

Basics on Hilbert Spaces.

Let $K = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$. Recall that an inner product on a K -vector space \mathcal{H}

is a map $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H} \rightarrow K$

such that (1) $\forall v \in \mathcal{H}, u \mapsto \langle u, v \rangle$

is K -linear.

(2) $\langle u, v \rangle = \overline{\langle v, u \rangle} \quad \forall u, v \in \mathcal{H}$.

(3) $\langle u, u \rangle \geq 0$ with equality

$\Leftrightarrow u = 0$.

Observe that (2) automatically implies

that $\langle u, u \rangle \in \mathbb{R} \quad \forall u \in \mathcal{H}$. Using

then that $\forall u, v \in \mathcal{H}$ the polynomial

$$t \mapsto \langle u + tv, u + tv \rangle$$

is ≥ 0 one gets the

Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality :

$$|\langle u, v \rangle|^2 \leq \langle u, u \rangle \langle v, v \rangle \quad \forall u, v \in \mathcal{H}.$$

Defining then $\|u\| = \sqrt{\langle u, u \rangle}$ this

implies :

$$\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$$

and $\|\cdot\|$ is a norm on \mathcal{H} .

Def. : The inner product space is a

Hilbert space if it is complete for $\|\cdot\|$.

Let $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{H}$ be any subset and $u \in \mathcal{H}$.

Define $d(u, \mathcal{C}) := \inf \{ \|u - w\| : w \in \mathcal{C} \}$.

Thm. Assume \mathcal{H} is a Hilbert space

and $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{H}$ is closed convex. Then

$\forall u \in \mathcal{H}$ there exists a unique $P_{\mathcal{C}}(u) \in \mathcal{C}$

such that $\|v - P_{C'}(v)\| = d(v, C')$.

The proof is based on two facts:

(1) Parallelogram identity: $\forall v, w \in \mathcal{H}$

$$\left\| \frac{v+w}{2} \right\|^2 + \left\| \frac{v-w}{2} \right\|^2 = \frac{1}{2} (\|v\|^2 + \|w\|^2)$$

which is a direct verification by expanding the left hand side.

(2) $\forall x, y, z$ in \mathcal{H} let

$$c: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}, t \mapsto tx + (1-t)y$$

~~$t \mapsto \|z - c(t)\|^2$~~

~~then if $x \neq y$~~

then if $x \neq y$, $f(t) := \|z - c(t)\|^2$

is strictly convex. Indeed:

$$f''(t) = \|x - y\|^2.$$

Proof of Thm.

By translating the situation by $-u$ we may assume $u = 0$. Let then $d := d(0, C)$ and $(v_n)_{n \geq 1}$ a sequence in C with $d^2 \leq \|v_n\|^2 < d^2 + \frac{1}{n}$.

By the \square identity we have:

$$\left\| \frac{v_n + v_m}{2} \right\|^2 + \left\| \frac{v_n - v_m}{2} \right\|^2 = \frac{1}{2} (\|v_n\|^2 + \|v_m\|^2).$$

~~But:~~ $\leq d^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m} \right).$

Now $\left\| \frac{v_n + v_m}{2} \right\|^2 \geq d^2$ since $\frac{v_n + v_m}{2} \in C$

and hence

$$\left\| \frac{v_n - v_m}{2} \right\|^2 < \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m} \right)$$

which implies that $(v_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is Cauchy.

Since \mathcal{H} is Hilbert $x := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_n \in C$

exists and clearly

$$d(0, C) = \|x\|.$$

Uniqueness follows immediately from the strict convexity property (2) in H3. \square

Let now $A \subset \mathcal{H}$ be a subset of an inner product space. We define:

$$A^\perp := \{v \in \mathcal{H} : \langle v, u \rangle = 0 \quad \forall u \in A\}.$$

Clearly A^\perp is a closed \mathbb{K} -vector subspace of \mathcal{H} .

Observe the following (immediate) properties:

(1) $(A^\perp)^\perp \supset A$.

(2) $(\overline{A})^\perp = A^\perp$, where \overline{A} is the closure of A .

We have then:

Prop. Let $V \subset \mathcal{H}$ be a closed subspace of a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} . Then \mathcal{H} is the orthogonal direct sum $\mathcal{H} = V \oplus V^\perp$

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of V and V^\perp .

This means that every $v \in \mathcal{H}$ is uniquely

the sum $v = v_1 + v_1^\perp$, $v_1 \in V$, $v_1^\perp \in V^\perp$

$$\text{and } \|v\|^2 = \|v_1\|^2 + \|v_1^\perp\|^2.$$

Proof: Since V is closed and convex

we have the nearest point projection π

$$P_V: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow V$$

from Thm 4.2. ~~Then, $\forall v \in V$~~ Let $v \in V$;

then $\forall u \in V$ the polynomial

$$\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$t \mapsto \|v - (P_V(u) + tu)\|^2$$

attains a minimum at $t = 0$. Hence the

coefficient of the linear factor must vanish:

$$\operatorname{Re} \langle v - P_V(u), u \rangle = 0 \quad \forall u \in V.$$

Now let $u \in V$ and pick $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$,

$|\alpha| = 1$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle v - P_V(v), u \rangle| &= \alpha \cdot \langle v - P_V(v), u \rangle \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \langle v - P_V(v), \bar{\alpha} u \rangle \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

since $\bar{\alpha} u \in V$. Thus $v - P_V(v) \in V^\perp$

and

$$\|v\|^2 = \|P_V(v) + (v - P_V(v))\|^2$$

$$= \|P_V(v)\|^2 + \|v - P_V(v)\|^2 \quad \square$$

From this we deduce:

Thm. (Riesz Repr.) The map $i: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^*$

which to $u \in \mathcal{H}$ associates $i(u) \in \mathcal{H}^*$

defined by $i(u)(v) = \langle v, u \rangle$ is an

antilinear, norm preserving, bijection.

Proof: Antilinearity is clear; for the norm

$$\text{we have } \|i(u)\| = \sup_{\|v\| \leq 1} |\langle v, u \rangle| \leq \|u\|$$

$$\text{by C.S. Since } i(u) \left(\frac{u}{\|u\|} \right) = \frac{\|u\|^2}{\|u\|} = \|u\|$$

the map i is norm preserving.

Let now $\lambda \in \mathcal{H}^*$; we may assume

$\lambda \neq 0$. Then $\text{Ker } \lambda$ is a closed, codimension

1 subspace of \mathcal{H} . By Prop. H-5

$$\text{Ker } \lambda \oplus (\text{Ker } \lambda)^\perp = \mathcal{H}.$$

Let $(\text{Ker } \lambda)^\perp = \mathbb{K} \cdot e$ with $\|e\| = 1$.

Let $u := \overline{\lambda(e)} \cdot e$. Then: $v = v_1 + r \cdot e$

$r \in \mathbb{K}$, $v_1 \in \text{Ker } \lambda$ and:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle v, \underbrace{\overline{\lambda(e)} \cdot e}_u \rangle &= \langle r e, \overline{\lambda(e)} \cdot e \rangle = r \lambda(e) \\ &= \lambda(r e) = \lambda(v) \end{aligned}$$

which shows $i(u) = \lambda$.

