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# Chapter 1

## Vector Spaces

**Definition 1.1.** A vector space  $V$  is a set with operations  $+$ ,  $\times$  and scalars  $S$  ( $\mathbb{C}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$ ) such that:

1. For all  $u, v \in V$ ,  $u + v \in V$ . (Closure under addition)
2. For all  $c \in S$   $u \in V$ ,  $cu \in V$ . (Closure under scalar multiplication)
3. For all  $u, v, w \in V$ ,  $(u + v) + w = u + (v + w)$ . (Addition is commutative)
4. There exists  $0 \in V$  such that  $0 + v = v$  for all  $v \in V$ . (Identity elements)
5. For all  $u \in V$ , there exists  $-u \in V$  such that  $u + (-u) = 0$ . (Inverses)
6. For all  $c \in S$ ,  $u, v \in V$ ,  $c(u + v) = cu + cv$ . (Scalar distribution)
7. For all  $c, d \in S$ ,  $v \in V$ ,  $(c + d)v = cv + dv$ . (Vector distribution)
8. For all  $c, d \in S$ ,  $u \in V$ ,  $c(dv) = (cd)v$ . (Scalar associativity)
9. For all  $u \in V$ ,  $1u = u$ .

**Definition 1.2.** A subset  $U$  of  $V$  is a subspace if under  $+$ ,  $\cdot$  (from  $V$ ),  $U$  is its own vector space.

**Theorem 1.3.** Let  $V$  be a VS.  $U \subset V$  is a subspace iff the following hold:

1.  $0 \in U$ ;
2.  $U$  is closed under  $+$ ;
3.  $U$  is closed under  $\cdot$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $U$  is a subspace. Then all three items hold from the definition of a vector space.

Now suppose the three conditions hold. Since these operations are inherited from  $V$ , and  $U \subset V$ , we have that all of the axioms hold. Hence  $U$  is a vector space, and thus a subspace.  $\square$

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  be a subset of a VS  $V$ . The *span* of  $S$  is the set of all linear combinations of  $S$ , ie,  $Span(S) = \{c_1v_1 + \dots + c_nv_n\}$ , where  $c_j \in \mathbb{C}$ .

**Proposition 1.5.** Let  $V$  be a VS, and  $S \subset V$ . Then  $Span(S)$  is a subspace.

*Proof.* Let  $c_j = 0$  for all  $j$ . Then,  $0 \in Span(S)$ . Let  $u, v \in Span(S)$ . Then,  $u = c_1x_1 + \dots + c_nx_n$ ,  $v = d_1x_1 + \dots + d_nx_n$ . Then, for  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $au + v = \sum_1^n (ac_j + d_j)x_n \in Span(S)$ . Thus  $Span(S)$  is a subspace.  $\square$

**Definition 1.6.** Let  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \subset V$  be a set. Then  $S$  is *linearly independent* iff:

$$a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n = 0 \implies a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n = 0.$$

There exists  $a_j \neq 0$  such that the equation holds, then  $S$  is *linearly dependent*.

**Definition 1.7.** A subset  $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  of a VS  $V$  is a basis for  $V$  if  $B$  spans  $V$  and  $B$  is linearly independent. Equivalently,  $B$  is a basis if it *maximally linearly independent*; that is,  $B$  is not a proper subset of some other linearly independent set.

**Theorem 1.8.** Every basis for  $V$  has the same number of vectors.

*Proof.* Omitted. □

**Remark 1.9.** If  $V$  has arbitrarily large linearly independent sets, it is *infinite dimensional*.

**Definition 1.10.** Let  $V, W$  be vector spaces.  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is *linear transformation* (*linear map*, or just *linear*) if, for all  $u, v \in V, c \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $T(cu + v) = cT(u) + T(v)$ .

**Definition 1.11.** A bijective linear map is called an *isomorphism*.

**Proposition 1.12.** Let  $U, V, W$  be VS,  $S : U \rightarrow V, T : V \rightarrow W, R : W \rightarrow U$  be linear. Then  $T \circ S := TS$  is linear. If  $S$  is an isomorphism,  $S^{-1}$  is an isomorphism. Furthermore, for all  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $(aS + R) : U \rightarrow V$  is linear.

*Proof.* Let  $au + v \in V$ . Then,  $TS(au + v) = T(S(au + v)) = T(aS(u) + S(v)) = aTS(u) + TS(v)$ . Thus,  $TS$  is linear. Suppose  $S$  is an isomorphism, and let  $x, y \in V$ . Then, there exists  $u, v \in U$  such that  $Su = x, Sv = y$ . Thus,  $S(au + v) = aSu + Sv = ax + y$ . Therefore,  $au + v = aS^{-1}x + S^{-1}v = S^{-1}(ax + y)$ . □

**Theorem 1.13.** Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space and let  $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  be a basis for  $V$ . Then every  $v^{-1}V$  can be uniquely written as  $v = c_1v_1 + \dots + c_nv_n$ .

**Remark 1.14.** Because this association is unique, we may represent  $v$  as  $[v]_B := \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$ . Note that is dependent upon the basis. We may therefore define a *coordinate operator*  $\phi_B$  such that  $\phi_B(x) = [x]_B$ . Observe that this is a bijection, and therefore,  $\phi_B^{-1}([x]_B) = x$  is also well-defined.

Thus, we have  $A, B$  as bases in a VS  $V$ , we can therefore have a change of basis as follows: let  $[x]_B$  be the coordinate vector of  $x$  in terms of  $B$  and  $\phi_B$ ,  $\psi_A$  the coordinate operators for their respective bases. Then:  $[x]_A = \psi_A(\phi_B^{-1}([x]_B))$ . Of course, it this does not give us a matrix representation for this operator. But we may do so as follows.

Let  $\alpha = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $\beta = \{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$  be bases for VS  $V$ . Then, for  $x \in V$ ,  $x = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j v_j$  and  $x = \sum_{k=1}^n b_k w_k$ . Now, for each  $v_j, v_j = \sum_{k=1}^n c_{jk} w_k$ . Thus,  $x = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j (\sum_{k=1}^n c_{jk} w_k) v_j = \sum_{k=1}^n (\sum_{j=1}^n a_j c_{jk}) w_k$ . Since the representation of a vector with respect to a basis is unique, we have:

$$b_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j c_{jk}.$$

Thus:

$$[x]_\beta = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^n a_j c_{1j} \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^n a_j c_{nj} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & \dots & c_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ c_{1n} & \dots & c_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & \dots & c_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ c_{1n} & \dots & c_{nn} \end{bmatrix} [x]_\alpha = [[v_1]_\beta, \dots, [v_n]_\beta] [x]_\alpha.$$

Observe there that we therefore have  $[x]_\beta = [T]_\alpha^\beta [x]_\alpha = [Tx]_\beta$ , and so  $T = I$ .

If we want to know the matrix representation of a linear transformation  $T$ , we only need to consider how it changes the coordinates with respect to the bases. Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$ ,  $T, W$  FDVSs, and let  $\alpha = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $\beta = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$  be their respective basis. Then,

$$T(x) = a_1 T(v_1) + \dots + a_n T(v_n).$$

We also have that  $T(v_j) = c_{1j}w_1 + \dots + c_{mj}w_m = \sum_{i=1}^m c_{ij}w_i$  for each  $j$ . Thus,  $T(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j(\sum_{i=1}^m c_{ij}w_i) = \sum_{i=1}^m (\sum_{j=1}^n a_j c_{ij})w_i$ . Thus,

$$[Tx]_\beta = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^n a_j c_{1j} \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^n a_j c_{nj} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & \dots & c_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ c_{1n} & \dots & c_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & \dots & c_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ c_{1n} & \dots & c_{nn} \end{bmatrix} [x]_\alpha = [[T(v_1)]_\beta, \dots, [T(v_n)]_\beta][x]_\alpha.$$

Thus we may define the matrix representation (with respect to the appropriate bases) as  $[[T(v_1)]_\beta, \dots, [T(v_n)]_\beta] =: [T]_\alpha^\beta$ .

**Definition 1.15.** A *linear functional* is a linear transformation  $\phi : V \rightarrow \text{scalars}$  of  $V$ .

**Definition 1.16.** The set  $V^*$  of linear functionals on  $V$  is the (algebraic) dual of  $V$ .

**Proposition 1.17.**  $V^*$  is a vector space under the operations of addition and scalar multiplication of a function.

# Chapter 2

## Inner Product Spaces

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then, an inner product is a function  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that the following hold:

1. For all  $v \in V$ ,  $\langle v, v \rangle \geq 0$  (note that this means they are real valued);
2.  $\langle u, v \rangle = \overline{\langle v, u \rangle}$ ;
3.  $\langle cu, v \rangle = c\langle u, v \rangle$ ;
4.  $\langle u + x, v \rangle = \langle u, v \rangle + \langle x, v \rangle$ .

Observe that this all implies  $\langle u, x + v \rangle = \langle u, x \rangle + \langle u, v \rangle$  and  $\langle u, cv \rangle = \bar{c}\langle u, v \rangle$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $u \in V$  from above. Then,  $\|u\| := \sqrt{\langle u, u \rangle}$ .

**Proposition 2.3.**  $\|u + e^{i\alpha}v\|^2 = \|u\|^2 + 2|\langle u, v \rangle| + \|v\|^2$ .

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \|u + e^{i\alpha}v\|^2 &= \langle u, u \rangle + \langle u, e^{i\alpha}v \rangle + \langle e^{i\alpha}v, u \rangle + \langle e^{i\alpha}v, e^{i\alpha}v \rangle \\ &= \|u\|^2 + e^{-i\alpha}\langle u, v \rangle + \overline{\langle u, e^{i\alpha}v \rangle} + \|v\|^2 \\ &= \|u\|^2 + e^{-i\alpha}\langle u, v \rangle + \overline{e^{-i\alpha}\langle u, v \rangle} + \|v\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

The above holds for all  $\alpha$ . Using the polar form of a complex number, we have  $\langle u, v \rangle = e^{i\theta}|\langle u, v \rangle|$  for some  $\theta$ . Thus if we set  $\alpha = \theta$ , we deduce:

$$\begin{aligned} \|u + e^{i\alpha}v\|^2 &= \|u\|^2 + e^{-i\alpha}\langle u, v \rangle + \overline{e^{-i\alpha}\langle u, v \rangle} + \|v\|^2 \\ &= \|u\|^2 + e^{-i\theta}e^{i\theta}|\langle u, v \rangle| + \overline{e^{-i\theta}e^{i\theta}|\langle u, v \rangle|} + \|v\|^2 \\ &= \|u\|^2 + 2|\langle u, v \rangle| + \|v\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 2.4** (Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality).  $|\langle u, v \rangle| \leq \|u\| \|v\|$ .

*Proof.* If  $u = 0$ , then the above follows immediately. So suppose  $u, v \neq 0$ . Define  $\alpha = \text{sgn}(\langle u, v \rangle)$ ,  $z = \alpha v$  and let  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then, we have:

$$\langle u, z \rangle = \langle u, \alpha v \rangle = \bar{\alpha}\langle u, v \rangle = \frac{\overline{\langle u, v \rangle}\langle u, v \rangle}{|\langle u, v \rangle|} = |\langle u, v \rangle|.$$

As well as  $\|z\| = \|\alpha v\|^2 = |\alpha|^2 \|v\|^2 = \|v\|^2$ . Therefore, we deduce:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \langle u - tz, u - tz \rangle = \langle u, u - tz \rangle - \langle tz, u - tz \rangle \\ &= \|u\|^2 - t\langle u, z \rangle - t\langle z, u \rangle + t^2\|z\|^2 \\ &= \|u\|^2 - t(|\langle u, v \rangle| + |\langle u, v \rangle|) + t^2\|v\|^2 \\ &= \|u\|^2 - 2t|\langle u, v \rangle| + t^2\|v\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

This is a positive polynomial, and therefore the discriminant is such that  $4|\langle u, v \rangle|^2 - 4\|u\|^2\|v\|^2 \leq 0$ . Thus,  $|\langle u, v \rangle|^2 \leq \|u\|^2\|v\|^2$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.5.** Equality holds in the Scharwz inequality iff  $u, v$  are linearly dependent.

*Proof.* First suppose equality holds. That means, from the above, for some  $t$ , we have  $0 = \langle u - tz, u - tz \rangle$ , so  $u - tz = 0$ , thus  $u = tz = t\alpha v$ . Thus, we have linear dependence. If  $u = cv$ , then  $|\langle u, v \rangle| = |\langle cv, v \rangle| = |c||v||^2 = |c||v|| \cdot |v|$ . Thus, we have equality.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.6** (Triangle Inequality). *For  $u, v \in V$ ,  $\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $u, v \in V$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned} \|u + v\|^2 &= \langle u + v, u + v \rangle \\ &= \|u\|^2 + \langle u, v \rangle + \langle v, u \rangle + \|v\|^2 \\ &= \|u\|^2 + 2\operatorname{Re}(\langle u, v \rangle) + \|v\|^2 \\ &\leq \|u\|^2 + 2|\langle u, v \rangle| + \|v\|^2 \\ &\leq \|u\|^2 + 2\|u\|\|v\| + \|v\|^2 \\ &= (\|u\| + \|v\|)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$ .  $\square$

**Remark 2.7.** If  $V$  is a real vector space, CS gives us that:

$$-1 \leq \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|u\|\|v\|} \leq 1.$$

Therefore, we may define the angle  $\theta$  be  $u$  and  $v$  to be

$$\theta := \arccos\left(\frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|u\|\|v\|}\right).$$

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $V$  be an inner product space,  $u, v \in V$ . Then,  $u$  and  $v$  are *orthogonal* if  $\langle u, v \rangle = 0$ .

The following are some examples of inner product spaces with their inner products:

1.  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :  $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_1^n x_j y_j = y^T x$ .
2.  $\mathbb{C}^n$ :  $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_1^n x_j \bar{y}_j = y^* x$ .
3. Real  $L^2[a, b]$ :  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx$ .
4. Complex  $L^2[a, b]$ :  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(x)\overline{g(x)}dx$ .
5.  $2\pi$ -periodic  $L^2$  functions:  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^{2\pi} f(x)\overline{g(x)}dx$ .
6. Weighted  $L^2$  inner products (real):  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(x)g(x)w(x)dx$ , where  $w(x) \geq 0$ .

7. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with real entries. Suppose that  $A$  is self-adjoint and that  $x^T A x > 0$ , unless  $x = 0$ :  $\langle x, y \rangle = y^T A x$ .
8. Biinfinite complex sequences,  $l^2$ :  $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_n \bar{y}_n$ .

**Example 2.9.** Let  $f, g$  real valued function in  $C[0, 1]$  and define  $\langle f, g \rangle := \int_0^1 f(x)g(x)dx$ . Show that  $\langle f, g \rangle$  is a real inner product for  $C[0, 1]$ .

**Solution 2.10.** Observe that additivity, symmetry, and scalars all follow from properties of the integral. Thus all that remains is positivity. Since  $f^2 \geq 0$ ,  $\int_a^b f^2 dx \geq \int_a^b 0 dx = 0$ . Thus,  $\langle f, f \rangle \geq 0$ . Clearly, if  $f = 0$ , then  $\langle f, f \rangle = 0$ . Now suppose  $\langle f, f \rangle = 0$ . That is,  $\int_a^b f^2 dx = 0$ . Since  $f^2 \geq 0$ , this implies that  $f = 0$ . Thus we have an inner product.

*Note:* This is also easily seen by the fact that  $C[0, 1] \subset L^2([0, 1])$ , and so inherits the inner product.

## 2.1 Orthogonality

**Definition 2.11.** Let  $V$  be an inner product space, and  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_n, \dots\} \subset V$ . Then,  $S$  is orthogonal if none of the vectors are 0 (this is more of a formality that saves needless wordings) and  $\langle v_j, v_k \rangle = 0$  if  $j \neq k$ .

**Proposition 2.12.** Let  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_n, \dots\}$ . If  $S$  is orthogonal, then  $S$  is linearly independent.

*Proof.* Suppose  $S$  is linearly dependent, so  $v_j \neq 0$  for all  $j$ . Wlog, suppose  $v_1 = \sum_2^k c_j v_j$ . The,

$$\left\langle \sum_2^k c_j v_j, v_1 \right\rangle > 0 \text{ since } v_1 \neq 0$$

Thus,  $\sum_2^k \langle v_j, v_1 \rangle > 0$ . Thus, there exists some  $p$  such that  $\langle v_p, v_1 \rangle \neq 0$ . Thus,  $S$  is not orthogonal.  $\square$

*Alternative Proof.* Suppose  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_n, \dots\}$  is orthogonal. Consider

$$a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n = 0$$

For, for each  $v_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , we have:

$$\langle v_j, \sum_1^n a_i v_i \rangle = a_j \langle v_j, v_j \rangle = 0$$

Since  $v_j \neq 0$ , we have that  $a_j = 0$ . This holds for all  $j$ , and so  $S$  is linearly independent.  $\square$

**Definition 2.13.** A set  $S$  is *orthonormal* if it is orthogonal and each vector has norm 1. That is,  $\langle v_j, v_k \rangle = \delta_{j,k}$ .

**Definition 2.14.** Let  $U, W \subset V$ . Then,  $U$  and  $W$  are orthogonal if every vector in  $U$  is orthogonal to every vector in  $W$ , and we denote  $U \perp W$ .

**Definition 2.15.** Let  $U \subset V$ . The orthogonal complement is  $U^\perp := \{v \in V : \langle u, v \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } u \in U\}$ .

## 2.2 Minimization Problems

The basic problem (from high school for example) is as follows. Suppose we have a data set  $\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$  collected at times  $\{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$ , or  $(t_j, y_j)$ . To get a straight line, choose  $a, b$  such that the line  $y = a + bt$  minimizes the sum of squares  $y_j - y = y_j - a - bt_j$ . That is, we minimize  $D^2 = \sum_1^n (y_j - a - bt_j)^2$ . Put into

linear algebra terms, let  $y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $t = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ \vdots \\ t_n \end{bmatrix}$ . we are looking for  $a, b$  such that  $D^2 = \|y - a1 - bt\|^2$

is minimized. If we let  $U = \text{span}(\{1, t\})$ , we are looking for  $p \in U$  such that  $\|y - p\| = \min_{u \in U} \|y - u\|$ .

The general problem is as follows: Given an inner product space  $V$ , a vector  $v \in V$ , and a subspace  $U \subset V$ , find  $p \in U$  such that  $\|v - p\| = \min_{u \in U} \|v - u\|$ . This occurs iff there exists a  $p \in U$  such that  $v - p \in U^\perp$ . When, this occurs,  $p$  is unique and  $p = Pv$ , where  $P$  is the orthogonal projection of  $v$  onto  $U$ . Note that in finite dimensions, this is always true. If we also have an o.n. basis for  $U$ , then  $Pv$  is given by:

$$Pv = \sum_1^n \langle v, u_j \rangle u_j.$$

This follows from Parseval's equation.

## 2.3 Gram-Schmidt Process

The main question is: can we find an o.n. basis for a inner product space?

In the finite dimensional case, begin with a basis  $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ . We will build up a orthogonal space, then normalization will give the result. Define  $U_k = \text{span}(\{v_1, \dots, v_k\})$ . Let  $w_1 = v_1$ . Let  $w_2 = v_2 - P_1 v_2 = v_2 - \frac{\langle v_2, w_1 \rangle}{\|w_1\|^2} w_1$ , where  $P_1$  is the orthogonal projection to  $U_1$ . Then,  $v_2 - P_1 v_2 \in U_1^\perp$  (by construction), and so  $w_1 \perp w_2$ . We may continue this as follows, using  $w_k := v_k - P_k v_k$ . This give us an orthogonal basis, and we are done.

## 2.4 QR-Factorization

Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with real entries and linearly independent columns  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ . Then there exists a matrix  $Q$  whose columns form an o.n. basis for  $R^n$  and an upper triangular matrix  $R$  with positive diagonal entries such that  $A = QR$ .

We are working with three different bases: the standard one  $E = \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ , the columns of  $A$  (they are linearly independent, there are  $n$  of them, and so are a basis)  $F = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ , and the o.n. set generated from  $F : G = \{q_1, \dots, q_n\}$ . That is,  $A = [[v_1]_E, \dots, [v_n]_E]$  or the change of basis from  $F$  to  $E$ . Likewise,  $Q = [[q_1]_E, \dots, [q_n]_E]$ , or the change of basis from  $G$  to  $E$ . Then,  $Q^{-1}A = R$  is the change of basis from  $F$  to  $G$ . The properties of  $R$  follow from the Gram-Schmidt properties. In particular, we have:

$$w_k = v_k - \sum_1^{k-1} \frac{\langle v_k, w_j \rangle}{\|w_j\|^2} w_j \implies v_k = w_k + \sum_1^{k-1} \frac{\langle v_k, w_j \rangle}{\|w_j\|^2} w_j.$$

If we normalize, and wet  $q_j = w_j / \|w_j\|$ , we arrive at:

$$v_k = \|w_k\| q_k + \sum_1^{k-1} \langle v_k, q_j \rangle q_j.$$

Thus,  $R_{j,k} = \langle v_k, q_j \rangle$  for  $j < k$ ,  $R_{k,k} = \|w_k\|$ , and  $R_{j,k} = 0$  when  $j > k$ . This matrix is thus upper triangular.

## 2.5 Normed Linear Spaces

**Definition 2.16.** Let  $V$  be a vector space. A mapping  $\|\cdot\| : V \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a *norm* on  $V$  if:

1. Positivity:  $\|v\| \geq 0$ ,  $v = 0$  iff  $\|v\| = 0$ .
2. Positive homogeneity:  $\|cv\| = |c|\|v\|$ .
3. Triangle Inequality:  $\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$ .

### Examples of normed linear spaces

- Any inner product space:  $\|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}$ .

- $\mathbb{R}^2$  or  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , with  $\|x\|_p = (\sum_1^n |x_j|^p)^{1/p}$ , where  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . When  $p = \infty$ ,  $\|x\|_\infty = \max_j |x_j|$ .
- Continuous function on  $[a, b] : \|f\|_C = \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f(x)|$ .
- $k$ -times continuously differentiable functions  $\|f\|_{C^k} = \sum_{j=0}^k \|f^j\|_C$ .
- $L^p$  spaces with their norms.

## 2.6 Norms on dual spaces

**Definition 2.17.** Let  $V$  be a vector space. Then, for  $\phi \in V^*$ :

$$\|\phi\|_* = \sup_{\|u\|_V=1} |\phi(u)|.$$

# Chapter 3

## Coordinates and Bases

### 3.1 Coordinate Maps

(This is a bit of rehash of some of the above material.) Suppose we have a vector space with a (ordered) basis  $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ . If  $v$  is a vector in  $V$ , then we can uniquely represent  $v$  as a linear combination of the vectors in  $B$ . That is, there exists scalars  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  such that

$$v = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n.$$

The  $c_j$ 's are the coordinates of  $v$  with respect to the basis  $B$ . We can collect them into a coordinate vector:

$$[v]_B = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since these coordinates are unique, we can define a map  $K_B : V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  via  $K_B(v) = [v]_B$ .  $K_B$  is the coordinate map for  $B$ . It's easy to see that this map is a bijection, and so an inverse exists:

$$K_B^{-1}([v]_B) = K_B^{-1}\left(\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}\right) = v = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n.$$

**Example 3.1.** Let  $V = P^2$  (set of polynomials of at most degree 2) and  $B = \{1, x, x^2\}$ . What is the coordinate vector of  $[5 + 3x - x^2]_B$ ? What is the vector  $p$  such that  $[p]_B = [3, 0, -4]^T$ ?

**Solution 3.2.**

$$[10 + x - 12x^2]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 1 \\ -12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$p = K_b^{-1}([p]_B) = 3 - 4x^2.$$

### 3.2 Matrices for linear transformations

Consider a linear transformation  $T : V \rightarrow W$ , where  $V$  and  $W$  have dimension  $m$  and  $n$ , and  $V$  and  $W$  have bases  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  respectively. Then we have the coordinate maps  $K_\alpha$  and  $K_\beta$  respectively. Then, we have that the matrix representation,  $A_T$ , is given by  $A_T = K_\beta \circ T \circ K_\alpha^{-1}$ . Then, for  $e_k$ , we have  $A_T = [T(e_k)]_\beta$ . Therefore,  $A^T = [[T(e_1)]_\beta, \dots, [T(e_m)]_\beta]$ .

### 3.3 Changing Bases and Coordinates

Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space with two bases  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . Then, for each  $v_j \in \alpha$ ,  $v_j = c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_n w_n$ . Then, we have that  $[v_j]_\beta = K_\beta \circ K_\alpha^{-1}([v_j]_\alpha)$  (observe that this corresponds to the identity transformation). Thus, have that the basis transformation is of the form  $A = [[v_1]_\beta, \dots, [v_n]_\beta]$ .

# Chapter 4

## Diagonalization

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $L : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation ( $V$  and  $W$  have the same dimension). A scalar  $\lambda$  is an *eigenvalue* of  $L$  if there exists some  $x \neq 0$  such that  $Lx = \lambda x$ , and  $x$  is called an eigenvector associated with  $\lambda$ . The span of all eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda$  is called the *eigenspace* of  $\lambda$  and denoted by  $\mathcal{E}_\lambda$ .

We can write  $Lv = \lambda v$  as  $(L - \lambda I)v = 0$  and vice versa. That is, if  $x \in \mathcal{E}_\lambda$ , then  $x \in \text{Ker}(L - \lambda I)$ . Thus, the dimension of  $\mathcal{E}_\lambda$  is the same as  $\text{Ker}(L - \lambda I)$ . This dimension is the *geometric multiplicity* of  $\lambda$ , denoted by  $\gamma_\lambda$ .

**Definition 4.2.** A matrix  $A$  is called diagonalizable if there exists a basis of  $V$  composed of eigenvectors of  $A$ .

We can diagonalize a linear transformation  $T$  by the following:

1. Fix a basis  $B$ . Find the characteristic polynomial for  $T$ ,  $p_T(\lambda) = \det(T - \lambda I)$  and factor it:

$$p_T(\lambda) = (\lambda_1 - \lambda)^{\alpha_1} \dots (\lambda_r - \lambda)^{\alpha_r}$$

Here,  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r$  are the *distinct* roots of  $p_T$  and are the eigenvalues of  $T$  and  $\alpha_j$  is the *algebraic multiplicity* of  $\lambda_j$ .

2. For each  $\lambda_j$ , find the eigenvectors that form a basis for the eigenspace  $\mathcal{E}_{\lambda_j}$ . Do so via standard row reductions. (Recall here that the geometric multiplicity is the dimension of  $E_{\lambda_j}$ , so there will be  $\gamma_j$  is the number of eigenvectors to be found.)

Then we have:

**Theorem 4.3.** *The linear transformation  $T$  will be diagonalizable iff  $\gamma_j = \alpha_j$  for all  $j$ . If so, then the matrix:*

$$S = [\mathcal{E}_{\lambda_1} \text{ basis}, \dots, \mathcal{E}_{\lambda_r} \text{ basis}]$$

*is the matrix that changes from coordinates to  $D$ , the basis of eigenvectors, to the coordinates relative to  $B$ . We also have  $\lambda = S^{-1}TS$ .*

We want a few lemmas here:

**Lemma 4.4.** *Let  $x_i$  be eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$ . Then,  $\{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$  is linearly independent.*

*Proof.* We proceed via induction. If  $k = 1$ , then we are done because there is one eigenvector, which is a basis. Now suppose  $k = m$  works, and consider:

$$v := a_1x_1 + \dots + a_m x_m = 0$$

$$T(v) = a_1\lambda_1x_1 + \dots + a_{m+1}\lambda_{m+1}x_{m+1} = 0$$

If we subtract  $a_1\lambda_{m+1}x_1 + \dots + a_{m+1}\lambda_{m+1}x_{m+1} = 0$ , we have:

$$a_1(\lambda_1 - \lambda_{m+1})x_1 + \dots + a_m(\lambda_m - \lambda_{m+1})x_m = 0$$

By assumption, we therefore have  $a_j(\lambda_j - \lambda_{m+1})$ , and since  $\lambda_j \neq \lambda_{m+1}$ , we have  $a_j = 0$  for  $1 \leq j \leq m$ . Thus,  $a_{m+1}x_{m+1} = 0$ , and so  $a_{m+1} = 0$ . Thus we have linear independence.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.5.** *For each  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ), let  $\{x_i, \dots, x_{i,n_i}\}$  be a linearly independent set of eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda_i$ , where these are distinct eigenvalues. Then,  $S = \{x_{1,1}, \dots, x_{1,n_1}\} \cup \dots \cup \{x_{k,1}, \dots, x_{k,n_k}\}$  is linearly independent.*

*Proof.* Consider:

$$a_{1,1}x_{1,1} + \dots + a_{1,n}x_{1,n} + \dots + a_{k,1}x_{k,1} + \dots + a_{k,n_k}x_{k,n_k} = 0$$

Now, each of these individual sums is itself an eigenvector (say  $\hat{x}_i$ , so we have  $x_1 + \dots + x_k = 0$ ). By our above lemma, this is not possible. Thus each  $x_j = 0$ , or

$$a_{1,1}x_{1,1} + \dots + a_{1,n}x_{1,n} = 0$$

These are linearly independent, and thus  $a_{i,n_i} = 0$  for all  $i$ . Thus we have linear independence.  $\square$

We are now ready to prove our theorem.

*Proof.* Suppose  $T$  is diagonalizable. Then there exists a basis consisting of eigenvectors. These are all linearly independent. If there are  $n$  distinct eigenvalues, then we have  $\gamma_j = \alpha_j$ . If the eigenvalues have multiplicities greater than 1, then we must have that  $\alpha_j = \gamma_j$ , otherwise we would violate the above lemma.

Now we suppose that  $T$  is diagonalizable. Let  $E$  be the eigenvector  $B$  and  $E$  any other basis. Then, clearly,  $S$  satisfies the above (see earlier comments about change of basis). Then,  $[T]_E = S^{-1}[T]_B^BS$ .  $\square$

**Note 4.6.** What the above theorem says is that if an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  has multiplicity  $m$ , but its eigenspace has only  $n < m$  basis elements, then  $T$  is *not* diagonalizable. If all eigenvalues' multiplicity equals its eigenspace dimension, then it is diagonalizable. BUT THIS MUST BE CHECKED MANUALLY.

# Chapter 5

## Adjoints and Self-Adjoint Operators: Finite Dimensional Case

### 5.1 Adjoints

**Definition 5.1.** Let  $V, W$  be real or complex finite dimensional vector spaces with inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_V$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_W$  respectively. Let  $L : V \rightarrow W$  be linear. Then, the *adjoint* of  $L$  is a linear transformation  $L^* : W \rightarrow V$  such that:

$$\langle Lv, w \rangle_V = \langle v, L^*w \rangle_V$$

for all  $v \in V, w \in W$ .

**Proposition 5.2.** Let  $L : V \rightarrow W$  be linear. Then  $L^*$  exists, is unique, and is linear.

*Proof.* Let  $\alpha = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  be an o.n. basis for  $V$  and  $\beta = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$  for  $W$ . We make the following observation: let  $u = c_1v_1 + \dots + c_nv_n \in V$ ,  $v = b_1v_1 + \dots + b_nv_n \in V$ . Then:

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \left\langle \sum_1^n c_j v_j, \sum_1^m b_j w_j \right\rangle = \bar{b}_1 c_1 + \dots + \bar{b}_n c_n = \langle [u]_\alpha, [v]_\alpha \rangle_C = [v]_\alpha^* [u]_\alpha.$$

Note that this holds for  $W$  as well. Thus we have that:

$$\langle Lu, w \rangle_W = [w]_\beta^* A_L [u]_\alpha = (A_L^* [w]_\beta)^* [u]_\alpha.$$

Clearly, this  $A_L^* \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  exists, is unique, and sends  $\mathbb{C}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ .

Let  $y = [w]_\beta$  and let  $x = A_L^* y$ . We can define  $v = \sum_1^n x_j v_j$  so that  $x = [v]_\alpha$ . Thus,  $[v]_\beta = A_L^* [w]_\beta$ . This is thus a linear map  $L^* : W \rightarrow V$ . Finally, we have:

$$\langle L^*w, v \rangle_V = [v]_\alpha^* A_L^* [w]_\beta = (A_L [v]_\alpha)^* [w]_\beta = \langle w, Lv \rangle_W.$$

Then taking conjugates (and using symmetry) gives the result.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.3.** Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space and  $\alpha$  an orthonormal basis for  $V$ . If  $L : V \rightarrow V$  is a linear transformation with matrix representation  $A_L$ , then the matrix representation of  $L^*$  is  $A_L^*$ .

### 5.2 Spectral Theory for Self-Adjoint Operators

**Proposition 5.4.** Let  $V$  be a complex vector space with an inner product. If  $L : V \rightarrow V$  is a self-adjoint linear transformation, then the eigenvalues of  $L$  are real numbers and the eigenvectors of  $L$  corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are orthogonal.

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $L$  and let  $x$  be its corresponding eigenvector. Then, we have:

$$\lambda \langle x, x \rangle = \langle Lx, x \rangle = \langle x, Lx \rangle = \langle x, \lambda x \rangle = \bar{\lambda} \langle x, x \rangle.$$

Therefore,  $(\lambda - \bar{\lambda}) \langle x, x \rangle = 0$ . Since  $x \neq 0$  (as it is an eigenvector), we have that  $\lambda = \bar{\lambda}$ , and thus  $\lambda$  is real.

Now suppose  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$  are distinct eigenvalues with  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  their corresponding eigenvectors. Then we have:

$$\lambda_1 \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle = \langle Lx_1, x_2 \rangle = \langle x_1, Lx_2 \rangle = \langle x_1, \lambda_2 x_2 \rangle = \lambda_2 \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle.$$

□

Therefore,  $(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle = 0$ . Since  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ , we have that  $\langle x_1, x_2 \rangle = 0$ . Therefore, they are orthogonal.

**Lemma 5.5.** *Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space with dimension  $n \geq 1$ . If  $L : V \rightarrow V$  is linear, then  $L$  has at least one eigenvector.*

*Proof.* Let  $\beta$  be a basis for  $V$  and let  $A_L$  be the matrix representation of  $L$  with respect to that basis. Then,  $\det(A_L - \lambda I) = 0$  is a polynomial in  $\lambda$ , it has at most  $n$  distinct roots. Thus, there is at least one eigenvalue. □

**Theorem 5.6.** *Let  $V$  be a complex, finite dimensional vector space. If  $L : V \rightarrow V$  is a self-adjoint linear transformation, then there is an orthonormal basis for  $V$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $L$ . The matrix for  $L$  with respect to this basis is diagonal.*

*Proof 1.* Let  $\alpha = x_1, \dots, x_k$  be the eigenvectors of  $L$  and let  $S = \text{span}(\alpha)$ . Then  $V = S \bigoplus S^\perp$ . We claim that that  $S^\perp = \{0\}$ . To do this, we show that  $S^\perp$  is invariant under  $L$ . Once we do that, if  $S \neq \{0\}$ , it has an (nonzero) eigenvector, and so we have that  $S \cap S^\perp \neq \{0\}$ , which is a contraction. Thus,  $V = S$ , and so  $S$  gives rise to a basis for  $V$ . We can apply Gram-Schmidt to  $\alpha$  to achieve an orthonormal basis.

We now prove our claim. Let  $u \in S^\perp$ , and let  $v_j$  be an eigenvector of  $L$ . Then:

$$\langle Lu, v_j \rangle = \langle u, Lv_j \rangle = \langle u, \lambda_j v_j \rangle = \bar{\lambda}_j \langle u, v_j \rangle = 0$$

Therefore,  $Lu \in S^\perp$ . Thus, we have that  $L : S^\perp \rightarrow S^\perp$  is a self-adjoint operator, and so has an eigenvector. The rest follows as above. □

*Proof 2 (I believe this is a better proof: the above has some details missing).* We proceed by induction. Suppose  $n = 1$ . Then  $L$  has one eigenvalue, call it  $x_1$ , and so  $V = \text{span}(\{x_1\})$ . Now suppose the result holds for  $k$ -dimensions. Consider a self-adjoint operator  $L : V \rightarrow V$ , where  $\dim(V) = k + 1$ . Again,  $L$  has at least one eigenvector,  $x_1$ . Let  $S = \text{span}(\{x_1\})$ . Then  $V = S \bigoplus S^\perp$ , where  $\dim(S^\perp) = k$ . Now let  $s \in S^\perp$ . Then,

$$\langle Ls, x_1 \rangle = \langle s, Lx_1 \rangle = \langle s, \lambda_1 x_1 \rangle = \bar{\lambda}_1 \langle s, x_1 \rangle = 0.$$

Therefore,  $L : S^\perp \rightarrow S^\perp$  is a well defined self-adjoint linear operator. Since  $\dim(S^\perp) = k$ , by our assumption,  $S^\perp$  has an o.n. basis consisting of eigenvectors  $\{y_1, \dots, y_k\}$ . Then,  $\{x_1, y_1, \dots, y_k\}$  is an orthogonal set, and so is linearly independent, and thus it spans  $V$ . Thus it is an o.n. basis consisting of eigenvectors of  $L$ .

Observe that therefore the matrix representation of  $L$  with respect to the o.n. basis is:

$$A_L = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, if  $A_L^*$  is given with respect to a different basis, all we need is a change of basis matrix  $S$  from the o.n. to the given basis and we get:  $\Lambda := A_L = S^{-1} A_L^* S^{-1}$ . That is,  $A_L^* = S \Lambda S^{-1}$ . □

**Note 5.7.** Observe, therefore, that  $S$  has columns  $[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ , where  $x_j$  is an eigenvector of  $L$ . It's just that  $S$  has  $x_j$  in terms of the other basis. Thus, we can make it so that  $S$  has orthogonal column vectors.

**Definition 5.8.** A matrix  $A$  is *orthogonal* if the columns are orthonormal.

**Theorem 5.9.** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  complex matrix. The following are equivalent:

1.  $A$  is orthogonal;
2.  $A$  is invertible and  $A^{-1} = A^*$ ;
3.  $\langle Au, Av \rangle = \langle u, v \rangle$  for all  $u, v$ .
4.  $\|Au\| = \|u\|$ .

*Proof.* Suppose 1: Then we have:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^* = \begin{bmatrix} \overline{a_{11}} & \dots & \overline{a_{n1}} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \overline{a_{1n}} & \dots & \overline{a_{nn}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, the  $ij^{th}$  entry of  $AA^*$  is  $x_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}\overline{a_{kj}}$ , which is the inner product of the  $j^{th}$  column of  $A$  and the  $i$  column of  $A$ . Thus,  $x_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$ . Thus,  $AA^* = I$ , and so  $A^* = A^{-1}$ .

Now suppose 2. Then,  $\langle Au, Av \rangle = (Av)^*Au = v^*A^*Au = v^*u = \langle u, v \rangle$ .

Now suppose 3. Then,  $\|Au\|^2 = \langle Au, Au \rangle = \langle u, u \rangle = \|u\|^2$ . Thus,  $\|Au\| = \|u\|$ . (Later, this implies that  $\|A\| = 1$ .) Now suppose 4. Using the first proposition from the inner product section, we have that  $\|Ae_i + Ae_j e^{i\alpha}\| = \|e_i\| + 2|\langle Ae_i, Ae_j \rangle| + \|e_j\|^2 = 2 + 2|\langle Ae_i, Ae_j \rangle|$ . We also have:

$$\|Ae_i + Ae_j e^{i\alpha}\|^2 = \|A(e_i + e_j e^{i\alpha})\|^2 = \|e_i + e_j e^{i\alpha}\|^2 = \|e_i\|^2 + 2|\langle e_i, e_j \rangle| + \|e_j\|^2 = 2.$$

Combining these two equations, we get that  $|\langle Ae_i, Ae_j \rangle| = 0$ . Thus,  $\langle Ae_i, Ae_j \rangle = 0$ . Thus the column vectors of  $A$  are orthogonal, and we can normalize if necessary. Thus  $A$  is orthogonal.  $\square$

**Note 5.10.** Note, then, that  $S$  from above is orthogonal and thus satisfies the above theorem.

### 5.3 Courant-Fischer Theorem

**Theorem 5.11.** Let  $A$  be a real  $n \times n$  self-adjoint matrix having eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$ . Then,

$$\lambda_k = \min_{C \in \mathbb{R}^{(k-1) \times n}} \max_{\|x\|=1, Cy=0} x^T Ax.$$

*Proof.* By diagonalization, we get  $x^T Ax = x^T S \Lambda S^T x$  ( $S^* = S^T$  when  $S$  is real). Define  $S^T x = y$ . Since  $S$  is orthogonal,  $\|x\| = \|Sy\| = \|y\|$ . Furthermore, since  $S$  is invertible, CS runs over all matrices as  $C$  does. Then, we can rewrite the above as:

$$\lambda_k = \min_{C \in \mathbb{R}^{(k-1) \times n}} \max_{\|y\|=1, Cy=0} y^T \Lambda y.$$

Define  $q(y) := y^T \Lambda y$ . Then,  $q(y) = \sum_1^n y_j \lambda_j y_j = \sum_1^n \lambda_j y_j^2$ . Now consider:

$$C_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & & 0 \\ \vdots & & & & \\ 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where the 1 in the bottom row is in the  $k - 1$  spot. So  $C_0$  looks like the identity matrix for the first  $k - 1$  columns then 0's. Thus, to get  $C_0y = 0$ , we only need to consider  $y = \sum_{j=k}^n y_j e_j$  such that  $\|y\| = 1$ . Thus,  $C_0y = 0$ , and

$$q(y) = \sum_{j=k}^n \lambda_j y_j^2 = \leq \lambda_k \sum_1^n y_j^2 = \lambda_k.$$

Now take  $y = (0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0)$  where 1 is in the  $k$ -spot. Then  $\|y\| = 1$ ,  $C_0y = 0$  and  $q(y) = \lambda_k$ .

$$\max_{\|y\|=1} q(y) = \lambda_k.$$

Now we consider any  $C$ . If we can find some  $y'$  such that  $q(y') \geq \lambda_k$ , we would have  $\max_C q(y) \geq \lambda_k$ , then we will be done. (Will explain more on this.) So take  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{(k-1) \times n}$ . Now augment  $C$  to  $\tilde{C}$  as follows:

$$\tilde{C} = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ e_{k+1}^T \\ \vdots \\ e_n^T \end{bmatrix}$$

Observe, therefore, that  $\tilde{C}$  is an  $(n-1) \times n$ . Since  $\text{rank}(\tilde{C}) \leq n-1$ ,  $\text{null}(\tilde{C}) \geq 1$ . Therefore, there exists a  $y' \neq 0$  such that  $\tilde{C}y' = 0$ . Then, we have that  $Cy' = 0$  and  $e_j^T y' = 0 = y_j$ . We can normalize  $y'$ . Then,  $q(y') = \sum_1^k \lambda_j y'_j \geq \lambda_k$ . Thus,  $\max_{Cy=0, \|y\|=1} q(y) \geq \lambda_k$ .

To put it all together, we have a set with these maxes. One of them is  $\lambda_k$  that we got from  $C_0$ . But, for all  $C$ , there max is greater than  $\lambda_k$ . Thus the minimum over all  $C$  is  $\lambda_k$ , and this completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.12** (Fredholm Alternative). *Let  $L : V \rightarrow W$ , finite dimensional vector spaces, be linear. The equation  $Lv = w$  has a solution iff  $w \in \text{Null}(L^*)^\perp$ . That is  $\text{Range}(L) = \text{Null}(L^*)^\perp$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose there exists a  $v \in V$  such that  $Lv = w$ . Let  $u \in \text{Null}(L^*)$ . Then:

$$\langle w, u \rangle_W = \langle Lv, u \rangle_W = \langle v, L^*u \rangle_V = \langle v, 0 \rangle_V = 0.$$

Thus,  $w \in \text{Null}(L^*)^\perp$ , and  $\text{Range}(L) \subset \text{Null}(L^*)^\perp$ . Thus, if  $Lv = w$  has a solution,  $w \in \text{Null}(L^*)^\perp$ .

Now suppose that  $w \in \text{Null}(L^*)^\perp$  but  $w \notin \text{Range}(L)$  (note then that  $w \neq 0$ ). Since  $W$  is finite dimensional, we have  $W = \text{Range}(L) \oplus \text{Range}(L)^\perp$ . And so  $w \in \text{Range}(L)^\perp$ . Then, if  $v \in V$ ,  $Lv \in \text{Range}(L)$ , so  $\langle Lv, w \rangle = \langle v, L^*w \rangle$ . This holds for all  $v \in V$ . Thus, pick  $v$  such that  $L^*w = v$ . Then,

$$\langle Lv, w \rangle = \langle v, L^*w \rangle = \langle L^*w, L^*w \rangle = 0.$$

Thus,  $L^*w = 0$ , and so  $w \in \text{Null}(L^*)$ . But then  $w \in \text{Null}(L^*) \cap \text{Null}(L^*)^\perp$ , so  $w = 0$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $w \in \text{Range}(L)$ , and  $Lv = w$  has a solution. Also, we have that  $\text{Null}(L^*)^\perp \subset \text{Range}(L)$  and so  $\text{Range}(L) = \text{Null}(L^*)^\perp$ .  $\square$

# Chapter 6

## Banach and Hilbert Spaces

### 6.1 Complete Spaces

**Definition 6.1.** Let  $V$  be a normed vector space over either the real or complex numbers. A sequence of vectors  $\{v_j\}_1^\infty$  converges to  $v \in V$  if

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|v_j - v\| = 0.$$

**Definition 6.2.** Let  $V$  be a normed vector space over either the real or complex numbers. A sequence of vectors  $\{v_j\}_1^\infty$  is Cauchy if for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists and  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for  $n, m \geq N$

$$\|v_n - v_m\| < \epsilon.$$

**Proposition 6.3.** Every convergent sequence is Cauchy.

*Proof.* Let  $\{v_j\}_1^\infty$  be a convergent sequence, say  $v_j \rightarrow v$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then, there exists an  $N$  such that for all  $n \geq N$ ,  $\|v_n - v\| < \epsilon/2$ . So choose  $n, m \geq N$ . Then, by the triangle inequality:

$$\|v_n - v_m\| = \|v_n + v - v - v_m\| \leq \|v_n - v\| + \|v_m - v\| < \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 = \epsilon.$$

Thus the sequence is Cauchy.  $\square$

**Example 6.4.** It is not always the case that a Cauchy sequence is convergent. Consider  $\mathbb{Q}$  and then let  $(1.4, 1.41, 1.414, \dots)$  be a sequence. This sequence goes to  $\sqrt{2}$ , but  $\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ . (We know that this sequences is Cauchy because it converges in  $\mathbb{R}$ .) However, this sequence does not converge in  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**Definition 6.5.** A normed vector space  $V$  is a *Banach Space* if it is complete.

**Definition 6.6.** A inner product space  $V$  is a *Hilbert Space* if it is complete.

Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$  be a sequence. The following are examples of Banach Spaces:

1.  $l^p := \{x : \sum_{j=1}^\infty |x_j|^p := \|x\|_{l^p} < \infty\}, 1 \leq p < \infty;$
2.  $l^\infty := \{x : \sup_j |x_j| < \infty\}, \|x\|_{l^\infty} = \sup_j |x_j|;$
3.  $c = \{x : \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} x_j \text{ exists}\}, \|x\|_c = \|x\|_\infty;$
4.  $c_0 = \{x : \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} x_j = 0\}, \|x\|_{c_0} = \|x\|_\infty;$

Note that, expect for  $l^\infty$ , the above spaces are separable. (Just consider  $\mathbb{Q}$  as possible options.) The following *function* spaces are also Banach Spaces:

1.  $C[0, 1], \|f\|_C = \max_{x \in [0, 1]} |f(x)|;$
2.  $C^k[a, b], \|f\|_{C^k} = \sum_{j=0}^k \sup_{x \in [0, 1]} |f^{(j)}(x)|;$

3.  $L^P(I)$ ,  $\|f\|_p := (\int_I |f(x)|^p)^{1/p}$ ; item  $L^\infty(I)$ ,  $\|f\|_\infty(I) = \text{ess-sup}_{x \in I} |f(x)|$ .

Note that  $L^2$ ,  $l^2$  are Hilbert spaces.

**Proposition 6.7.** The space  $l^\infty$  is a Banach Space.

*Proof.* Let  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $l^\infty$  (so we have a sequence of sequences). Let  $x_n(j)$  denote the  $j^{th}$  term in the  $n^{th}$  sequence. Then, for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists an  $N$  such that for all  $n, m \geq N$  and all  $j$ ,

$$|x_n(j) - x_m(j)| < \epsilon.$$

Then,  $\{x_n(j)\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is Cauchy sequence of real or complex numbers, and therefore converges, say to  $x(j)$ . From the above inequality, fix  $m$  and let  $\epsilon = 1$ . Then we have  $|x_n(j)| < 1 + |x_m(j)|$ . Let  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and we have  $|x(j)| < 1 + |x_m(j)| < 1 + \|x_m\|_\infty < \infty$ . This holds for all  $j$  and therefore  $x \in l^\infty$ . All we need to show is that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in norm. From above, we have for all  $j$ :

$$|x_n(j) - x_m(j)| < \epsilon \text{ for } n, m \text{ big enough.}$$

Let  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then, we have  $|x(j) - x_m(j)| < \epsilon$ , which holds for all  $j$ . Thus,  $\|x - x_m\| < \epsilon$  for  $m \geq N$ . Thus,  $x_n \rightarrow x$ .  $\square$

## 6.2 Continuous Functions

**Proposition 6.8.**  $C[0, 1]$  with the sup norm is complete.

*Proof.* Let  $\{f_n\}_1^\infty$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $C[0, 1]$ , so for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n, m \geq N$ ,  $\|f_n - f_m\| < \epsilon$ . That is, for all  $x$ ,  $\|f_n(x) - f_m(x)\| < \epsilon$ . Thus, if fix  $x$ ,  $\{f_n(x)\}_1^\infty$  is a Cauchy sequence of real numbers and therefore converges. Therefore, we may define a new function:

$$f(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x).$$

Now we need to show that  $f$  is continuous and  $f_n$  converges to  $f$  in the sup norm. First, we show continuity.

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then, we have

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |f(x) - f_n(x)| + |f_n(x) - f_n(y)| + |f_n(y) - f(y)|.$$

From the definition of  $f$ , there exists a  $N_1$  such that  $|f(x) - f_n(x)| < \epsilon/3$  and an  $N_2$  such that  $|f_n(y) - f(y)| < \epsilon/3$ . Let  $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$ . Then, since  $f_N$  is continuous, we have that there exists and  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|f_N(x) - f_N(y)| < \epsilon/3$  when  $|x - y| < \delta$ . There, we have:

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |f(x) - f_N(y)| + |f_N(x) - f_N(y)| + |f_N(y) - f(y)| < \epsilon/3 + \epsilon/3 + \epsilon/3 = \epsilon.$$

Thus  $f$  is continuous.

Now we show that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in the sup norm. Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then, from earlier we have that, for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ , there exists an  $N$  such that for all  $n, m \geq N$ ,

$$|f_n(x) - f_m(x)| < \epsilon$$

Let  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , and we have  $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$ . Since this holds for all  $x$ , have  $\|f_n - f\| < \epsilon$ , and so  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in the sup norm. This completes the proof.  $\square$

# Chapter 7

## Notes on the Lebesgue Integral

### 7.1 Brief Introduction

Consider the function:

$$\chi(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1] \\ 0 & x \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1] \end{cases}.$$

This function does not have a Riemann integral because partitioning the  $x$ -axis does not work for the purposes of integration. However, The Lebesgue integral *can*. It does so by partitioning the  $y$ -axis instead of the  $x$ -axis.

Here are some of the technical details (for Narowich– 607 does not give this treatment). Let  $P = \{c \leq y_0 < y_1 < \dots < y_n \leq d\}$  be a sequence of points such that the range of  $f$  is contained in  $[c, d]$ . Let  $E_j = \{x \in [a, b] : y_j \leq f(x) < y_{j+1}\} = f^{-1}([y_j, y_{j+1}))$  and choose a  $y_j^*$  from each interval  $[y_j, y_{j+1}]$ . We then define the Lebesgue sum to be:

$$L_{P, Y^*}(f) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} y_j^* \mu(E_j).$$

where  $\mu(E_j)$  denotes the measure or length of the set  $E_j$  and  $Y^* = \{y_j^*\}_{j=0}^{n-1}$ . For this sum to make sense, we need a concept of measure for more than just intervals. For example, for the first function above,  $\chi^{-1}(1/2, 3/2)$  is the set of all irrationals in the interval. So we need to figure out how to measure this set (and others).

### 7.2 Measureable

**Definition 7.1.** A  $\sigma$ -algebra is a set  $\mathcal{M} \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$  such that:

- $\mathcal{M}$  is nonempty;
- $\mathcal{M}$  is closed under complements;
- $\mathcal{M}$  is closed under countable unions.

**Definition 7.2.** A *measure*  $\mu : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a set function such that:

- $\mu([a, b]) = b - a$ ;
- $0 \leq \mu(A)$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{M}$ ; (Positivity)
- If  $\{A_j\}_1^\infty$  is pairwise disjoint, then  $\mu(\bigsqcup_1^\infty A_j) = \sum_1^\infty \mu(A_j)$ . (Countable additivity)

- $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$ .

**Proposition 7.3.** Every countable set has measure 0.

*Proof.* We begin by showing that singletons have measure 0. (We will assume here the regularity of the Lebesgue measure— that is,  $\mu(A) = \inf \mu(O) : A \subset O$ ,  $O$  is open). Then, for every  $n$ :

$$\mu(\{x\}) \leq \mu((x - 1/n, x + 1/n)) = 2/n.$$

Let  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and the result follows for singletons. Then, if  $A = x_1, x_2, \dots$  we have

$$\mu(A) = \sum_1^\infty \mu(\{x_j\}) = 0.$$

□

### 7.3 Measurable Functions

**Definition 7.4.** A function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is *measurable* if  $f^{-1}([c, d])$  is measurable. More general,  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is measurable if for every measurable  $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f^{-1}(E) \subset A$  is a measurable subset of  $A$ .

**Note 7.5.** Know that if  $f, g$  are measurable, then  $af + g$  is measurable,  $fg$  and  $f/g$  are all measurable. Every continuous function is measurable. If  $f$  is continuous and the range  $g$  is in the domain of  $f$ , then  $f \circ g$  is measurable, but the reserve may not hold.

**Definition 7.6.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions. Then,  $f = g$  *almost everywhere* if  $\{x : g(x) \neq f(x)\}$  has measure 0.

**Proposition 7.7.** Suppose that  $A$  is a measurable set and  $f_n : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a sequence of measurable functions such that  $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$  for all  $x$ . Then  $f$  measurable.

**Definition 7.8.** Let  $A$  be a measurable set. A function  $\phi : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is simple if the range of  $s$  has finite values.

**Definition 7.9.** The *characteristic function*  $\chi_A$  is:

$$\chi_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in A \\ 0 & x \notin A \end{cases}.$$

Note then that  $\chi_A$  is simple.

**Proposition 7.10.** Let  $s : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a simple function with range  $\{d_j\}_{j=1}^n$  and  $n < \infty$ . Denote  $E_j = s^{-1}(d_j)$ . Then  $s$  has the form

$$s = \sum_1^n d_j \chi_{E_j}.$$

Conversely, if  $s$  has the from above, then  $s$  is simple.

*Proof.* Suppose  $s : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is simple, and let  $t = \sum_1^n d_j \chi_{E_j}$ . Since  $s^{-1}(\{d_j\}) = E_j$ ,  $A = s^{-1}(\text{Rang}(s)) = s^{-1}(\bigcup \{d_j\}) = \bigcup_1^n E_j$ . Let  $t : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is well defined. Now let  $x \in A$ . Without loss of generality, let  $x \in E_j$ . Then,  $s(x) = d_j = \sum_1^n d_j \chi_{E_j}(x) = t(x)$ . This hold for all  $x \in A$ , so  $s$  is the sum.

For the other direction, simply observe that since  $s$  is well defined,  $E_j \cap E_k = \emptyset$  for  $j \neq k$ . Thus,  $A = \bigcup_1^n E_j$ . Finally, since  $n < \infty$ ,  $|\text{Range}(s)| < \infty$ , and so is simple. □

## 7.4 The Lebesgue Integral

**Definition 7.11.** Let  $s$  be a simple function,  $E_j = s^{-1}(d_j)$ . Then the integral of  $s$  is:

$$\int_A s d\mu = \sum_{j=1}^n d_j \mu(E_j).$$

**Definition 7.12.** Let  $f$  be a measurable function. Then, for  $s$  a simple function:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_A^+ f d\mu &= \inf \left\{ \int_A s d\mu : s(x) \geq f(x) \right\} \\ \int_A^- f d\mu &= \inf \left\{ \int_A s d\mu : s(x) \leq f(x) \right\}\end{aligned}$$

Define  $\int_A f d\mu = \int_A^+ f d\mu = \int_A^- f d\mu$ , when they exists and are equal.

**Definition 7.13.** Let  $f$  be a nonnegative measurable function. Then:

$$\int_A f d\mu = \sup_s \int_A s d\mu : s(x) \leq f(x).$$

**Definition 7.14.** A measurable function  $f$  is *integrable* if  $\int_A |f| d\mu < \infty$ . When  $f$  is not nonnegative, then we define  $f^+ := 1/2(f + |f|)$ ,  $f^- = 1/2(f - |f|)$ , and so  $\int_A f d\mu = \int_A f^+ d\mu - \int_A f^- d\mu$ .

**Note 7.15.** Know the following:

- If  $f$  is a bounded, measurable function, then the integral exists.
- Integreation is a linear operation.
- If  $\int_A f^2 dx$  and  $\int_A g^2 dx$  both exists, then  $\int_A fg dx$  and  $\int_A (f+g)^2 dx$  exist.
- $\int_{A \sqcup B} f d\mu = \int_A f d\mu + \int_B f d\mu$ .
- If  $f = g$  almost everywhere, then  $\int_A f d\mu = \int_B f d\mu$ .
- If the Riemann integral of  $x$  exists, then the Lebesgue integral exists and the integrals are equal.

We give the following without definition.

**Theorem 7.16** (Monotone Convergence Theorem). *Let  $\{f_j\}$  be a collection of measurable functions on  $A$  such that  $0 \leq f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \dots \leq f_n \leq \dots$  almost everywhere. Define  $f(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$ . Then,  $f$  is measurable and*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_A f_n d\mu = \int_A \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n d\mu = \int_A f d\mu.$$

**Theorem 7.17** (Dominated Convergence Theorem). *Let  $\{f_j\}$  be a set of measurable functions that converges pointwise to a function  $f$ . Assume there exists an integrable function  $g$  such that  $|f_j(x)| \leq g(x)$  almost every where. Then,  $f$  is integrable and*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_A f_n d\mu = \int_A \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n d\mu = \int_A f d\mu.$$

**Theorem 7.18** (Fubini's Theorem). *Let  $f$  be a measurable function on  $A \times B$ . If  $\int_{A \times B} |f(x, y)| d\mu(x, y) < \infty$ , then  $\int_A \int_B f(x, y) d\mu(x) d\mu(y)$  exists and the order of integration can be switched.*

**Definition 7.19.**

$$L^p([a, b]) = \{f : \left( \int_a^b |f|^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty\}.$$

**Note 7.20.**  $L^p([a, b])$  is a normed space with the norm  $\|f\|_p = \left(\int_a^b |f|^p d\mu\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ .

**Definition 7.21.** When  $p = \infty$ , we define  $\|f\|_\infty = \text{ess sup}|f| = \inf\{a \in \mathbb{R} : \mu(\{x : |f|(x) > a\}) = 0\}$ .

**Theorem 7.22.** *The space  $L^p([a, b])$  is a Banach Space. When  $p = 2$ , it is a Hilbert Space.*

**Example 7.23.** Let  $f_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n}}}$  for  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,  $n \geq 1$ . Let  $f$  be the pointwise limit of  $f_n$ . Show that  $f$  is integrable.

*Proof.* Observe that  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x + \frac{1}{n}}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n+1}}}$ , so that  $f_n(x) \leq f_{n+1}(x)$  for all  $x$ . Thus, by MCT:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 f_n(x) dx = \int_0^1 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x + \frac{1}{n}}} dx = \int_0^1 f(x) dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx < \infty.$$

□

**Example 7.24.** Let  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ , define  $\hat{f}(w) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{iwt} dt$ . Show that  $\hat{f}$  is continuous.

*Proof.* By computation, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f}(x + 1/n) - \hat{f}(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-i(w+1/n)t} dt - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{iwt} dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \left( e^{-iwt-i(1/n)t} - e^{-iwt} \right) dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-iwt} (e^{-i(1/n)t} - 1) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $g_n(t) = f(t)e^{-iwt} (e^{-i(1/n)t} - 1)$ . Observe that  $g_n(t) \rightarrow 0$  pointwise.

Then,  $|g_n(t)| \leq |f(t)e^{-iwt} (e^{-i(1/n)t} - 1)| \leq |f(t)||e^{-i(1/n)t} - 1| \leq 2|f(t)|$ . Since  $2|f(t)| \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ , we can apply DCT:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \hat{f}(w + 1/n) - \hat{f}(w) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_n(t) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 0 dt = 0.$$

Therefore  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \hat{f}(w + h) = \hat{f}(w)$ , and  $\hat{f}$  is continuous. □

# Chapter 8

## Orthonormal Sets

In this section, let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space and  $V \subset \mathcal{H}$  be a subspace. Also, let  $\{u_j\}_1^\infty$  be an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H}$ . We first give a brief lemma.

**Lemma 8.1.** *Let  $\{u_j\}_1^\infty$  be an o.n. set. Then  $\|\sum_1^\infty \alpha_j u_j\|^2 = \sum_1^\infty |\alpha_j|^2$ .*

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \|\sum_1^\infty \alpha_j u_j\|^2 &= \left\langle \sum_1^\infty \alpha_j u_j, \sum_1^\infty \alpha_k u_k \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_1^\infty \sum_1^\infty \alpha_j \overline{\alpha_k} \langle u_j, u_k \rangle \\ &= \sum_1^\infty \sum_1^\infty \alpha_j \overline{\alpha_k} \delta_{j,k} \\ &= \sum_1^\infty \alpha_j \overline{\alpha_j} \\ &= \sum_1^\infty |\alpha_j|^2. \end{aligned}$$

□

Recall from earlier, that  $p \in V$  minimizes  $\|f - v\|$  for  $v \in V$  iff  $f - p \in V^\perp$ . When such a  $p$  exists, there is a projection  $P_V$  such that  $P_V f = p$  (since  $p$  is unique). When  $V$  is finite dimensional, such a  $p$  always exists, and so  $P_V : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow V$  is well defined.

We want to verify that the projection does in fact minimize over  $V$ . So, if we let  $\{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$  be an o.n. basis for  $V$ , then we have that  $P_V f = \sum_1^n \langle f, u_j \rangle u_j$ . Then, by the Pythagorean theorem, we have:

$$\|f - P_v f\|^2 = \|f\|^2 - \|P_V f\|^2 = \|f\|^2 - \left\langle \sum_1^n \langle f, u_j \rangle u_j, \sum_1^n \langle f, u_i \rangle u_i \right\rangle = \|f\|^2 - \sum_1^n |\langle f, u_j \rangle|.$$

Now suppose  $v \in V$  is given by  $v = \sum_1^n \alpha_j u_j$ , where  $\alpha_j$  are arbitrary. By the Pythagorean Theorem, we know that for any  $u \in \mathcal{H}$ , we have:  $\|u\|^2 = \|P_V u\|^2 + \|(I - P_V)u\|^2$ . Thus, for  $v \in V$ , we have  $f - v \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\|f - v\|^2 = \|P_V(f - v)\|^2 + \|(I - P_V)(f - v)\|^2 = \|P_V f - v\|^2 + \|f - P_V f\|^2$ . Then, from earlier, we deduce  $\|f - v\|^2 = \|f\|^2 - \sum_1^n |\langle f, u_j \rangle|^2 + \sum_1^n |\alpha_j - \langle f, u_j \rangle|^2$ . Clearly, this is minimized when  $\alpha_j = \langle f, u_j \rangle$ , that is, when  $v$  is the projection.

Naturally, if we have an o.n. set  $\{u_j\}_1^\infty$  would want to know if we can represent any  $f \in \mathcal{H}$  as  $\sum_1^\infty \langle f, u_j \rangle u_j$ . Unfortunately, this is not always the case. When it does occur, we have the following:

**Definition 8.2.** Let  $\{u_j\}_1^\infty := U$  be a o.n. set. If every vector in  $\mathcal{H}$  can be written as  $\sum_1^\infty \langle f, u_j \rangle u_j$ , then  $U$  is *complete*. (Note this is different than Cauchy completeness.)

**Proposition 8.3.** The following are equivalent:

1. Every vector in  $\mathcal{H}$  may be uniquely represented as the series  $f = \sum_1^\infty \langle f, u_j \rangle u_j$ .
2.  $U$  is maximal in the sense that there is no non-zero vector in  $\mathcal{H}$  that is orthogonal to  $U$ . (Equivalently,  $U$  is not a proper subset of any other o.n. set in  $\mathcal{H}$ .)

*Proof.* For 1) implies 2), we proceed by contradiction. Suppose every vector can be represented as its projection, and suppose there exists an o.n. set  $W$  such that  $U \subsetneq W$ . Let  $w \neq 0 \in W$ . Then,  $w = \sum_1^\infty \langle w, u_j \rangle u_j$ . But then  $w = \sum_1^\infty \langle w, u_j \rangle u_j = 0$ . For 2) implies 1 we proceed via contrapositive. Suppose  $f$  cannot be represented by its projection. Then,  $f - Pf \neq 0$ . Computation shows:

$$\langle f - Pf, u_j \rangle = \langle f, u_j \rangle - \langle Pf, u_j \rangle = \langle f, u_j \rangle - \sum_1^\infty \langle f, u_k \rangle u_k u_j = \langle f, u_j \rangle - \langle f, u_j \rangle = 0.$$

This holds for all  $j$ , so  $g := f - Pf \in U^\perp$ . Thus,  $U \cup \{g\}$  is an o.n. basis (we can normalize  $g$  if necessary), and so  $U$  is no longer maximal.  $\square$

**Theorem 8.4** (Bessel's Inequality). *Let  $\{u_j\}_1^\infty$  be an o.n. set. Then, for all  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ ,*

$$\sum_1^\infty |\langle f, u_j \rangle|^2 \leq \|f\|^2.$$

*Proof.* For each  $n$ ,  $U_n := \{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$  is a finite set, so a projection exists, and thus from the above (Pythagorean theorem),  $0 \leq \|f - P_{U_n} f\| = \|f\|^2 - \sum_1^n |\langle f, u_j \rangle|^2$ , thus  $\sum_1^n |\langle f, u_j \rangle|^2 \leq \|f\|^2$ . This holds for all  $n$ , and so the partial sums form a bounded monotone increasing sequence, and thus converges. Therefore,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_1^n |\langle f, u_j \rangle|^2 = \sum_1^\infty |\langle f, u_j \rangle|^2 \leq \|f\|^2$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 8.5** (Parseval's Equation). *An o.n. set  $U$  is complete iff  $\|f\|^2 = \sum_1^\infty |\langle f, u_j \rangle|^2$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ .*

*Proof.* If  $U$  is complete, then  $f = \sum_1^\infty \langle f, u_j \rangle u_j$ . Then,  $\|f - \sum_1^\infty \langle f, u_j \rangle u_j\| = 0$  implies that  $\|f\| \leq \|\sum_1^\infty \langle f, u_j \rangle u_j\|$ . Thus,  $\|f\|^2 \leq \|\sum_1^\infty \langle f, u_j \rangle u_j\|^2 = \sum_1^\infty |\langle f, u_j \rangle|^2$ . This coupled with Bessel's Inequality gives Parseval's Inequality.

Now suppose Parseval's Equality holds. Then, we have:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f - \sum_1^n \langle f, u_j \rangle u_j\|^2 = \|f\|^2 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_1^n |\langle f, u_j \rangle|^2 = \|f\|^2 - \sum_1^\infty |\langle f, u_j \rangle|^2 = 0$$

Thus,  $f = \sum_1^\infty \langle f, u_j \rangle u_j$ , and  $U$  is complete.  $\square$

**Definition 8.6.** Let  $\{u_j\}_1^\infty := U$  be an o.n. set. Then,  $\mathcal{H}_U = \{g \in \mathcal{H} : g = \sum_1^\infty \alpha_j u_j\}$ .

**Note 8.7.** Observe that for  $g \in U$ ,  $\langle g, u_j \rangle = \langle \sum_1^\infty \alpha_k u_k, u_j \rangle = \alpha_j$ , so the  $\alpha$ 's are uniquely given (as exactly what we would expect).

**Proposition 8.8.**  $\mathcal{H}_U$  is a closed subspace of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\{g_k\}_1^\infty$  be a sequence in  $\mathcal{H}_U$  such that  $g_k \rightarrow g$ . Let  $P_n$  denote the projection to  $\text{span}(\{u_1, \dots, u_n\})$ . Observe that  $g \in \mathcal{H}_U$  iff  $g = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_n g$ . Thus we show the second portion. Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then, there exists an  $L$  such that  $\|g - g_L\| < \epsilon/2$ . Then, for  $g_L$ , (since  $g_L \in \mathcal{H}_U$ , there exists an  $N$  such that  $\|g - P_N g\| < \epsilon_2$ ). Then, by properties of projections:

$$\|g - P_N g\| \leq \|g - P_N g_L\| \leq \|g - g_L\| + \|g_L - P_N g_L\| < \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 = \epsilon.$$

Therefore  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_n g = g$ , and we are done.  $\square$

**Corollary 8.9.** An o.n. set  $U$  is complete iff  $\mathcal{H}_U = \mathcal{H}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $U$  is complete, so every  $f \in \mathcal{H}$  can be given by its projection. Thus  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_U$ . Now suppose  $\mathcal{H}_U = \mathcal{H}$ . Then, every  $f \in \mathcal{H}$  can be given by its projection, and so  $U$  is complete.  $\square$

**Proposition 8.10.** Let  $D$  be a dense subset of  $\mathcal{H}$ . An o.n. set  $U$  is complete iff  $D \subset \mathcal{H}_U$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $U$  is complete. Then  $\mathcal{H}_U = \mathcal{H}$  and so  $D \subset \mathcal{H}_U$ . Now suppose  $D \subset \mathcal{H}$ . Since  $D$  is dense, every  $f \in \mathcal{H}$  is a limit point of a sequence in  $D$ . Since  $\mathcal{H}_U$  is closed, this implies that the limit is in  $\mathcal{H}_U$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_U$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 8.11.** Let  $D$  be a dense subset of  $\mathcal{H}$ . An o.n. set  $U$  is complete iff every vector  $f \in D$  can be written as  $f = \sum_1^\infty \alpha_j u_j$ .

*Proof.* If  $U$  is complete, then the consequence follows immediately. If  $f$  can be represented as the sum, then  $D \subset \mathcal{H}_U$ , and so the result follows from the above proposition.  $\square$

## 8.1 Orthogonal Polynomials

In this section, we focus primarily on  $L^2[a, b]$ . Also note that we are given that the continuous function are dense in  $L^2$ .

**Proposition 8.12.** The polynomials are dense in  $L^2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f \in L^2$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then, there exists a continuous  $g$  such that  $\|f - g\|_2 < \epsilon/2$ . Then, since the polynomials are dense in the continuous functions, there exists a polynomial  $p$  such that  $\|g - p\|_u < \epsilon/(2\sqrt{b-a})$ . Then, we have that:

$$\|g - p\|_2 = \left( \int_a^b |g - p|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \left( \int_a^b \left( \frac{\epsilon}{2\sqrt{b-a}} \right)^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\epsilon}{2\sqrt{b-a}} \sqrt{b-a} = \epsilon/2.$$

Therefore,  $\|f - p\|_2 \leq \|f - g\|_2 + \|g - p\|_2 < \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 = \epsilon$ .

This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Definition 8.13.** The *Legendre Polynomials* are the polynomials generated by using Gram-Schmidt on  $\{1, x, x^2, \dots\}$  in  $L^2[-1, 1]$ .

**Corollary 8.14.** The Legendre Polynomials form a complete set in  $L^2[-1, 1]$ .

*Proof.* Let  $D = \text{span}(\{1, x, x^2, \dots\})$  or the polynomials. This set is dense by the above proposition. Then, we can  $P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots\}$ , the Legendre Polynomials. This set is orthonormal by construction. Since this set is generated by orthonormalizing the basis for polynomials, it preserves the span of that basis. Therefore,  $D \subset \mathcal{H}_P$ . Thus, by the above proposition,  $P$  is complete.  $\square$

# Chapter 9

# Approximation of Continuous Functions

## 9.1 Modulus of Continuity

Consider  $f \in C[0, 1]$ . Since  $[0, 1]$  is compact, we have that  $f$  is uniformly continuous. Thus, for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|x - y| < \delta$  implies  $|f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$ . One way to think about it is, if  $f$  is uniformly continuous, if I give you a  $\epsilon > 0$ , you give me  $\delta > 0$  that satisfies the definition. But what we switched it; what if I gave you a  $\delta > 0$  and asked for an  $\epsilon > 0$ ? This is the modulus of continuity.

**Definition 9.1.** Let  $f \in C[0, 1]$  and  $\delta > 0$ . The the *modulus of continuity* is:

$$\omega(f, \delta) = \sup\{|f(x) - f(y)| : |x - y| < \delta, x, y \in [0, 1]\}.$$

**Example 9.2.** Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ . Then  $\omega(f, \delta) = \sqrt{\delta}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\delta > 0$ . Then, wlog, let  $x < y$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < |f(y) - f(x)| &= |\sqrt{y} - \sqrt{x}| = \sqrt{y} - \sqrt{x} \\ &= \frac{y - x}{\sqrt{y} + \sqrt{x}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{y-x}\sqrt{y-x}}{\sqrt{y} + \sqrt{x}} \\ &= \sqrt{y-x} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \frac{x}{y}}}{1 + \sqrt{\frac{x}{y}}} \\ &= \sqrt{y-x} \frac{1 - \sqrt{\frac{x}{y}}}{1 + \sqrt{\frac{x}{y}}} \\ &\leq \sqrt{y-x} \leq \sqrt{\delta}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\omega(f, \delta) \leq \sqrt{\delta}$ . If we take  $x = 0$  and  $y = \delta$ , we hget  $|f(y) - f(x)| = \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{\delta}}\sqrt{\delta} = \sqrt{\delta}$ . Therefore,  $\omega(f, \delta) = \sqrt{\delta}$ .  $\square$

**Example 9.3.** Suppose  $f \in C^1[0, 1]$ . Then  $\omega(f, \delta) \leq \delta||f||_\infty$ .

*Proof.* By the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus,  $f(y) - f(x) = \int_x^y f'(t)dt$ . Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} |f(y) - f(x)| &= \left| \int_x^y f'(t)dt \right| \leq \int_x^y |f'(t)|dt \\ &\leq \|f'\|_\infty \int_x^y 1dt \\ &= \|f'\|_\infty |y - x| \\ &< \|f'\|_\infty \delta. \end{aligned}$$

□

## 9.2 Approximation with Linear Splines

Suppose we have a continuous function  $f$  in  $[0, 1]$ . One way to approximate it would be to take a set of sample points  $\{x_j\}_1^n$  and plot  $f$  at those points (so we get  $\{f(x_j)\}_1^n$ ). Then we simply connect the dots with straight lines. This gives us a piecewise linear function (call it  $g$  for now) where  $g(x_j) = f(x_j)$  for all  $j$ .

Formally, to construct a linear spline we begin with a *knot sequence*.

**Definition 9.4.** A *knot sequence* is a finite partition of  $[0, 1]$  such that  $\{x_0 = 0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = 1\} := \Delta$ .

**Definition 9.5.** A *linear spline* on a knot sequence  $\Delta$  is the set of all piecewise linear functions that are continuous on  $[0, 1]$  that may have corner at the knots, but nowhere else. That is, is linear between knot points.

**Proposition 9.6.** Let  $f \in C[0, 1]$  and let  $\Delta = \{x_0 = 0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = 1\}$  be a knot sequence with norm  $\|\Delta\| = \max |x_j - x_{j+1}|$ . If  $s_f$  is the linear spline that interpolates  $f$ , then  $\|f - s_f\| \leq \omega(f, \|\Delta\|)$ .

*Proof.* We will consider the interval  $I_j = [x_j, x_{j+1}]$  (the rest follows easily). It can easily be found (draw a graph and note what constants must be used to ensure  $s_f(x_j) = f(x_j)$ ) that, on  $I_j$

$$s_f(x) = \frac{f(x_j)(x - x_{j+1})}{x_j - x_{j+1}} + \frac{f(x_{j+1})(x - x_j)}{x_{j+1} - x_j}.$$

Also observe (flip the sign in the second term)

$$\frac{x - x_{j+1}}{x_j - x_{j+1}} = \frac{x - x_j}{x_{j+1} - x_j} = 1.$$

Finally, note that  $\omega(f, \delta)$  is an increasing function (of  $\delta$ ). Then, we have (setting  $\delta_j = x_{j+1} - x_j$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) - s_f(x) &= f(x)1 - s_f(x) \\ &= f(x) \left( \frac{x - x_{j+1}}{x_j - x_{j+1}} + \frac{x - x_j}{x_{j+1} - x_j} \right) - \frac{f(x_j)(x - x_{j+1})}{x_j - x_{j+1}} - \frac{f(x_{j+1})(x - x_j)}{x_{j+1} - x_j} \\ &= (f(x) - f(x_j)) \left( \frac{x - x_{j+1}}{x_j - x_{j+1}} \right) + (f(x) - f(x_{j+1})) \left( \frac{x - x_j}{x_{j+1} - x_j} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - s_f(x)| &\leq |f(x) - f(x_j)| \left| \frac{x - x_{j+1}}{x_j - x_{j+1}} \right| + |f(x) - f(x_{j+1})| \left| \frac{x - x_j}{x_{j+1} - x_j} \right| \\ &< \omega(f, \delta_j) \left| \frac{x - x_{j+1}}{x_j - x_{j+1}} \right| + \omega(f, \delta_j) \left| \frac{x - x_j}{x_{j+1} - x_j} \right| \\ &\leq \omega(f, \|\Delta\|) \left( \frac{x - x_{j+1}}{x_j - x_{j+1}} + \frac{x - x_j}{x_{j+1} - x_j} \right) \\ &= \omega(f, \|\Delta\|). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

### 9.3 The Weierstrass Approximation Theorem

When it comes to analysis, the Weierstrass Approximation Theorem is a pillar. It says that, for any continuous function, we get find a polynomial that “hugs” that function as close as we want. Take the coast of the United States. That certainly is a continuous function (pick a coast). But we can find a polynomial that resembles the coast of the US.

There are several ways to prove this theorem. One way is via the Stone-Weierstrass Theorem, which is the big brother version which makes this one a mere corollary. But our approach is constructive, whereas the other one merely gives existence. Our construction consists of the *Bernstein Polynomials*.

**Definition 9.7.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then, the  $j^{th}$  Bernstein Polynomial is:

$$\beta_{j,n}(x) := \binom{n}{j} x^j (1-x)^{n-j}.$$

Observe that the Binomial theorem  $(x+y)^n = \sum_1^n \binom{n}{j} x^j y^{n-j}$  gives the terms for the Bernstein polynomials when  $y = 1 - x$ . These polynomials indeed form a basis for regular polynomials.

**Proposition 9.8.** The Bernstein polynomials  $\Lambda := \{\beta_{j,n}(x)\}_{j=0}^n$  form a basis for  $\mathcal{P}_n$ .

*Proof.* The dimension of  $\mathcal{P}_n$  is  $n+1$ , and we have  $n+1$  Bernstein polynomials. We only need to show that  $\Lambda$  spans the polynomials. We do so by showing that each of the standard basis elements can be given by a linear combination of Bernstein polynomials. That is, we show  $x^k$  for  $k = 0, \dots, n$  can be given as linear combination of Bernstein polynomials. So let  $0 \leq k \leq n$ . By the Biomial Theorem, we have:

$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{j=-}^n \binom{j}{j} x^j y^{n-j}.$$

Taking the  $k^{th}$   $x$ -partial derivative, we have:

$$n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1)(x+y)^n = \sum_{j=1}^n \binom{n}{j} j(j-1)\dots(j-k+1) x^{j-k} y^{n-j}.$$

Setting  $y = 1 - x$  gives and multiplying by  $x^K$  gives:

$$x^k n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1) = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} j(j-1)\dots(j-k+1) x^j (1-x)^{n-j} = \sum_{j=0}^n j(j-1)\dots(j-k+1) \beta_{j,n}(x).$$

Therefore:

$$x^k = \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{(n-k)!j!}{(j-k)!n!} \beta_{j,n}(x).$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

Before we proceed, we make the following observations. First, Bernstein polynomials are positive except at  $x = 1, 0$  where it zeros out. Second, a simple min/max argument shows that  $x = \frac{j}{n}$  gives the max value for  $\beta_{j,n}(x)$ . Finally, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
1 &= \sum_{j=0}^n \beta_{j,n}(x) \\
x &= \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{j}{n} \beta_{j,n}(x) \\
\frac{1}{n}x + (1 - \frac{1}{n})x^2 &= \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{j^2}{n^2} \beta_{j,n}(x).
\end{aligned}$$

The first two come from direct calculation, simpler than the one in the proof above. The third is more tricky. Now we are ready for Weierstrass.

**Theorem 9.9** (Weierstrass Approximation Theorem). *Let  $f \in C[0, 1]$ . Then, for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a polynomial  $p$  such that  $\|f - p\|_u < \epsilon$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f \in C[0, 1]$  and define:

$$f_n(x) := \sum_{j=0}^n f(j/n) \beta_{j,n}(x).$$

Observe that :

$$f(x) = f(x) \cdot 1 = \sum_{j=0}^n f(x) \beta_{j,n}(x).$$

Now let  $\delta > 0$  and  $n$  be large. Then:

$$E_n(x) := \sum_{j=0}^n (f(x) - f(j/n)) \beta_{j,n}(x).$$

We now want to split this sum by  $j$ , whether or not  $|x - j/n| \leq \delta$  for  $|x - j/n| > \delta$ . To do so, define:

$$\begin{aligned}
F_n(x) &= \sum_{|x-j/n| \leq \delta} (f(x) - f(j/n)) \beta_{j,n}(x); \\
G_n(x) &= \sum_{|x-j/n| > \delta} (f(x) - f(j/n)) \beta_{j,n}(x).
\end{aligned}$$

Naturally, since this runs over  $j$ , we have  $E_n(x) = F_n(x) + G_n(x)$ . The idea, then, is to bound both of these terms by some version of  $n$  and then make the bound as small as we please by making  $n$  large. We focus on  $F_n(x)$  first. Since  $\beta_{j,n}(x) \geq 0$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
|F_n(x)| &\leq \sum_{|x-j/n| \leq \delta} |f(x) - f(j/n)| \beta_{j,n}(x) \\
&\leq \sum_{|x-j/n| \leq \delta} \omega(f, \delta) \beta_{j,n}(x) \\
&\leq \omega(f, \delta) \left( \sum_{j=0}^n \beta_{j,n}(x) \right) \\
&= \omega(f, \delta).
\end{aligned}$$

We now turn to  $G(x)$ . Suppose  $x - j/n > \delta$  (the other case follows similarly). Then, there is a  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $k\delta < x - j/n < (k+1)\delta$ . We can telescope  $f(x) - f(n/j)$  into:

$$f(x) - f(n/j) = [f(x) - f(n/j + k\delta)] + [f(n/j + k\delta) - f(n/j + (k-1)\delta)] + \dots + [f(n/j + \delta) - f(n/j)].$$

We therefore have:

$$f(x) - f(n/j) = [f(x) - f(n/j + k\delta)] + \sum_{m=0}^{k-1} [f(n/j + (k-m)\delta) - f(n/j + (k-m-1)\delta)].$$

Since  $n/j + (k-m)\delta - (n/j + (k-m-1)\delta) = \delta$  and  $x - n/j - k\delta < \delta$  (see bounds), we have that

$$|f(x) - f(n/j)| \leq (k+1)\omega(f, \delta).$$

Again, using the bounds, we get that  $k+1 < 1 + |x - n/j|\delta^{-1}$ . Thus:

$$|f(x) - f(n/j)| \leq (1 + |x - n/j|\delta^{-1})\omega(f, \delta).$$

Now, since  $k \geq 1$ , we get  $\delta < k\delta < |x - n/j|$ , and so  $1 < |x - n/j|\delta^{-1}$ . Thus,  $|x - n/j|\delta^{-1} < |x - n/j|^2\delta^{-2}$ . Thus,

$$|f(x) - f(n/j)| < \left(1 + \frac{|x - n/j|^2}{\delta^2}\right)\omega(f, \delta).$$

And:

$$\begin{aligned} |G_n(x)| &\leq \sum_{|x - n/j| > \delta} |f(x) - f(n/j)|\beta_{n,j}(x) \\ &\leq \sum_{j=0}^n \left(1 + \frac{|x - n/j|^2}{\delta^2}\right)\beta_{j,n}(x)\omega(f, \delta) \\ &\leq \sum_{j=0}^n \left(\left(1 + \frac{x^2}{\delta^2} - \frac{2xj}{\delta^2 n} + \frac{j^2}{n^2 \delta^2}\right)\beta_{j,n}(x)\right)\omega(f, \delta). \end{aligned}$$

Distributing the  $\beta_{j,n}(x)$  over the summand and then breaking the sum over the parts and using the identities, we get that:

$$|G_n(x)| < \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{\delta_n^2}\right)\omega(f, \delta).$$

Since  $x - x^2 < 1/4$  on  $[0, 1]$ , we have (independent of  $x!$ ):

$$|E_n(x)| \leq |F_n(x)| + |G_n(x)| = \left(2 + \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{\delta_n^2}\right)\omega(f, \delta).$$

If we take  $\delta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ , (and  $2 + 1/4 \cdot 1/n^2 \leq 1$ ) we get:

$$|E_n(x)| \leq \left(2 + \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{n^2}\right)\omega(f, n^{-1/2}) \leq (2 + 1/4)\omega(f, n^{-1/2}) = 9/4\omega(f, n^{-1/2}).$$

Since modulus of continuity is increasing, we can choose  $n$  so large that  $9/4\omega(f, n^{-1/2}) < \epsilon$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

## Chapter 10

# Pointwise Convergence of Fourier Series

**Definition 10.1.** Let  $f \in L^1[-\pi, \pi]$ . The the *Fourier Series* of  $f$  is:

$$\sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} a_n e^{inx}, \text{ where } a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) e^{-int} dt.$$

Our goal of this section to show that if  $f$  is piecewise continuous, then its Fourier Series equals  $f$  at points of continuity and is half way between the points of discontinuity (jump dicontinuities). To do so, we begin by massaging the partial sums of the series. So, denote:

$$\begin{aligned} S_N(x) &= \sum_{-N}^N a_n e^{inx} \\ &= \sum_{-N}^N \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) e^{-int} dt e^{inx} \\ &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{-N}^N f(t) e^{in(x-t)} dt \end{aligned}$$

Make a change of variable:  $u = t - x$ , and get:

$$S_N(x) = \int_{-\pi-x}^{\pi-x} f(u+x) D_N(u) du.$$

Next, we define  $D_N(u) := \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{-N}^N e^{inu}$ , so we have  $S_N(x) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} D_N(x-t) f(t) dt$ . ( $D_N(u)$  is called the *Dirichlet Kernel*). We have some properties about  $D_N(u)$ .

**Proposition 10.2.** The Dirichlet Kernel Satisfies:

1.  $D_N(u) = \frac{1}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^N \cos(nu)$ ;
2.  $D_N(u)$  is even and  $2\pi$ -periodic;
3.  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} D_N(u) du = 1$  and  $\int_0^{\pi} D_N(u) du = 1/2$ .

*Proof.* 1)  $D_N(u) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{-N}^N e^{inu}$ . Recall that  $e^{inu} = \cos(nu) + i \sin(nu)$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{-N}^N e^{inu} &= \sum_{-N}^N \cos(nu) + i \sin(nu) \\
&= \cos(-Nu) + i \sin(-Nu) + \dots + \cos(-u) + i \sin(-u) + 1 + \cos(u) + i \sin(u) + \dots + \cos(Nu) + i \sin(Nu) \\
&= 1 + \cos(u) + \dots + 2 \cos(Nu).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $D_N(u) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{-N}^N e^{inu} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( 1 + \sum_1^N 2 \cos(nu) \right) = \frac{1}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_1^N \cos(nu)$ .

2) Since  $\cos(u)$  is even and  $2\pi$  periodic, we have, by 1, that  $D_N(u)$  is even and  $2\pi$  periodic.

3)  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} D_N(u) du = 2 \int_0^{\pi} D_N(u) du$  by evenness. Then:

$$\int_0^{\pi} D_N(u) du = \int_0^{\pi} \frac{1}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_1^N \cos(nu) du = \int_0^{\pi} \frac{1}{2\pi} du + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_1^N \int_0^{\pi} \cos(nu) du = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_1^N \left( \frac{1}{n} \sin(n\pi) - \frac{1}{n} \sin(0) \right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

4)

$$\begin{aligned}
2\pi D_N(u) &= \sum_{-N}^N e^{inu} \\
&= e^{-iNu} + \dots + e^{-iu} + 1 + e^{iu} + \dots + e^{iNu} \\
&= e^{-iNu} (1 + e^{iu} + e^{2iu} + \dots + e^{2iNu}) \\
&= e^{-iNu} \frac{e^{(2N+1)u} - 1}{e^{iu} - 1}
\end{aligned}$$

Multiply top and bottom by  $\frac{e^{iu/2}}{2}$ . The numerator is:

$$\frac{e^{(N+1/2)ui} - e^{-i(N+1/2)u}}{2} = \sin((N + 1/2)u).$$

The denominator is:

$$\frac{e^{iu/2} - e^{-iu/2}}{2} = \sin(iu/2).$$

Thus:

$$2\pi = \frac{\sin((N + 1/2)u)}{\sin(iu/2)}.$$

□

**Lemma 10.3.** Let  $g$  be a  $2\pi$  periodic function that is integrable on each bounded interval in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\int_{-\pi+c}^{\pi+c} g(u) du$  is independent of  $c$ . In particular,  $\int_{-\pi}^g(u) du = \int_{-\pi+c}^{\pi+c} g(u) du$ .

*Proof.* We will show that  $\int_{-\pi+c}^{\pi+c} g(u) du = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(u) du$ . Since  $g$  is  $2\pi$  periodic,  $g(-\pi + c) = g(\pi + c)$  and  $\mu([-\pi, -\pi + c]) = \mu([\pi, \pi + c])$ :

$$\int_{-\pi}^{-\pi+c} g du = \int_{\pi}^{\pi+c} g du.$$

Thus:

$$\int_{-\pi+c}^{\pi+c} gdu = \int_{-\pi+c}^{\pi} gdu + \int_{\pi}^{\pi+c} gdu = \int_{-\pi+c}^{\pi} gdu + \int_{\pi}^{-\pi+c} gdu = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} gdu.$$

Thus, for constants  $c, d$ :

$$\int_{-\pi+d}^{\pi+d} gdu = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} gdu = \int_{-\pi+c}^{\pi+c} gdu.$$

□

Now we can finished our form of  $S_N(x)$ . First, since  $D_N(u)$  and  $f(x+u)$  are  $2\pi$  periodic, the lemma implies:

$$S_N(x) = \int_{-\pi-x}^{\pi-x} f(u+x)D_N(u)du = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(u+x)D_N(u)du.$$

We make another change of variable:  $u$  to  $-u$ . Changing the bounds of integration and the variable of integration, we have:

$$S_N(x) = - \int_{\pi}^{-\pi} f(x-u)D_N(-u)du = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x-u)D_N(u)du.$$

At these this equation and the one above, divide by 2, and we get:

$$2S_N(x) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(u+x)D_N(u) + f(x-u)D_N(u)du = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f(u+x) + f(x-u)) \frac{D_N(u)}{2} du.$$

Observe that the function  $f(x+u) + f(x-u)$  is even in  $u$  (one replaces the other). Thus, since we are over a symmetric interval:

$$S_N(x) = \int_0^{\pi} (f(u+x) + f(x-u)) D_N(u)du.$$

The final lemma we need has a name:

**Lemma 10.4** (Reimann Lebesgue Lemma). *If  $f \in L^1[a, b]$ , then:*

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f(x) \cos(\lambda x) dx = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f(x) \sin(\lambda x) dx - \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f(x) e^{i\lambda x} dx = 0.$$

*Proof.* We will do the cosine case and the sine case will follow in a similar manner. With both sine and cosine, the  $e^{i\lambda x}$  case follows immediately. Recall that the continuous functions are dense in  $L^1[a, b]$ . Therefore, we will show that the result holds for continuous functions. Also recall that, for a continuous function  $g$ , if  $s$  is the interpolating spline, then  $\|g - s\|_u \leq \omega(g, \|\Delta\|)$ . So, to generalize for splines, let  $f$  be a continuous piecewise differentiable function. Then:

$$\int_a^b f(x) \cos(\lambda x) dx = \frac{1}{\lambda} f(x) \sin(\lambda x)|_a^b - \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_a^b f(x) \sin(\lambda x) dx.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_a^b f(x) \cos(\lambda x) dx \right| &\leq \frac{1}{|\lambda|} |f(b) \sin(\lambda b)| + \frac{1}{|\lambda|} |f(a) \sin(\lambda a)| + \frac{1}{|\lambda|} \int_a^b |f'(x)| |\sin(\lambda x)| dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{|\lambda|} |f(b)| + \frac{1}{|\lambda|} |f(a)| + \frac{1}{|\lambda|} \int_a^b |f'(x)| dx. \end{aligned}$$

Then,  $\int_a^b f(x) \cos(\lambda x) dx \rightarrow 0$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow \pm\infty$ .

Now let  $f \in L^1[a, b]$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then there exists a continuous  $g$  such that  $\|f - g\|_1 < \epsilon/3$ . Then let  $s$  be a linear spline interpolant. Then:

$$\|g - s\|_1 = \int_a^b |g - s| dx \leq \int_a^b \omega(g, \|\Delta\|) dx = \omega(g, \|\Delta\|)(b - a).$$

Thus, we can choose a spline such that  $\|g - s\|_1 < \epsilon/3$ . Finally, our earlier work, since  $s$  is continuous, piecewise smooth function, we can make  $\lambda$  large enough so that  $\left| \int_a^b s \cos(\lambda x) dx \right| < \epsilon/3$ .

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_a^b f(x) \cos(\lambda x) dx \right| &= \left| \int_a^b (f(x) + g - g + s - s) \cos(\lambda x) dx \right| \\ &\leq \int_a^b |(f - g) \cos(\lambda x)| dx + \int_a^b |(g - s) \cos(\lambda x)| dx \left| \int_a^b s \cos(\lambda x) dx \right| \\ &\leq \int_a^b |f - g| dx + \int_a^b |g - s| dx + \left| \int_a^b s \cos(\lambda x) dx \right| \\ &= \|f - g\|_1 + \|g - s\|_1 + \left| \int_a^b s \cos(\lambda x) dx \right| \\ &< \epsilon/3 + \epsilon/3 + \epsilon/3 \\ &= \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\int_a^b f(x) \cos(\lambda x) dx \rightarrow 0$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow \pm\infty$ .

□

Now we can give the major theorem of the section.

**Theorem 10.5** (Pointwise Convergence Theorem). *If  $f$  is a  $2\pi$  periodic piecewise continuous function that has a right-hand derivative  $f'(x+)$  and a left-hand derivative  $f'(x-)$  at  $x$ , then:*

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } f \text{ is continuous at } x \\ \frac{f(x+) + f(x-)}{2} & \text{if } x \text{ is a jump discontinuities} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Since  $f$  is piecewise continuous, we only need to consider  $\frac{f(x+) + f(x-)}{2}$ . Define the error:

$$E_n(x) := S_N(x) - \frac{f(x+) + f(x-)}{2}.$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} E_n(x) &= \int_0^\pi [f(u+x) + f(x-u)] D_N(u) du - \frac{f(x+) + f(x-)}{2} \\ &= \int_0^\pi [f(u+x) + f(x-u)] dx - \frac{f(x+) + f(x-)}{2} 2 \int_0^\pi D_N(u) du \\ &= \int_0^\pi [f(u+x) + f(x-u) - f(x+) - f(x-)] D_N(u) du \\ &= \int_0^\pi [f(u+x) + f(x-u) - f(x+) - f(x-)] \frac{\sin((N+1)u)}{2\pi \sin(u/2)} du. \end{aligned}$$

Now define  $F(u) := \frac{f(u+x) + f(x-u) - f(x+) - f(x-)}{2\pi \sin(u/2)}$ . Using L'Hopital's Rule (with respect to  $u$ ):

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(u+x) + f'(u-x) - f'(x+) - f'(x-)}{2/2\pi \cos(u/2)} = \frac{f'(x+) + f'(x-)}{\pi}.$$

Thus,  $F$  has a right hand limit at 0. Since  $f$  is piecewise continuous and  $\frac{1}{2\pi \sin(u/2)}$  is piecewise continuous on the interval, we have that  $F(u)$  is piecewise continuous. Then we have:

$$E_n(x) = \int_0^\pi F(u) \sin((N+1)u) du.$$

Since  $F$  is piecewise continuous on  $[0, \pi]$ ,  $F \in L'(0, \pi)$ . Thus,  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} E_N(x) = 0$ .  $\square$

# Chapter 11

## Discrete Fourier Transform

### 11.1 Introduction

Recall that, for a  $2\pi$ -periodic function  $f$ , its Fourier Series is:

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{ikx} \text{ where } a_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) e^{-ikt} dt.$$

So, explicitly,  $f(x) \sim \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) e^{ikt} dt e^{ikx}$ .

However,  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) e^{-ikt} dt$  may be difficult to find, so we approximate it.

To do so, we first suppose that  $F(t)$  is any continuous function. Recall the trapezoid rule: Let  $\Delta x$  be the  $k$ -th sub-interval of the partition of the domain  $[a, b]$ . Then, where  $x_k$  is the end point of an interval:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{f(x_k) + f(x_{k+1})}{2} \Delta x.$$

For our purposes, we suppose  $\Delta x_k = \frac{2\pi}{n}$ . Then,:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} F(t) dt \approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n F\left(\frac{2\pi j}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} F\left(\frac{2\pi j}{n}\right).$$

Now since  $f(t)e^{-int}$  is  $2\pi$ -periodic, we have:

$$a_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(t) e^{-ikt} dt \approx \frac{1}{n} f\left(\frac{2\pi j}{n}\right) e^{-ik\frac{2\pi j}{n}} dt.$$

We then define  $y_j := f\left(\frac{2\pi j}{n}\right)$ ,  $\omega := e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}}$ , so that

$$a_k \approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} y_j \bar{\omega}^{jk}.$$

Suppose now that we consider  $a_{k+n} \approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} y_j \bar{\omega}^{j(k+n)}$ . Focus on  $\bar{\omega}^{j(k+n)}$ :

$$\bar{\omega}^{j(k+n)} = \bar{\omega}^{jk+jn} = \bar{\omega}^{jk} \bar{\omega}^{jn} = \bar{\omega}^{jk} (\bar{\omega}^n)^j.$$

Since  $\bar{\omega}^n = e^{-2\pi i} = 1$ , we have:

$$a_{k+n} \approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} y_j \bar{\omega}^{jk}.$$

Thus, when we are approximating the Fourier coefficients, we need to compute  $a_k$  for  $k = 0, \dots, n - 1$ . Now, suppose we have the approximation. Can we get  $y_j$  back? As it turns out, yes. Let

$$\hat{y}_k = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} y_j \bar{\omega}^{jk},$$

so  $na_k \approx \hat{y}_k$ . Then,  $\hat{y}_k w^{kl} = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} y_j \bar{\omega}^{jk} \omega^{kl}$ . Sum over  $k$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \hat{y}_k \omega^{kl} &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} y_k \bar{\omega}^{jk} \omega_{kl} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} y_k \omega^{(l-j)k}. \end{aligned}$$

Also recall:

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} z^k = \begin{cases} \frac{z^n - 1}{z - 1} & z \neq 1 \\ n & z = 1 \end{cases}.$$

Thus:

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \omega^{(l-j)k} = \begin{cases} \frac{\omega^{(l-j)kn} - 1}{\omega^{l-j} - 1} & \omega^{l-j} \neq 1 \\ n & \omega^{l-j} = 1 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 0 & l \neq j \\ n & l = j \end{cases}.$$

Hence  $\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \hat{y}_k w^{kl} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} y_k \omega^{(l-j)k} = y_l n$ , and so  $y_l = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \hat{y}_k w^{kl}$ . And so we can recover  $y_l$  from approximation data.

## 11.2 Formal Definitions

**Definition 11.1.**  $S_n := \{(\dots, x_{n-1}, x_0, x_1, \dots) : x_j \in \mathbb{C}, x_{n+j} = x_j\}$ . That is, all sequences of complex numbers that are  $n$ -periodic.

Let  $y = \{y_j\}_{-\infty}^{\infty} \in S_n$ . Then, we can define a new sequence:

$$\hat{y}_k = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} y_j \bar{\omega}^{jk}.$$

(This is the exact formula from above, but the  $y_j$ s are not necessarily from a function.) Following an argument we alluded to earlier, we show that this new sequence is back in  $S_n$ :

$$\hat{y}_{k+n} = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} y_j \bar{\omega}^{j(k+n)} = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} y_j \bar{\omega}^{jk} (\bar{\omega}^n)^j = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} y_j \bar{\omega}^{jk} = \hat{y}_k.$$

So, we may define  $\mathcal{F} : S_n \rightarrow S_n$  by  $\mathcal{F}[y] = \hat{y}$ . Observe that the other “inverse” formula also holds:  $y_j = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \hat{y}_k \omega^{kj}$  is also a transformation on  $S_n$ , so that  $\hat{y} \rightarrow y$ , and so we define  $\mathcal{F}^{-1} : S_n \rightarrow S_n$  by  $\mathcal{F}^{-1}[\hat{y}] = y$ .

**Definition 11.2.** Convolution: If  $y, z \in S_n$  then  $[y * z]_j := \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} y_m z_{j-m}$  is the convolution.

**Proposition 11.3.** If  $y, z \in S_n$ , then  $[y * z] \in S_n$ .

*Proof.*  $[y * z]_{j+n} = \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} y_m z_{j+n-m} = \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} y_m z_{j-m} = [y * z]_j$ . □

**Proposition 11.4.** If  $z$  is the periodic sequence formed from  $y \in S_n$  by  $z_j = z_{j+1}$  (or the left shift), then  $\mathcal{F}[z]_k = \omega^k \mathcal{F}[y]_k$ .

*Proof.* By definition,  $\mathcal{F}[y]_k = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} y_j \bar{\omega}^{jk}$ . Then:

$$\omega^k \mathcal{F}[y]_k = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} y_j \bar{\omega}^{jk} \omega^{jk} = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} y_j \bar{\omega}^{k(j-1)}.$$

Shift the index:  $j \rightarrow j + 1$ . (Observe that  $y_n = y_0$ ,  $\omega^{jn} = \omega^0$ .) Then:

$$\omega^k \mathcal{F}[y]_k = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} y_{j+1} \bar{\omega}^{kj} = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} z_j \bar{\omega}^{kj} = \mathcal{F}[z]_k.$$

□

**Theorem 11.5** (The Convolution Theorem).  $\mathcal{F}[y * z]_k = \mathcal{F}[y]_k \mathcal{F}[z]_k$ .

*Proof.* Let  $p = [y * z]$ . Then,  $p_j = \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} y_m z_{j-m}$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}[p]_k &= \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} p_j \bar{\omega}^{jk} = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} y_m z_{j-m} \right) \bar{\omega}^{jk} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} y_m \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} z_{j-m} \bar{\omega}^{jk} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} y_m \bar{\omega}^{mk} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} z_{j-m} \bar{\omega}^{(j-m)k}. \end{aligned}$$

Shifting  $z_{j-m} \rightarrow z_j$  implies, by the shift proposition above, that  $\mathcal{F}[p]_k = \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} y_m \bar{\omega}^{mk} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} z_j \bar{\omega}^{jk} = \mathcal{F}[y]_k \mathcal{F}[z]_k$ . □

## Chapter 12

# Contraction Mapping Theorem

**Theorem 12.1** (Contraction Mapping Theorem). *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space and let  $B \subset \mathcal{H}$  be a closed subspace. Let  $f : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be a continuous function such that:*

- $f(B) \subset B$  (that is,  $f(b) \in B$  for  $b \in B$ );
- $f$  is Lipschitz with constant  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ .

Let  $u_0 \in B$  and define the sequence  $\{u_n\}_1^\infty$  by  $u_{n+1} = f(u_n)$ . Then,  $\{u_n\}_1^\infty$  converges, say to  $u$ , and  $f(u) = u$ .

*Proof.* We show that  $\{u_n\}_1^\infty$  is Cauchy. Let  $m > n$ , and consider:

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_m - u_n\| &= \|u_m - u_{m-1} + u_{m-1} - \dots - u_{n+1} + u_{n+1} - u_n\| \\ &\leq \|u_m - u_{m-1}\| + \dots + \|u_{n+1} - u_n\|. \end{aligned}$$

For each  $j$ :

$$\|u_{j+1} - u_j\| = \|f(u_j) - f(u_{j-1})\| \leq \delta \|u_j - u_{j-1}\| = \delta \|f(u_{j-1}) - f(u_{j-2})\| \leq \delta^2 \|u_{j-1} - u_{j-2}\| \leq \dots \leq \delta^j \|u_1 - u_0\|.$$

Thus, from our sum:

$$\|u_m - u_n\| \leq \delta^m \|u_1 - u_0\| + \dots + \delta^n \|u_1 - u_0\| = \sum_{j=n}^m \delta^j \|u_1 - u_0\| = \frac{\delta^n - \delta^{m+1}}{1 - \delta} \|u_1 - u_0\|.$$

Since  $\delta < 1$ ,  $\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\delta^n - \delta^{m+1}}{1 - \delta} = 0$ . Thus,  $\{u_n\}_1^\infty$  is Cauchy, and thus converges. Say,  $u_n \rightarrow u$ . Now, since  $f$  is continuous,  $f(u) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(u_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_{n-1} = u$ .  $\square$

## Chapter 13

# Splines and Finite Element Spaces

We have already dealt with linear splines in a limited sense, but we want to develop a more useful general theory. For example, we may want splines that have certain differentiability conditions. We need three things to specify a spline:

1. Knot sequence:  $\Delta = \{0 = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = 1\}$ ;
2. The degree of polynomial  $k$ ;
3. the Level of differentiability of the whole spline,  $r$ .

**Definition 13.1.**  $S^\Delta(k, r)$  is the set of splines on a knot sequence  $\Delta$ , polynomials of degree  $k$ , and smoothness  $C^r$ .

**Proposition 13.2.**  $S^\Delta(k, r)$  is a vector space.

*Proof.* Assume  $r \geq 0$ . Then,  $S^\Delta(k, r) \subset C[0, 1]$ . Let  $s, t \in S^\Delta(k, r)$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $I_i = [x_i, x_{i+1}]$  be an interval. Then, on  $I_i$ ,  $s$  and  $t$  are both degree  $k$  polynomials, and since degree  $k$  polynomials form a vector space,  $\alpha s + t$  is a degree  $k$  polynomial on  $I_i$ . Furthermore, if  $s, t$  have degree  $r$  differentiability, then, for  $\alpha s + t$  also has degree  $r$  differentiability. Thus, since  $C[0, 1]$  is a vector space,  $S^\Delta(k, r)$  is a vector space.  $\square$

### 13.1 Basis Splines

Since  $S^\Delta(r, k)$  is a vector space (of finite dimension), we want to know if it has a basis. Right now, we focus on linear splines. To do so, we consider the following “plus” function:

$$(x)_+ = \begin{cases} x & 0 \leq x \\ 0 & 0 > x \end{cases}.$$

(This function is the “tent” function, 0 at 0, then 1 at 1, then back to 0 at 2, and linear in between. We use the tent function to define a “sub-basis” function that we will build our basis from.

$$N_2(x) = (x)_+ - 2(x-1)_+ + (x-2)_+.$$

This is the tent function, For  $x \leq 0$ ,  $N_2(x) = 0 - 0 + 0 = 0$ ; for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $N_2(x) = x + 0 + 0 = x$ ; for  $1 \leq x \leq 2$ ,  $N_2(x) = x - 2x + 0 = -x$ ; for  $x \geq 2$ ,  $N_2(x) = x - 2x + x = 0$ .

**Proposition 13.3.** Let  $\Delta$  be an equally spaced knot sequence with  $x_j = j/n$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, n$ . Then  $B := \{N_x(nx - j + 1) : j = 0, \dots, n\}$  is a basis for  $S^\Delta(1, 0)$  (the space of linear splines).

*Proof.* Observe that  $\dim(B) = n$ . Since any spline is uniquely determined by its value at the knots, and we have  $n$  knots  $\dim(S^\Delta(1, 0)) = n$ . Thus  $\dim(B) = \dim(S^\Delta(1, 0))$ . All that remains is to show that  $B$  is linearly independent. Note that  $N_2(k - j + 1) = \delta_{jk}$ . Suppose

$$c_0 N_2(nx + 1) + \dots + c_n N_2(nx - n + 1) = 0.$$

In particular, this holds for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Then, for  $x_j = j/n$

$$c_0 N_2(j/n + 1) + \dots + c_j N_2(1) + \dots + c_n N_2(j/n + 1) = c_j = 0.$$

This holds for all  $j$ , and so  $B$  is linearly independent.  $\square$

## 13.2 Finite Element Spaces

First, we give a better definition for splines.

**Definition 13.4.** Let  $\Delta = \{x_0 = 0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = 1\}$  be a knot sequence on  $[0, 1]$ . Define  $I_j = [x_{j-1}, x_j)$ ,  $I_n = [x_{n-1}, x_n]$ . Let  $\mathbb{P}^k$  be the space of degree  $k$  polynomials. Then:

$$S^\Delta(k, r) := \{\phi : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \phi|_{I_j}, \phi \in C^r[0, 1]\}.$$

$S^{1/n}(k, r)$  is the set where  $\Delta$  has evenly spaced intervals, so  $x_j = j/n$ .

**Definition 13.5.** A *finite element space*  $S^{1/n}(k, r)$  degree  $k$  polynomials on each intervals have  $r \leq k - 1$  derivatives that match on the knots.

**Proposition 13.6.**  $\dim(S^{1/n}(k, r)) = n(k - r) + r + 1$ .

*Proof.* We have  $n$  intervals. On each interval, we have a polynomial of degree  $k$ , and so is specified by  $k + 1$  parameters. Thus, we have  $n(k + 1)$ . But this is an overestimate, as we have restrictions on the derivatives.

On each of the  $n - 1$  intervals, there are  $r + 1$  equations that must match:  $r$  derivatives and the original polynomials. These remove degree of freedom from each node, so  $\dim(S^{1/n}(k, r)) = n(k + 1) - (r + 1)(n - 1) = n(k - r) + r + 1$ .  $\square$

## 13.3 Construction of Cubic Splines

We now want a spline that matches a given function not just on the nodes, but also the functions derivative. We will use (and analyze)  $S^{1/n}(3, 1)$ , or the cubic splines. That is, for  $f$ , where  $f(x_j)$  and  $f'(x_j)$  are known, there exists a unique cubic spline  $s(x)$  such that  $s(x_j) = f(x_j)$  and  $s'(x_j) = f'(x_j)$ . Note that, by the above proposition,  $\dim(S^{1/n}(3, 1)) = 2n + 2$ . Observe that, for a given  $f$ , we have  $n + 1$   $f(x_j)$  values and  $n + 1$   $f'(x_j)$  values, and so  $2n + 2$  data points to fit.

Now we want to construct a basis for  $S^{1/n}(3, 1)$ . So we start with interpolating functions. We want a  $\phi(x)$  such that  $\phi(0) = 1$ ,  $\phi(1) = \phi'(1) = \phi'(0) = 0$ . Consider the following function:

$$\phi(x) = A(x - 1)^3 + B(x - 1)^2.$$

This clearly satisfies the  $\phi(1) = 0$ . Now we find the coefficients that satisfy the remaining requirements. Now,  $\phi(0) = A + B = 0$ ,  $\phi'(x) = 3A(x - 1)^2 + 2B(x - 1)$ , so  $\phi'(1) = 0$  and  $\phi'(0) = 3A + 2B = 0$ . Solve this system of equations gives  $A = 2$   $B = 3$ , so

$$\phi(x) = 2(x - 1)^3 + 3(x - 1)^2 = (x - 1)^2(2x - 1).$$

Now define (using the same notation, admittedly an abuse of it)

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} (|x| - 1)^2(2|x| + 1) & |x| \leq 1 \\ 0 & |x| > 1 \end{cases}.$$

That is, on  $[0, 1]$   $\phi(x)$  looks like  $2(x - 1)^3 + 3(x - 1)^2$ , and on  $[-1, 0]$   $\phi$  also looks like  $2(x - 1)^3 + 3(x - 1)^2$  but reflected over the  $y$ -axis. (Plot to see the idea.) So  $\phi$  is not a polynomial on  $[-1, 1]$ , but is piecewise

cubic. From the construction,  $\phi'(0) = \phi'(1) = \phi'(-1) = 0$  and  $\phi(0) = 1$ . Clearly outside of  $[-1, 1]$ ,  $\phi = 0$ . From these observations, it is obvious  $\phi \in S^{\mathbb{Z}}(1, 3)$ . This function is useful for approximating the values of a given function. Now we want to approximate a given functions derivative.

So, we want a function  $\psi$  such that  $\phi(1) = \phi(0) = \phi'(1) = 0$ ,  $\psi'(0) = 1$ . Again, consider  $\psi$  of the form:

$$\psi(x) = A(x - 1)^3 + B(x - 1)^2.$$

Then  $\phi(1) = 0$ ,  $\phi'(x) = 3A(x - 1)^2 + 2B(x - 1)$ , so  $\phi'(1) = 0$ . Since  $\phi(0) = -A + B = 0$ ,  $A = B$ , and  $\psi'(0) = 3A - 2B = 1$ , we have  $A = B = 1$ . So:

$$\psi(x) = (x - 1)^3 + (x - 1)^2 = x(x - 1)^2.$$

We do the same as before:

$$\psi(x) = \begin{cases} |x|(|x| + 1)^2 & |x| \leq 1 \\ 0 & |x| > 1 \end{cases}.$$

Note, by a similar argument, that  $\phi(x) \in S^{\mathbb{N}}(3, 1)$  and  $\phi(0) = 0$ ,  $\phi'(0) = 1$ .

Next, we use these functions to build a basis. For  $\phi_j(x)$ , define:

$$\phi_j(x) := \phi(nx - j).$$

Then,  $\phi_0(x) = \phi(nx)$ , and  $\phi_j(x) = \phi(n(x - j/n)) = \phi_0(x - j/n)$ . Thus,  $\phi_j$  is simply  $\phi_0$  translated by  $j/n$ . Clearly,  $\phi_j$  is 0 outside of  $[\frac{j-1}{n}, \frac{j+1}{n}]$ , and  $\phi(j/n) = 1$ ,  $\phi'(j/n) = \phi'(j/n) = \phi'(\frac{j+1}{n}) = 0$ . Thus,  $\phi_j(k/n) = \delta_{j,k}$ ,  $\phi'_j(k/n) = 0$ .

As for  $\psi_j$ , consider that  $(\psi(nx - j))' = n\psi'(nx - j)$ , so  $n\psi'(n(j/n) - j) = n$ . Thus, for  $\psi'_j(j/n)$  to equal 1, we must scale. So take

$$\psi_j(x) = \frac{1}{n}\psi'(nx - j).$$

Again, as before, the support of  $\psi_j(x)$  is  $[\frac{j-1}{n}, \frac{j+1}{n}]$  and  $\psi_j(k/n) = 0$ ,  $\psi'(k/n) = \delta_{j,k}$ .

### 13.4 Interpolation with Cubic Splines

**Proposition 13.7.** The set  $B := \{\phi_j, \psi_j\}_0^n$  (where  $\phi_j$  and  $\psi$  are defined above) is a basis for  $S^{1/n}(1, 3)$ .

*Proof.* As noted before,  $\dim(S^{1/n}(1, 3)) = 2n + 2$ . Since we have  $2n + 2$  elements in  $B$ , we only need to show that  $B$  is linearly independent. Suppose

$$\sum_{j=0}^n \alpha_j \phi_j(x) + \sum_{j=0}^n \beta_j \psi_j(x) = 0.$$

By assumption, this holds for all  $x$ . So in particular, for  $x = k/n$ , we have:

$$\sum_{j=0}^n \alpha_j \phi_j(k/n) + \sum_{j=0}^n \beta_j \psi_j(k/n) = \alpha_k = 0.$$

This holds for all  $k$ . Furthermore, if we differentiate (and apply  $\alpha_j = 0$ ), we get:

$$\sum_{j=0}^n \beta_j \psi'_j(k/n) = \beta_k = 0.$$

Again, this holds for all  $k$ . Thus,  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_n = \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \dots = \beta_n = 0$ , and we have linear independence.  $\square$

If we want a projection, we can take

$$s(x) := P_S f = \sum_{j=0}^n f(j/n) \phi_j(x) + \sum_{j=0}^n f'(j/n) \psi_j(x).$$

Then  $s(j/n) = f(j/n)$  and  $s'(j/n) = f'(j/n)$  for all  $j$ , as we set out to do at the beginning of the section.

### 13.5 Finite Element Methods and Galerkin Methods

Suppose we have some function  $f$  where  $f(x_j) =: f_j$  and we want to find the “nicest” function in  $S^{1/n}(1, 3)$  such that  $s(x_j) = f_j$  for all  $j$ . So, we want  $s \in S^{1/n}(3, 1)$  that minimizes

$$\|s\|^2 = \int_0^1 (s''(x))^2 dx$$

for  $s$  such that  $s(x_j) = f_j$ . Any function that satisfies this is given by

$$s(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n f_j \phi_j(x) + \sum_{j=0}^n \alpha_j \psi_j(x).$$

Let  $f = \sum_{j=0}^n f_j \phi_j(x)$ . So, we want to find the coefficients that minimize  $\|f - \sum_{j=0}^n \alpha_j \psi_j\|$ . This is a least squares problem, and so can be solved using the associated normal equations. That, if we set  $g = \sum_{j=0}^n \alpha_j \psi_j$  we want to  $\alpha_j$  such that:

$$\langle f - g, \psi_k \rangle = 0.$$

That is, finding

$$\sum_{j=0}^n \alpha_j \langle \psi_j, \psi_k \rangle = \langle f, \psi_k \rangle$$

where  $\langle \psi_k, \psi_j \rangle = G_{j,k}$ . Note  $G$  is invertible and  $\langle \psi_j, \psi_k \rangle = \int_0^1 \psi_j'' \psi_k'' dx$ . We may deduce from the support of  $\psi_k$  and  $\psi_j$  that  $\langle \psi_j, \psi_k \rangle$  is nonzero only when  $k = j - 1$ ,  $k = j$  and,  $k = j + 1$ . These systems are easy to solve numerically.

## Chapter 14

# Bounded Operators and Closed Subspaces

**Definition 14.1.** Let  $V, W$  be Banach Spaces and let  $L : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear operator. Then:

$$\|L\|_{op} = \sup_{\|v\|_V=1} \|Lv\|_W = \sup_{v \neq 0} \frac{\|Lv\|_W}{\|v\|_V}.$$

(These two are equivalent, which can be shown).

**Definition 14.2.** Let  $L : V \rightarrow W$  be an operator. Then,  $L$  is *continuous at  $u$*  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\|u - v\|_V < \delta$  implies  $\|Lu - Lv\|_W < \epsilon$ . (Or the standard definition.)

**Note 14.3.** When  $L$  is linear, we need only to check  $\|x\|_V < \delta$  implies  $\|Lx\|_W < \epsilon$  since  $Lx - Ly = L(x - y)$ .

**Proposition 14.4.** Let  $L : V \rightarrow W$  be linear. If  $L$  is continuous at 0, then  $L$  is continuous at  $v$  for all  $v \in V$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $u, v \in V$ . Then, if we let  $u - v = z$ , we have  $Lu - Lv = Lz$ . Since  $L$  is continuous at 0, there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\|z - 0\| = \|z\| = \|u - v\| < \delta$  implies  $\|Lz - L0\| = \|Lz\| = \|Lu - Lv\|\epsilon$ . Thus we have continuity at  $u$ . This holds for all  $u \in V$ , and so we are done.  $\square$

**Proposition 14.5.** A linear transformation  $L : V \rightarrow W$  is countinuous iff it is bounded.

*Proof.* First suppose  $L$  is bounded. Let  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $u, v \in V$ . Then,  $\|Lu - Lv\|_W = \|L(u - v)\|_W \leq \|L\|_{op}\|u - v\|_V$ . Thus if we choose  $\delta = \epsilon/\|L\|_{op}$ , we have  $\|Lu - Lv\|_W \leq \|L\|_{op}\|u - v\|_V < \epsilon$ , and so we have continuity.

Now suppose  $L$  is continuous. Then for  $\epsilon = 1$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\|u\|_V \leq \delta$  implies that  $\|Lu\|_W \leq 1$ . Further suppose that  $\|u\| = 1$ . Then,  $\|\delta u\| = \delta$ , and so  $\|L(\delta u)\|_W \leq 1$ , and so  $\|Lu\| \leq 1/\delta$ . This holds for all  $u$  such that  $\|u\| = 1$ . Thus,  $\|L\|_{op} \leq 1/\delta < \infty$ , and so is bounded.  $\square$

**Definition 14.6.** Let  $L : C[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$  be given as

$$Lu(x) = \int_0^1 k(x, y)u(y)dy$$

for some  $k(x, y)$ , which is called the *kernel*. If  $k(x, y) \in L^2([0, 1] \times [0, 1])$ , then  $k$  is called a *Hilbert-Schmidt Kernel*, and  $Lu$  is called a *Hilbert Schmidt Operator*.

**Proposition 14.7.** Let  $K$  be a Hilbert-Schmidt kernel. Then the operator  $Lu(x) = \int_0^1 k(x, y)u(y)dy$  is bounded and  $\|L\|_{op} \leq \|k\|_{L^2(R)}$ . ( $R$  is the unit rectangle.)

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
\|Lu\|_{L^2}^2 &= \int_0^1 \left( \left| \int_0^1 k(x, y)u(y)dy \right| \right)^2 dx \\
&\leq \int_0^1 \left( \int_0^1 |k(x, y)||u(y)|dy \right)^2 dx \\
&\leq \int_0^1 \left( \int_0^1 |k(x, y)|^2 dy \right) \left( \int_0^1 u^2(y)dy \right) dx \\
&\leq \int_0^1 \int_0^1 |k(x, y)| dy dx \int_0^1 u^2(y)dy \\
&= \|k(x, y)\|_{L^2(R)} \|u\|_{L^2[0,1]}.
\end{aligned}$$

(The second inequality follows from Cauchy Schwarz on the  $L^2$  inner product.) Since  $u$  and  $k(x, y)$  are both in their respective  $L^2$  spaces, we have that  $L$  is a bounded operator. If we assume  $\|u\|_{L^2} = 1$ , we have the desired inequality.  $\square$

## 14.1 Closed Subspaces

Note that since our spaces have norms, we use the norm topology (which is a metric topology), and thus a set is closed if it contains all its limit points.

**Definition 14.8.** Let  $V$  be a subspace of a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . The *orthogonal complement*  $V^\perp$  is:

$$V^\perp := \{f \in \mathcal{H} : \langle f, g \rangle = 0 \ \forall g \in V\}.$$

**Proposition 14.9.**  $V^\perp$  is a closed subspace of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $\{f_n\}_1^\infty \subset V^\perp$  such that  $f_n \rightarrow f$ . Let  $g \in V$ . Since inner products are continuous,

$$0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle f_n, g \rangle = \langle \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n, g \rangle = \langle f, g \rangle.$$

Thus  $f \in V^\perp$ .  $\square$

**Definition 14.10.** Let  $L : V \rightarrow W$  be a bounded linear operator. Then:

- Domain of  $L$ :  $D(L)$ ;
- Range of  $L$ :  $R(L) = \{w \in W : \exists v \in V \text{ s.t. } Lv = w\}$ ;
- Kernel of  $L$ :  $\{v \in V : Lv = 0\}$ .

**Proposition 14.11.** If  $L : V \rightarrow W$  is a bounded linear operator, then  $N(L)$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\{v_j\}_1^\infty \subset N(L)$  such that  $v_j \rightarrow v$ . Since  $L$  is bounded, it is continuous, and so:

$$0 = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} L(v_j) = L(\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} v_j) = L(v).$$

Thus,  $v \in N(L)$ , and so is closed.  $\square$

## Chapter 15

# Several Important Chapters

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space. When  $V \subset \mathcal{H}$  is finite dimensional, we know an orthogonal projection always exists. That is, we can always find a  $p \in V$  such that  $\|f - p\| = \min_{v \in V} \|f - v\|$ . But what happens when  $V$  is infinite dimensional? As it turns out, this is only possible iff  $V$  is closed. But first, a lemma.

**Lemma 15.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space. For every  $f, g \in \mathcal{H}$ , we have:*

$$\|f + g\|^2 + \|f - g\|^2 = 2(\|f\|^2 + \|g\|^2).$$

*Proof.* Take the two equalities:

$$\|f + g\|^2 = \|f\|^2 + \langle f, g \rangle + \langle g, f \rangle + \|g\|^2$$

$$\|f - g\|^2 = \|f\|^2 - \langle f, g \rangle - \langle g, f \rangle + \|g\|^2.$$

Add them and the result follows.  $\square$

**Theorem 15.2** (The Projection Theorem). *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space and  $V \subset \mathcal{H}$  be a subspace. For every  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ , there exists a unique  $p \in V$  such that  $\|f - p\| = \min_{v \in V} \|f - v\|$  iff  $V$  is closed.*

*Proof.* Suppose a minimizer exists, and  $\{v_n\}_1^\infty \subset V$  is a sequence such that  $v_n \rightarrow v$ . By assumption, there exists a  $p \in V$  such that  $\|p - v\| = \min_{w \in V} \|v - w\|$ . Since  $v_n \rightarrow v$ , for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $v_n$  such that  $\|v - v_n\| < \epsilon$ . But since  $v_n \in V$ , we have that  $\|v - p\| \leq \|v - v_n\| < \epsilon$ . Since this holds for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , we have that  $v = p \in V$ .

Now assume  $V$  is closed. For  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ , let  $\alpha^2 := \inf_{v \in V} \|v - f\|^2$ . Thus, for  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $v_\epsilon \in V$  such that  $\alpha^2 \leq \|v_\epsilon - f\| < \alpha^2 + \epsilon$ . And so we may find a sequence  $\{v_n\}_1^\infty$  such that for every  $n$ ,  $\|f - v_n\| < \alpha^2 + 1/n$ . For different  $n, m$  we have

$$0 \leq \|f - v_m\|^2 + \|f - v_n\|^2 - 2\alpha^2 < 1/n + 1/m.$$

Now, by our lemma:

$$\begin{aligned} 2(\|f - v_m\|^2 + \|f - v_n\|^2) &= \|f - v_m - (f - v_n)\|^2 + \|f - v_m + f - v_n\|^2 \\ &= \|v_n - v_m\|^2 + \|2f - (v_n + v_m)\|^2 \\ &= \|v_n - v_m\|^2 + \|2\left(f - \frac{v_n + v_m}{2}\right)\|^2 \\ &= \|v_n - v_m\|^2 + 4\left\|f - \frac{v_n + v_m}{2}\right\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

From earlier, we get

$$0 \leq 2(||f - v_n||^2 + ||f - v_m||^2) - 4\alpha^2 < 2/n + 2/m.$$

Therefore

$$0 \leq ||v_n - v_m||^2 + 4||f - \frac{v_n + v_m}{2}||^2 - 4\alpha^2 < 2/n + 2/m.$$

Since  $V$  is a subspace,  $\frac{v_n + v_m}{2} \in V$ , and so  $||f - \frac{v_n + v_m}{2}||^2 > \alpha^2$ . Thus,

$$0 \leq ||v_n - v_m||^2 + 4\alpha^2 - 4\alpha^2 = ||v_n - v_m||^2 < 2/n + 2/m.$$

Thus,  $\{v_n\}_1^\infty$  is Cauchy, and therefore we have that  $\{v_n\}_1^\infty$  converges, say to  $v$ . Since  $V$  is closed,  $v \in V$ . Then,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \leq ||v_n - f||^2 - \alpha^2 < 1/n$  implies  $||v_n - f|| = \alpha$ .

To show uniqueness, suppose  $p, p'$  both minimize. Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then, since  $||p - f|| = ||p' - f|| =: \delta$  and using the lemma:

$$\begin{aligned} ||p - p'||^2 &= 2||f - p||^2 + ||f - p'||^2 - ||2\left(f - \frac{p + p'}{2}\right)|| \\ &= 4\delta^2 - 4||f - \frac{p + p'}{2}||. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\frac{p+p'}{2} \in V$ ,  $||f - \frac{p+p'}{2}|| < \delta$ ,

$$0 \leq ||p - p'||^2 \leq 4\delta^2 - 4\delta^2 = 0.$$

Thus  $p = p'$ . □

**Corollary 15.3.** Let  $V$  be a subspace of  $\mathcal{H}$ . There exists an orthogonal projection  $P : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow V$  such that  $||f - Pf|| = \min_{v \in V} ||f - v||$  iff  $V$  is closed.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $P$  exists. Then a minimizer exists and so by the theorem,  $V$  is closed. Now suppose  $V$  is closed. Then, by the theorem, a minimizer exists, so define  $Pf := p$ , where  $p$  is the minimizer for  $f$ . We now show that  $f - Pf \in V^\perp$ . Let  $w \in V$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . (This only shows the case for a real Hilbert Space.) Then,  $||f - p + tw||^2$  is minimized when  $t = 0$ . Thus:

$$||f - p + tw||^2 = \langle f - p, f - p \rangle + \langle f - p, tw \rangle + \langle tw, f - p \rangle + \langle tw, tw \rangle = ||f - p||^2 + 2t\langle f - p, w \rangle + t^2||w||^2.$$

Taking a derivative,  $d'(t) = 2\langle f - p, 2 \rangle + 2t||w||^2$ . Since the original equation was minimized by  $t = 0$ , we have  $0 = \langle f - p, w \rangle$  and so  $f - p \in V^\perp$ . □

**Corollary 15.4.** Let  $V$  be a closed subspace of  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then,  $\mathcal{H} = V \bigoplus V^\perp$  and  $(V^\perp)^\perp = V$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ . Then,  $Pf \in V$ ,  $f - Pf \in V^\perp$ , thus  $f = Pf + f - Pf$ , so  $\mathcal{H} = V \bigoplus V^\perp$ . Now let  $v \in V$ ,  $w \in V^\perp$ . Then,  $\langle w, v \rangle = 0$ , so  $v \in (V^\perp)^\perp$ . Thus  $V \subset (V^\perp)^\perp$ . Now let  $w \in (V^\perp)^\perp$ . For earlier,  $w = v + \hat{v}$ , where  $v \in V$  and  $\hat{v} \in V^\perp$ . Now let  $z \in V^\perp$ . Then,  $0 = \langle v + \hat{v}, z \rangle = \langle v, z \rangle + \langle \hat{v}, z \rangle = \langle \hat{v}, z \rangle$ . Since this holds for all  $z \in V^\perp$ ,  $\hat{v} = 0$ , and so  $w = v \in V$ . Thus,  $(V^\perp)^\perp \subset V$ , and so  $V = (V^\perp)^\perp$ . □

**Definition 15.5.** Let  $V$  be a Banach Space. Then, a linear bounded map  $\phi : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$  is called a *linear functional*.

**Note 15.6.** The space of linear functionals is called the *dual space* of  $V$ , and denoted  $V^*$ .  $V^*$  is a Banach space under the norm:

$$\|\phi\|_{V^*} = \sup_{v \neq 0} \frac{|\phi(v)|}{\|v\|_V}.$$

**Theorem 15.7** (Reisz Representation Theorem). *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space and  $\phi : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a bounded linear functional on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then, there is a unique  $g \in \mathcal{H}$  such that for all  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\phi(f) = \langle f, g \rangle$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\phi$  is bounded,  $N(\phi)$  is closed. If  $N(\phi) = \mathcal{H}$ , then  $\phi(f) = 0$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ , and so simply take  $g = 0$ . Now suppose  $N(\phi) \neq \mathcal{H}$ . Since  $N(\phi)$  is closed, by the above corollary, we have  $\mathcal{H} = N(\phi) \oplus N(\phi)^\perp$ . Since  $N(\phi) \neq \mathcal{H}$ , there exists a  $g \in \mathcal{H}$  but  $g \notin N(\phi)$ . By our decomposition, we conclude that  $g \in N(\phi)^\perp$ . Note that  $\phi(g) \neq 0$ . Then, for  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ , define  $w := \phi(g)f - \phi(f)g$ . (Recall that  $\phi(a)$  is a scalar.) Then, we have

$$\phi(w) = (\phi(\phi(g)f) - \phi(\phi(f)g)) = \phi(g)\phi(f) - \phi(f)\phi(g) = 0.$$

Therefore,  $w \in N(\phi)$ ,  $\langle w, g \rangle = 0$ . Now we simply solve for  $\phi(f)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \langle \phi(g)f - \phi(f)g, g \rangle && = \phi(g)\langle f, g \rangle - \phi(f)\langle g, g \rangle \implies \\ \phi(f) &= \frac{\phi(g)\langle f, g \rangle}{\|g\|^2} = \langle f, \frac{\overline{\phi(g)}g}{\|g\|^2} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

This holds for all  $f$ , and so if we take  $h := \frac{\overline{\phi(f)}f}{\|g\|^2}$ , we get  $\phi(f) = \langle f, g \rangle$ . For uniqueness, suppose  $\phi(f) = \langle f, g_1 \rangle = \langle f, g_2 \rangle$ . Then  $\langle f, g_1 - g_2 \rangle = 0$  holds for all  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ . Thus,  $g_1 - g_2 = 0$ , and so  $g_1 = g_2$ .  $\square$

## 15.1 Adjoints of Bounded Linear Operators

**Corollary 15.8.** Let  $L : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be a bounded linear operator. Then, there exists a bounded linear operator  $L^* : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  such that  $\langle Lf, g \rangle = \langle f, L^*g \rangle$  for all  $f, g \in \mathcal{H}$ .  $L^*$  is called the *adjoint* of  $L$ .

*Proof.* Let  $h \in \mathcal{H}$  and define  $\phi_h(f) = \langle Lf, h \rangle$ . Clearly,  $\phi_h$  is linear, and

$$|\phi(f)| = |\langle Lf, h \rangle| \leq \|Lf\| \|h\| \leq \|L\| \|f\| \|h\|$$

implies that  $\phi$  is bounded. Therefore, by Reisz Representation, there exists a  $g_h$  such that  $\phi_h(f) = \langle f, g_h \rangle = \langle Lf, h \rangle$ . We denote  $g_h$  as such because it depends on  $h$ . Indeed, by the uniqueness of Reisz Representation, we have that  $g_h$  is a function of  $h$ . Indeed, take  $\psi(h) = g_h$ . We claim that  $\psi$  is linear. That is, we need to show that adding vectors in the subscript of  $\phi_h$  leads to addition of vectors in the Reisz Representation. So, let  $p = \alpha h_1 + \beta h_2$ . Then:

$$\phi_{\alpha h_1 + \beta h_2}(f) = \langle Lf, \alpha h_1 + \beta h_2 \rangle = \overline{\alpha} \langle Lf, h_1 \rangle + \overline{\beta} \langle Lf, h_2 \rangle = \overline{\alpha} \langle f, g_1 \rangle + \overline{\beta} \langle f, g_2 \rangle = \langle f, \alpha g_1 + \beta g_2 \rangle.$$

Thus,  $\psi$  is linear. (Spoiler alert: this is going to be our adjoint.) To show this correspondence is bounded, since  $\phi_h(f) = \langle f, g_h \rangle$  for all  $g_h \in \mathcal{H}$ , we have that  $\phi_h(g_h) = \langle g_h, g_h \rangle = \|g_h\|^2$ . Thus,  $\|g_h\|^2 \leq \|\phi\|$ , and so is bounded. Thus,  $\psi$  is a bounded linear functional, and  $\langle Lf, h \rangle = \langle f, g_h \rangle = \langle f, \psi(h) \rangle = \langle f, L^*(h) \rangle$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 15.9.**  $\|L\| = \|L^*\|$

*Proof.* We have (from a previous homework) that  $\|L\| = \sup_{f,h} |\langle Lf, h \rangle|$ , where  $\|f\| = \|h\| = 1$ . On the other hand,  $\|L^*\| = \sup_{f,h} |\langle L^*h, f \rangle|$ . And since  $\langle Lf, h \rangle = \overline{\langle L^*h, f \rangle}$ , they are equal in magnitude, and so  $\|L^*\| = \|L\|$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 15.10.** Let  $R = [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  and suppose that  $k(x, y)$  is Hilbert-Schmidt kernel. If  $Lu(x) = \int_0^1 k(x, y)u(y)dy$ , then  $L^*v(x) = \int_0^1 \overline{k(y, xv)}v(y)dy$ .

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle Lu, v \rangle &= \int_0^1 \left( \int_0^1 k(x, y)u(y)dy \right) \overline{v(x)} dx \\
&= \int_0^1 \left( \int_0^1 k(x, y)v(x)dx \right) u(y) dy \\
&= \int_0^1 \overline{\int_0^1 k(x, y)v(x)dx} u(y) dy \\
&= \langle u, L^*v \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

Changing the appropriate variables will give the result.  $\square$

**Theorem 15.11** (Fredholm Alternative). *Let  $L : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be a bounded linear operator whose range is closed. Then, the equation  $Lf = g$  has a solution iff  $\langle g, v \rangle = 0$  for all  $v \in N(L^*)$ . That is,  $R(L) = N(L^*)^\perp$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $g \in R(L)$ , so there exists a  $h \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $Lh = g$ . Then, if  $v \in N(L^*)$ ,  $\langle g, v \rangle = \langle Lh, v \rangle = \langle h, L^*v \rangle = 0$ , so  $g \in N(L^*)^\perp$ . Thus  $R(L) \subset N(L^*)^\perp$ .

Now let  $f \in N(L^*)^\perp$ . Since  $R(L)$  exists, there exists an orthogonal projection  $P : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow R(L)$  such that  $Pf \in R(L)$ ,  $f' := f - Pf \in R(L)^\perp$ . Since  $f \in N(L^*)^\perp$ ,  $Pf \in R(L) \subset N(L^*)^\perp$ ,  $f' \in N(L^*)^\perp$ . Thus,  $f' \in N(L^*)^\perp \cap R(L)^\perp$ . Thus,  $\langle Lh, f' \rangle = 0 = \langle h, L^*f' \rangle$  for all  $h \in \mathcal{H}$ . Thus, for  $h = L^*f'$ ,  $\langle L^*f', L^*f' \rangle = \|L^*f'\|^2 = 0$ . Thus,  $L^*f' = 0$ , and so  $f' \in N(L^*)$ . But then  $f' \in N(L^*) \cap N(L^*)^\perp$ , and so  $f' = 0$ . Thus,  $f = Pf \in R(L)$ , and so  $R(L) = N(L^*)^\perp$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 15.12.** Let  $L : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be a bounded linear operator such that  $R(L)$  is closed. Then, either  $Lf = g$  has a solution, or there exists a  $v \in N(L^*)$  such that  $\langle g, v \rangle \neq 0$ .

## 15.2 A Resolvent Example

This purpose of this example is to see the power of the Fredholm Alternative: it allows us to deduce when a solution exists (or, put another way, when  $L$  is surjective). So consider the following problem:

Let  $K(x, y) = xy^2$ ,  $Ku(x) = \int_0^1 k(x, y)u(y)dy$  and  $Lu = I - \lambda ku$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . Assume  $L$  has a closed range.

1. Find the values of  $\lambda$  for which  $Lu = f$  has a solution for all  $f \in \mathcal{H}$  (that is, what values of  $\lambda$  make  $L$  surjective). Solve  $Lu = f$  for these values.
2. For the remaining values of  $\lambda$ , find a condition on  $f$  that guarantees a solution to  $Lu = f$ . When  $f$  satisfies this condition, solve  $Lu = f$ .

**Solution 15.13.** Since  $R(L)$  is closed, the Fredholm Alternative applies. So,  $R(L) = N(L^*)^\perp$ . We want  $R(L) = \mathcal{H}$ , so do to so, we show that  $N(L^*) = \{0\}$ . (This follows from the decomposition of  $\mathcal{H}$ .) Then,  $L^* = I - \bar{\lambda}K^*$ . We want to find what values of  $\lambda$  make the statement " $L^*u = 0$  implies  $u = 0$ " true. So suppose  $L^*u = 0$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned}
L^*u = 0 &= u - \bar{\lambda} \int_0^1 k(y, x)u(y)dy = 0 \\
&= u - \bar{\lambda} \int_0^1 yx^2u(y)dy \\
&= u - \bar{\lambda}x^2 \int_0^1 yu(y)dy.
\end{aligned}$$

$\int_0^1 yu(y)dy$  is just a constant, so we have  $u = Cx^2$ . Replace this in  $u$  both on the left and in the integral:

$$0 = Cx^2 - \bar{\lambda}x^2 \int_0^1 u(y)dy = Cx^2 - \bar{\lambda}x^2 \int_0^1 Cy^2 dy = Cx^2 - C\bar{\lambda}x^2/4.$$

Then  $Cx^2 = C\bar{\lambda}x^2/4$ , so  $C = \bar{\lambda}C/4$ . So when  $\lambda \neq 4$ , we have that  $C = 0$ , and this in turn implies that  $u = 0$ . Thus, when  $\lambda \neq 4$ ,  $L^*u = 0$  implies  $u = 0$ . Thus,  $N(L)^* = \{0\}$ , and so  $R(L) = \mathcal{H}$ .

Now suppose  $\lambda \neq 4$ , and  $u - \lambda x \int_0^1 y^2 u(y)dy = f$ . We want to find  $u$ . To do so, take:

$$\begin{aligned} ux^2 - \lambda x^3 \int_0^1 y^2 u(y)dy &= fx^2 \\ \int_0^1 ux^2 dx - \lambda \int_0^1 x^3 \int_0^1 y^2 u(y)dy dx &= \int_0^1 fx^2 dx \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\int_0^1 fy^2 dy = (1 - \frac{\lambda}{4}) \int_0^1 uy^2 dy$ , and so

$$\frac{\int_0^1 fy^2 dy}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{4}} = \int_0^1 u(y)y^2 dy$$

Therefore

$$u(x) = f(x) + \frac{\lambda x}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{4}} \int_0^1 fy^2 dy = f(x) + \frac{4\lambda}{4 - \lambda} Kf(x).$$

That is, if  $Lu = f$ , then  $L^{-1} = (I + \frac{4\lambda}{4-\lambda} K)f$ , so  $u = L^{-1}f$ .  $L^{-1}$  is called the *resolvent* of  $K$ .

b) When  $\lambda = 4$ ,  $L^*u = 0$  implies that  $u = Cx^2$ , so  $N(L^*) = \text{span}\{x^2\}$ . By Fredholm Alternative,  $Lu = f$  when  $f \in N(L^*)^\perp$ , or  $\int_0^1 x^2 f dx = 0$ . (This is the condition we sought to satisfy.) Thus, so solve  $u - 4x \int_0^1 y^2 u(y)dy = f$ , note that  $\int_0^1 y^2 u(y)dy$  cannot be determined by our techniques used above, for  $\int_0^1 uy^2 dy - 4/4 \int_0^1 y^2 u(y)dy = \int_0^1 y^2 f dy = 0$ . That is, we have consistency, so  $C = \int_0^1 y^2 u(y)dy$  is arbitrary. Thus  $u(x) = f(x) + Cx$ .

# Chapter 16

## Compact Operators

First, a brief note on notation:

$\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  = set of all bounded operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Know that this is also a Banach Space.

**Definition 16.1.** A subset  $S \subset \mathcal{H}$  is *compact* if every sequence has a convergent subsequence.  $S$  is *precompact* if its closure is compact.

**Proposition 16.2.** The following hold:

1. Every compact set is bounded.
2. Let  $S$  be bounded. Then  $S$  is precompact iff every sequence has a convergent subsequence.
3. Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be finite dimensional. Every closed and bounded set is compact.
4. In an infinite dimensional space, closed and bounded is not enough.

*Proof.* 1) Suppose  $S$  was compact but not bounded. Then, there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}_1^\infty \subset S$  such that  $\|x_n\| \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $S$  is compact, there exists a convergent subsequence of  $\{x_n\}_1^\infty$ , say  $\{x_{n_j}\}_1^\infty$ . But every convergent sequence is bounded, and thus we have a contradiction.

2) Suppose  $S$  is bounded. Let  $S$  be precompact, and let  $\{x_n\}_1^\infty \subset S$ . Then,  $\{x_n\}_1^\infty \subset \overline{S}$ , which is compact. Thus,  $\{x_n\}_1^\infty$  has a convergent subsequence.

Now suppose every sequence has a convergent subsequence. We claim that  $\overline{S}$  is compact.  $\overline{S}$  is closed, and suppose  $\{x_n\}_1^\infty \subset \overline{S}$ . Then, every  $x_j$  is the limit of a sequence in  $S$ . Thus, for each  $n$ , there exists  $\{y_{n,m}\}_1^\infty \subset S$  such that  $y_{n,m} \rightarrow x_n$  (limit of  $m$ ). Then, for each  $n$  there exists  $M_n$  such that for all  $m \geq M_n$ ,  $\|y_{n,m} - x_n\| < 1/n$ . Then, the sequence  $\{y_{n,M_n}\}_1^\infty$  has a convergent subsequence,  $\{y_{n_k, M_{n_k}}\}_1^\infty$  such that  $y_{n_k, M_{n_k}} \rightarrow y$ . We claim that  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow y$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then, for large enough  $k$ ,  $\|y_{n_k, M_{n_k}} - y\| < \epsilon/2$ . Then:

$$\|x_{n_k} - y\| \leq \|x_{n_k} - y_{n_k, M_{n_k}}\| + \|y_{n_k, M_{n_k}} - y\| < 1/n_k + \epsilon/2.$$

Chose  $K$  large if necessary so that  $1/n_k < \epsilon/2$ , so  $\|x_{n_k} - y\| < \epsilon$ .

3) This is Heine-Borel.

4) Let  $S = \{f \in \mathcal{H} : \|f\| \leq 1\}$ . Let  $\{\phi\}_1^\infty$  be an o.n. basis for  $\mathcal{H}$ , so  $\{\phi_n\}_1^\infty \subset \mathcal{H}$ . But:  $\|\phi_n - \phi_m\|^2 = \|\phi_n\|^2 - 2\langle \phi_n, \phi_m \rangle + \|\phi_m\|^2 = 2$ , so  $\|\phi_n - \phi_m\| = \sqrt{2}$  for  $n \neq m$ . So  $\{\phi_n\}_1^\infty$  does not have a Cauchy subsequence and thus does not have a convergent subsequence.  $\square$

### 16.1 Compact Operators

**Definition 16.3.** Let  $K : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be linear. If  $K$  maps bounded sets into precompact sets, then  $K$  is a *compact operator*. Equivalently,  $K$  is compact if, for every bounded sequence  $\{v_n\}_1^\infty$ , there exists a subsequence  $\{v_{j_k}\}_1^\infty$  such that  $\{Kv_{j_k}\}_1^\infty$  converges. Denote  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  as the space of compact operators.

**Proposition 16.4.** If  $K \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$ , then  $K$  is bounded.

*Proof.* Suppose not. Let  $\{u_n\}_1^\infty$  be such that  $\|u_n\| = 1$  for all  $n$  but  $\|Ku_n\| \rightarrow \infty$ . Then, since  $K$  is compact, there exists a subsequence  $\{u_{n_k}\}_1^\infty$  such that  $\{Ku_{n_k}\}_1^\infty$  converges. But convergent subsequences are bounded. This is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Proposition 16.5.** Every finite rank operator  $K$  is compact.

*Proof.* Since the range of  $K$  is finite dimensional, every bounded set is precompact. Let  $\{f \in \mathcal{H} : \|f\| \leq C\} = S$ . Then,  $K(S)$  is bounded, as  $\|Kf\| \leq \|K\|_{op}\|f\| \leq C\|K\|_{op}$ . Thus,  $K$  maps bounded sets into bounded sets, which are precompact. Thus  $K$  is compact.  $\square$

**Lemma 16.6.** Let  $\{\phi_j\}_1^\infty$  be an o.n. set in  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $K \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$ . Then,  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} kK\phi_j = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose not, then there exists a subsequence such that  $\|kK\phi_{j_n}\| > \alpha > 0$  for all  $n$ . Since  $K$  is compact, there exists a further subsequence  $\{\phi_{j_{n_k}}\} := \{\phi_k\}_1^\infty$  such that  $\{K\phi_k\}_1^\infty$  converges, say to  $\psi$ . Since  $\{\phi_k\} - 1^\infty$  is a subsequence of  $\{\phi_{j_n}\}$ ,  $\|K\phi_k\| > \alpha > 0$  for all  $k$ . Then,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|K\phi_k\| = \|\psi\| > 0$ . But, by Bessel's Inequality,  $\sum_{k=1}^\infty |\langle K\phi_k, \psi \rangle| = \sum_{k=1}^\infty |\langle \phi_k, K^*\psi \rangle| \leq \|K^*\psi\|^2$ . Thus,  $\lim |\langle K\phi_j, \psi \rangle| \rightarrow 0$ , and thus  $\langle K\phi_j, \psi \rangle \rightarrow 0$ . Then,  $\|\psi\|^2 = 0$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

**Definition 16.7.** A sequence  $\{f_n\}_1^\infty$  is weakly convergent to  $f \in \mathcal{H}$  if for all  $g \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle f_n, g \rangle = \langle f, g \rangle$ .

**Lemma 16.8.** If  $f_n \rightarrow f$  weakly, and  $K$  is bounded linear operator, then  $Kf_n \rightarrow Kf$  weakly.

*Proof.* Let  $g \in \mathcal{H}$ . Then,  $\langle Kf_n, g \rangle - \langle Kf, g \rangle = \langle Kf_n - Kf, g \rangle = \langle K(f_n - f), g \rangle = \langle f_n - f, K^*g \rangle$ . But this goes to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus  $Kf_n \rightarrow Kf$  weakly.  $\square$

**Proposition 16.9.** Let  $\{f_n\}$  be weakly convergent to  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ . If  $K \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Kf_n = Kf$ . That is,  $K$  maps weakly convergent sequences to strongly convergent ones.

*Proof.* Suppose not. Then, there exists a subsequence  $\{f_{n_k}\}_1^\infty$  and an  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $\|Kf_{n_k} - f\| > \alpha > 0$ . Since  $K$  is compact, we may find a subsequence  $\{f_{n_{k_j}}\}_1^\infty := \{f_j\}_1^\infty$  such that  $Kf_j \rightarrow \psi$ . Thus,  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|Kf_j - Kf\| = \|\psi - Kf\| > \alpha > 0$ .

Then, by the lemma  $Kf_j \rightarrow Kf$  weakly. So,  $\lim \{Kf_j, g\} = \langle \psi, g \rangle = \langle Kf, g \rangle$  for all  $g \in \mathcal{H}$ . But then  $\|\psi - Kf\| \geq 2\alpha = \langle \psi - Kf, \psi - Kf \rangle = \langle \psi, \psi - Kf \rangle - \langle Kf, \psi - Kf \rangle = 0$ . But this is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Theorem 16.10.**  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  is a closed subspace of  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ .

*Proof.* It is obvious that  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  is a subspace. We only need to show that  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H}) \subset \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and closure. We already know that first, since we showed that compact operators are bounded. Thus all the remains is closure. So let  $\{K_n\}_1^\infty \subset \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $K_n \rightarrow K$  in operator norm. We want to show that  $K$  is compact. So let  $\{u_n\}_1^\infty$  be a bounded sequence.

Now we want to construct our sequence very carefully (this is the trick for this proof). For  $K_1$ , we can select a convergent subsequence. Denote it by  $\{u_n^1\}_1^\infty$ . Now this subsequence is bounded, and so we may take a further subsequence for  $K_2$ :  $\{u_n^2\}_1^\infty$ . Note that since  $\{u_n^2\}_1^\infty$  is a subsequence of  $\{u_n^1\}_1^\infty$ , it is convergent under  $K_1$ . We continue this process: find a subsequence  $\{u_n^j\}_1^\infty$  that is convergent under  $K_m$  for  $1 \leq m \leq j$ . Now we define the “diagonal” sequence:  $\{u_j\}_1^\infty$ , where  $u_j = u_j^j$ . That is, the  $j$  term comes from the  $j^{th}$  term of the the sequence  $\{u_n^j\}_1^\infty$ . By construction,  $\{u_j\}$  is a subsequence of  $\{u_n^j\}_1^\infty$  at least by the  $j$  term. (That is, after the  $j$  term,  $u_j$  becomes a subsequence of  $u_n^j$ . Thus, for any  $n$ ,  $\{K_n u_j\}_1^\infty$  is convergent. (Since  $\{u_j\}_1^\infty$  is a subsequence of  $\{u_n^j\}_1^\infty$  after the  $j$  term,  $\{u_j\}$  is convergent after the  $j$  term.)

Now we are ready for the fireworks. We show that  $\{Ku_j\}_1^\infty$  is Cauchy, and thus convergent. Let  $\epsilon > 0$ , and  $C \leq \|u_m\|$ , since these subsequences are all bounded. :

$$\begin{aligned} \|Ku_n - Ku_m\| &\leq \|Ku_n - K_p u_n\| + \|K_p u_n - K_p u_m\| + \|K_p u_m - Ku_m\| \\ &\leq \|K - K_p\| \|u_n\| + \|K_p u_n - K_p u_m\| + \|K_p - K\| \|u_m\| \\ &\leq C\|K - K_p\| + \|K_p u_n - K_p u_m\| + C\|K_p - K\| \|u_m\| \\ &= 2C\|K - K_p\| + \|K_p u_n - K_p u_m\|. \end{aligned}$$

We can choose  $p$  so large such that  $\|K - K_p\| < \epsilon/(4C)$ . Since  $\{u_j\}_1^\infty$  is convergent under  $K_p$ ,  $\{K_p u_j\}_1^\infty$  is Cauchy, and so we can choose  $m, n$  so large so that  $\|K_p u_n - K_p u_m\| < \epsilon/2$ . Thus, we  $\|K u_n - K u_m\| < \epsilon$ , and thus is Cauchy. Therefore  $\{K u_j\}_1^\infty$  converges, and so  $K$  is compact.  $\square$

**Corollary 16.11.** Hilbert-Schmidt Operators are compact.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{H} = L^2[0, 1]$  and suppose  $k(x, y) \in L^2(R)$ . Then the Hilbert-Schmidt operator is:  $Ku = \int_0^1 k(x, y)u(y)dy$ . Let  $\{\phi_n\}_1^\infty$  be an o.n. basis for  $L^2$ . Then,  $\{\phi_n(x)\phi_m(y)\}_{n,m=1}^\infty$  is a basis for  $L^2(R)$ . Note that  $\|K\|_{op} \leq \|k\|^{L^2}$ . Put  $k(x, y)$  in its basis representation:

$$k(x, y) = \sum_{n,m=1}^{\infty} a_{n,m} \phi_n(x) \phi_m(y).$$

Define  $k_N(x, y) := \sum_{n,m=1}^N a_{n,m} \phi_n(x) \phi_m(y)$ , and  $K_N u := \int_0^1 k_N(x, y)u(y)dy$ , so  $K_N$  is a finite rank operator, and so is compact. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \|K - K_N\|_{op}^2 &\leq \|k - k_N\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &= \left\| \sum_{n,m=1}^{\infty} a_{n,m} \phi_n(x) \phi_m(y) - \sum_{n,m=1}^N a_{n,m} \phi_n(x) \phi_m(y) \right\|^2 \\ &= \left\| \sum_{n,m=N+1}^{\infty} a_{n,m} \phi_n(x) \phi_m(y) \right\|^2 \\ &= \sum_{n,m=N+1}^{\infty} |a_{n,m}|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since this is finite, as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\|K - K_N\|_{op}^2 \rightarrow 0$ , and so  $K_N \rightarrow K$ . Thus,  $K$  is the limit of compact operators, and thus is compact.  $\square$

**Proposition 16.12.** Let  $K \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  and let  $L \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . Then both  $KL$  and  $LK$  are compact.

*Proof.* Let  $\{u_j\}_1^\infty$  be a bounded sequence. Then, since  $L$  is bounded,  $\{Lu_j\}_1^\infty$  is a bounded sequence. Therefore, there exists a subsequence  $\{Lu_{j_k}\}_1^\infty$  such that  $\{KLu_{j_k}\}_1^\infty$  converges. Thus,  $KL$  is compact. For  $LK$ , since  $K$  is compact, there exists a subsequence  $\{u_{j_k}\}_1^\infty$  such that  $\{Ku_{j_k}\}_1^\infty$  converges. Since  $L$  is bounded, it is continuous, and so  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} L(Ku_{j_k}) = L(\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Ku_{j_k})$ , which converges. Thus  $LK$  is compact.  $\square$

**Proposition 16.13.**  $K$  is compact iff  $K^*$  is compact.

*Proof.* Suppose  $K$  is compact. Then it is bounded, and thus so is  $K^*$ . Therefore,  $KK^*$  is compact. If  $\{u_n\}_1^\infty$  is a bounded sequence, then there exists a subsequence  $\{u_{n_j} := u_j\}_1^\infty$  that is convergent under  $KK^*$ . Thus,  $\{KK^*u_j\}_1^\infty$  is Cauchy. Observe

$$\langle KK^*(u_j - u_k), u_j - u_k \rangle = \langle K^*(u_j - u_k), K^*(u_j - u_k) \rangle = \|K^*(u_j - u_k)\|^2.$$

Since  $\{u_j\}_1^\infty$  is bounded, we thus have  $\|K^*(u_j - u_k)\|^2 \leq C\|KK^*(u_j - u_k)\|$ . Since  $\{KK^*(u_j)\}_1^\infty$  is convergent, it is also Cauchy. Thus, we may the right hand side as small as we want by sending  $j, k \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore,  $\{K^*u_j\}_1^\infty$  is Cauchy, and thus converges. Therefore,  $K^*$  is compact. Since  $(K^*)^* = K$ , the other direction follows immediately.  $\square$

# Chapter 17

## Closed Range Theorem

**Theorem 17.1.** *If  $K \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , then the range of the operator  $L := I - \lambda K$  is closed.*

*Proof.* If  $N(L) = \{0\}$ , then we may not have a unique solution to  $Lf = g$ . In particular, if  $h \neq 0 \in N(L)$ , and  $f$  is a solution, then  $L(f + g) = Lf + Lh = Lf$ . So our solution may not be unique. To alleviate this issue, we utilize the decomposition of  $\mathcal{H}$  into  $N(L) \oplus N(L)^\perp$ . In particular, if  $Lf = g$ , then  $f = f_1 + f_2$  where  $f_1 \in N(L)$  and  $f_2 \in N(L)^\perp$ , so we simply redefine  $L : N(L)^\perp \rightarrow R(L)$  to ensure uniqueness. (That is, we mod out the null space.)

Now that we have made this adjustment, we prove that there exists a  $c > 0$  such that for  $f \in N(L)^\perp$ ,  $\|Lf\| > c\|f\|$ .

Suppose not. Then, we may find a sequence  $\{f_n\}_1^\infty \subset N(L)^\perp$  such that  $\|f_n\| = 1$  but  $\|Lf_n\| \rightarrow 0$ . However,  $Lf_n = f_n - \lambda Kf_n$ , so  $f_n = Lf_n + \lambda Kf_n$ . Since the  $f_n$ s are bounded and  $K$  is compact, there exists a subsequence  $\{f_{n_k}\}_1^\infty := \{f_k\}_1^\infty$  such that  $\{Kf_k\}_1^\infty$  converges. By our choice of sequences,  $Lf_k \rightarrow 0$ . Thus, both  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Lf_k$  and  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda Kf_k$  exist. Then define:

$$\hat{f} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda Kf_k + \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Lf_k.$$

However, since  $L$  is continuous,  $L\hat{f} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Lf_k = 0$ . Thus,  $\hat{f} \in N(L)$ . However,  $\{f_K\}_1^\infty \subset N(L)^\perp$ , and  $N(L)^\perp$  being a closed subspace implies that  $\hat{f} \in N(L)^\perp$ . Therefore,  $\hat{f} = 0$ . But  $0 = \|\hat{f}\| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|f_k\| = 1$ . Thus a contradiction.

Now with this bound, we proceed to the main part of the proof. Let  $\{g_n\}_1^\infty \subset R(L)$  be such that  $g_n \rightarrow g$ . Our goal is to find an  $f \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $Lf = g$ . This will show that the range is closed. As before, we limit  $f \in N(L)^\perp$  to ensure uniqueness. Now:

$$\|g_n - g_m\| = \|L(f_n - f_m)\| \geq c\|f_n - f_m\|.$$

But since  $\{g_n\}_1^\infty$  is convergent, it is Cauchy, and thus  $\{f_n\}_1^\infty$  is Cauchy. Thus  $f_n \rightarrow f$  for some  $f$ . Thus,  $g = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Lf_n = Lf$ . So  $g \in R(L)$ .  $\square$

## Chapter 18

# Spectral Theory for Compact Self-Adjoint Operators

First, let us consider the finite dimensional case. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. We say that  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  is  $Ax = \lambda x$  for some  $x \neq 0$ . When we want to find  $\lambda$ , we find  $(A - I\lambda)x = 0$ . That is we want to find what values of  $\lambda$  make  $N(A - \lambda I) \neq \{0\}$ , so that  $x \in N(A - \lambda I)$ . In particular we find  $\lambda$  such that  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ , so that  $A - I\lambda$  is singular, and thus *not* invertible. So  $(A - I\lambda)^{-1}$  does *not* exist. What we may conclude, then, is that if  $(A - I\lambda)^{-1}$  does exist, then  $\lambda$  is not an eigenvalue.

To further elaborate, if  $(A - I\lambda)^{-1}$  exists, it is injective, so  $N(A - I\lambda)^{-1} = \{0\}$ . But then the only  $x$  that satisfies  $(A - I\lambda)x = 0$  is  $x = 0$ . But then  $\lambda$  is not an eigenvector. We can formalize this.

**Definition 18.1.** The spectrum of a finite dimensional linear operator is  $\{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : Ax = \lambda x \text{ for some } x \neq 0\} = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \det(A - I\lambda) = 0\} = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : (A - \lambda I)^{-1} \text{ does not exist}\} = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : (A - \lambda I)^{-1} \text{ exists}\}^c$ .

This is a bit overkill for finite dimensions, but we can use this definition to move into infinite dimensions.

**Definition 18.2.** Let  $L \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . The *resolvent set* of  $L$  is  $\rho(L) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : (L - \lambda I)^{-1} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})\}$ . The operator  $R_L(\lambda) := (L - \lambda I)^{-1}$  is called the *resolvent* of  $L$ . The *spectrum* of  $L$ ,  $\sigma(L)$  is defined as the complement of the resolvent set:  $\sigma(L) = \rho(L)^c$ .

**Note 18.3.** There is a subtle difference between what we have for finite dimensions. To be in the spectrum is to say  $(L - \lambda I)^{-1} \notin \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , so it may exists, but not be over all of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**Lemma 18.4.** Let  $L = L^* \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . Then the eigenvalues of  $L$  are real and the eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are orthogonal.

*Proof.* First we show that eigenvalues are real:

$$\lambda \langle x, x \rangle = \langle \lambda x, x \rangle = \langle Lx, x \rangle = \langle x, L^*x \rangle = \langle x, Lx \rangle = \langle x, \lambda x \rangle = \bar{\lambda} \langle x, x \rangle.$$

Thus,  $(\lambda - \bar{\lambda}) \langle x, x \rangle = 0$ . Since  $x \neq 0$ , we have that  $\lambda = \bar{\lambda}$ , and so  $\lambda$  is real. Now we use this to show orthogonality. Let  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$  be eigenvalues (and so are real) and let  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalues. Then:

$$\lambda_1 \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle = \langle Lx_1, x_2 \rangle = \langle x_1, L^*x_2 \rangle = \langle x_1, Lx_2 \rangle = \bar{\lambda}_2 \langle x_1, x_1 \rangle.$$

Thus,  $(\lambda_1 - \bar{\lambda}_2) \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle = 0$ . Since  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ ,  $\langle x_1, x_2 \rangle = 0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 18.5.** Let  $\{\phi_n\}_1^\infty$  be an o.n. set in  $\mathcal{H}$  and let  $K \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$ . Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} K\phi_n = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose not. Then, there exists a  $c > 0$  such that  $\|K\phi_n\| > c$  for all  $n$ . Now  $\{\phi_n\}_1^\infty$  is bounded, and so since  $K$  is compact, there exists a subsequence  $\phi_{n_k} := \phi_k$  such that  $\{K\phi_k\}_1^\infty$  converges. Since this is a subsequence  $\|\psi\| \lim \|K\phi_k\| > 0$ , so  $\psi \neq 0$ . Now, by Bessel's Inequality,

$$\sum_1^\infty |\langle K\phi_k, \psi \rangle|^2 = \sum_1^\infty |\langle \phi_k, K^*\psi \rangle|^2 \leq \|K^*\psi\|^2 < \infty.$$

Then, the sum on the left is convergent, and so  $|\langle K\phi_k, \psi \rangle| \rightarrow 0$ , so  $\langle K\phi_k, \psi \rangle \rightarrow 0$ . But then

$$0 = \lim \langle K\phi_k, \psi \rangle = \langle \psi, \psi \rangle = \|\psi\|^2.$$

But this implies that  $\psi = 0$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Proposition 18.6.** If  $K \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{H})$ , then  $\sigma(K)$  consists only of eigenvalues together with 0.

*Proof.* While true in general, we will only show for when  $K = K^*$ . Suppose  $\lambda \in \sigma(K)$ ,  $\lambda \neq 0$ . We want to show  $\lambda$  is in fact an eigenvalue. So, since  $\lambda \in \sigma(K)$ ,  $K - \lambda I \notin \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . This is possible either because  $N(K - \lambda I) \neq \{0\}$  or  $(K - \lambda I)^{-1}$  is not bounded. (Note that if the inverse is unbounded, then  $(K - \lambda I)$  is mapped to a dense subset of  $\mathcal{H}$ , but not the whole space.)

If  $N(K - \lambda I) \neq \{0\}$ , for some  $u \neq 0$   $(K - \lambda I)u = Ku - \lambda u = 0$ , so  $Ku = \lambda u$ , and thus  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue.

Now suppose the range of  $K - \lambda I$  is not all of  $\mathcal{H}$ . Since  $K$  is compact, it has closed range (a simple adjustment to the Closed Range Theorem shows this), and so the Fredholm Alternative applies to  $L := K - \lambda I$ . That is,  $R(L) = N(L^*)^\perp$ . Recall that we have  $N(L^*) \bigoplus N(L^*)^\perp = N(L^*) \bigoplus R(L)$ . By assumption,  $R(L) \neq \mathcal{H}$ , thus there exists a  $g \in N(L^*)$  such that  $g \neq 0$ . Then  $L^*g = 0$ , so  $K^*g - \bar{\lambda}g = 0$ , so  $K^* = \bar{\lambda}g$ , and  $\bar{\lambda}$  is an eigenvalue of  $K^*$ . But  $K = K^*$ , so  $\bar{\lambda}$  is an eigenvalue of  $K$ . Since all eigenvalues of a self-adjoint operator are real,  $\bar{\lambda} = \lambda$ . So  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue.

Now we show  $0 \in \sigma(K)$ . Suppose not. Then,  $(K - 0\lambda)^{-1} = K^{-1} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . Let  $\{\phi_n\}_1^\infty$  be an o.n. set and define  $\psi_k = K\phi_n$ . Then,  $K^{-1}\psi_k = \phi_n$ , so  $\|\phi_n\| = 1 = \|K^{-1}\phi_n\| \leq \|K^{-1}\|\|\psi_k\|$ . However,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} K\phi_n = 0$ , so  $\psi = 0$ . But this is a contradiction. Thus,  $0 \in \sigma(K)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 18.7.** Let  $K \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{H})$ . If  $\lambda \neq 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $K$  with eigenspace  $\mathcal{E}_\lambda$ , then  $\mathcal{E}_\lambda$  is finite dimensional.

*Proof.* Since  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $K$ , if  $x \in \mathcal{E}_\lambda$ , then  $Kx = \lambda x$  implies  $(K - \lambda I)x = 0$ , so  $x \in N(K - \lambda I)$  and  $\mathcal{E}_\lambda \subset N(K - \lambda I)$ . Likewise, if  $x \in N(K - \lambda I)$ , then  $Kx = \lambda x$ , so  $x \in \mathcal{E}_\lambda$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{E}_\lambda = N(K - \lambda I)$ . Since  $K$  is bounded,  $N(K - \lambda I) = \mathcal{E}_\lambda$  is closed. Thus, choose an o.n. basis  $\{\phi_n\}_1^N$ . If  $N = \infty$ , then  $K\phi_n = \lambda\phi_n$ , and  $\|K\phi_n\| = |\lambda|\|\phi_n\| = |\lambda|$ . But  $\|K\phi_n\| \rightarrow 0$ , and thus a contradiction. Thus  $N < \infty$ , and we are done.  $\square$

**Proposition 18.8.** Let  $K \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  be self-adjoint. Then 0 is the only possible accumulation point of the eigenvalues of  $K$ .

*Proof.* Suppose not. Then we may choose a sequence  $\{\lambda\}_1^\infty$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_n \neq 0$ . Let  $\{\phi_n\}_1^\infty$  be the set of eigenvalues corresponding to the respective eigenvalues such that  $\|\phi_n\| = 1$ . Note that this implies that  $\{\phi_n\}_1^\infty$  is an orthogonal set, and thus an o.n. set. Then,  $\|K\phi_n\| = |\lambda_n|$ , but then  $\lim \|K\phi_n\| = 0 = \lim |\lambda_n|$ , so  $\lambda_n \rightarrow 0$ . This is a contradiction.  $\square$

## 18.1 Spectral Theory for Self-Adjoint Compact Operators

**Lemma 18.9.** Let  $L = L^* \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . Then,  $\|L\| = \sup_{\|u\|=1} |\langle Lu, u \rangle|$ .

*Proof.* Omitted.  $\square$

**Lemma 18.10.** Let  $K = 0 \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  be self-adjoint. Then either  $\|K\|$  or  $-\|K\|$  or both are eigenvalues.

*Proof.* By the lemma,  $\|K\| = \sup_{\|u\|=1} |\langle Ku, u \rangle|$ . Thus, we may choose a sequence  $\{u_n\}$  such that  $\|u_n\| = 1$  and  $\|K\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\langle Ku_n, u_n \rangle|$ . Thus,  $\langle Ku_n, u_n \rangle \rightarrow \pm\|K\|$ . Suppose we have  $+\|K\|$ . (The other case follows identically.) Then:

$$\begin{aligned}
\|Ku_n - \|K\|u_n\|^2 &= \|Ku_n\|^2 - 2\|K\|\langle Ku_n, u_n \rangle + \|K\|^2\|u_n\|^2 \\
&\leq \|K\|^2 - 2\|K\|\langle Ku_n, u_n \rangle + \|K\|^2 \\
&= 2\|K\|^2 - 2\|K\|\langle Ku_n, u_n \rangle \\
&= 2\|K\|(\|K\| - \langle Ku_n, u_n \rangle).
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\langle Ku_n, u_n \rangle \rightarrow \|K\|$ , we have  $\|Ku_n - \|K\|u_n\| \rightarrow 0$ . So,  $Ku_n - \|K\|u_n$  converges to 0. Now, since  $\|u_n\| = 1$  and  $K$  being compact implies that  $\{Ku_{n_k}\}_1^\infty$  converges for some  $\{u_{n_k}\}_1^\infty := \{u_k\}_1^\infty$ . Say  $Ku_k \rightarrow u$  for some  $u$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\|K\|u_k &= Ku_k - (Ku_k - \|K\|u_k) \implies \\
\|K\| \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} u_k &= \lim Ku_k - \lim(Ku_k - \|K\|u_k) \\
\|K\| \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} u_k &= \lim Ku_k - 0 \\
&= u.
\end{aligned}$$

Now since  $K$  is continuous  $\|K\|u = \lim \|K\|Ku_k = Ku$ . Then,  $\|K\|u = Ku$ . Since  $\|u\| = \|\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} u_k\| = 1$ ,  $u \neq 0$ , and so  $\|K\|$  is an eigenvalue.  $\square$

**Definition 18.11.** A self-adjoint operator  $K$  is *positive* if  $\langle Ku, u \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $u \in \mathcal{H}$ .

**Definition 18.12.** Let  $U \subset \mathcal{H}$  be a subspace,  $L \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ . Then  $U$  is *invariant under  $L$*  if  $L(U) \subset U$ .

**Lemma 18.13.** Let  $M_n$  be the span of eigenvalues of  $\|K\| = \lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \dots > \lambda_n > 0$  and let  $M_n^\perp$  be the orthogonal complement. Then  $M_n$  and  $M_n^\perp$  are both invariant, with  $K = K^*$ .

*Proof.* Let  $v \in M_n$ , so  $v = \sum_1^n \alpha_j u_j$  where  $u_j$  is an eigenvector. Then,  $Kv = \sum_1^n \alpha_j K(u_j) = \sum_1^n \alpha_j \lambda_j u_j \in M_n$ . Thus  $M_n$  is invariant.

Now let  $u \in M_n^\perp$ ,  $p \in M_n$ . Then,

$$\langle Ku, p \rangle = \sum_1^n \overline{\alpha_j} \langle Ku, u_j \rangle = \sum_1^n \overline{\alpha_j} \langle u, K^* u_j \rangle = \sum_1^n \overline{\alpha_j} \langle u, Ku_j \rangle = \sum_1^n \overline{\alpha_j} \langle u, \lambda_j u_j \rangle = \sum_1^n \overline{\alpha_j} \overline{\lambda_j} \langle u, u_j \rangle = 0.$$

Thus,  $K(M_n^\perp) \subset M_n^\perp$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 18.14.** Let  $K \neq 0 \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  be self-adjoint and nonnegative. If  $K$  has  $n$  positive integers, then

$$\lambda_{n+1} = \sup\{\langle Ku, u \rangle : u \in M_n^\perp, \|u\| = 1\} < \lambda_n.$$

*Proof.* Define  $K_{n+1} := K|_{M_n^\perp}$ , so that for  $w \in M_n^\perp$ ,  $K_{n+1}w = Kw$ . Since  $K$  is compact on  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $K_{n+1}$  is compact on  $M_n^\perp$ . Thus:

$$K_{n+1} = \sup\{\langle K_{n+1}w, w \rangle, w \in M_n^\perp, \|w\| = 1\}$$

is an eigenvalue for  $K_{n+1}$  with  $w \neq 0$  being the eigenvector. Therefore,  $\|K_{n+1}\|$  is an eigenvalue for  $K$  as well. Define  $\lambda_{n+1} = \|K_{n+1}\|$ .

To show the inequality, we observe that by construction  $\lambda_j = \|K_j\| = \sup\{\langle Ku, u \rangle : u \in M_{j-1}^\perp, \|u\| = 1\}$ . Note that since  $M_n \subset M_{n+1}$ ,  $M_{n+1}^\perp \subset M_n^\perp$ . Then by properties of supremum,  $\lambda_{j+1} < \lambda_j$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 18.15.** From among the eigenvectors of  $K$  corresponding to the nonzero eigenvalues of  $K$ , one may select an orthonormal basis for  $R(K)$ . Moreover, if  $R(K)$  is dense in  $\mathcal{H}$ , then that set forms an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $P_n$  be the orthogonal projection of  $\mathcal{H}$  onto  $M_n$  and  $P_n^\perp$  for  $M_n^\perp$ . Let  $g = Ku \in R(K)$ . We may write  $u = u_n + u_n^\perp$ ,  $P_n u = u_n$ ,  $P_n^\perp u = u_n^\perp$ . Since  $M_n$  and  $M_n^\perp$  are invariant,

$$g = Ku = K(u_n + u_n^\perp) = Ku_n + Ku_n^\perp = g_n + g_n^\perp.$$

Thus,  $g - g_n = g_n^\perp = K(u - u_n) = Ku_n^\perp = K_{n+1}u_n^\perp$ . Then:

$$\|g - g_n\| = \|K_{n+1}u_n^\perp\| \leq \|K_{n+1}\| \|u_n^\perp\| = \lambda_{k+1} \|u_n^\perp\| \leq \lambda_{k=1} \|u\|.$$

Thus,  $\|g - g_n\| \leq \lambda_{k+1} \|u\|$ . Now there are two possibilities to consider. If there are only  $n$  nonzero eigenvalues,  $\lambda_{n+1} = 0$ , so then  $\|g - g_n\| = 0$ , so  $g = g_n$  and  $R(K) = M_n$ .

Suppose there are infinitely many nonzero values. Then  $\lambda_n$  is a decreasing sequence bounded below, and so converges. More importantly,  $\lambda_n \rightarrow 0$ , as 0 is the only limit point of eigenvalues. Thus,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|g_n - g\| \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_{n+1} \|u\| = 0$ . So  $g = g_n$  and

$$g = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\dim(\mathcal{E}_\lambda)} \langle g, \phi_{j,k} \rangle \phi_{j,k}$$

and we have a basis.  $\square$

**Theorem 18.16** (Spectral Theorem). *Let  $K \neq 0 \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  be self-adjoint. Then, from among the eigenvectors of  $K$ , including those for  $\lambda = 0$ , we may select an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H}$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $K = K^*$  and  $N(K)$  is closed, we have  $\mathcal{H} = \overline{R(K)} \oplus N(K^*)$ . The basis from the above proposition gives us a basis for  $R(K)$ . We claim that this basis works for  $\overline{R(K)}$ . Let  $\{g_n\}_1^\infty \subset R(K)$  and  $g_n \rightarrow g$ . Let  $\{\phi_j\}_1^\infty$  be a basis for  $R(K)$ . Extend this basis to  $\overline{R(K)}$  with  $\{\psi_j\}_1^\infty$ . Then

$$g = \sum_1^\infty \beta_j \phi_j + \sum_{k=1}^\infty \gamma_k \psi_k.$$

Then,  $\|g - g_n\| = \|\sum_{j=1}^\infty (\beta_j - \alpha_j) \phi_j + \sum_{k=1}^\infty \gamma_k \psi_k\| \rightarrow 0$ .

Now the second sum is not in the span of the  $\phi_j$ s, and thus  $\psi_k = 0$  for all  $k$ . Thus,  $g \in \text{span}(\{\phi_j\}_1^\infty)$ , and so  $\{\phi_j\}_1^\infty$  is a basis for  $\overline{R(K)}$ . Now, for  $N(K^*)^\perp = N(K)$ ,  $N(K)^\perp = \mathcal{E}_{\lambda=0}$  and we can find a basis for this space. Take the two, and we are done.  $\square$