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1 Inner Product and Hilbert spaces

1.1 Inner-Product Space

Definition 1 (inner product) A function (\cdot, \cdot) on a vector space \mathbb{V} is called an inner product if

1. (positive) $(v, v) \geq 0$
2. (definite) $(v, v) = 0 \iff v = 0$
3. (symmetry) $(v_1, v_2) = (v_2, v_1)$
4. (bilinear) $(a_1v_1 + a_2v_2, v) = a_1(v_1, v) + a_2(v_2, v)$

for all $v, v_1, v_2 \in \mathbb{V}$, $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

A vector space with an associated inner product is called an inner-product space.

Theorem 2 (Cauchy-Schwarz inequality) Let \mathbb{V} be an inner space. Then for all $u, v \in \mathbb{V}$, we have

$$|(u, v)| \leq (u, u)^{1/2}(v, v)^{1/2}.$$

The equality holds if and only if $a_1u + a_2v = 0$ for some $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. If $v = 0$, then it is obvious that the inequality holds.

If $v \neq 0$, let $w = u - ((u, v)/(v, v))v$, then $(w, v) = 0$. Denote $((u, v)/(v, v))v = v'$, then

$$\begin{aligned}(u, u) &= (w + v', w + v') = (w, w) + (v', v') \\ &\geq (v', v') = (u, v)^2 / (v, v)\end{aligned}$$

The equality holds if and only if $(w, w) = 0$. □

Definition 3 (norm induced by inner product) It follows that

$$|u| = (u, u)^{1/2}$$

is a norm. Indeed, we have

$$|u + v|^2 = (u + v, u + v) = |u|^2 + 2(u, v) + |v|^2 \leq |u|^2 + 2|u||v| + |v|^2.$$

Proposition 4 (parallelogram rule)

$$\left| \frac{a+b}{2} \right|^2 + \left| \frac{a-b}{2} \right|^2 = \frac{1}{2} (|a|^2 + |b|^2), \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{V}.$$

Proof. The proof form that

$$\begin{aligned}\left|\frac{a+b}{2}\right|^2 + \left|\frac{a-b}{2}\right|^2 &= \frac{1}{4}((a+b, a+b) + (a-b, a-b)) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(2(a, a) + 2(b, b)).\end{aligned}$$

□

Remark 5 Although any inner product naturally define a metric, not every metric space exhibits the structure that is necessary to also be an inner-product space. Shown as following.

Example 6 The norm

$$\|f\| = \sup_{x \in [0,1]} |f(x)|$$

on $\mathcal{C}[0, 1]$ is not induced by an inner product.

Proof. Let

$$f(x) = 1, \quad g(x) = x, \quad \forall x \in [0, 1].$$

Then $f, g \in \mathcal{C}[0, 1]$. But

$$\|f\|^2 + \|g\|^2 = 2$$

$$\|f + g\|^2 + \|f - g\|^2 = 4 + 1 = 5$$

the parallelogram rule fails.

□

Theorem 7 (continuity of inner product) Let \mathbb{V} be a inner product space with inner product (\cdot, \cdot) , $\{v_n\}, \{u_n\}$ be sequences and $v, u \in \mathbb{V}$. Then that $|v - v_n| \rightarrow 0, |u - u_n| \rightarrow 0$ implies

$$(u_n, v_n) \rightarrow (u, v).$$

Proof. Since

$$\begin{aligned}|(u_n, v_n) - (u, v)| &\leq |(u_n, v_n) - (u_n, v)| + |(u_n, v) - (u, v)| \\ &\leq |u_n| |v_n - v| + |v| |u_n - u|\end{aligned}$$

and $\{u_n\}$ is bounded since

$$|u_n| \leq |u_n - u| + |u|.$$

□

1.2 Hilbert Space

Definition 8 (Hilbert space) Hilbert space is a complete inner-product space.

Example 9 Any finite-dimensional inner-product space is Hilbert space.

Example 10 The ℓ^2 space is a Hilbert space. The inner product is

$$(u, v) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} u_i v_i,$$

for any

$$u = (u_1, \dots), v = (v_1, \dots) \in \ell^2.$$

Definition 11 Element u, v of an inner-product space \mathbb{X} are said to be orthogonal if $(u, v) = 0$.

A countable collection of element $\{e_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$ is said to be an orthonormal sequence if

$$(e_i, e_j) = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases} \quad \forall i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$$

Theorem 12 (Pythagoras) If $(f, g) = 0$, then

$$|f + g|^2 = |f|^2 + |g|^2.$$

Moreover, if $\{e_j\}$ is an orthonormal sequence

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i e_i \right|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2.$$

Theorem 13 (Bessel inequality) Let $\{e_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$ be an orthonormal sequence in an inner-product space \mathbb{X} . For any $x \in \mathbb{X}$,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (x, e_i)^2 \leq |x|^2,$$

and $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (x, e_i) e_i$ converges if \mathbb{X} is a Hilbert space.

Proof. Bessel inequality holds since

$$0 \leq \left| x - \sum_{i=1}^n (x, e_i) e_i \right|^2 = |x|^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n (x, e_i)^2.$$

This implies that $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (x, e_i)^2 < \infty$. It follows that $\{S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n (x, e_i) e_i\}$ is Cauchy since

$$|S_n| = \sum_{i=1}^n (x, e_i)^2.$$

□

Theorem 14 Let $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be a countable collection of a Hilbert space \mathbb{H} such that every finite subcollection of $\{x_n\}$ is linearly independent. Define $e_1 = x_1/|x_1|, e_n = v_n/|v_n|$ for

$$v_n = x_n - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (x_n, e_j) e_j.$$

Then, $\{e_n\}$ is an orthonormal sequence and $\overline{\text{span}\{x_n\}} = \overline{\text{span}\{e_n\}}$.

1.2.1 Orthogonality

Definition 15 An orthonormal sequence $\{e_n\}$ in a Hilbert space \mathbb{H} is called an orthonormal basis or a complete orthogonal system (CONS) if $\overline{\text{span}\{e_n\}} = \mathbb{H}$.

Theorem 16 The following properties of an orthonormal sequence $\{e_n\}$ in Hilbert space \mathbb{H} are equivalent.

1. (separable) $\{e_n\}$ is a CONS
2. (complete)

$$(f, e_n) = 0 \text{ for all } n \quad \implies \quad f = 0.$$

3. (Fourier expansion) If $f \in \mathbb{H}$, then

$$\sum_{j=1}^N (f, e_j) e_j \rightarrow f \quad \text{in norm.}$$

4. (Parseval's identity) If $a_k = (f, e_k)$, then

$$|f|^2 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k|^2.$$

Proof.

$1 \implies 2$. Given $f \in \mathbb{H}$ with $(f, e_n) = 0$ for all n . By assumption, there exists a sequence $\{g_n\}$ of elements in \mathbb{H} that are linear combinations of elements in $\{e_n\}$, and such that $|f - g_n| \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Thus

$$|f|^2 = (f, f) = (f, f - g_n) \leq |f| |f - g_n| \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Thus $f = 0$.

$2 \implies 3$. By theorem 13, $\exists g \in \mathbb{H}$ such that

$$S_N = \sum_{j=1}^N (f, e_j) e_j \rightarrow g, \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow \infty.$$

It suffices to prove that $g = f$.

Given n , let $N > n$, then

$$(f - S_N, e_n) = 0.$$

Letting $N \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$(f - g, e_n) = 0, \quad \forall n$$

which implies that $f = g$.

$3 \implies 1$ is obvious.

$3 \iff 4$. Since

$$\left| f - \sum_{k=1}^N a_k e_k \right| = |f| - \sum_{k=1}^N a_k^2$$

□

1.2.2 Isometrically Isomorphi

Definition 17 Two metric spaces (\mathbb{M}_1, d_1) and (\mathbb{M}_2, d_2) are said to be isometrically isomorphi or congruent if there exists a bijective function $T : \mathbb{M}_2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{M}_1$ such that

$$d_2(x_1, x_2) = d_1(Tx_1, Tx_2), \quad \forall x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{M}_2.$$

Theorem 18 Let $\mathbb{H}_1, \mathbb{H}_2$ be Hilbert spaces with inner products $(\cdot, \cdot)_i, i = 1, 2$. Suppose for some index set E there are collections of vectors $\mathbb{U}_i = \{u_t^{(i)}\}_{t \in E}$ such that $\overline{\text{span}(\mathbb{U}_i)} = \mathbb{H}_i$. If for every $i, j \in E$

$$(u_i^{(1)}, u_j^{(1)})_1 = (u_i^{(2)}, u_j^{(2)})_2,$$

$\mathbb{H}_1, \mathbb{H}_2$ congruent.

Proof. Let $\mathbb{U}_1 = \{u_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in E}$ $\mathbb{U}_2 = \{v_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in E}$. Given $f \in \mathbb{H}_1$, there exists a sequence $\{g_n\}$ of elements in \mathbb{H} that are linear combinations of elements in $\{u_n\}$, such that $|f - g_n| \rightarrow 0$.

For all $g \in \text{span}(\mathbb{U}_1)$,

$$g = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i u_i,$$

define $Tg = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i \in \text{span}(\mathbb{U}_2)$. Since g_n converges to f , thus Cauchy, which implies $\{Tg_n\}$ is also Cauchy since $(g_n, g_n)_1 = (Tg_n, Tg_n)_2$. Thus there exists an element of \mathbb{H}_2 , to which $\{Tg_n\}$ converges, denoted by Tf . Thus $(f, f)_1 = (Tf, Tf)_2$. And it is obvious that T is bijective. □

Theorem 19 Any infinite-dimensional separable Hilbert space is congruent to $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_{>0})$.

Proof. Any infinite-dimensional separable Hilbert space \mathbb{H} has a CONS. Let $\mathbb{U} = \{e_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$ be the CONS of \mathbb{H} . Let $\mathbb{V} = \{\varepsilon_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$, where ε_j is a sequence of all zeros except for a 1 as its j th entry. Then it is obvious that

$$(e_i, e_j) = (\varepsilon_i, \varepsilon_j).$$

□

1.2.3 Example: \mathbb{L}^2 Space

Example 20 $\mathbb{L}^2(E, \mathcal{B}, \mu)$ is a Hilbert space with the inner product

$$(f, g) = \int_E f g \, d\mu, \quad \forall f, g \in \mathbb{L}^2(E, \mathcal{B}, \mu).$$

Here, we focus on $\mathbb{L}^2[0, 1]$, $E = [0, 1]$, \mathcal{B} the Borel σ -field of $[0, 1]$ and μ Lebesgue measure.

Theorem 21 The following sets of functions

$$B_1 = \{f_0(x) = 1, f_n(x) = \sqrt{2} \cos(n\pi x), n \geq 1\},$$

$$B_2 = \{g_n(x) = \sqrt{2} \sin(n\pi x), n \geq 1\}$$

and

$$B_3 = \{h_0(x) = 1, h_{2n-1}(x) = \sqrt{2} \sin(2n\pi x), h_{2n}(x) = \sqrt{2} \cos(2n\pi x), n \geq 1\}$$

are all orthonormal bases for $\mathbb{L}^2[0, 1]$.

Proof. It is clear that B_1, B_2, B_3 are orthonormal. Hence, we need only show that they are bases.

B_1 : $\forall f \in \mathbb{L}^2[0, 1]$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $g \in \mathcal{C}[0, 1]$, such that

$$\|f - g\| < \varepsilon/2.$$

Set

$$h(s) = g\left(\frac{\arccos s}{\pi}\right) \quad s \in [-1, 1].$$

By Weierstrass Theorem, there exists a polynomial p such that

$$|h(s) - p(s)| < \varepsilon/2 \quad \forall s \in [-1, 1].$$

Let $k(x) = p(\cos \pi x)$, then

$$\|g - k\| = \left(\int_{[0, 1]} |g - k|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq \varepsilon/2.$$

Thus $\|f - p(\cos \pi x)\| < \varepsilon$.

B_2 : $\forall f \in \mathbb{L}^2[0, 1]$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, let $f_\delta = f\chi_{[\delta, 1-\delta]}$. There is $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\|f - f_\delta\| < \varepsilon/2.$$

Now $h(x) = f_\delta(x)/\sin(\pi x) \in \mathbb{L}^2[0, 1]$ and so there is a function $k(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i \cos(i\pi x)$ such that $\|k - h\| < \varepsilon/2$. But

$$\begin{aligned} \|h - k\|^2 &= \int_0^\delta k^2(x) dx + \int_\delta^{1-\delta} |k(x) - f_\delta(x)/\sin(\pi x)|^2 dx + \int_{1-\delta}^1 k^2(x) dx \\ &\geq \int_0^\delta k^2(x) \sin^2(\pi x) dx + \int_\delta^{1-\delta} |k \sin(\pi x) - f_\delta|^2(x) dx + \int_{1-\delta}^1 k^2(x) \sin^2(\pi x) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 |k \sin(\pi x) - f_\delta(x)|^2 dx = \|k(x) \sin(\pi x) - f_\delta(x)\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

B_3 : Suppose, by contradiction, that B_3 is not a basis. Thus there exists a nonzero function $f \in \mathbb{L}^2[0, 1]$ such that

$$(f, h_0) = (f, h_n) = 0 \quad \forall n.$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_0^1 f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 f\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{-x+1}{2}\right) dx \\ 0 &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot (-1)^n \int_0^1 \left(f\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{-x+1}{2}\right)\right) \cos(n\pi x) dx. \\ 0 &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot (-1)^n \int_0^1 \left(f\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right) - f\left(\frac{-x+1}{2}\right)\right) \sin(n\pi x) dx \end{aligned}$$

Since B_1, B_2 are basis in $\mathbb{L}^2[0, 1]$, we conclude that

$$f\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right) - f\left(\frac{-x+1}{2}\right) = f\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{-x+1}{2}\right) = 0.$$

Since $x \in [0, 1]$ is arbitrary, $f = 0$ in $[0, 1]$. □

2 The projection theorem and orthogonal decomposition

2.1 Projection theorem

Theorem 22 Let $\mathbb{M} \subset \mathbb{H}$ be a nonempty closed convex set. Then for every $f \in \mathbb{H}$, there exists a unique element $u \in \mathbb{M}$ such that

$$|f - u| = \min_{v \in \mathbb{M}} |f - v| = \text{dist}(f, \mathbb{M}). \quad (1)$$

Moreover, u is characterized by the property

$$u \in \mathbb{M}, \quad \text{and} \quad (f - u, v - u) \leq 0, \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{M}. \quad (2)$$

Remark 23 The element u is called the projection of f in \mathbb{M} , denoted by

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{M}}f = u.$$

Proof.

1. *Existence.* Let $(v_n) \in \mathbb{M}$ such that

$$d_n = |f - v_n| \rightarrow d = \inf_{v \in \mathbb{M}} |f - v|.$$

By parallelogram rule, we have

$$\left| f - \frac{v_n + v_m}{2} \right| + \left| \frac{v_n - v_m}{2} \right| = \frac{1}{2} (d_n^2 + d_m^2), \quad \forall m, n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$$

But $(v_n + v_m)/2 \in \mathbb{M}$ since \mathbb{M} is convex and thus $|f - \frac{v_n + v_m}{2}| \geq d$. It follows that

$$\left| \frac{v_n - v_m}{2} \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} (d_n^2 + d_m^2) - d^2.$$

i.e. $\{v_n\}$ Cauchy.

2. *Equivalence of 1 and 2.* Assume that $u \in \mathbb{M}$ satisfies 2 and let $v \in \mathbb{M}$. We have

$$w = (1 - t)u + tv \in \mathbb{M}, \quad \forall t \in [0, 1].$$

Then

$$|f - u| \leq |f - w| = |(f - u) - t(u - v)|$$

Therefore

$$|f - u|^2 \leq |f - u|^2 - 2t(f - u, u - v) + t^2|u - v|^2$$

which implies $2(f - u, u - v) \leq t^2|u - v|^2$. Letting $t \rightarrow 0$, we obtain 2.

Conversely, assume that u satisfies 2, then

$$\begin{aligned} |f - u|^2 - |f - v|^2 &= |f - u|^2 - |(f - u) - (v - u)|^2 \\ &= 2(f - u, v - u) - |v - u|^2 \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

3. *Uniqueness.* If u_1, u_2 satisfy 2. Then

$$(f - u_1, v - u_1) \leq 0 \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{M}$$

$$(f - u_2, v - u_2) \leq 0 \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{M}$$

Choose $v = u_2, v = u_1$ represently.

□

Corollary 24 Let $\mathbb{M} \subset \mathbb{H}$ be a noempty closed linear subspace. Then for every $f \in \mathbb{H}$, there exists a unique element $u \in \mathbb{M}$ such that

$$|f - u| = \min_{v \in \mathbb{M}} |f - v| = \text{dist}(f, \mathbb{M}). \quad (3)$$

Moreover, u is characterized by the property

$$u \in \mathbb{M}, \quad \text{and} \quad (f - u, v - u) = 0, \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{M}. \quad (4)$$

Proof. Let $v = u \pm u$ in 2,

$$(f - u, u) = 0$$

It follows that

$$(f - u, v) \leq 0 \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{M}.$$

Replace v by $-v$.

□

2.2 Orthogonal decomposition

Definition 25 Let \mathbb{X} be a inner-product space with $\mathbb{M} \subset \mathbb{X}$. The orthogonal complement of \mathbb{M} is

$$\mathbb{M}^\perp = \{x \in \mathbb{X} : (x, y) = 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{M}\}.$$

Remark 26 If \mathbb{M} is closed subspace, every $x \in \mathbb{H}$ can be uniquely expressed as

$$x = \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{M}}x + (x - \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{M}}x) \in \mathbb{M} + \mathbb{M}^\perp.$$

And it is clear that

$$\mathbb{M} \cap \mathbb{M}^\perp = \{0\}.$$

Definition 27 Let $\mathbb{M}_1, \mathbb{M}_2$ be orthogonal subspace of \mathbb{X} ; i.e.

$$x_1 \perp x_2, \quad \forall x_1 \in \mathbb{M}_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{M}_2.$$

Then the collection

$$\{x_1 + x_2 : x_i \in \mathbb{M}_i, i = 1, 2\}$$

is denoted by $\mathbb{M}_1 \oplus \mathbb{M}_2$ and is referred to as the orthogonal direct sum of \mathbb{M}_1 and \mathbb{M}_2 .

Theorem 28 Let \mathbb{M} be the closed subspace of Hilbert space \mathbb{H} . Then

$$\mathbb{M} \oplus \mathbb{M}^\perp = \mathbb{H}.$$

Theorem 29 Let \mathbb{H} be a Hilbert space with \mathbb{M} a subset of \mathbb{H} . Then

1. \mathbb{M}^\perp is a closed subspace;
2. $\mathbb{M} \subset (\mathbb{M}^\perp)^\perp$;
3. $(\mathbb{M}^\perp)^\perp = \overline{\mathbb{M}}$ if \mathbb{M} is a subspace.

Proof.

1. It suffices to prove that the limit points of \mathbb{M}^\perp are in \mathbb{M}^\perp . Let $(x_n) \subset \mathbb{M}^\perp$ and $x_n \rightarrow x$. Then

$$(x_n, y) = 0, \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{H}.$$

Thus by continuity of (\cdot, \cdot) ,

$$(x, y) = (\lim x_n, y) = \lim (x_n, y) = 0, \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{M}.$$

which implies that $x \in \mathbb{M}^\perp$.

2. It is clear that $\forall x \in \mathbb{M}$

$$x \in (\mathbb{M}^\perp)^\perp = \{x \in \mathbb{H} : (x, y) = 0 \forall y \in \mathbb{M}^\perp\}.$$

3. Since $(\mathbb{M}^\perp)^\perp$ is closed, we have $\overline{\mathbb{M}} \subseteq (\mathbb{M}^\perp)^\perp$ by the definition of closure. By theorem 28, we have

$$(\mathbb{M}^\perp)^\perp = \overline{\mathbb{M}} \oplus (\mathbb{M}^\perp)^\perp \cap \overline{\mathbb{M}}^\perp.$$

But

$$(\mathbb{M}^\perp)^\perp \cap \overline{\mathbb{M}}^\perp \subset (\mathbb{M}^\perp)^\perp \cap \mathbb{M}^\perp = \{0\}.$$

□

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