

Hilbert Spaces

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Inner product space + completeness.

Vector space:  $(V, +, \cdot)$ 

1. Operation "+":  $V \times V \rightarrow V$   $x+y = y+x$

2.  $\exists 0 \in V: \forall x \in V: x+0 = x$

3. Operation " $\cdot$ ":  $K \times V \rightarrow V$

$\alpha(\beta x) = (\alpha\beta)x$   $1(x) = x$

$\alpha(x+y) = \alpha x + \alpha y$   $(\alpha+\beta)x = \alpha x + \beta x$

 $K$  needs to be a field, for us:  $K = \mathbb{R}$  or  $K = \mathbb{C}$ .Examples:  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , set of all polynomialsInner product: " $\cdot$ ":  $V \times V \rightarrow K$ 

1.  $(x, y) = (y, x)^*$

2.  $(\alpha x + \beta y, z) = \alpha^* (x, z) + \beta^* (y, z)$

3.  $(x, x) \geq 0$ ,  $(x, x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$

Examples 1.  $\mathbb{C}^n$ :  $x = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n)$ ,  $y = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n)$ 

$$(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i^* \eta_i$$

2. Assume  $f, g$  are polynomials on  $[0, 1]$ :

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$$(f, g) = \int_0^1 (f(x))^* g(x) w(x) dx$$

↑  
weight function

3.  $x = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3, \xi_4)$ ,  $y = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3, \eta_4)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$

$$(x, y) = \xi_1 \eta_1 + \xi_2 \eta_2 + \xi_3 \eta_3 - \xi_4 \eta_4$$

not positive definite

Note that for a complex vector space:  $(x, y) = (y, x)^*$ .

⇒ We can define a length  $\|x\| = \sqrt{(x, x)}$

(norm of the vector  $x$ )

Clearly  $\|\alpha x\| = \sqrt{(\alpha x, \alpha x)} = \sqrt{|\alpha|^2 (x, x)} = |\alpha| \cdot \|x\|.$

⇒ We can define a metric  $d(x, y) = \|x - y\|$  that measures the distance between points and analyze the geometry.

Schwarz inequality:  $|(x, y)| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$

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Proof:  $0 \leq (x + \alpha y, x + \alpha y) = (x, x) + \alpha(x, y) + \alpha^*(y, x) + |\alpha|^2(y, y)$

Set  $\alpha = \frac{-(x, y)^*}{(y, y)}$ , multiply by  $(y, y)$ :

$$0 \leq (x, x) - \frac{|(x, y)|^2}{(y, y)} - \frac{|(x, y)|^2}{(y, y)} + \frac{|(x, y)|^2}{(y, y)} \quad \square$$

Note: equality if (and only if)  $x$  and  $y$  are linearly dependent.

" $\Rightarrow$ ": Assume  $x = \alpha y$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow |(x, y)| &= |\alpha| |(y, y)| = |\alpha| \|y\|^2 = \|\alpha y\| \|y\| \\ &= \|x\| \|y\| \end{aligned}$$

" $\Leftarrow$ ": Compute  $\|(y, y)x - (y, x)y\|^2$  (and assume  $(x, y)(x, y)^* = \|x\|^2 \|y\|^2$ )

$$= ((y, y)x - (y, x)y, (y, y)x - (y, x)y)$$

$$= \|y\|^4 \|x\|^2 - \|y\|^2 (y, x)(x, y) - (y, x)^* \|y\|^2 (y, x)$$

$$+ (y, x)^* (y, x) \|y\|^2 = \|y\|^4 \|x\|^2 - \|y\|^4 \|x\|^2 - \|y\|^4 \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^4 \|x\|^2 = 0$$

Triangle inequality:

$$\|x+y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \|x+y\|^2 &= (x,x) + (x,y) + (y,x) + (y,y) \\ &\leq (x,x) + (y,y) + 2|(x,y)| \\ &\leq \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 + 2\|x\|\|y\| = (\|x\| + \|y\|)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Parallelogram law:  $\|x+y\|^2 + \|x-y\|^2 = 2(\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2)$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \|x+y\|^2 &= \|x\|^2 + (x,y) + (y,x) + \|y\|^2 \\ \|x-y\|^2 &= \|x\|^2 - (x,y) - (y,x) + \|y\|^2 \end{aligned}$$



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Equivalence of norms on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$\exists 0 < c_1 \leq c_2 : c_1 \|x\|_b \leq \|x\|_a \leq c_2 \|x\|_b$$

① We can consider  $\|\cdot\|_b = \|\cdot\|_1$ :

$$\|x\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha_i| \quad \text{if} \quad x = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i e_i$$

Assume both  $\|\cdot\|_a$  and  $\|\cdot\|_b$  are equivalent to  $\|\cdot\|_1$

$$c_1 \|x\|_1 \leq \|x\|_a \leq c_2 \|x\|_1$$

$$c_1' \|x\|_1 \leq \|x\|_b \leq c_2' \|x\|_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{c_1'}{c_2} \|x\|_a \leq c_1' \|x\|_1 \leq \|x\|_b \leq c_2' \|x\|_1 \leq \frac{c_2'}{c_1} \|x\|_a$$

② We can consider only  $x$  with  $\|x\|_1 = 1$

Need to show  $c_1 \|x\|_1 \leq \|x\|_a \leq c_2 \|x\|_1$

divide by  $\|x\|_1 \Rightarrow c_1 \leq \left\| \frac{x}{\|x\|_1} \right\|_a \leq c_2, \quad u = \frac{x}{\|x\|_1}$

- ③ Any norm  $\|\cdot\|_a$  is continuous under  $\|\cdot\|_1$ : ⑥  
 $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta : \|x - x'\|_1 < \delta \Rightarrow \left| \|x\|_a - \|x'\|_a \right| < \epsilon$

First:  $\left| \|x\|_a - \|x'\|_a \right| < \|x - x'\|_a$

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \|x\|_a - \|x'\|_a = \|x' + (x - x')\|_a - \|x'\|_a \right. \\ \left. \leq \|x'\|_a + \|x - x'\|_a - \|x'\|_a = \|x - x'\|_a \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\|x - x'\|_a \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i - a'_i| \cdot \|e_i\|_a \leq \|x - x'\|_1$$

choose  $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{\max_i \|e_i\|_a}$

- ④ Extreme value theorem: A continuous function  $(\|\cdot\|_a)$  on a compact set (unit sphere  $\{u, \|u\|_1 = 1\}$ ) takes maximum and minimum.

$$C_1 = \min_{\|u\|_1 = 1} \|u\|_a, \quad C_2 = \max_{\|u\|_1 = 1} \|u\|_a$$

$$\Rightarrow C_1 \leq \|u\|_a \leq C_2 \quad \text{for } \|u\|_1 = 1$$

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Orthogonality:  $x$  and  $y$  are orthogonal:  $(x, y) = 0$  ( $x \perp y$ )

A set  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  is called orthonormal if  $(x_i, x_j) = \delta_{ij}$

Vectors of an orthonormal set are linearly independent.

Bessel inequality:  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  orthonormal set,  $x \in V$

set  $r_i = (x_i, x)$ . Then  $\|x\|^2 \geq \sum_i |r_i|^2$ ,

$$x' = x - \sum r_i x_i \perp x_j$$

Proof:  $(x', x') = (x - \sum r_i x_i, x - \sum r_j x_j)$

$$= \|x\|^2 + \sum r_i^* r_j (x_i, x_j)$$

$$- \sum r_i^* (x_i, x)$$

$$- \sum r_j (x, x_j)$$

$$= \|x\|^2 + \sum |r_i|^2 - \sum |r_i|^2 - \sum |r_j|^2$$

$$= \|x\|^2 - \sum |r_i|^2 \geq 0$$

$$(x_j, x') = (x_j, x) - \sum r_i (x_j, x_i) = (x_j, x) - r_j = 0. \quad (8)$$

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Completeness :

A sequence  $(x_n)$  is called a Cauchy-sequence if

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N} : \forall n, m \in \mathbb{N} : \|x_m - x_n\| < \epsilon$$

A sequence  $(x_n)$  is said to converge to  $x$  ( $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ )

$$\text{if } \forall \epsilon > 0 \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N} : \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \|x_n - x\| < \epsilon$$

If every Cauchy sequence in a space is convergent, we say the space is complete.

Note:  $\mathbb{Q}$  is not complete.

$$\text{E.g. } x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left( x_n + \frac{2}{x_n} \right), \quad x_1 = 1$$

converges to  $\sqrt{2}$ , but  $\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ .



Note:  $\mathbb{R}$  is not countable

Proof: Assume  $[0,1]$  is countable, then list all elements

$$r_1 = 0. r_{11} r_{12} r_{13} \dots$$

$$r_2 = 0. r_{21} r_{22} r_{23} \dots$$

$$r_3 = 0. r_{31} r_{32} r_{33} \dots$$

construct  $\tilde{r}$  that is not in the list

(e.g.  $r = 0. \tilde{r}_1 \tilde{r}_2 \tilde{r}_3 \dots$  with

$$\tilde{r}_j = 1 \text{ if } r_{jj} \neq 1$$

$$\tilde{r}_j = 2 \text{ if } r_{jj} = 1$$

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Hilbert Space: Inner product space which is complete.

Examples: 1.  $\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{C}^n$

2.  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_i|^2 < \infty$

$$(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i^* y_i. \text{ This space is } \ell^2.$$

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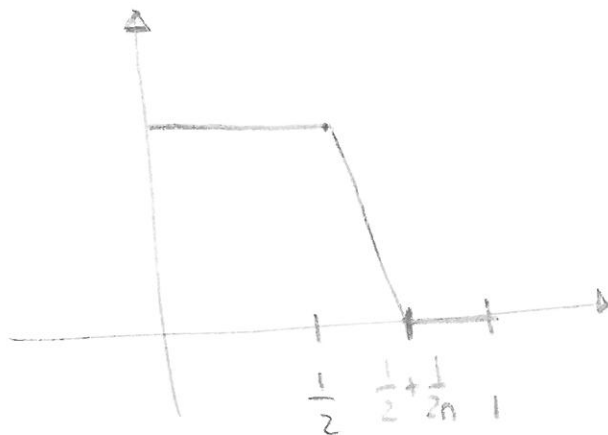
3. Set of square-integrable functions,  
 $L^2([a, b])$  or  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$

$$\int_a^b |f(x)|^2 dx < \infty \quad \text{or} \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x)|^2 dx < \infty$$

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(x)^* g(x) dx$$

4.  $C([0, 1])$  space of continuous functions:  
 incomplete (use  $\|\cdot\|_2$ )

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 - 2n(x - \frac{1}{2}) & \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2n} + \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2n} + \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$



$f_n \rightarrow$  step-function

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f_n(x) - f_m(x)\|_2 \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{n}{m}\right) \sqrt{\frac{1}{6n}} \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

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Banach Spaces:Normed space:

$$\|\cdot\| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

1.  $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\|$
2.  $\|x+y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$
3.  $\|x\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$

Example:

1.  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  induces a norm
2. On  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :  $\|x\|_p = \left( \sum |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p}$   
or  $\|x\|_\infty = \max_i \{ |x_i| \}$

Banach space:

Complete normed space.

Ex:  $l^p$ :  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_i|^p < \infty$ 

$$\|x\| = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p}$$

 $L^p$ :  $f$  with  $\int_a^b |f(x)|^p dx < \infty$ 

$$\|f\|_p = \left( \int_a^b |f(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p}$$

 $l^p$  and  $L^p$  are Banach spaces.

Note:  $l^2$  and  $L^2$  are Hilbert Spaces.

For Hilbert spaces, we are interested in orthonormal

bases: Assume  $\{e_i\}$  are such an orthonormal

basis, then we can write  $x = \sum c_i e_i$  and

obtain  $c_i$  via  $(e_j, x) = \sum c_i (e_j, e_i) = c_j$

note: We can also have a basis that is not countable (see below: Fourier integral)