$| \cdot | \leq \|x_0\| \underbrace{\|\overline{y} - y_k\|}_{\xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{0}}$$

Cauchy-Schwarz

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in \overline{Y}^\perp$$

Prop. (projections on a closed subspace)

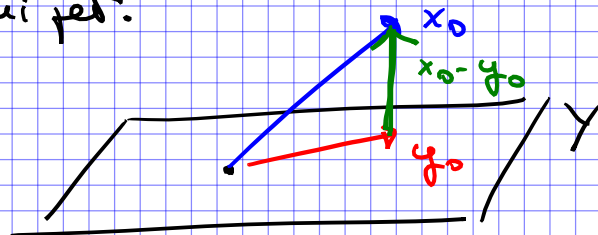
$(X, (\cdot, \cdot))$ Hilbert space / \mathbb{C} , $Y \subset X$ closed subspace.

• Given $x_0 \in X \quad \exists!$ $y_0 = \pi_Y(x_0) \in Y$ s.t.

$$(x_0 - y_0, y) = 0 \quad \forall y \in Y$$

• Furthermore, $d(x_0, Y) = \inf_{y \in Y} d(x_0, y) = d(x_0, y_0)$

and y_0 is the only minimizer.



Applications and corollaries:

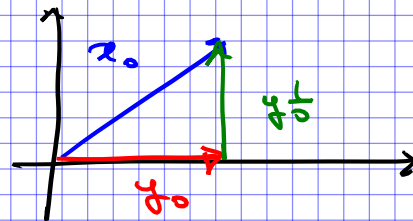
① $X = Y \oplus Y^\perp$

$x_0 = y_0 + y_0^\perp$

$\|x_0\|^2 = \|y_0\|^2 + \|y_0^\perp\|^2$

$\text{Id}_X = \pi_Y \oplus \pi_{Y^\perp}$

(if Y closed)



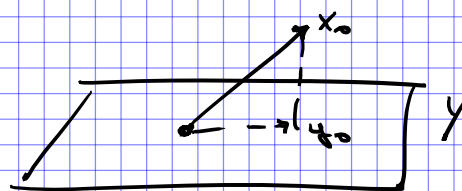
if $0 \neq Y \neq X$ then $\begin{cases} \|\pi_Y\|_{L(X)} = 1 \\ \|\pi_{Y^\perp}\|_{L(X)} = 1 \end{cases}$

② (exercise 5.1) if $Y \subset X$ closed

$X/Y \cong Y^\perp$
 ↑ isometric

Proof (proposition)

Part I: existence of a minimizer



everything trivial if $x_0 \in Y$ (just take $y_0 = x_0 \dots$)

Else suppose $x_0 \notin Y$ (i.e. $x_0 \in X \setminus Y$)

$0 < \underline{d} = d(x_0, Y) = \inf_{y \in Y} d(x_0, y)$

pick (y_k) minimizing sequence i.e. $d(x_0, y_k) \rightarrow \underline{d}$

Claim: (y_k) is Cauchy, thus $y_k \rightarrow y_\infty \in Y$

w/ $d(x_0, y_\infty) = \underline{d}$

must use the parallelogram identity

$$\begin{cases} a = x_0 - y_k & 2(\|x_0 - y_k\|^2 + \|x_0 - y_\ell\|^2) = \\ b = x_0 - y_\ell & \|y_k - y_\ell\|^2 + 4\left\|x_0 - \frac{y_k + y_\ell}{2}\right\|^2 \end{cases}$$

$$\|y_k - y_e\|^2 = 2(\|x_0 - y_k\|^2 + \|x_0 - y_e\|^2) - 4\left\|x_0 - \frac{y_k + y_e}{2}\right\|^2$$

$$\|x_0 - y_k\| = \underline{d} + o_k(1)$$

$$\|x_0 - y_e\| = \underline{d} + o_e(1)$$

$$\leq \cancel{2\underline{d}^2} + o_k(1) + \cancel{2\underline{d}^2} + o_e(1) - \cancel{4\underline{d}^2} = o_k(1) + o_e(1)$$

Part II (geometric characterization): for a vector $y_0 \in Y$ TFAE:

i) $d(x_0, y_0) = \underline{d} = \inf_{y \in Y} d(x_0, y)$

ii) $(x_0 - y_0, y) = 0 \quad \forall y \in Y \iff x_0 - y_0 \perp Y$.

i) \implies ii) given any $y \in Y$

$$p(t) := \|(x_0 - y_0) + ty\|^2$$

has a minimum at $t=0$

$$\left[\frac{d}{dt}\right]_{t=0} p(t) = 0$$

(Euler-Lagrange equations)

Compute it:

$$\left[\frac{d}{dt}\right]_{t=0} = 2 \operatorname{Re}(x_0 - y_0, y) = 0$$

simil'ly argu for iy in place of y

$\forall y \in Y$

$$2 \operatorname{Im}(x_0 - y_0, y) = 0$$

Conclusion: $(x_0 - y_0, y) = 0 \quad \forall y \in Y$

ii) \implies i) $\underbrace{p(t)}_{\text{as above}} = \|x_0 - y_0\|^2 + t^2 \|y\|^2$

↑ orthogonality lep.

$$d^2(x_0, y_0 - ty) = \|x_0 - y_0\|^2 + \underbrace{t^2 \|y\|^2}_{\geq 0}$$

$$\geq \|x_0 - y_0\|^2 \implies y_0 \text{ is a minimizer}$$

Part III: uniqueness of the minimizer

take y_0, y_0^* two minimizers $\xrightarrow{\text{part II}}$ $\begin{cases} (x_0 - y_0, y) = 0 & \forall y \in Y \\ (x_0 - y_0^*, y) = 0 & // \end{cases}$

set $y := y_0 - y_0^*$

$$\begin{aligned} \|(x_0 - y_0) + y\|^2 &= \|x_0 - y_0^*\|^2 = \cancel{d^2} \\ &= \|x_0 - y_0\|^2 + \|y\|^2 = \cancel{d^2} + \|y\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies \|y\|^2 = 0 \implies y = 0.$$

In other words $y_0 = y_0^*$.

Double normals: given $Y \subset X$ subspace

$$Y^{\perp\perp} = (Y^\perp)^\perp \supset Y$$

in general
this inclusion is strict

Example: $X = L^2(0, 1)$

$$Y = C^0([0, 1])$$

$$Y^\perp = \{0\} \implies Y^{\perp\perp} = X$$

by density

Lemma: $(X, (\cdot, \cdot))$ Hilbert. If $Y \subset X$ subspace, then

$$\boxed{Y^{\perp\perp} = \overline{Y}}. \text{ In particular, } Y \text{ closed} \iff Y = Y^{\perp\perp}.$$

Proof: 2nd part follows straight from 1st part.

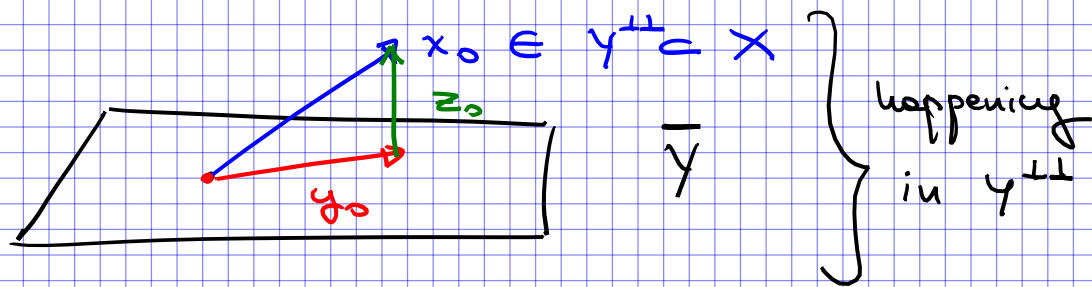
For the 1st part: $Y^{\perp\perp} \supset Y$ (trivial by def)

\Downarrow (any orthogonal is closed)

$$Y^{\perp\perp} = \overline{Y}$$

Assume, by contradiction that \supset is strict

$$\text{So: } \exists x_0 \in Y^{\perp\perp} \setminus \bar{Y}$$



$$z_0 = x_0 - y_0$$

$$\in \bar{Y}^{\perp} = Y^{\perp} = W$$

$$\in Y^{\perp\perp} = W^{\perp}$$

$$W \cap W^{\perp} = \{0\} \quad \boxed{z_0 = 0}$$

$$\implies \boxed{x_0 = y_0} \quad \text{contradiction.} \quad \blacksquare$$

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Prop. $(H, (\cdot, \cdot))$ Hilbert space, let

H_N subspace, $\boxed{\dim_{\mathbb{C}} H_N = N}$ $\leftarrow H_N$ closed

and let $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_N\}$ be an orthonormal basis for H_N .

Claim: $x \in H$

$$\pi_{H_N}(x) = \sum_{k=1}^N (x, e_k) e_k$$

why? $(x - \pi_{H_N}(x)) \perp e_k \quad \forall k=1, \dots, N$
 $(\iff \perp H_N).$