

# Lecture 14: Convergence & Completeness, Bases,

~~Approximation~~

- Recall that a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$ , written as  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$$

or, equivalently, for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  so that if  $n > N_0$ ,  $|x_n - x| < \varepsilon$ .

- In a vector space, we replace the absolute value by a norm:  $\|x_n - x\| < \varepsilon$ . Thus, we have convergence defined in any normed vector space.

- Recall that  $L^p(\Omega)$ , and ~~also~~  $C_c^\infty(\Omega) \subseteq L^p(\Omega)$  are vector spaces. We often use smooth functions to motivate our goals. We now formalize this:

**Thm 7.5** Assume  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . For  $f \in L^p(\Omega)$ , there exists a sequence  $\{\varphi_k\} \subseteq C_c^\infty(\Omega)$  such that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|\varphi_k - f\|_p = 0.$$

**Pr** Beyond this course - uses mollifiers.  $\square$

- In other words,  $C_c^\infty$  is dense in  $L^p$ . We use this fact to create a sequence of approximate solutions to PDE's & show convergence.

- We usually don't know the limit, so we can't show  $\|\varphi_k - f\| \rightarrow 0$  directly. Instead, we use the fact that  $L^p$  is complete and show that  $\{\varphi_k\}$  is

a Cauchy sequence:

$\{v_k\} \subseteq V$  is called Cauchy, if for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  so for  $k, m > N$ ,

$$\|v_k - v_m\| < \varepsilon.$$

- This establishes the limit.

★ A complete space is one in which every Cauchy sequence has a limit.

•) Notice that

$$\|v_n - v_m\| \leq \|v_n - v\| + \|v - v_m\|$$

by the triangle inequality, so every convergent sequence is Cauchy. In a complete space, the converse is also true.

ex.) 1.) Notice  $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$ . One may check directly

$$\|\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{m}\| \leq \frac{1}{nm} \cdot |n-m|$$

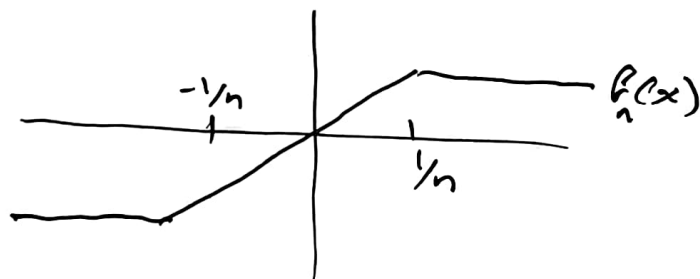
wholog, let  $n > m$  and

$$\|\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{m}\| \leq \frac{1}{nm} \cdot 2n \leq \frac{2}{m}.$$

If  $n, m \geq N$ , then  $\|\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{m}\| \leq \frac{2}{N}$   
and so this sequence is Cauchy.

2.) Consider  $C^0([-1, 1])$  with the  $L^1$  norm. For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & x < -\frac{1}{n} \\ nx & -\frac{1}{n} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{n} \\ 1 & x > \frac{1}{n} \end{cases}$$



$$\text{Notice } \|f_n - f_m\|_1 = \int_{-1}^1 |f_n - f_m| dx = |1/n - 1/m|$$

such that  $\{f_n\}$  is Cauchy.

$$\text{Let } f = \begin{cases} 1 & x > 0 \\ -1 & x < 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - f\|_1 = 0$$

• We approach Lebesgue theory because it gives convergence results

**Thm 7.7** For  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $L^p(\Omega)$  is complete under the  $p$ -norm.

[Pf] Beyond this class - uses the ~~monotone~~ <sup>dominated</sup> convergence thm.  $\square$   
Dominated

• In functional analysis, a complete normed vector space is called a Banach space.

• A subspace  $W \subset V$  is called closed if it is closed in the norm topology: If  $\{x_n\} \subset W$  converges to  $x \in V$ , then  $x \in W$ .

**Lemma 7.8** If  $V$  is a complete normed vector space and  $W \subset V$  is a closed subspace, then  $W$  is complete with respect to the norm of  $V$ .

[Pf] Let  $\{x_n\} \subset W$  be Cauchy. Since  $V$  is complete,  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $V$ , so  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $W$  as  $W$  is closed.  $\square$

• The  $L^p$  spaces have discrete analogues. Consider sequences  $(a_1, a_2, \dots)$  so  $a_i \in \mathbb{C}$ . We associate a function  $a: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  so  $a(j) = a_j$ . Then

$$\|a\|_p = \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |a_j|^p \right]^{1/p}$$

and we treat the vector space

$$L^p(\mathbb{N}) = \{a: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} : \|a\|_p < \infty\}$$

e.g.)  $l^1$  is the set of absolutely summable sequences,  
 $l^\infty$  is the set of bdd. sequences.

## Orthonormal Bases

- A Hilbert Space is a complete vector space with an inner product e.g.  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ .

- Let  $H$  be an infinite dimensional complex Hilbert space.

ex.)  $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}; \mathbb{C})$  is infinite-dimensional since

we may form smooth bump  $\varphi_n$  so

$\text{supp}(\varphi_n) \subseteq [n, n+1]$ . Indeed, since  $\text{supp}(\varphi_n) \cap \text{supp}(\varphi_m)$

$$= \emptyset \text{ if } n \neq m, \quad \langle \varphi_m, \varphi_n \rangle = \int \varphi_m \overline{\varphi_n} dx = 0$$

and the  $\varphi_n$  are linearly independent.

- A sequence of vectors  $\{e_j\} \subseteq H$  is orthonormal if

$$\langle e_j, e_k \rangle = \begin{cases} 1 & j=k \\ 0 & j \neq k \end{cases}$$

- An orthonormal basis for  $H$  is an orthonormal sequence such that for each  $v \in H$  admits a unique representation as a convergent sequence

$$v = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} v_j e_j \quad \text{for } v_j \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\text{Note: } v_j = \langle v, e_j \rangle$$

example:  $L^2$  has orthonormal basis

$$e_i = (0, 0, \dots, 0, \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ i\text{th spot}}}{1}, 0, \dots)$$

~> We often use eigenfunctions of some operator to form an orthonormal basis. Thus, we try to show that partial sums  $S_n[v] = \sum_{j=1}^n v_j e_j$  converge to  $v$  in  $H$  for every  $v \in H$ .

### Thm 7.9 Bessel's Inequality

Assume that  $\{e_j\}$  is an orthonormal sequence in an infinite-dimensional Hilbert Space  $\mathcal{H}$ . For  $v \in \mathcal{H}$ , the series  ~~$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |v_j|^2$~~   $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |v_j|^2$  converges and

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |v_j|^2 \leq \|v\|^2 \quad (\text{h.r. } v_j = \langle e_j, v \rangle)$$

Equality holds iff.  $S_n[v] \rightarrow v$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**[Pf]**  $\|v - S_n[v]\|^2 = \langle v - S_n[v], v - S_n[v] \rangle$   
 $= \|v\|^2 - 2 \operatorname{Re}(\langle S_n[v], v \rangle) + \|S_n[v]\|^2$

$\rightarrow$  Since  $\{e_j\}$  is orthonormal,

$$\langle S_n[v], v \rangle = \langle S_n[v], S_n[v] \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n |v_j|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \|v - S_n[v]\|^2 = \|v\|^2 - \sum_{j=1}^n |v_j|^2$$

$$\text{or } 0 \leq \|v\|^2 - \sum_{j=1}^n |v_j|^2$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |v_j|^2 \leq \|v\|^2$  with equality

iff  $\|v - S_n[v]\|^2 \rightarrow 0$ .  $\square$

Remark: Why can we pass an infinite sum through the inner product? By Cauchy's inequality

$$\langle v, w \rangle \leq \|v\| \cdot \|w\|,$$

the map  $w \mapsto \langle w, S_n[v] \rangle$  is continuous in  $\mathcal{H}$

$$S_n \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \langle S_m[v], S_n[v] \rangle = \langle v, S_n[v] \rangle$$

$$\langle S_n[v], S_n[v] \rangle.$$

### Thm 7.10 Suppose $\mathcal{H}$ is an infinite-dimensional Hilbert space.

An orthonormal sequence  $\{e_j\}$  is a basis if and only if  $0 \in \mathcal{H}$  is the only element in  $\mathcal{H}$  that is orthogonal to all vectors in the sequence.

**[Pf]** First, let  $\{e_j\}$  be a basis. Then,  $\langle v, e_j \rangle = 0$  for all  $j$  means  $v = \sum 0 \cdot e_j = 0$ .

Second, let the orthonormal sequence  $\{e_j\}$  satisfy the given property.

For  $v \in H$ ,

$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |v_j|^2 \leq \|v\|^2 < \infty$  such that  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} v_j e_j = w$  is a point in  $H$ .

Consider  $y = v - w$ . Then,  $\langle y, e_j \rangle = \cancel{v_j} v_j - v_j = 0$   
so  $y \perp e_j$  for all  $j$  and  $\cancel{w}$ . So  $y = 0$ ,  $v = w$ .