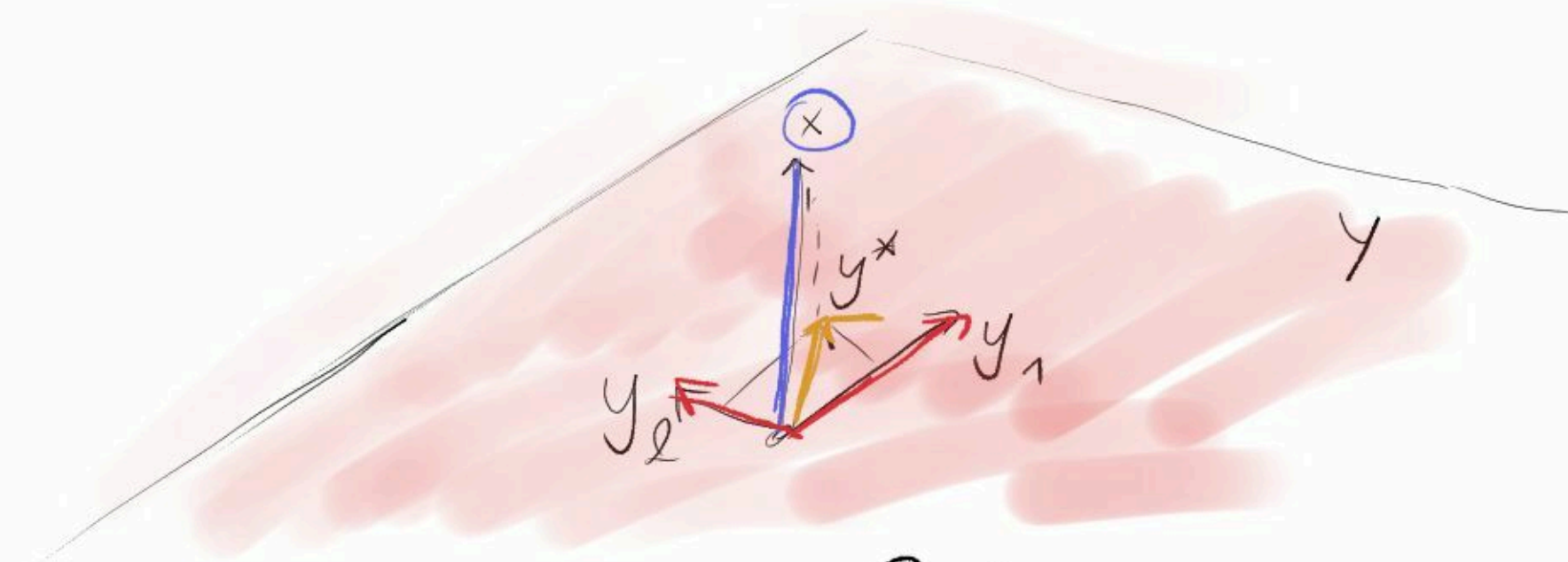


Notes on Section 4.3

"Best Approximation"



Let $Y = \text{span}\{y_1, \dots, y_n\} \subset X$
↳ orthonormal set

Given $x \in X$, find

$$y^* = \arg \min_{y \in Y} \|y - x\|$$

Relevant in:

• Numerical Analysis

• Computer Graphics

• Constrained optimization

• ...

Projection on a finite dimensional subspace

Let X be an inner product space, $x \in X$ and

$$Y = \text{span}\{u_1, \dots, u_n\} \subset X$$

\hookrightarrow orthonormal basis of Y

Then the solution y^* of

$$y^* = \arg \min_{y \in Y} \|x - y\|$$

is given by

$$y^* = \sum_{k=1}^n \langle x, u_k \rangle u_k$$

$$\left(\forall y \in Y \quad \|x - y\| \geq \|x - y^*\| \right)$$

Example: least square approximation

Let $f \in C[a, b]$. We seek a polynomial p_* of degree at most m s.t.

$$E(p) = \int_a^b |f(t) - p(t)|^2 dt$$

is minimized at p_*

e.g. $[a, b] = [-1, 1]$, $f(t) = e^t$ and $m = 2$

$$\leadsto P_m = \text{span}\{1, t, t^2\} = \text{span}\left\{ \underset{P_0}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}, \underset{P_1}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}}t, \underset{P_2}{\frac{3\sqrt{10}}{4}\left(t^2 - \frac{1}{3}\right)} \right\}$$

$$\cdot \langle f, P_0 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(e - \frac{1}{e} \right)$$

$$\cdot \langle f, P_1 \rangle = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{e}$$

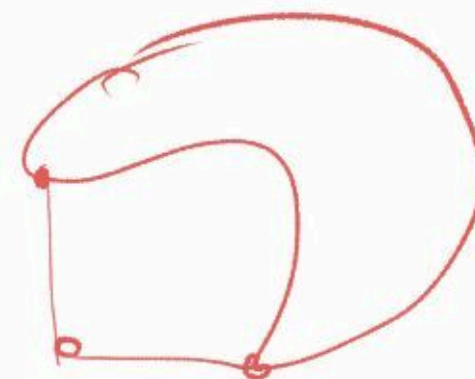
$$\cdot \langle f, P_2 \rangle = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{2}} \left(e - \frac{7}{e} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow p_*(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left(e - \frac{1}{e} \right) + \frac{3}{e} t + \frac{15}{4} \left(e - \frac{7}{e} \right) \left(t^2 - \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

Projection on a Convex Set

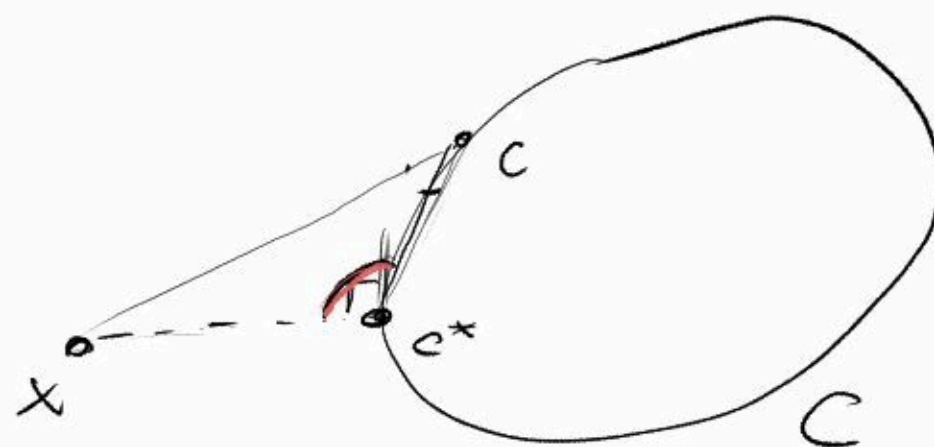
Given a convex set $C \subseteq H$, a Hilbert space, and some $x \in H$
closed

We seek to solve
$$\begin{cases} \min & \|x - c\| \\ \text{s.t.} & c \in C \end{cases}$$



Theorem: 4.6

- 1) There is a unique $c_* \in C$ that minimizes $\|x - c\|$ over C
- 2) $\forall c \in C \quad \operatorname{Re} \langle x - c_*, c - c_* \rangle \leq 0 \quad \rightarrow$ the angle between $x - c_*$ and $c - c_*$ is obtuse



Theorem 4.7 | Projection on a closed subspace

Let Y be a closed subspace of a Hilbert space H and $x \in H$.
Then there exists a unique $y_* \in Y$ s.t. $\forall y \in Y \quad \|x - y_*\| \leq \|x - y\|$

The point y_* can be characterised by

$$\forall y \in Y, \quad \langle x - y_*, y \rangle = 0 \quad (x - y_* \perp Y)$$

y_* is called the orthogonal projection of x on Y , $\underbrace{P_Y x}_{\substack{\text{projection} \\ \text{operator}}}$

Theorem 4.8 let Y be a closed subspace of H

1) $x \mapsto P_Y x : H \rightarrow H \in \mathcal{CL}(H)$

2) $\text{ran } P_Y = Y$

3) $\|P_Y\| = 1$, except if $Y = \{0\}$, in which case $P_Y = 0$

4) $\ker P_Y = Y^\perp$

5) $\forall x \in H, \exists y \in Y, z \in Y^\perp$ s.t. $x = y + z$

6) $P_{Y^\perp} = I - P_Y$

7) $P_Y^2 = P_Y$

8) P_Y is symmetric: $\langle P_Y x, x' \rangle = \langle x, P_Y x' \rangle$
 $\forall x, x' \in H$

4.4 Generalized Fourier Series

Bases of vector spaces

Hamel basis

- only finite linear combinations
- uncountable for infinite dimensional spaces
- doesn't mesh with topology

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Schauder Basis

- Infinite series* allowed
- always countable (for most reasonable spaces)
- * convergent series

BASED

+ Hilbert space



Orthogonal Basis

$B \subset X$ is an orthonormal basis if

- $\text{span}(B)$ dense in X
- B is orthonormal

Examples of orthonormal bases

$\ell^2: B = \{e_i = (\delta_{ij})_{j \in \mathbb{N}}\}$ (one-hot sequences)

$\text{span}(B) = c_{00} \leftarrow$ sequences that are eventually zero
(dense in ℓ^2)

$C[-1, 1] (L^2[-1, 1])$ Legendre polynomials $\{\sqrt{\frac{2n+1}{2}} P_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ (Ex. 4.25)

$C[0, 1] (L^2[0, 1])$ Fourier basis $\{T_k = e^{i2\pi kt}\}$

Theorem: Let X be an inner product space with a countable orthonormal basis $\{u_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$. Then

$$1) \quad \forall x \in X \quad x = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \langle x, u_n \rangle u_n$$

$$2) \quad \forall x, y \in X \quad \langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \langle x, u_n \rangle \langle y, u_n \rangle^*$$

$$3) \quad \forall x \in X \quad \|x\|^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} |\langle x, u_n \rangle|^2$$

Convergent series

\Rightarrow In practice, we can truncate to finitely many terms to compute

If $X = H$ is a Hilbert space w/ countable basis $\{u_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$,
orth.

then $\forall (c_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \ell^2$, $\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} c_n u_n \in H$

[ℓ^2 can be embedded into any countable-based Hilbert space]

It's just ℓ^2 with extra steps

From finite dimensions we have

Any d -dimensional vector space is isomorphic to \mathbb{K}^d
(over \mathbb{K})

In infinite dimensions:

Any Hilbert space with a countable orthonormal basis
is isomorphic to ℓ^2

idea: $x \mapsto (\langle x, u_0 \rangle, \langle x, u_1 \rangle, \dots)$ (Ex 4.26)

maps $x \in H$ to an element of ℓ^2

Fourier Series

$C[0, 1]$ with basis $\{e^{2\pi i n t}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$

Any $f \in C[0, 1]$ admits an expansion $f = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \langle f, T_n \rangle T_n$

where $\langle f, T_n \rangle = \int_0^1 f(t) (e^{2\pi i n t})^* dt = \int_0^1 f(t) e^{-2\pi i n t} dt = \hat{f}_n$

are the Fourier coefficients of f

NB. Convergence here means $\|\cdot\|_2$ convergence, which is different from pointwise convergence

[In particular, for non smooth f , we can have weird artifacts around singularities]

$$H = L^2(\mathbb{R}) \quad Y = \{f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \mid f(t) = \underline{f(-t)} \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}\} \quad (4.21)$$

• Show that $P_Y f = \frac{f(t) + f(-t)}{2}$

• Let $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$, $g \in Y$

$$\langle f - P_Y f, g \rangle = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \underbrace{\left(f(t) - \frac{f(t) + f(-t)}{2}\right)}_{\text{odd}} \underbrace{g(t)}_{\text{even}} dt = 0$$

• $P_Y^\perp f = (I - P_Y)f = \int \frac{f(t) + f(-t)}{2} = \frac{f(t) - f(-t)}{2}$

9.22 \mathcal{H} Hilbert space $S \in CL(\mathcal{H})$, $S^2 = I$, $\langle Sx, y \rangle = \langle x, Sy \rangle$

$$Y = \{x \in \mathcal{H} \mid Sx = x\} \quad Z = \{x \in \mathcal{H} \mid Sx = -x\}$$

Show that $Z = Y^\perp$, $Y = Z^\perp$, and compute P_Y and P_Z

• Let $y \in Y$, $z \in Z$

$$\langle y, z \rangle = \langle Sy, z \rangle = \langle y, Sz \rangle = -\langle y, z \rangle$$

• Let $x \in \mathcal{H} \Rightarrow \boxed{x = y + z} \quad y \in Y, z \in Z$

$$Sx = Sy + Sz = y - z$$

$$\rightarrow y = \frac{x + Sx}{2} \quad z = \frac{x - Sx}{2}$$