

Functional Analysis Notes

Metric Space

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1 Contraction Mapping Principle

Definition 1.1 (metric space)

Let \mathcal{X} be a non-empty set. We call \mathcal{X} a **metric space** if there is a real-value function $\rho(x, y)$ defined on \mathcal{X} such that

- (1) $\rho(x, y) \geq 0$, and the equality holds if and only if $x = y$;
- (2) $\rho(x, y) = \rho(y, x)$;
- (3) $\rho(x, z) \leq \rho(x, y) + \rho(y, z)$, $\forall x, y, z \in \mathcal{X}$.

where ρ is called a **metric** on \mathcal{X} . The metric space \mathcal{X} with metric ρ is written as (\mathcal{X}, ρ)

Example 1.1 (Euclidean space)

Metric on Euclidean space is defined by

$$\rho(x, y) = \sqrt{\langle x - y, x - y \rangle}$$

Example 1.2 (continuous functions on $[a, b]$)

We denote the set of all continuous functions on $[a, b]$ by $C[a, b]$.

It's a metric space with metric

$$\rho(x, y) = \max_{a \leq t \leq b} |x(t) - y(t)|$$

Definition 1.2 (convergence)

Sequence $\{x_n\}$ in (\mathcal{X}, ρ) is **convergent** to x_0 if $\rho(x_n, x_0) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. We write $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x_0$ or $x_n \rightarrow x_0$.

Definition 1.3 (closed set)

A subset E of metric space \mathcal{X} is **closed** if $\forall \{x_n\} \subset E$, if $x_n \rightarrow x_0$ then $x_0 \in E$.

Definition 1.4 (Cauchy sequence)

A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in metric space \mathcal{X} is called a Cauchy sequence if $\rho(x_n, x_m) \rightarrow 0$ as $n, m \rightarrow \infty$. i.e. for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $N(\epsilon)$ such that for any $m, n \geq N(\epsilon)$, $\rho(x_n, x_m) < \epsilon$.

Definition 1.5 (completeness)

A metric space \mathcal{X} is **complete** if and only if all the Cauchy sequence in \mathcal{X} is convergent(to some point in \mathcal{X}).

Example 1.3

Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^n is complete.

Proof.

Suppose $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in \mathbb{R}^n . It's easy to see that $\{x_n\}$ is bounded. By Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem, there is a convergent subsequence and since $\{x_n\}$ is Cauchy, the limit of the convergent subsequence is exactly the limit of $\{x_n\}$. \square

Example 1.4

$(C[a, b], \rho)$ is complete.

Proof.

Suppose $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in $C[a, b]$.

By definition $\rho(x_n, x_m) \rightarrow 0$ as $n, m \rightarrow \infty$.

Hence given any $t \in [a, b]$, $|x_n(t) - x_m(t)| \rightarrow 0$ as $n, m \rightarrow \infty$. Since \mathbb{R} is complete, $x_n(t) \rightarrow x_0(t)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

For any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $N(\epsilon)$ such that $|x_n(t) - x_m(t)| < \epsilon$ for all $n, m > N(\epsilon)$. Fix t and let $m \rightarrow \infty$ we have $|x_n(t) - x_0(t)| < \epsilon$ when $n > N(\epsilon)$. Thus $x_n(t)$ converges to $x_0(t)$ uniformly and therefore $x_0(t) \in C[a, b]$.

So $\{x_n\}$ converges. \square

Definition 1.6 (continuous mapping)

Let $T : (\mathcal{X}, \rho) \rightarrow (\mathcal{Y}, \gamma)$ be a map. T is **continuous** if for any $\{x_n\} \subset \mathcal{X}$, $x_0 \in \mathcal{X}$,

$$\rho(x_n, x_0) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \gamma(Tx_n, Tx_0) \rightarrow 0$$

Proposition 1.1

Let $T : (\mathcal{X}, \rho) \rightarrow (\mathcal{Y}, \gamma)$ be a map.

Then T is continuous if and only if $\forall \epsilon > 0, \forall x_0 \in \mathcal{X}, \exists \delta = \delta(x_0, \epsilon) > 0$, such that

$$\rho(x, x_0) < \delta \Rightarrow \gamma(Tx, Tx_0) < \epsilon, \forall x \in \mathcal{X}$$

Proof.

\Rightarrow :

Suppose not, then $\exists \epsilon > 0, x_0 \in \mathcal{X}$ and $\forall \delta > 0$, there exists $x \in \mathcal{X}$ such that

$$\rho(x, x_0) < \delta, \gamma(Tx, Tx_0) \geq \epsilon$$

Let $\delta_n = \frac{1}{n}$, then we get a sequence $\{x_n\}$ such that

$$\rho(x_n, x_0) < \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0, \gamma(Tx_n, Tx_0) \geq \epsilon$$

leading a contradiction since T is continuous.

\Leftarrow :

Pick $x_0 \in \mathcal{X}$, and let $\{x_n\} \subset \mathcal{X}$ be any sequence converges to x_0 .

Now we have $\rho(x_n, x_0) \rightarrow 0$, we show that $\gamma(Tx_n, Tx_0) \rightarrow 0$.

$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta = \delta(x_0, \epsilon) > 0$ such that

$$\rho(x, x_0) < \delta \Rightarrow \gamma(Tx, Tx_0) < \epsilon, \forall x \in \mathcal{X}$$

Fix δ above, there exists N such that if $n > N$, then $\rho(x_n, x_0) < \delta$ and therefore $\gamma(Tx_n, Tx_0) < \epsilon$, i.e. $\gamma(Tx_n, Tx_0) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. \square

Let ϕ be a real-value function defined on \mathbb{R} . It's clear that the root of the equation $\phi(x) = 0$ is also the fixed point of $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x - \phi(x)$.

Consider integral equation

$$x(t) = \xi + \int_0^t F(\tau, x(\tau)) d\tau$$

and metric space $C[-h, h]$.

Let $T : C[-h, h] \rightarrow C[-h, h]$ be a map defined by

$$(Tx)(t) = \xi + \int_0^t F(\tau, x(\tau)) d\tau$$

Then the integral equation is equivalent to $x = Tx$. (x is the fixed point of T)

Definition 1.7 (contraction mapping)

Let $T : (\mathcal{X}, \rho) \rightarrow (\mathcal{X}, \rho)$ be a map. T is called a contraction mapping if there exists $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ such that $\rho(Tx, Ty) \leq \alpha\rho(x, y)$, $\forall x, y \in \mathcal{X}$.

Example 1.5

Let $\mathcal{X} = [0, 1]$, $T(x)$ defined on $[0, 1]$ is a differentiable function, satisfying

$$T(x) \in [0, 1], |T'(x)| \leq \alpha < 1, \forall x \in [0, 1]$$

Then $T : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ is a contraction mapping.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(Tx, Ty) &= |T(x) - T(y)| \\ &= |T'(\theta x + (1 - \theta)y)(x - y)| \\ &\leq \alpha|x - y| = \alpha\rho(x, y), \forall x, y \in \mathcal{X}, 0 < \theta < 1 \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 1.1 (Banach fixed point theorem)

Let (\mathcal{X}, ρ) be a complete metric space, $T : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ is a contraction mapping, then there exists unique fixed point of T in \mathcal{X} .

Proof.

Pick any point $x_0 \in \mathcal{X}$, we can obtain a sequence $\{x_n\}$ by iteration $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(x_{n+1}, x_n) &= \rho(T^n x_1, T^n x_0) \\ &\leq \alpha^n \rho(x_1, x_0), \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \end{aligned}$$

And for any $m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(x_{n+m}, x_n) &= \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho(x_{n+k+1}, x_{n+k}) \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \alpha^{n+k} \rho(x_1, x_0) \\ &= \alpha^n \frac{1 - \alpha^m}{1 - \alpha} \rho(x_1, x_0) \\ &< \frac{\alpha^n}{1 - \alpha} \rho(x_1, x_0), \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Since (\mathcal{X}, ρ) is complete, there exists $x \in \mathcal{X}$ such that $x_n \rightarrow x$.

Then take the limit of both sides of the iteration $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$ we get $x = Tx$, i.e. x is a fixed point of T .

Suppose there is another fixed point x' , then

$$\rho(x, x') = \rho(Tx, Tx') \leq \alpha\rho(x, x')$$

This implies that $x' = x$. Therefore the fixed point of T is unique. □

2 Completion

Definition 2.1 (isometry)

Let (\mathcal{X}, ρ) , (\mathcal{Y}, γ) be two metric spaces.

If there is a map $\phi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ satisfying

- (1) ϕ is onto.
- (2) $\rho(x, y) = \gamma(\phi x, \phi y)$, $\forall x, y \in \mathcal{X}$.

Then we call (\mathcal{X}, ρ) and (\mathcal{Y}, γ) are **isometric**. And ϕ is called an **isometry**.

Note.

(2) implies that ϕ is injective.

If metric space (\mathcal{X}, ρ) is isometric to a subspace of another metric space (\mathcal{Y}, γ) . Then we say that (\mathcal{X}, ρ) can be embedded in (\mathcal{Y}, γ) . Usually written as $(\mathcal{X}, \rho) \subset (\mathcal{Y}, \gamma)$

Definition 2.2 (dense)

Let (\mathcal{X}, ρ) be a metric space. $E \subset \mathcal{X}$ is called a dense subset of \mathcal{X} if $\forall x \in \mathcal{X}, \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists z \in E$ such that $\rho(x, z) < \epsilon$. In other words, $\forall x \in \mathcal{X}, \exists \{x_n\} \subset E$ such that $x_n \rightarrow x$.

Example 2.1

Denote the set of all polynomials on $[a, b]$ by $P[a, b]$. By Weierstrass theorem, $P[a, b]$ is dense in $C[a, b]$.

Definition 2.3 (completion)

The smallest complete metric space of given metric space (\mathcal{X}, ρ) is called the completion of \mathcal{X} .

Proposition 2.1

If $(\mathcal{X}, \rho), (\mathcal{X}_1, \rho_1)$ are metric spaces. $(\mathcal{X}, \rho) \subset (\mathcal{X}_1, \rho_1)$, (\mathcal{X}_1, ρ_1) is complete. $\rho_1|_{\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}} = \rho$ and \mathcal{X} is dense in \mathcal{X}_1 , then \mathcal{X}_1 is the completion of \mathcal{X} .

Proof.

$\forall \xi \in \mathcal{X}_1, \exists \{x_n\} \subset \mathcal{X}$ such that $\rho_1(x_n, \xi) \rightarrow 0$.

If there is another complete metric space, say (\mathcal{X}_2, ρ_2) , of which (\mathcal{X}, ρ) is the subspace. (Naturally we have $\rho_2|_{\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}} = \rho$).

Note that

$$\rho_2(x_n, x_m) = \rho_1(x_n, x_m) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n, m \rightarrow \infty$$

Thus $\exists \hat{\xi} \in \mathcal{X}_2$ such that $\rho_2(x_n, \hat{\xi}) \rightarrow 0$.

Then define a map $T : \mathcal{X}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_2, T\xi = \hat{\xi}$, it suffices to show that T is an isometry.

Since $\forall \eta \in \mathcal{X}_1, \exists y_n \in \mathcal{X}$ such that $\rho_1(y_n, \eta) \rightarrow 0$,

$$\rho_1(\xi, \eta) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho_1(x_n, y_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho_2(x_n, y_n) = \rho_2(\hat{\xi}, \hat{\eta})$$

Hence T is an isometric embedding, i.e. $(\mathcal{X}_1, \rho_1) \subset (\mathcal{X}_2, \rho_2) \square$

Theorem 2.1

Every metric space has a completion.

Proof.

Let (\mathcal{X}, ρ) be a metric space.

Step 1. Construct a metric space \mathcal{X}_1 containing \mathcal{X}

First we define a relation \sim on all the Cauchy sequence in \mathcal{X} by

$$\{x_n\} \sim \{y_n\} \text{ iff } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho(x_n, y_n) = 0$$

It's easy to verify that \sim is a equivalent relation. We see each equivalent class as an element and denote the set of all these equivalent classes by \mathcal{X}_1 , then define metric on \mathcal{X}_1 by

$$\rho_1(\xi, \eta) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho(x_n, y_n)$$

where $x_n \in \xi, y_n \in \eta$.

We need to show that ρ_1 is well-defined.

Since for any $p \in \mathbb{Z}_+$,

$$\begin{aligned} & |\rho(x_{n+p}, y_{n+p}) - \rho(x_n, y_n)| \\ &= |\rho(x_{n+p}, y_{n+p}) - \rho(x_{n+p}, y_n) + \rho(x_{n+p}, y_n) - \rho(x_n, y_n)| \\ &\leq |\rho(x_{n+p}, y_{n+p}) - \rho(x_{n+p}, y_n)| + |\rho(x_{n+p}, y_n) - \rho(x_n, y_n)| \\ &\leq |\rho(y_{n+p}, y_n)| + |\rho(x_{n+p}, x_n)| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

$\rho(x_n, y_n)$ is a Cauchy sequence in \mathbb{R} , which is a complete metric space. Hence the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho(x_n, y_n)$ does exist.

Note that if $x'_n \in \xi$, then

$$|\rho(x'_n, y_n) - \rho(x_n, y_n)| \leq |\rho(x'_n, x_n)| \rightarrow 0$$

Hence the value of $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho(x_n, y_n)$ doesn't depend on the selection of $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$.

We also need to verify that the triangle inequality holds, i.e.

$$\rho_1(\xi, \zeta) \leq \rho_1(\xi, \eta) + \rho_1(\eta, \zeta)$$

which can be obtained by taking the limit of both sides of the following inequality

$$\rho(x_n, z_n) \leq \rho(x_n, y_n) + \rho(y_n, z_n)$$

Therefore, we showed that ρ_1 is a metric and (\mathcal{X}_1, ρ_1) is a metric space.

Step 2. Show that \mathcal{X} is dense in \mathcal{X}_1

$\forall x \in \mathcal{X}$, we denote by $\xi_x \in \mathcal{X}_1$ the equivalent class containing sequence (x, x, \dots, x, \dots) , and let $\mathcal{X}' = \{\xi_x : x \in \mathcal{X}\}$. Obviously, $\mathcal{X}' \subset \mathcal{X}_1$. Then we define a map

$$T : (\mathcal{X}, \rho) \rightarrow (\mathcal{X}', \rho_1), x \mapsto \xi_x$$

It's clear that T is onto. Also,

$$\rho(x_1, x_2) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho(x_1, x_2) = \rho_1(\xi_{x_1}, \xi_{x_2}) = \rho_1(Tx_1, Tx_2)$$

Thus T is an isometry and therefore $(\mathcal{X}, \rho) \subset (\mathcal{X}_1, \rho_1)$. By definition of \mathcal{X}_1 , \mathcal{X} is dense in \mathcal{X}_1 .

Step 3. Show that \mathcal{X}_1 is complete

Let $\{\xi_n\} \subset \mathcal{X}_1$ be a Cauchy sequence. We show that $\exists \xi \in \mathcal{X}_1$ such that $\rho_1(\xi_n, \xi) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

(1) Suppose $\{\xi_n\} \subset \mathcal{X}'$, let $x_n = T^{-1}\xi_n$, then $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Suppose $\{x_n\} \in \xi$, then

$$\rho_1(\xi_n, \xi) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \rho(x_n, x_m) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

(2) Otherwise, note that \mathcal{X}' is dense in \mathcal{X}_1 , for each $\xi_n \in \mathcal{X}_1$, $\exists \hat{\xi}_n \in \mathcal{X}'$ such that $\rho_1(\xi_n, \hat{\xi}_n) < \frac{1}{n}$.

Since for each $p \in \mathbb{Z}_+$

$$\begin{aligned} & \rho_1(\hat{\xi}_{n+p}, \hat{\xi}_n) \\ & \leq \rho_1(\hat{\xi}_{n+p}, \xi_{n+p}) + \rho_1(\xi_{n+p}, \xi_n) + \rho_1(\xi_n, \hat{\xi}_n) \\ & < \frac{1}{n+p} + \frac{1}{n} + \rho_1(\xi_{n+p}, \xi_n) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

$\{\hat{\xi}_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in \mathcal{X}' and by (1) we know that there exists ξ such that $\hat{\xi}_n \rightarrow \xi$. It follows that $\xi_n \rightarrow \xi$.

By Proposition 2.1, \mathcal{X}_1 is the completion of \mathcal{X} . \square

Example 2.2

The completion of $C[a, b]$ with metric

$$\rho(x, y) = \max_{a \leq t \leq b} |x(t) - y(t)|$$

is $C[a, b]$.

Example 2.3

The completion of $C[a, b]$ with metric

$$\rho(x, y) = \int_a^b |x(t) - y(t)| dt$$

is $L^1[a, b]$.

3 Sequential Compactness

Definition 3.1 (bounded)

Let (\mathcal{X}, ρ) be a metric space, $A \subset \mathcal{X}$, A is called **bounded** if there exists $x_0 \in \mathcal{X}$ and $r > 0$ such that $A \subset B(x_0, r)$ where

$$B(x_0, r) = \{x \in \mathcal{X} | \rho(x, x_0) < r\}$$

In finite-dimensional Euclidean space, infinite bounded set always contains a convergent subsequence (Bolzano-Weierstrass). However, the statement is not true for any metric space.

Example 3.1

Consider metric space $C[0, 1]$ and sequence

$$x_n(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & , t \geq \frac{1}{n} \\ 1 - nt & , t \leq \frac{1}{n} \end{cases}, n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Obviously $\{x_n\} \subset B(0, 1)$ while $\{x_n\}$ doesn't contain a convergent subsequence.

Definition 3.2 (sequentially compact)

Let (\mathcal{X}, ρ) be a metric space, $A \subset \mathcal{X}$. A is called a **sequentially compact set** if for any $\{x_n\} \subset A$, $\{x_n\}$ contains a convergent subsequence in \mathcal{X} . Moreover, if this subsequence converges to a point in A , then A is called a **self-sequentially compact set**. If \mathcal{X} is sequentially compact, then \mathcal{X} is called a **sequentially compact space**.

Proposition 3.1

Any bounded subset of \mathbb{R}^n is sequentially compact. Any bounded closed subset of \mathbb{R}^n is self-sequentially compact.

Proposition 3.2

In any sequentially compact space, any subset is sequentially compact, any closed subset is self-sequentially compact.

Proposition 3.3

Sequentially compact space is complete.

Proof.

Let (\mathcal{X}, ρ) be a metric space, $\{x_n\} \subset \mathcal{X}$ is a Cauchy sequence. By sequentially compactness, there exists a subsequence converging to $x_0 \in \mathcal{X}$. Since $\{x_n\}$ is Cauchy we know that $x_n \rightarrow x_0$. \square

Definition 3.3 (ϵ -net)

Let (\mathcal{X}, ρ) be a metric space, $M \subset \mathcal{X}$, $\epsilon > 0$, $N \subset M$.

If $\forall x \in M$, $\exists y \in N$ such that $\rho(x, y) < \epsilon$, then N is called an **ϵ -net** of M . Moreover, if N is a finite set, then N is called a **finite ϵ -net** of M .

Note.

By definition we have

$$M \subset \bigcup_{y \in N} B(y, \epsilon)$$

Definition 3.4 (totally bounded)

A set M is called **totally bounded**, if for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a finite ϵ -net of M .

Theorem 3.1 (Hausdorff)

Let (\mathcal{X}, ρ) be a complete metric space, $M \subset \mathcal{X}$, then M is sequentially compact if and only if M is totally bounded.

Proof.

\Rightarrow :

Assume that M is not totally bounded. Then there exists ϵ_0 such that there is no finite ϵ_0 -net of M . Pick any $x_1 \in M$, then for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, choose x_{n+1} inductively by

$$x_{n+1} \in M \setminus \bigcup_{k=1}^n B(x_k, \epsilon_0)$$

Then we obtain a infinite sequence $\{x_n\}$.

Note that for any $n \neq m$, $\rho(x_n, x_m) \geq \epsilon_0$. Hence it can't contain a convergent subsequence, leading a contradiction.

\Leftarrow :

Suppose $\{x_n\}$ is a infinite sequence in M , we want to find a convergent subsequence.

Note that, given any $\epsilon > 0$, the ϵ -net of M is finite, hence there must exists $y \in M$ such that $B(y, \epsilon)$ contains infinitely many terms of $\{x_n\}$.

Thus for 1-net, $\exists y_1 \in M$ and a subsequence $\{x_n^{(1)}\} \subset B(y_1, 1)$.

For $\frac{1}{2}$ -net, $\exists y_2 \in M$ and a subsequence $\{x_n^{(2)}\} \subset B(y_2, \frac{1}{2})$ of $\{x_n^{(1)}\}$.

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For $\frac{1}{k}$ -net, $\exists y_k \in M$ and a subsequence $\{x_n^{(k)}\} \subset B(y_k, \frac{1}{k})$ of $\{x_n^{(k-1)}\}$.

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Then we obtain a diagonal subsequence $\{x_n^{(n)}\}$, it's a Cauchy sequence.

In fact, $\forall \epsilon > 0$, when $n > \frac{2}{\epsilon}$, $\forall p \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(x_{n+p}^{(n+p)}, x_n^{(n)}) &\leq \rho(x_{n+p}^{(n+p)}, y_n) + \rho(x_n^{(n)}, y_n) \\ &\leq \frac{2}{n} < \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Since \mathcal{X} is complete, $\{x_n^{(n)}\}$ is convergent. \square

Definition 3.5 (separable)

A metric space is called **separable** if it has countable dense subset.

Theorem 3.2

If a metric space is totally bounded, then it's separable.

Proof.

Let N_n denote the finite $\frac{1}{n}$ -net, then $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} N_n$ is a countable dense subset. \square

Definition 3.6 (compact)

Let \mathcal{X} be a topological space. $M \subset \mathcal{X}$ is called **compact** if every open cover of M in \mathcal{X} has a finite subcover.

Theorem 3.3

Let (\mathcal{X}, ρ) be a metric space, $M \subset \mathcal{X}$. Then M is compact if and only if M is self-sequentially compact.

Proof.

\Rightarrow :

Let M be a compact set. First we show that M is closed.

(Actually, all metric spaces are Hausdorff and any compact set in Hausdorff space is closed)

$\forall x_0 \in \mathcal{X} \setminus M$, since

$$M \subset \bigcup_{x \in M} B(x, \frac{1}{2}\rho(x, x_0))$$

By compactness of M , $\exists x_k \in M, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ such that

$$M \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^n B(x_k, r_k)$$

where $r_k = \frac{1}{2}\rho(x_k, x_0)$
Take

$$\delta = \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} r_k$$

Then $\forall x \in M$, suppose that $x \in B(x_k, r_k)$, we have

$$\rho(x, x_0) \geq \rho(x_k, x_0) - \rho(x, x_k) = 2r_k - \rho(x, x_k) > r_k \geq \delta$$

Thus $B(x_0, \delta) \cap M = \emptyset$ and therefore M is closed.

Next, assume that M is not self-sequentially compact, then there exists $\{x_n\} \subset M$ that doesn't have any convergent subsequence. Without loss of generality, we can assume that all x_n 's are distinct.

Then for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let S_n denote $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}, \dots\}$. Since S_n doesn't have a convergent subsequence, S_n is a closed set and therefore each $\mathcal{X} \setminus S_n$ is open. However,

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (\mathcal{X} \setminus S_n) = \mathcal{X} \setminus \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n = \mathcal{X} \setminus \emptyset = \mathcal{X} \supset M$$

By compactness of M , there is a finite subcover

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^N (\mathcal{X} \setminus S_{k_n}) \supset M$$

This is impossible since for any x_m , $m \neq k_1, k_2, \dots, k_N$,
 $x_m \in M$ but $x_m \notin \bigcup_{n=1}^N (\mathcal{X} \setminus S_{k_n})$.

Hence M is self-sequentially compact.

\Leftarrow :

Since M is self-sequentially compact, M with metric ρ is complete. By Hausdorff theorem, M is totally bounded.

Assume that M is not compact, then there exists an open cover

$$\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda \supset M$$

that doesn't have a finite subcover.

For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there is a finite $\frac{1}{n}$ -net

$$N_n = \{x_{k_1}^{(n)}, x_{k_2}^{(n)}, \dots, x_{k_n}^{(n)}\}$$

Obviously

$$\bigcup_{y \in N_n} B(y, \frac{1}{n}) \supset M$$

Thus, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\exists y_n \in N_n$ such that $B(y_n, \frac{1}{n})$ can't be covered by finitely many G_λ (Otherwise, there exists n such that $\bigcup_{y \in N_n} B(y, \frac{1}{n})$ can be covered by finitely many G_λ and therefore there exists a finite subcover of M).

Then we obtain a sequence $\{y_n\}$, since M is self-sequentially compact, there exists a convergent subsequence $\{y_{n_k}\}$, say, converging to $y_0 \in G_{\lambda_0}$.

Since G_{λ_0} is open and $\{y_{n_k}\}$ converges to $y_0 \in G_{\lambda_0}$, when k is large enough, $B(y_{n_k}, \frac{1}{n_k}) \subset G_{\lambda_0}$, which is contradict to the fact that each $B(y_n, \frac{1}{n})$ can be covered by finitely many G_λ . \square

Proposition 3.1

Let (M, ρ) be a compact metric space. Let $C(M)$ denote the set of all continuous mapping from M to \mathbb{R} . Define

$$d(u, v) = \max_{x \in M} |u(x) - v(x)|, \quad \forall u, v \in C(M)$$

Then $(C(M), d)$ is a metric space.

Proof.

It suffices to show that $d(u, v)$ is well-defined, i.e. we shall show that for each $u \in C(M)$, $\max_{x \in M} |u(x)|$ exists.

Since M is compact and u is continuous, $u(M)$ is also compact and therefore $u(M)$ is a bounded closed set. It follows that $\max_{x \in M} |u(x)|$ exists.

Proposition 3.2

$(C(M), d)$ is complete.

Proof.

Let $\{u_n(t)\}$ be a Cauchy sequence in $C(M)$.

Fix $t_0 \in M$, $\{u_n(t_0)\}$ is also a Cauchy sequence in \mathbb{R} . Let $u(t_0)$ denote the limit of $\{u_n(t_0)\}$.

$\forall \epsilon > 0$, $\exists N \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ such that $\forall m, n > N$, $d(u_m, u_n) < \epsilon$, let $n \rightarrow \infty$, we have $d(u_m, u) < \epsilon$ if $m > N$. Thus $u_n(t)$ converges to $u(t)$ uniformly. It follows that $u(t) \in C(M)$. \square

Definition 3.7 (uniformly bounded)

Let F be a subset of $C(M)$. F is called **uniformly bounded**, if $\exists M_1 > 0$ such that $|\phi(x)| \leq M_1, \forall x \in M, \forall \phi \in F$.

Definition 3.8 (equicontinuous)

Let F be a subset of $C(M)$. F is called **equicontinuous**,

if $\forall \epsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta = \delta(\epsilon) > 0$ such that

$$|\phi(x_1) - \phi(x_2)| \leq \epsilon, \quad \forall x_1, x_2 \in M, \rho(x_1, x_2) < \delta, \forall \phi \in F$$

Theorem 3.4 (Arzela-Ascoli)

Let F be a subset of $C(M)$.

Then F is sequentially compact if and only if F is uniformly bounded and equicontinuous.

Proof.

\Rightarrow :

Since $C(M)$ is complete, by Hausdorff theorem, F is totally bounded. Thus F is bounded and therefore uniformly bounded. Then we shall show that F is equicontinuous.

$\forall \epsilon > 0$, there exists a finite $\frac{\epsilon}{3}$ -net N of M .

Suppose $N = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n\}$. Since M is compact, each f_k is uniformly continuous. Hence, there exists $\delta = \delta(\epsilon)$ such that for each f_k ,

$$|f_k(x_1) - f_k(x_2)| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}, \quad \forall x_1, x_2 : \rho(x_1, x_2) < \delta$$

So for any $\phi \in F$, there exists some $f_j \in N$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi(x_1) - \phi(x_2)| &\leq |\phi(x_1) - f_j(x_1)| + |f_j(x_1) - f_j(x_2)| + |\phi(x_2) - f_j(x_2)| \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} = \epsilon, \quad \forall x_1, x_2 : \rho(x_1, x_2) < \delta \end{aligned}$$

\Leftarrow :

Suppose F is uniformly bounded and equicontinuous, we show that F is totally bounded.

$\forall \epsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta = \delta(\epsilon) > 0$ such that when $\rho(y_1, y_2) < \delta$, $\forall \phi \in F$, $|\phi(y_1) - \phi(y_2)| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$.

For this δ , there exists a finite δ -net N of M .

Suppose $N = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$, define a map $T : F \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ by

$$T\phi = (\phi(x_1), \phi(x_2), \dots, \phi(x_n)), \quad \forall \phi \in F$$

Let $\hat{F} = T(F)$, then \hat{F} is a bounded set in \mathbb{R}^n . (Because F is uniformly bounded)

By Bolzano-Weierstrass, any sequence of \hat{F} has a convergent subsequence, it follows that \hat{F} is sequentially compact. By Hausdorff theorem, \hat{F} is totally bounded. For given ϵ , there exists a finite $\frac{\epsilon}{3}$ -net of \hat{F}

$$\hat{N} = \{T\phi_1, T\phi_2, \dots, T\phi_m\}$$

Thus for any $\phi \in F$, there exists ϕ_i such that $\rho_n(T\phi, T\phi_i) < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$. Then pick $x_r \in N$ such that $\rho(x, x_r) < \delta$, and

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi(x) - \phi_i(x)| &\leq |\phi(x) - \phi(x_r)| + |\phi(x_r) - \phi_i(x_r)| + |\phi_i(x_r) - \phi_i(x)| \\ &< \frac{1}{3}\epsilon + \rho_n(T\phi, T\phi_i) + \frac{1}{3}\epsilon < \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

where ρ_n denote the metric on \mathbb{R}^n . \square

Example 3.2

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open bounded convex set. If M_1, M_2 are two given positive numbers, then

$$F = \{\phi \in C^{(1)}(\bar{\Omega}) : |\phi(x)| \leq M_1, |\text{grad}(\phi(x))| \leq M_2, \forall x \in \Omega\}$$

is a sequentially compact set in $C(\bar{\Omega})$.

Proof.

$\forall \phi \in F, \forall x_1, x_2 \in \bar{\Omega}, \exists \theta \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$\phi(x_1) - \phi(x_2) = \text{grad}(\phi(\theta x_1 + (1 - \theta)x_2))(x_1 - x_2)$$

So $|\phi(x_1) - \phi(x_2)| \leq M_2 \rho_n(x_1, x_2), \quad \forall \phi \in F$

Hence F is equicontinuous. Obviously F is uniformly bounded. \square

4 Normed Vector Space

Definition 4.1 (vector space)

Let \mathcal{X} be a non-empty set, \mathbb{K} is a field (\mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C}).

\mathcal{X} is called a **vector space** if

- (1) \mathcal{X} is an additive abelian group.
- (2) \mathcal{X} is equipped with scalar multiplication $F \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$

Definition 4.2 (linear isomorphism)

Let \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} be vector spaces. $T : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ be a **linear isomorphism** if

- (1) T is a bijection.
- (2) $T(\alpha x + \beta y) = \alpha T x + \beta T y, \forall x, y \in \mathcal{X}, \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{K}$

Definition 4.3 (vector subspace)

Let E be a subset of \mathcal{X} . If E equipped with the same addition and scalar multiplication as \mathcal{X} is also a vector space, then E is called a **vector subspace** of \mathcal{X} .

Definition 4.4 (norm)

A **norm** on vector space \mathcal{X} is a function $\|\cdot\| : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, satisfying

- (1) $\|x\| \geq 0, \forall x \in \mathcal{X}. \|x\| = 0$ iff $x = 0$.
- (2) $\|\alpha x\| = |\alpha| \|x\|, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{K}, \forall x \in \mathcal{X}$
- (3) $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|, \forall x, y \in \mathcal{X}$.

Definition 4.5 (normed vector space)

A **normed vector space** is a vector space \mathcal{X} equipped with a norm.

It is also called a B^* space.

Definition 4.6 (Banach space)

A complete normed vector space is called a **Banach space**.

Definition 4.7 (equivalence of norm)

Let \mathcal{X} be a vector space, $\|\cdot\|_1$ and $\|\cdot\|_2$ are two norms on \mathcal{X} .

$\|\cdot\|_2$ is **stronger** than $\|\cdot\|_1$, if

$$\|x_n\|_2 \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \|x_n\|_1 \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

If $\|\cdot\|_2$ is stronger than $\|\cdot\|_1$ and $\|\cdot\|_1$ is stronger than $\|\cdot\|_2$, then $\|\cdot\|_1$ and $\|\cdot\|_2$ are **equivalent**.

Proposition 4.1

$\|\cdot\|_2$ is stronger than $\|\cdot\|_1$ if and only if there exists a constant C such that

$$\|\cdot\|_1 \leq C\|\cdot\|_2, \forall x \in \mathcal{X}$$

Proof.

\Rightarrow :

Suppose not, then for each $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, there exists $x_n \in \mathcal{X}$ such that $\|x_n\|_1 \geq n\|x_n\|_2$, let $y_n = \frac{x_n}{\|x_n\|_1}$, then $\|y_n\|_1 = 1$. On the other hand,

$$0 \leq \|y_n\|_2 < \frac{1}{n}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

So $\|y_n\|_2 \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and therefore $\|y_n\|_1 \rightarrow 0$, leading a contradiction.

\Leftarrow :

Trivial. \square

Corollary 4.1

$\|\cdot\|_1$ is equivalent to $\|\cdot\|_2$ if and only if there exists constants $C_1, C_2 > 0$ such that

$$C_1\|x\|_1 \leq \|x\|_2 \leq C_2\|x\|_1$$

Let \mathcal{X} be a normed vector space, $\dim \mathcal{X} = n$, then there is a basis of \mathcal{X} : e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n . And any element $x \in \mathcal{X}$ has a unique representation:

$$x = \xi_1 e_1 + \xi_2 e_2 + \dots + \xi_n e_n$$

Therefore, any point $x \in \mathcal{X}$ corresponds to a unique point $\xi = Tx = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n)$ in \mathbb{R}^n .

We show that, the norm in \mathcal{X} is equivalent to the norm in \mathbb{R}^n .

Consider function

$$p(\xi) = \|x\| = \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \xi_j e_j \right\|, \quad \forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

First note that p is uniformly continuous with respect to ξ :

$\forall \xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n), \forall \eta = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

By Triangle inequality and Cauchy-Schwarz inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} |p(\xi) - p(\eta)| &\leq p(\xi - \eta) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |\xi_i - \eta_i| \|e_i\| \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |\xi_i - \eta_i|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \|e_i\|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= |\xi - \eta| \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \|e_i\|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Then, $\forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$,

$$p(\xi) = \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \xi_j e_j \right\| = |\xi| \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\xi_j}{|\xi|} e_j \right\| = |\xi| p\left(\frac{\xi}{|\xi|}\right)$$

Note that the unit sphere of \mathbb{R}^n , denoted by $S_1 = \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid |\xi| = 1\}$ is compact. Hence $p(\xi)$ obtains its minimum C_1 and maximum C_2 on S_1 , i.e.

$$C_1 \leq p(\xi) \leq C_2, \quad \forall \xi \in S_1$$

It follows that

$$C_1 |\xi| \leq p(\xi) \leq C_2 |\xi|, \quad \forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

It remains to show that $C_1 > 0$.

Assume that $C_1 = 0$, then $\exists \xi^* \in S_1$ such that $p(\xi^*) = 0$.

Suppose $\xi^* = (\xi_1^*, \xi_2^*, \dots, \xi_n^*)$, i.e.

$$\xi_1^* e_1 + \xi_2^* e_2 + \dots + \xi_n^* e_n = 0$$

Since $\{e_i\}$ is a basis, it follows that $\xi^* = 0$, which is contradict to the fact that $\xi^* \in S_1$. Thus we have

$$C_1|Tx| \leq \|x\| \leq C_2|Tx|, \quad \forall x \in X$$

If we regard $|Tx|$ as another norm, denoted by $\|x\|_T$, then it shows that $\|\cdot\|$ and $\|\cdot\|_T$ are equivalent. Therefore, the norm of n -dimensional normed vector space is equivalent to the norm of \mathbb{R}^n .

Theorem 4.1

Let \mathcal{X} be a finite dimensional normed vector space, if $\|\cdot\|_1$ and $\|\cdot\|_2$ are both norm on \mathcal{X} , then there exists positive constants C_1, C_2 such that

$$C_1\|x\|_1 \leq \|x\|_2 \leq C_2\|x\|_1, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}$$

Proof.

Suppose $\dim \mathcal{X} = n$, since $\|\cdot\|_1$ and $\|\cdot\|_2$ are both equivalent to the norm of \mathbb{R}^n , $\|\cdot\|_1$ and $\|\cdot\|_2$ are equivalent.

Note.

This theorem shows that any two n -dimensional normed vector space are isomorphic and homeomorphic.

Corollary 4.2

Any finite-dimensional normed vector space is a Banach space.

Corollary 4.3

Any finite-dimensional subspace of a normed vector space is closed.

Definition 4.8 (sublinear functional)

Let $P : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function on vector space \mathcal{X} . If

- (1) $P(x+y) \leq P(x) + P(y), \forall x, y \in \mathcal{X}$.
- (2) $P(\lambda x) = \lambda P(x), \forall \lambda > 0, \forall x \in \mathcal{X}$.

Then P is called a sublinear functional on \mathcal{X} .

Theorem 4.2

Let \mathcal{X} be a normed vector space. If $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n \in \mathcal{X}$ are given vectors, then $\forall x \in \mathcal{X}$, there exists best approximation coefficients $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$.

Proof.

Given any vector $x \in \mathcal{X}$, we want to find $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n) \in \mathbb{K}^n$ such that

$$\|x - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i e_i\| = \min_{a \in \mathbb{K}^n} \|x - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i e_i\|$$

where $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$.

Consider function

$$F(a) = \|x - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i e_i\|, a \in \mathbb{K}^n$$

We want to find its minimum. It's easy to see that F is a continuous function on \mathbb{K}^n .

Also,

$$F(a) \geq \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i e_i \right\| - \|x\|, \forall a \in \mathbb{K}^n$$

Let $P(a) = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i e_i \right\|$, then $P(\cdot)$ is a norm on \mathbb{K}^n . Since \mathbb{K}^n is a finite-dimensional space, by theorem 4.1, there exists $C_1 > 0$ such that

$$P(a) \geq C_1|a|, \forall a \in \mathbb{K}^n$$

where $|a| = (|a_1|^2 + |a_2|^2 + \dots + |a_n|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

Thus $F(a) \rightarrow \infty$ as $|a| \rightarrow \infty$, therefore the minimum of F exists. \square

Note.

If we write $M = \text{span}\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$, $\rho(x, M) = \inf_{y \in M} \|x - y\|$, $x_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i e_i$. Then $\rho(x, x_0) = \rho(x, M)$.

Definition 4.9 (strictly convex)

Let $(\mathcal{X}, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed vector space.

If $\forall x \neq y \in \mathcal{X}, \|x\| = \|y\| = 1$, then

$$\|\alpha x + \beta y\| < 1, \forall \alpha, \beta > 0, \alpha + \beta = 1$$

Theorem 4.3

Let \mathcal{X} be a normed vector space which is strictly convex. $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\} \subset \mathcal{X}$ are linear independent, then $\forall x \in \mathcal{X}$, there exists a unique set of best approximation $\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n\}$.

Proof.

Suppose $d = \rho(x, M)$, $\exists y_1, y_2 \in M$ such that $\|x - y_1\| = \|x - y_2\| = d$, then $\forall \alpha, \beta > 0, \alpha + \beta = 1$, since M is strictly convex,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|x - (\alpha y_1 + \beta y_2)\|}{d} &= \frac{\|\alpha(x - y_1) + \beta(x - y_2)\|}{d} \\ &= \|\alpha(\frac{x - y_1}{d}) + \beta(\frac{x - y_2}{d})\| < 1 \end{aligned}$$

i.e. $\|x - (\alpha y_1 + \beta y_2)\| < d$, which is contradict to the definition of d .

If $d = 0$, the best approximation of x is y , then $x = y$. \square

Theorem 4.4

Let \mathcal{X} be a normed vector space, then \mathcal{X} is finite-dimensional if and only if the unit sphere of \mathcal{X} is sequentially compact.

Proof.

\Rightarrow :

If \mathcal{X} is finite-dimensional, then \mathcal{X} is homeomorphic to \mathbb{R}^n . Since the unit sphere of \mathbb{R}^n is compact, the unit sphere of \mathcal{X} is also compact and therefore sequentially compact.

\Leftarrow :

Assume that \mathcal{X} is infinite-dimensional, let S_1 be the unit surface of \mathcal{X} .

Pick any $x_1 \in S_1$. Let M_n denote the span of x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n , then we can always find $x_{n+1} \notin M_n$ such that $\|x_{n+1} - x_i\| \geq 1, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

It is because $\forall y \in \mathcal{X} \setminus M_n$, by theorem 4.3, $\exists x \in M_n$ such that

$$\|y - x\| = d = \rho(y, M_n)$$

Let $x_{n+1} = \frac{y-x}{d}$, then $x_{n+1} \in S_1$ and

$$\|x_{n+1} - x_i\| = \frac{\|y - (x + dx_i)\|}{d} \geq \frac{d}{d} = 1, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

So that we can obtain a sequence $\{x_n\}$ satisfying $\|x_n - x_m\| \geq 1, \forall n \neq m \in \mathbb{N}$, which doesn't have any convergent subsequence and therefore S_1 is not sequentially compact. \square

Definition 4.10 (bounded)

Let \mathcal{X} be a normed vector space, $A \subset \mathcal{X}$ is called bounded if there exists a constant $c > 0$ such that $\|x\| \leq c, \forall x \in A$.

Corollary 4.2

Let \mathcal{X} be a normed vector space, \mathcal{X} is finite dimensional if and only if any bounded subset of \mathcal{X} is sequentially compact.

Lemma 4.1 (F.Riesz)

Let \mathcal{X} be a normed vector space, \mathcal{X}_0 be a proper closed subspace, then for $\forall 0 < \epsilon < 1, \exists y \in \mathcal{X}$, such that $\|y\| = 1$ and $\|y - x\| \geq 1 - \epsilon, \forall x \in \mathcal{X}_0$

Proof.

By theorem 4.3, there exists $y_0 \in \mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{X}_0$ such that

$$\inf_{x \in \mathcal{X}_0} \|y_0 - x\| = 1$$

$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists x_0 \in \mathcal{X}_0$ such that

$$1 \leq \|y_0 - x_0\| < 1 + \frac{\epsilon}{1 - \epsilon} = \frac{1}{1 - \epsilon}$$

Let $y = \frac{y_0 - x_0}{\|y_0 - x_0\|}$, then $\|y\| = 1$, and $\forall x \in \mathcal{X}_0$

$$\|y - x\| = \frac{\|y_0 - x'\|}{\|y_0 - x_0\|} > \frac{1}{\frac{1}{1 - \epsilon}} = 1 - \epsilon \quad \square$$

5 Convex Set And Fixed Point

Definition 5.1 (convex)

Let \mathcal{X} be a vector space, $E \subset \mathcal{X}$, E is called a **convex** set, if

$$\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y \in E, \quad \forall x, y \in E, \forall 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$$

Proposition 5.1

If $\{E_\lambda | \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ is a family of convex set in vector space \mathcal{X} , then $\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda$ is also a convex set.

Definition 5.2 (convex hull)

Let \mathcal{X} be a vector space, $A \subset \mathcal{X}$. If $\{E_\lambda \subset \mathcal{X} | \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ is the family of all convex sets that contain A , then $\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda$ is called the **convex hull** of A , denoted by $\text{conv}(A)$.

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in A$,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i, \text{ where } \lambda_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1$$

is called the **convex combination** of x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n

Proposition 5.2

Let \mathcal{X} be a vector space, $A \subset \mathcal{X}$, then the convex hull of A is the set of all convex combination of elements of A , i.e.

$$\text{conv}(A) = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i \mid \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1, x_i \in A, i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

Proof.

Let

$$S = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i \mid \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1, x_i \in A, i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

Then $S \supset A$ and S by definition is a convex set. So it suffices to show that $S \subset \text{conv}(A)$.

Let C be any convex set that contains A . Pick any point in S , say

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i$$

Note that

$$y = \lambda_1 x_1 + (1 - \lambda_1) x'_1$$

where

$$x'_1 = \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{\lambda_i}{1 - \lambda_1} x_i$$

$$\sum_{i=2}^n \frac{\lambda_i}{1 - \lambda_1} = \frac{1 - \lambda_1}{1 - \lambda_1} = 1$$

It implies that y can be obtained inductively, hence $y \in C$. Since C is arbitrary, $y \in \text{conv}(A)$. Therefore $S = \text{conv}(A)$. \square

Definition 5.3 (Minkowski functional)

Let \mathcal{X} be a vector space, $C \subset \mathcal{X}$ is convex, containing origin. Define a function $P : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ by

$$P(x) = \inf\{\lambda > 0 \mid \frac{x}{\lambda} \in C\}, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}$$

Function P is called the **Minkowski functional** of C .

We can also write

$$P(x) = \inf\{\lambda > 0 \mid x \in \lambda C\}, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}$$

where $\lambda C = \{\lambda x \mid x \in C\}$

Proposition 5.3

Let \mathcal{X} be a vector space, $C \subset \mathcal{X}$ is convex, containing origin. If P is the Minkowski functional of C , then P has the following properties:

- (1) $P(x) \in [0, \infty]$, $P(0) = 0$.
- (2) $P(\lambda x) = \lambda P(x)$, $\forall x \in \mathcal{X}$, $\forall \lambda > 0$. (positive homogeneity)
- (3) $\forall \epsilon > 0$, $\forall x \in \mathcal{X}$, there exists $\lambda = p(x) + \epsilon$ such that $x \in \lambda C$.
- (4) $P(x + y) \leq P(x) + P(y)$, $\forall x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. (subadditivity)
- (5) $\forall x \in C$, $p(x) \leq 1$.

Proof.

(1) Trivial.

(2) Trivial.

(3) By definition, $\forall \epsilon > 0$, there exists $p(x) \leq \lambda' < p(x) + \epsilon$ such that $x \in \lambda' C$.

Since C is convex, $\forall t \in [0, 1]$, $tx + (1 - t)0 \in \lambda' C$, then $x \in \frac{\lambda'}{t} C$.

Take $t = \frac{\lambda'}{p(x) + \epsilon}$, then $\lambda = \frac{\lambda'}{t} = p(x) + \epsilon$ and $x \in \lambda C$

(4) Suppose $P(x)$ and $P(y)$ are finite. $\forall \epsilon > 0$, take $\lambda_1 = P(x) + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$, $\lambda_2 = P(y) + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$, then

$$\frac{x}{\lambda_1} \in C, \frac{y}{\lambda_2} \in C$$

Since C is convex, so

$$\frac{x + y}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \cdot \frac{x}{\lambda_1} + \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \cdot \frac{y}{\lambda_2} \in C$$

which implies

$$P(x + y) \leq \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = P(x) + P(y) + \epsilon$$

Since $\epsilon > 0$ is arbitrary we obtain (4).

(5) $\forall x \in C$, $x \in 1 \cdot C$, by definition of $p(x)$, so $p(x) \leq 1$. \square

Definition 5.4 (absorbent)

Let \mathcal{X} be a vector space, $C \subset \mathcal{X}$ is convex and it contains origin. C is called **absorbent** if $\forall x \in \mathcal{X}$, $\exists \lambda > 0$ such that $x \in \lambda C$.

Definition 5.5 (balanced)

Let \mathcal{X} be a vector space, $C \subset \mathcal{X}$ is convex and it contains origin. C is called **balanced** if $\forall x \in C$, $\forall \lambda : |\lambda| = 1$ we have $\lambda x \in C$.

Proposition 5.4

Let \mathcal{X} be a vector space on \mathbb{C} , then any absorbent balanced convex $C \subset \mathcal{X}$ decide a seminorm on \mathcal{X} .

Proposition 5.5

Let \mathcal{X} be a normed vector space, C is a closed convex set containing origin. If $P(x)$ is the Minkowski functional of C , then $P(x)$ is lower semi-continuous, i.e.

$\forall x_0 \in \mathcal{X}, \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists$ a neighborhood U of x_0 such that $f(x) \geq f(x_0) - \epsilon$ for all $x \in U$.

And if C is bounded, then

$$P(x) = 0 \text{ iff } x = 0$$

Moreover, if 0 is an interior point of C then C is absorbent and $P(x)$ is uniformly continuous.

Proof.

(1) We show that $aC = \{x \in \mathcal{X} | P(x) \leq a\}$.

$\forall a > 0$, if $x \in aC$, then by definition $P(x) \leq a$.

On the other hand, if $P(x) \leq a$, then $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$\frac{x}{a + \frac{1}{n}} \in C$$

Note that C is closed and

$$\frac{x}{a + \frac{1}{n}} \rightarrow \frac{x}{a} \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

So $x \in aC$. Therefore $aC = \{x \in \mathcal{X} | P(x) \leq a\}$.

Particularly, $C = \{x \in \mathcal{X} | P(x) \leq 1\}$.

(2) We show that $P(x)$ is lower semi-continuous.

$\forall x_0 \in \mathcal{X}$, let $\lambda_0 = P(x_0)$, $\forall \epsilon > 0$, $x_0 \notin (\lambda_0 - \epsilon)C$, which is a closed set. Thus there exists an open neighborhood U of x_0 such that $U \cap (\lambda_0 - \epsilon)C = \emptyset$, then for any point $x \in U$, $P(x) \geq \lambda_0 - \epsilon = P(x_0) - \epsilon$. Therefore $P(x)$ is lower semi-continuous.

(3) Obviously $P(0) = 0$. Since C is bounded, there $\exists r > 0$ such that $C \subset B(0, r)$, hence $\forall x \in \mathcal{X} \setminus \{0\}$, $2r \frac{x}{\|x\|} \notin C$, it follows that $P(x) \geq \frac{\|x\|}{2r}$. Hence if $P(x) = 0$, then $x = 0$

(4) If 0 is an interior point of C , then there exists $r > 0$ such that $B(0, r) \subset C$, then

$$\frac{rx}{2\|x\|} \in C, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X} \setminus \{0\}$$

Hence C is absorbent. Moreover, $P(x) \leq 2 \frac{\|x\|}{r}, \forall x \in \mathcal{X}$. Thus

$$|P(x) - P(y)| \leq \max\{P(x - y), P(y - x)\} \leq \frac{2}{r} \|x - y\|, \forall x, y \in \mathcal{X}$$

Therefore $P(x)$ is uniformly continuous. \square

Theorem 5.1 (Brouwer)

Let B be the closed unit ball of \mathbb{R}^n , let $T : B \rightarrow B$ be a continuous mapping, then there exists a fixed point of T $x \in B$.

Theorem 5.2 (Schauder)

Let \mathcal{X} be a normed vector space, $C \subset \mathcal{X}$ is a closed convex set, $T : C \rightarrow C$ is continuous and C is sequentially compact, then there exists a fixed point of T in C .

Definition 5.6 (compact mapping)

Let \mathcal{X} be a normed vector space, E is a subset of \mathcal{X} , $T : E \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ is called **compact** if T is continuous and for any bounded set $A \subset E$, $T(A)$ is sequentially compact.

Corollary 5.1

Let \mathcal{X} be a normed vector space, C is a bounded closed convex subset, $T : C \rightarrow C$ is compact, then there exists fixed point of T in C .

6 Inner Product Space

Definition 6.1 (inner product)

Let \mathcal{X} be a vector space on field \mathbb{K} , function $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ is called an **inner product** if

- (1) $\forall x, y \in \mathcal{X}, \langle x, y \rangle = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle}$.
- (2) $\forall x, y \in \mathcal{X}, \forall k \in \mathbb{K}, \langle kx, y \rangle = k \langle x, y \rangle$.
- (3) $\forall x, y, z \in \mathcal{X}, \langle x + y, z \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle$.
- (4) $\forall x \in \mathcal{X}, \langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$ and $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$ iff $x = 0$.

Theorem 6.1 (Cauchy-Schwarz inequality)

Let $(\mathcal{X}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an inner product space. $\forall x, y \in \mathcal{X}$,

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \langle x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} \langle y, y \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

And the equality holds if and only if $x = \lambda y, \lambda \in \mathbb{K}$.

Proposition 6.1

Let $(\mathcal{X}, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed vector space, the function $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ induced by $\langle x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} = \|x\|$ is an inner product if and only if $\|\cdot\|$ satisfies

$$\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 = 2(\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2), \forall x, y \in \mathcal{X}$$

Proof.

\Rightarrow :

Trivial.

\Leftarrow :

Define $\langle x, y \rangle$ on \mathcal{X} by

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}(\|x + y\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2) & , \mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R} \\ \frac{1}{4}(\|x + y\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2 + i\|x + iy\|^2 - i\|x - iy\|^2) & , \mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C} \end{cases}$$

It's easy to verify that $\langle x, y \rangle$ is an inner product. \square

Definition 6.2 (Hilbert space)

A complete inner product space is called a **Hilbert space**.

Definition 6.3 (orthogonal)

Let \mathcal{X} be an inner product space, $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. x and y are called **orthogonal** if $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$. Written as $x \perp y$. If M is an unempty subset of \mathcal{X} , and $\forall y \in M, x \perp y$, then we call x and M are orthogonal, written as $x \perp M$. Moreover,

$$M^\perp = \{x \in \mathcal{X} | x \perp M\}$$

is called the **orthogonal complement** of M .

Definition 6.4 (complete)

Let \mathcal{X} be an inner product space, $S \subset \mathcal{X}$ is an orthogonal set. If $S^\perp = \{0\}$, then S is called **complete**.

Proposition 6.2

- (1) If $x \perp y_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}, y_n \rightarrow y$, then $x \perp y$.
- (2) If $x \perp M$, then $x \perp \text{span}\{M\}$.
- (3) M^\perp is a closed vector subspace of \mathcal{X} .

Definition 6.5 (basis, Fourier coefficients)

Let \mathcal{X} be an inner product space, $S \subset \mathcal{X}$ is an orthonormal set, where

$$S = \{e_\lambda | \lambda \in \Lambda\}$$

S is called a **basis** if for any $x \in \mathcal{X}$,

$$x = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \langle x, e_\lambda \rangle e_\lambda$$

where $\{\langle x, e_\lambda \rangle | \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ is called the **Fourier coefficients** with respect to the basis S .

Theorem 6.2 (Bessel inequality)

Let \mathcal{X} be an inner product space, $S = \{e_\lambda | \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ be an orthonormal set, then $\forall x \in \mathcal{X}$,

$$\|x\|^2 \geq \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} |\langle x, e_\lambda \rangle|^2$$

Proof.

First consider any finite subset of A , say $1, 2, \dots, n$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \|x - \sum_{i=1}^n \langle x, e_i \rangle e_i\|^2 \\ &= \langle x - \sum_{i=1}^n \langle x, e_i \rangle e_i, x - \sum_{i=1}^n \langle x, e_i \rangle e_i \rangle \\ &= \|x\|^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n |\langle x, e_i \rangle|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |\langle x, e_i \rangle|^2 \leq \|x\|^2$$

It also implies that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, there is at most finitely many $\lambda \in \Lambda$ such that

$$|\langle x, e_\lambda \rangle|^2 > \frac{1}{n}$$

Otherwise, for given $M = \|x\|^2$, we can find $(n+1)M$ λ 's, leading a contradiction. Hence there is at most countably many $\lambda \in \Lambda$ such that

$$|\langle x, e_\lambda \rangle|^2 > 0$$

Let Λ_n denote the finite subset of Λ whose cardinality is n , then

$$\sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \langle x, e_\lambda \rangle e_\lambda = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_n} \langle x, e_\lambda \rangle e_\lambda \leq \|x\|^2 \quad \square$$

Corollary 6.1

Let \mathcal{X} be a Hilbert space, $\{e_\lambda | \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ is a orthonormal set in \mathcal{X} . Then $\forall x \in \mathcal{X}$, we have

(1)

$$\sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \langle x, e_\lambda \rangle e_\lambda \in \mathcal{X}$$

(2)

$$\|x - \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \langle x, e_\lambda \rangle e_\lambda\|^2 = \|x\|^2 - \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} |\langle x, e_\lambda \rangle|^2$$

Proof.

Suppose the countably many $\lambda \in \Lambda$ such that $\langle x, e_\lambda \rangle \neq 0$ are $1, 2, \dots, n, \dots$, then

$$\sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \langle x, e_\lambda \rangle e_\lambda = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle x, e_n \rangle e_n$$

Then by Bessel inequality, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\langle x, e_n \rangle|^2$ converges, thus for any $p \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\left\| \sum_{n=m}^{m+p} \langle x, e_n \rangle e_n \right\|^2 = \sum_{n=m}^{m+p} |\langle x, e_n \rangle|^2 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty$$

Hence if we define $x_m = \sum_{n=1}^m \langle x, e_n \rangle e_n$, then $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Since \mathcal{X} is complete, we have

$$\sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \langle x, e_\lambda \rangle e_\lambda = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle x, e_n \rangle e_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \in \mathcal{X}$$

Moreover, note that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle x, e_n \rangle e_n, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle x, e_n \rangle e_n \rangle &= \langle \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle x, e_n \rangle \langle x, e_n \rangle - \langle \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle x, e_n \rangle e_n, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle x, e_n \rangle e_n \rangle \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\langle x, e_n \rangle|^2 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle \langle x, e_n \rangle e_n, \langle x, e_n \rangle e_n \rangle \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\langle x, e_n \rangle|^2 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\langle x, e_n \rangle|^2 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 6.3 (Parseval)

Let \mathcal{X} be a Hilbert space, if $S = \{e_\lambda | \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ is a orthonormal set in \mathcal{X} , then the following are equivalent:

- (1) S is a basis.
- (2) S is complete.
- (3) Parseval equality holds. i.e.

$$\|x\|^2 = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} |\langle x, e_\lambda \rangle|^2, \forall x \in \mathcal{X}$$

Proof.

(1) \Rightarrow (2):

If S is a basis, then for any $x \in \mathcal{X} \setminus \{0\}$, we have

$$x = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \langle x, e_\lambda \rangle e_\lambda \neq 0$$

So there exists some $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda$ such that $\langle x, e_{\lambda_0} \rangle \neq 0$ Therefore $S^\perp = \{0\}$, i.e. S is complete.

(2) \Rightarrow (3):

$$\|x\|^2 - \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} |\langle x, e_\lambda \rangle|^2 = \|x - \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \langle x, e_\lambda \rangle e_\lambda\|^2 = 0$$

Otherwise, $0 \neq x - \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \langle x, e_\lambda \rangle e_\lambda \in S^\perp$, which is contradict to the completeness of S .

(3) \Rightarrow (1):

$$\|x - \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \langle x, e_\lambda \rangle e_\lambda\|^2 = \|x\|^2 - \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} |\langle x, e_\lambda \rangle|^2 = 0$$

Therefore

$$x = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \langle x, e_\lambda \rangle e_\lambda$$

□

Example 6.1

In $L^2[0, 2\pi]$,

$$e_n(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{i\pi t}, \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

is an orthonormal basis.

Example 6.2

In l^2 ,

$$e_n = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots), n = 1, 2, \dots \text{ (} n-1 \text{ 0's before 1)}$$

is an orthonormal basis.

Definition 6.6 (isomorphic)

Let $(\mathcal{X}_1, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1)$ and $(\mathcal{X}_2, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_2)$ be two inner product space, if there exists a linear isomorphism $T : \mathcal{X}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_2$ such that

$$\langle x, y \rangle_1 = \langle Tx, Ty \rangle_2, \forall x, y \in \mathcal{X}_1$$

Then we say that \mathcal{X}_1 and \mathcal{X}_2 are **isomorphic**.

Theorem 6.4

Let \mathcal{X} be a Hilbert space. \mathcal{X} is separable if and only if it has a at most countbly many orthonormal basis S . Moreover, if the cardinality of S , say n , is finite, then \mathcal{X} is isomorphic to \mathbb{K}^n . If $n = \infty$, then \mathcal{X} is isomorphic to l^2 .

Proof.

\Rightarrow :

Suppose \mathcal{X} is separable, assume that $\{x_n\}$ is the countable dense subset of \mathcal{X} , then there must exists a linear independent subset $\{y_n\}_1^N (N < \infty \text{ or } N = \infty)$, such that

$$\text{span}\{y_n\}_1^N = \text{span}\{x_n\}$$

Then by applying Gram-Schmidt method on $\{y_n\}_1^N$ we can form a orthonormal set $\{e_n\}_1^N$. Since

$$\overline{\text{span}\{e_n\}_1^N} = \overline{\text{span}\{y_n\}_1^N} = \mathcal{X}$$

For any $x \in \mathcal{X}$,

$$x = \sum_{n=1}^N c_n e_n, \quad c_n \in \mathbb{K}, n = 1, 2, \dots, N, N < \infty \text{ or } N = \infty$$

Note that for each n ,

$$\langle x, e_n \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{n=1}^N c_n e_n, e_n \right\rangle = c_n$$

Thus

$$x = \sum_{n=1}^N \langle x, e_n \rangle e_n$$

$\{e_n\}_1^N$ is an orthonormal basis.

\Leftarrow :

Suppose $\{e_n\}_1^N$ is the orthonormal basis of \mathcal{X} , then

$$\{x = \sum_{n=1}^N c_n e_n \mid \text{Re}\{c_n\}, \text{Im}\{c_n\} \in \mathbb{Q}\}$$

is a countable dense subset of \mathcal{X} , hence \mathcal{X} is separable.

Moreover, given an orthonormal basis $\{e_n\}_1^N (N < \infty \text{ or } N = \infty)$, define

$$T : x \mapsto \{\langle x, e_n \rangle\}_1^N, \forall x \in \mathcal{X}$$

Obviously T is a linear isomorphism and note that for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, y \rangle &= \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N \langle x, e_i \rangle e_i, \sum_{j=1}^N \langle y, e_j \rangle e_j \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \langle x, e_i \rangle \overline{\langle y, e_i \rangle} \\ &= \langle Tx, Ty \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Hence \mathcal{X} is isomorphic to \mathbb{K}^n (when $N < \infty$) or l^2 (when $N = \infty$). \square

Theorem 6.5

Let C be a closed convex subset of Hilbert space \mathcal{X} , then there exists a unique $x_0 \in C$ such that

$$\|x_0\| = \inf_{x \in C} \|x\|$$

Proof.

If $0 \in C$, then $x_0 = 0$.

If $0 \notin C$, let $d = \inf_{x \in C} \|x\|$.

Given $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists $x_n \in C$ such that

$$\|x_n\| < d + \frac{1}{n}$$

$\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence since

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_m - x_n\|^2 &= 2(\|x_m\| + \|x_n\|)^2 - 4\left\|\frac{x_m + x_n}{2}\right\|^2 \\ &\leq 2\left[\left(d + \frac{1}{m}\right)^2 + \left(d + \frac{1}{n}\right)^2\right] - 4d^2 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n, m \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

Hence it converges to some point $x_0 \in \mathcal{X}$. Since C is closed, $x_0 \in C$ and we have

$$\|x_0\| = d$$

Assume that \hat{x}_0 is another point that satisfies $\|\hat{x}_0\| = d$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_0 - \hat{x}_0\|^2 &= 2(\|x_0\|^2 + \|\hat{x}_0\|^2) - 4\left\|\frac{x_0 + \hat{x}_0}{2}\right\|^2 \\ &\leq 4d^2 - 4d^2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $x_0 = \hat{x}_0$. \square

Corollary 6.2

Let C be a closed convex subset of Hilbert space \mathcal{X} , then for any $y \in \mathcal{X}$, there exists a unique $x_0 \in C$ such that

$$\|y - x_0\| = \inf_{x \in C} \|x - y\|$$

Theorem 6.6

Let C be a closed convex subset of an inner product space \mathcal{X} , $\forall y \in \mathcal{X}$, x_0 is the best approximation of y in C if and only if

$$\operatorname{Re}\{\langle y - x_0, x_0 - x \rangle\} \geq 0, \forall x \in C$$

Proof.

$\forall x \in C$, consider a function on $t \in [0, 1]$

$$\phi_x(t) = \|y - tx - (1 - t)x_0\|^2$$

Note that, x_0 is the best approximation of y in C if and only if

$$\phi_x(t) \geq \phi_x(0), \forall x \in C, \forall t \in [0, 1]$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_x(t) &= \|(y - x_0) + t(x_0 - x)\|^2 \\ &= \|y - x_0\|^2 + 2t\operatorname{Re}\{\langle y - x_0, x_0 - x \rangle\} + t^2\|x_0 - x\|^2 \\ \phi'_x(0) &= 2\operatorname{Re}\{\langle y - x_0, x_0 - x \rangle\} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\operatorname{Re}\{\langle y - x_0, x_0 - x \rangle\} \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \phi'_x(0) \geq 0$$

Also,

$$\phi_x(t) - \phi_x(0) = \phi'_x(0)t + \|x_0 - x\|^2 t^2$$

Therefore,

$$\operatorname{Re}\{\langle y - x_0, x_0 - x \rangle\} \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \phi_x(t) \geq \phi_x(0) \quad \square$$

Corollary 6.3

Let M be a closed linear submanifold of a Hilbert space \mathcal{X} . Then $\forall x \in \mathcal{X}$, y is the best approximation of x in M if and only if

$$x - y \perp M - \{y\}$$

Corollary 6.4 (orthogonal decomposition)

Let M be a closed subspace of a Hilbert space \mathcal{X} , then for $\forall x \in \mathcal{X}$, there exists a unique orthogonal decomposition

$$x = y + z, \quad y \in M, z \in M^\perp$$