

**OPTIMISATION NOTES following**  
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## 1 Hilbert Spaces

Recall that an inner product  $(\cdot|\cdot)$  satisfies:

1.  $(x|y) = \overline{(y|x)}$
2.  $(x + y|z) = (x|z) + (y|z)$  and  $(\lambda x|y) = \lambda(x|y)$
3.  $(x|x) \geq 0$  with equality iff  $x = 0$

Some basic facts include:

- $|(x|y)| \leq \|x\|\|y\|$  with equality iff  $x = \lambda y$  or  $y = 0$  (*Cauchy Schwarz Inequality*)
- $\sqrt{(x|x)} = \|x\|$  defines a norm
- $(x|y) = 0$  for all  $y$  implies  $x = 0$ , the proof is to set  $y = x$  and use property (3) in the definition
- $\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 = 2\|x\|^2 + 2\|y\|^2$  (*Parallelogram Law*), the proof requires expansion
- A *Hilbert Space* is a complete inner product space

**Lemma 1** (Continuity of the Inner Product).

*Proof.* Let  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $y_n \rightarrow y$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 |(x_n|y_n) - (x|y)| &= |(x_n|y_n) - (x_n|y) + (x_n|y) - (x|y)| \\
 &\leq |(x_n|y_n - y)| + |(x_n - x|y)| \\
 &\leq \|x_n\|\|y_n - y\| + \|x_n - x\|\|y\| \quad (\text{C-S}) \\
 &\leq M\|y_n - y\| + \|x_n - x\|\|y\| \rightarrow 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

□

### 1.1 Projection

If  $(x|y) = 0$ , then  $x \perp y$ . Further,  $\|x + y\|^2 = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2$ .

**Theorem 1.** Let  $X$  be an inner product space,  $M$  a subspace of  $X$ ,  $x \in X$ . If there is a vector  $m_0 \in M$  such that  $\|x - m_0\|^2 \leq \|x - m\|^2$  for all  $m \in M$ , then  $m_0$  is unique. Further,  $x - m_0 \in M^\perp$  necessarily; this is also sufficient.

Such a projection  $m_0$  is guaranteed to exist if  $X$  is complete (ie, a Hilbert space) and  $M$  is closed.

### 1.2 Orthogonal Complements

Define the orthogonal complement  $S^\perp = \{x \in X : x \perp s, \forall s \in S\}$ .  $S^\perp$  is necessarily a closed subspace (closed by the continuity of the inner product). Further:

- $S \subset T$  implies  $T^\perp \subset S^\perp$
- $S \subset \overline{S} = S^{\perp\perp}$

Define the *direct sum*:  $X = M \oplus N$  if for all  $x \in X$ , there exist unique  $m \in M$  and  $n \in N$  such that  $x = m + n$ .

**Theorem 2.** If  $M$  is a closed linear subspace of a Hilbert space  $H$ , then  $H = M \oplus M^\perp$  and

$$M = M^{\perp\perp}.$$

*Proof.* That  $H = M + M^\perp$  follows from the projection theorem. For uniqueness, if  $x = m_0 + n_0 = m_1 + n_1$ , then  $m_0 - m_1 + n_0 - n_1 = 0$ . As  $m_0 - m_1 \in M$  and  $n_0 - n_1 \in M^\perp$ , Pythagoras's Theorem states that  $0 = m_0 - m_1 = n_0 - n_1$  so the representation is unique.  $\square$

**Proposition 1.** *An orthogonal set of nonzero vectors is a LI set.*

*Proof.* Let  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  be a finite subset of the orthogonal set. Take scalars  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i = 0$ . Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i (x_i | x_k) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i \middle| x_k \right) = (0 | x_k) = 0.$$

Hence, as  $x_k \neq 0$ ,  $(x_k | x_k) > 0$  and  $\alpha_k = 0$ . Inducting (relying on AC if set is infinite),  $\alpha_i = 0$  for all  $i$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3** (Gram-Schmidt). *Let  $\{x_i\}$  be a finite or countable sequence of LI vectors in inner product space  $X$ . Then there exists orthonormal sequence  $\{e_i\}$  such that*

$$[e_1, \dots, e_n] = [x_1, \dots, x_n], \quad \forall n \in \mathbf{N}.$$

*Proof.* Set  $e_1 = x_1 / \|x_1\|$ ,  $z_n = x_n - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (x_n | e_i) e_i$ , and  $e_n = z_n / \|z_n\|$ .  $\square$

### 1.3 Approximations

Say if we want to project  $x \in H$  into  $[y_1, \dots, y_n]$ , a closed subspace of  $H$ . Denote the projection as  $\alpha_1 y_1 + \dots + \alpha_n y_n$ . By the projection theorem,

$$(x - \alpha_1 y_1 - \dots - \alpha_n y_n | y_i) = 0$$

for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Arranging, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} (y_1 | y_1) \alpha_1 + \dots + (y_n | y_1) \alpha_n &= (x | y_1) \\ &\vdots \\ (y_1 | y_n) \alpha_1 + \dots + (y_n | y_n) \alpha_n &= (x | y_n) \end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} (y_1 | y_1) & \dots & (y_n | y_1) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (y_1 | y_n) & \dots & (y_n | y_n) \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Transpose of Gram matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (x | y_1) \\ \vdots \\ (x | y_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

The determinant of the Gram matrix  $\mathbf{G}$  is denoted  $g(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ .

**Proposition 2.**  $g(y_1, \dots, y_n) \neq 0$  iff  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  are LI.

*Proof.* We shall prove the contrapositive:  $g(y_1, \dots, y_n) = 0$  iff  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  are LD. Assume  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  are LD. There exist  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ , not all zero, such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i = 0$ . We must therefore have that  $(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i | y_j) = 0$  for all  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . Then  $(y_n | y_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n (-\alpha_i / \alpha_n) (y_i | y_j)$  for all  $j$ , so  $\mathbf{G}$  must be rank deficient and  $g = 0$ . Conversely, if  $(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i | y_j) = 0$  for all  $j$  and with some  $\alpha_i$  not zero, then  $0 = \sum_{j=1}^n \bar{\alpha}_j (\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i | y_j) = (\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i | \sum_{j=1}^n \bar{\alpha}_j y_j) = \|\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i\|^2$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  be LI. Let  $\delta$  be the minimum distance from  $x$  to the subspace  $M$  generated by  $\{y_i\}$ . Then

$$\delta^2 = \frac{g(y_1, \dots, y_n, x)}{g(y_1, \dots, y_n)}$$

#### 1.4 Abstract Fourier Series

**Theorem 5.** Let  $\{e_i\}$  be an orthonormal sequence in a Hilbert space  $H$ . A series of the form  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \xi_i e_i$  converges to some  $x \in H$  iff  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |\xi_i|^2 < \infty$ . In that case,  $\xi_i = (x|e_i)$ .

**Lemma 2** (Bessel's Inequality). Let  $x$  be an element in a Hilbert space  $H$  and suppose  $\{e_i\}$  is an orthonormal sequence in  $H$ . Then  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |(x|e_i)|^2 \leq \|x\|^2$ .

**Theorem 6.** Let  $x$  be an element in a Hilbert space  $H$  and suppose  $\{e_i\}$  is an orthonormal sequence in  $H$ . Then the series  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (x|e_i)e_i$  converges to an element  $\hat{x}$  in the closed subspace  $M := \overline{\{e_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}}$ . The residual  $x - \hat{x}$  is orthogonal to  $M$ .

**Lemma 3.** An orthonormal sequence  $\{e_i\}$  in a Hilbert space  $H$  is complete (ie,  $\overline{\{e_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}} = H$ ) iff the only vector orthogonal to each  $e_i$  is the null vector.

*Proof.* This follows from  $H = M \oplus M^{\perp}$ . □

A corollary of the previous lemma (but a long proof involving the Weierstrass Approximation Theorem) is that the countable space of polynomials is dense in  $L_2[a, b]$ .

The practical implication of this section is that we don't have to solve the linear system  $\mathbf{G}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\alpha} = ((x|y_1), \dots, (x|y_n))^{\top}$  to find the projection. Instead, we can use Gram-Schmidt to turn  $\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$  into  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  and then find  $\hat{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n (x|e_i)e_i$ .

#### 1.5 Other Minimum Norm Problems

We move onto our first generalisation of the projection theorem.

**Theorem 7.** Let  $M$  be a closed subspace of a Hilbert space  $H$ . Let  $x \in H$  and  $V := x + M$ . Then there exists a unique  $x_0 \in V$  of minimum norm. Furthermore,  $x_0 \perp M$  (**not**  $x_0 \perp V$ ).

*Proof.* This is an  $x$ -shift of the problem of projecting  $-x$  onto  $M$ . □

**Theorem 8.** Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and  $y_1, \dots, y_n \in H$  be LI. Among all vectors  $x \in H$  satisfying  $(x|y_i) = c_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , let  $x_0$  have the minimum norm. Then  $x_0 \in \overline{[y_1, \dots, y_n]}$  and may be written as

$$x_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i y_i$$

where satisfying  $(x_0|y_i) = c_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  necessitate

$$(y_1|y_1)\beta_1 + \dots + (y_n|y_1)\beta_n = c_1$$

$$\vdots$$

$$(y_1|y_n)\beta_1 + \dots + (y_n|y_n)\beta_n = c_n.$$

This is equivalent to  $\mathbf{G}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{c}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $M = \overline{[y_1, \dots, y_n]}$ . The  $n$  constraints define a “linear variety” (shifted linear subspace)  $x + M^\perp$ , where  $x \in H$  satisfies the  $n$  constraints. By the restated projection theorem,  $x_0 \in M^{\perp\perp}$ . As  $M$  is a closed subspace,  $M = M^{\perp\perp}$ . The condition  $\mathbf{G}^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{c}$  ensure  $x_0 \in M$ .  $\square$

Do go back and read Example 1 on page 66, it's truly great.

**Duality:** Let  $M$  be a closed subspace of Hilbert space  $H$  and let  $x \in H$ . The two problems:

1. project  $x$  onto  $M$
2. project  $x$  onto  $M^\perp$

are complete symmetric because  $M^{\perp\perp} = M$ . If  $m_0$  is the projection of  $x$  onto  $M$ , then  $x - m_0 \in M^\perp$  is the projection of  $x$  onto  $M^\perp$ .

The second generalisation of the projection theorem is to convex sets:

**Theorem 9.** *Let  $x$  be a vector in a Hilbert space  $H$  and let  $K$  be a closed convex subset of  $H$ . Then there is a unique vector  $k_0 \in K$  such that*

$$\|x - k_0\| \leq \|x - k\|$$

*for all  $k \in K$ . Furthermore, a necessary and sufficient condition that  $k_0$  be the unique minimising vector is that  $(x - k_0 | k - k_0) \leq 0$  for all  $k \in K$ .*

## 2 Dual Spaces

### 2.1 Linear Functionals

Let  $X$  be a vector space with the scalar field  $\mathbf{K}$ . A functional is a map  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{K}$ . A linear functional satisfies  $f(\alpha x + \beta y) = \alpha f(x) + \beta f(y)$  for any  $x, y \in X$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbf{K}$ . Some basic facts about linear functionals on normed spaces:

- If a linear functional is continuous at a single point, it is continuous everywhere.
- A linear functional is bounded if there is some  $M$  such that  $|f(x)| \leq M\|x\|$  for all  $x \in X$ .
- A linear functional is bounded iff it is continuous.

The functional norm is thus defined:

$$\|f\| = \inf_M \{M : |f(x)| \leq M\|x\|, \forall x \in X\} = \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{|f(x)|}{\|x\|} = \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} |f(x)| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} |f(x)|$$

The space of all bounded linear functionals over  $X$  is denoted  $X^*$  and is called the (*topological*) *dual* of  $X$ . It is a linear space when addition and scalar multiplication are defined in the usual way for functions.

**Theorem 10.** *If  $X$  is a Banach space, then  $X^*$  is a Banach space.*

*Proof.* Let  $\{x_n^*\}$  be Cauchy in  $X^*$ . Then  $\|x_n^* - x_m^*\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ . Then  $|x_n^*(x) - x_m^*(x)| \leq \|x_n^* - x_m^*\| \|x\| \rightarrow 0$ . Then  $x_n^*(x) \rightarrow x^*(x) \in \mathbf{K}$  by the completeness of  $\mathbf{K}$ . By the linearity of limits,  $x^*$  is a linear functional. Now for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N \in \mathbf{N}$  such that  $|x_n^*(x) - x_m^*(x)| \leq \epsilon \|x\|$  for all  $n, m \geq N$ . Take  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $|x_n^*(x) - x^*(x)| \leq \epsilon \|x\|$ , so  $\|x_n^* - x^*\| \leq \epsilon$  and thus  $x_n^* \rightarrow x^*$ . Finally, we show that  $x^*$  is bounded:  $|x^*(x)| \leq |x^*(x) - x_n^*(x)| + |x_n^*(x)| \leq (\epsilon + \|x_n^*\|)\|x\|$  for any  $n \geq N$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.** *The dual of  $\mathbf{R}^n$  (with the usual norm) is  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , i.e. a bounded linear functional  $f$  can be represented by  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i$  for  $y_i \in \mathbf{R}$  and every  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{R}^n$  defines a bounded linear functional  $f$  in the same way.*

*Proof.* It is obvious that the  $f$  defined by  $\mathbf{y}$  is linear. Now

$$|f(\mathbf{x})| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i \right| \leq \left| \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 \right|^{1/2} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right|^{1/2} = \left| \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 \right|^{1/2} \|\mathbf{x}\|$$

where we make use of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality. Equality is achieved at  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$  and thus  $\|f\| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 \right|^{1/2} = \|\mathbf{y}\|$ . Thus, there is a one-to-one correspondence between  $f \in (\mathbf{R}^n)^*$  and  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{R}^n$ .

Let  $f$  be a bounded linear functional. Then

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i f(e_i)$$

Setting  $y_i = f(e_i)$ , we obtain  $f$  in the desired form. Setting  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$ , we obtain  $f(\mathbf{y}) = \|\mathbf{y}\|^2$  and hence  $\|f\| = \|\mathbf{y}\|$  (again  $\|f\| \leq \|\mathbf{y}\|$  because of Cauchy-Schwarz).  $\square$

**Proposition 4.** *The dual of  $\ell_p$  is  $\ell_q$  ( $1/p + 1/q = 1$ ,  $p < \infty$ ), i.e. a bounded linear functional  $f$  can be represented by  $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^\infty y_i x_i$  where  $y \in \ell_q$ , and every  $y \in \ell_q$  defines a bounded linear functional  $f$  in the same way. Also,  $\|f\| = \|y\|_q$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f$  be a bounded linear functional. Then

$$f(x) = f\left(\sum_{i=1}^\infty x_i e_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^\infty x_i f(e_i) = \sum_{i=1}^\infty x_i y_i$$

where we set  $y_i = f(e_i)$ .

Suppose  $1 < p < \infty$ . Consider the sequence  $x^{(N)} \in \ell_p$  such that  $x_i^{(N)} = |y_i|^{q/p} \text{sign}(y_i) \mathbf{1}_{[i \leq N]}$ . Now  $\|x^{(N)}\|_p = \left(\sum_{i=1}^N |y_i|^q\right)^{1/p}$ , and

$$f(x^{(N)}) = \sum_{i=1}^N |y_i|^{q/p+1} = \sum_{i=1}^N |y_i|^q = \left(\sum_{i=1}^N |y_i|^q\right)^{1/q} \|x^{(N)}\|.$$

By the definition of the functional norm,  $\left(\sum_{i=1}^N |y_i|^q\right)^{1/q} \leq \|f\|$ . Taking  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , we see that  $\|y\|_q \leq \|f\|$  and thus  $y \in \ell_q$ .

It is obvious that the  $f$  defined by  $y$  is linear. Now

$$|f(x)| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^\infty y_i x_i \right| \leq \left| \sum_{i=1}^\infty y_i^p \right|^{1/p} \left| \sum_{i=1}^\infty x_i^q \right|^{1/q} = \|y\|_q \|x\|$$

where we make use of the Hölder inequality. Hence  $\|f\| \leq \|y\|_q$  and hence  $y$  defines a bounded linear functional  $f$ .

Combining the two inequalities, we see that  $\|f\| = \|y\|_q$ .

For  $p = 1$ , repeat the proof with  $x^{(N)} = \text{sign}(y_N) e_N$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 5.** *The dual of  $L_p(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  is  $L_q(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  ( $1/p + 1/q = 1$ ,  $p < \infty$ ), i.e. a bounded linear functional  $f$  can be represented by  $f(x) = \int_\Omega x y d\mu$  where  $y \in L_q$ , and every  $y \in L_q$  defines a bounded linear functional  $f$  in the same way. Also,  $\|f\| = \|y\|_q$ .*

*Proof.* Use lots of measure theory.  $\square$

**Theorem 11** (Riesz Representation Theorem). *If  $f$  is a bounded linear functional on a Hilbert space  $H$ , there exists a unique vector  $y \in H$  such that for all  $x \in H$ ,  $f(x) = (x|y)$ . Furthermore, we have  $\|f\| = \|y\|$  and every  $y$  determines a unique bounded linear functional in this way. A Hilbert space is its own dual.*

*Proof.* Let  $N = f^{-1}[\{0\}]$ , which is a closed subspace of  $H$ . Now  $H = N \oplus N^\perp$ . If  $N = H$ , then  $f = 0$  and  $y = 0$ . If  $N \neq H$ , then there exists  $z \in N^\perp$ . As  $N^\perp$  is a subspace, we can take  $z$  such that  $f(z) = 1$ . Then for any  $x \in H$ , we have  $x - f(x)z \in N$  as  $f(x - f(x)z) = f(x) - f(x)f(z) = 0$ . Then  $z \perp N$  implies that  $(x - f(x)z|z) = 0$  and that  $(x|z) = f(x)(z|z)$  and hence we get the theorem by taking  $y = z/\|z\|^2$ .  $\square$

Let us define a function of bounded variation:  $v : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is of bounded variation if

$$\sup \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n |v(x_i) - v(x_{i-1})| \mid \{x_0, \dots, x_n\} \text{ is a partition of } [a, b] \right\} < \infty$$

and the supremum is called the total variation of  $v$ .

**Theorem 12** (Riesz-Kakutani-Markov Representation Theorem). *Let  $f$  be a bounded linear functional on  $X = C[a, b]$ . Then there is a function  $v$  of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$  such that*

$$f(x) = \int_a^b x(t)dv(t), \quad \forall x \in X$$

*and  $\|f\|$  is the total variation of  $v$ . Conversely, every function of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$  defines a bounded linear functional on  $X$  in this way.*

*More generally, if  $X$  is a locally compact Hausdorff space, there is a unique regular Borel measure  $\mu$  on  $X$  such that*

$$f(x) = \int_X x(t)d\mu(t), \quad \forall x \in X.$$

The proof in the book uses the Stieltjes integral to prove the  $[a, b]$  domain case. As usual,  $BV[a, b]$  does not provide unique duals: we need to deal with annoying measure zero cases. We do this by defining the normalised space of bounded variation functions  $NBV[a, b]$ , which impose  $v(a) = 0$  and right-continuity on  $(a, b)$ .

## 2.2 Hahn-Banach Theorem

Let  $M, N$  be subspaces of vector space  $X$  with  $M \subset N$ , and  $f : M \rightarrow \mathbf{K}$  be a linear functional. Then a linear functional  $F : N \rightarrow \mathbf{K}$  is an extension of  $f$  from  $M$  to  $N$  if  $f(m) = F(m)$  for all  $m \in M$ .

A sublinear functional  $p$  on a real vector space  $X$  satisfies:

1.  $p(x_1 + x_2) \leq p(x_1) + p(x_2)$  for all  $x_1, x_2 \in X$
2.  $p(\alpha x) = \alpha p(x)$  for all  $\alpha \geq 0$  and  $x \in X$

**Theorem 13** (Hahn-Banach, Extension form). *Let  $X$  be a real linear normed space and  $p$  a continuous sublinear functional on  $X$ . Let  $f$  be a sublinear functional defined on a subspace  $M$  of  $X$  satisfying  $f(m) \leq p(m)$  for all  $m \in M$ . Then there is an extension  $F$  of  $f$  from  $M$  to  $X$  such that  $F(x) \leq p(x)$  on  $X$ .*

In particular, if  $f$  is a bounded linear functional, taking  $p(x) = \|f\|_M \|x\|$ , there is an extension  $F$  of  $f$  from  $M$  to  $X$  such that  $F(x) \leq \|f\|_M \|x\|$ . Thus,  $\|F\| = \|f\|_M$ .

A corollary is that for any  $x \in X$ , where  $X$  is a normed space, there is a nonzero bounded linear functional  $F$  on  $X$  such that  $F(x) = \|F\| \|x\|$ . The proof is to consider the one-dimensional subspace  $[x]$  (or  $[y]$  for  $y \neq 0$  if  $x = 0$ ) and note that  $f(\alpha x) = \alpha \|x\|$  is a linear function for all  $\alpha \in \mathbf{K}$  (and hence any  $z \in [x]$ ) and is bounded by  $\alpha$  ( $f$  is like a signed norm?). By Hahn-Banach,  $f$  can be extended to  $F$  on  $X$ . Set  $\alpha = 1$  to obtain the result. The converse is not true (in non-reflexive spaces)—there are bounded linear functionals  $f$  such that  $\|x\| < \|f\|$  for all  $x \neq 0$ .

### 2.3 Second Dual Space

Introduce the angle bracket notation:  $\langle x, x^* \rangle := x^*(x)$ . Note that by the Riesz Representation Theorem, inner products on Hilbert spaces are bounded linear functionals when one multiplier is held fixed, and hence this notation generalises inner products.

Fix  $x \in X$ . Then  $f(x^*) = \langle x, x^* \rangle$  is a linear functional on  $X^*$ . Now  $|f(x^*)| = |\langle x, x^* \rangle| = |x^*(x)| \leq \|x^*\| \|x\|$  and hence  $\|f\| \leq \|x\|$ . Conversely, by the corollary to the Hahn-Banach theorem, there exists  $x^* \in X^*$  such that  $f(x^*) = \langle x, x^* \rangle = \|x\| \|x^*\|$ . Hence  $\|f\| = \|x\|$ . Hence  $f$  is a bounded linear functional. We can thus define the *natural mapping*  $\phi : X \rightarrow X^{**}$  such that  $\langle x, x^* \rangle = \langle x^*, \phi(x) \rangle$ . Where  $\phi$  is surjective, there is a bijection between  $X$  and  $X^{**}$  and we write  $X = X^{**}$  and call  $X$  *reflexive*. This holds for the  $\ell_p$  and  $L_p$  spaces where  $1 < p < \infty$ . However,  $X \subset X^{**}$  holds strictly for non-reflexive spaces, such as  $\ell_1$  and  $L_1$ .

In a reflexive space, all bounded linear functionals  $f$  have some  $x \in X$  such that  $f(x) = \|f\| \|x\|$ .

### 2.4 Alignment and Orthogonal Complements

$x^* \in X^*$  is aligned with  $x \in X$  if  $\langle x, x^* \rangle = \|x^*\| \|x\|$ .

For example,  $x \in L_p$  is aligned with  $y \in L_q$  if and only if the condition for equality in the Hölder Inequality hold:  $x(t) = K \text{sign}(y(t)) |y(t)|^{q/p}$  for some constant  $K$ . If  $x \in C[a, b]$ , then denoting  $\Gamma^+ = x^{-1}[\|x\|]$  and  $\Gamma^- = x^{-1}[-\|x\|]$ ,  $v \in NBV[a, b]$  is aligned with  $x$  iff  $v$  is increasing in  $\Gamma^+$ , decreasing in  $\Gamma^-$ , and does not vary elsewhere. Under these conditions,  $\int_a^b x(t) dv(t) = \|x\| (\int_{\Gamma^+} dv(t) - \int_{\Gamma^-} dv(t)) = \|x\| TV(v) = \|x\| \|v\|$ .

$x^* \in X^*$  is orthogonal to  $x \in X$  if  $\langle x, x^* \rangle = 0$ .

Let  $S \subset X$ . Define the orthogonal complement/annihilator  $S^\perp = \{x^* \in X^* : \langle s, x^* \rangle = 0, \forall s \in S\} \subset X^*$ . Similarly, if  $U \subset X^*$ , then  $U^\perp \subset X^{**}$ . More usefully, the *orthogonal complement of  $U$  in  $X$*  is  ${}^\perp U = \{x \in X : \langle x, u \rangle = 0, \forall u \in U\} \subset X$ . Note that  ${}^\perp U = U^\perp \cap \phi[X]$  where  $\phi$  is the natural mapping.

**Theorem 14.** Let  $M$  be a closed subspace of normed space  $X$ . Then  ${}^\perp[M^\perp] = M$ .

### 2.5 Minimum Norm Problems

**Theorem 15.** Let  $X$  be a real normed vector space and  $M$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Let  $x \in X$  and  $d = \text{dist}(x, M) = \inf_{m \in M} \|x - m\|$ . Then  $d = \max_{x^* \in M^\perp : \|x^*\| \leq 1} \langle x, x^* \rangle$ , achieved at some  $x_0^* \in M^\perp$ . If the infimum is achieved at  $m_0 \in M$ , then  $x_0^*$  is aligned with  $x - m_0$ , that is to say,  $\langle x - m_0, x_0^* \rangle = \|x - m_0\| \|x_0^*\|$ . In more natural notation, if  $\|x\|_M = \text{dist}(x, M)$ , then  $\|x\|_M = \|x\|_{M^\perp}$  where the right-hand term is the usual functional norm applied to the naturally mapped  $\phi(x)$ .

*Proof.* The proof is trivial if  $x \in M$ . Hence assume  $x \notin M$ .

Step 1: Prove  $\langle x, x^* \rangle \leq d$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be arbitrary, let  $m_\epsilon \in M$  satisfy  $\|x - m_\epsilon\| \leq d + \epsilon$ , which exists because  $M$  is a subspace. Then for any  $x^* \in M^\perp$  such that  $\|x^*\| \leq 1$ , we have  $\langle m_\epsilon, x^* \rangle = 0$  and hence

$$\langle x, x^* \rangle = \langle x - m_\epsilon, x^* \rangle \leq \underbrace{\|x^*\|}_{\leq 1} \|x - m_\epsilon\| \leq d + \epsilon$$

As  $\epsilon > 0$  was arbitrary, we have  $\langle x, x^* \rangle \leq d$ .

Step 2: Prove that the maximum is attained at some  $x_0^*$ . Let  $N = [x + M]$ . If  $n \in N$ , the representation  $n = \alpha x + m$  is unique, where  $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $m \in M$ . Define the linear functional  $f : N \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  by  $f(n) = \alpha d$ . Note that if  $m \in M$ , then  $\alpha = 0$  and  $f(m) = 0$ , and that  $f(x) = d$ . We have

$$\|f\| = \sup_N \frac{|f(n)|}{\|n\|} = \sup_N \frac{|\alpha|d}{\|\alpha x + m\|} = \sup_N \frac{|\alpha|d}{|\alpha| \|x + m/\alpha\|} = \frac{d}{\inf_N \|x + m/\alpha\|} = 1$$

The maximum  $x_0^*$  is attained at the Hahn-Banach extension of  $f$  from  $N$  to  $X$ . Note that  $\|x_0^*\| = 1$  and  $x_0^* \in M^\perp$ . Further,  $\langle x, x_0^* \rangle = d$ .

Step 3: Alignment. Assume there exists  $m_0 \in M$  such that  $\|x - m_0\| = d$ . Let  $x_0^* \in M^\perp$ ,  $\|x_0^*\| = 1$  obtain the maximum. Then

$$\langle x - m_0, \underbrace{x_0^*}_{\in M^\perp} \rangle = \langle x, x_0^* \rangle = d = \underbrace{\|x_0^*\|}_{=1} \|x - m_0\| \quad \square$$

A corollary is thus: let  $x$  be an element of real normed vector space  $X$  and  $M$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Then  $m_0 \in M$  satisfies  $\|x - m_0\| \leq \|x - m\|$  for all  $m \in M$  iff there is a nonzero  $x^* \in M^\perp$  aligned with  $x - m_0$ . In this sense,  $x - m_0$  is orthogonal to  $M$ , like the Hilbert projection theorem.

**Theorem 16.** Let  $X$  be a real normed vector space and  $M$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Let  $x^* \in X^*$  and denote  $d = \text{dist}(x^*, M^\perp)$ .  $d = \min_{m^* \in M^\perp} \|x^* - m^*\|$  is achieved at some  $m_0^* \in M^\perp$ , and  $d = \sup_{x \in M: \|x\| \leq 1} \langle x, x^* \rangle = \|x^*\|_M$ . If the supremum is achieved at  $x_0 \in M$ , then  $x^* - m_0^*$  is aligned with  $x_0$ . In more natural notation, if  $\|x^*\|_{M^\perp} = \text{dist}(x^*, M^\perp)$ , then  $\|x^*\|_{M^\perp} = \|x^*\|_M$ .

*Proof.* Step 1: Prove  $\|x^* - m^*\| \geq \|x^*\|_M$ . For any  $m^* \in M^\perp$ , we have

$$\|x^* - m^*\| = \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} (\langle x, x^* \rangle - \langle x, m^* \rangle) \geq \sup_{x \in M: \|x\| \leq 1} (\langle x, x^* \rangle - \langle x, m^* \rangle)$$

Noting that  $\langle x, m^* \rangle = 0$  for all  $x \in M$ , we have  $\|x^* - m^*\| \geq \|x^*\|_M$ .

Step 2: Prove that the minimum is attained at some  $m_0^*$ . Let  $y^*$  be the Hahn-Banach extension of  $x^*|_M$  from  $M$  to  $X$ . Then  $x^* - y^* = 0$  on  $M$ . Set  $m_0^* = x^* - y^*$ . Then  $m_0^* \in M^\perp$  and  $\|x^* - m_0^*\| = \|x^* - x^* + y^*\| = \|y^*\| = \|x^*\|_M$ .

Step 3: Alignment. Assume there exists  $x_0 \in M$  such that  $\langle x_0, x^* \rangle = d$ , which from Step 1 implies that  $x_0 = \arg \max_{x \in M: \|x\| \leq 1} \langle x, x^* \rangle$ . Then  $\|x_0\| = 1$  (else  $\langle x_0/\|x_0\|, x^* \rangle > d$ , contradicting steps 1–2). Also,

$$\|x_0\| \|x^* - m_0^*\| = d = \langle x_0, x^* \rangle = \langle x_0, x^* - m_0^* \rangle$$

where the last equality follows from  $m_0^* \in M^\perp$ , implying that  $\langle x_0, m_0^* \rangle = 0$ .  $\square$



As an application, we will prove one of Tonelli's theorems.

**Proposition 6.** *If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and  $p_0$  is a polynomial of up to degree  $n$  minimizing  $\|f - p\|_\infty$ , then  $|f(t) - p_0(t)|$  achieves its maximum on at least  $n + 2$  points on  $[a, b]$ .*

*Proof.* We formulate this as projecting  $f$  in space  $X = C[a, b]$  onto the  $(n + 1)$ -dimensional subspace  $M$  of  $n^{\text{th}}$  degree polynomials.  $p_0$  exists by the finite-dimensionality of  $M$ . Let  $d = \|f - p_0\|_\infty > 0$  and  $\Gamma = |f - p_0|^{-1}[\{d\}]$  denote the arg-maxima of  $|f - p_0|$ . By the first minimum norm theorem,  $f - p_0$  must be aligned with some  $v^* \in M^\perp \subset C[a, b]^* = NBV[a, b]$ . As  $d > 0$ ,  $v^* \neq 0$ . From the alignment section, we know that  $v^*$  varies only on  $\Gamma$ .

Assume by way of contradiction that  $|\Gamma| < n + 2$ . Let  $t_k \in \Gamma$  such that  $v^*$  varies at  $t_k$ . Then the polynomial  $q(t) = \prod_{s \in \Gamma \setminus \{t_k\}} (t - s)$  has at most an order of  $n + 1$  so  $q \in M$ , but  $\langle q, v^* \rangle = \int_a^b q dv^* = \prod_{s \in \Gamma \setminus \{t_k\}} (t_k - s) \times (v^*(t_k) - \lim_{t \rightarrow t_k^-} v^*(t)) \neq 0$ , so  $v^* \notin M^\perp$ . Contradiction!  $\square$

As another application, we will solve minimum norm problems with linear constraints, just like the Hilbert Space section.

**Proposition 7.** *Let  $y_i \in X$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and suppose  $D = \{x^* \in X^* : \langle y_i, x^* \rangle = c_i, i = 1, \dots, n\}$  is nonempty (so the constraints are consistent). Then*

$$\min_{x^* \in D} \|x^*\| = \max_{\|Y a\| \leq 1} c^\top a.$$

*Proof.* Let  $M = \text{span}\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$  and  $\bar{x}^* \in D$ . The  $n$  constraints define a linear variety  $\bar{x}^* + M^\perp$ . Hence, the problem is an  $\bar{x}^*$ -shift of the problem of projecting  $-\bar{x}^*$  onto  $M^\perp$ . Thus, if we let  $d = \min_{\langle y_i, x^* \rangle = c_i} \|x^*\|$ , then  $d = \min_{m^* \in M^\perp} \|\bar{x}^* - m^*\|$ . By the second minimum norm theorem,  $d = \sup_{x \in M: \|x\| \leq 1} \langle x, \bar{x}^* \rangle = \sup_{\|\sum_i a_i y_i\| \leq 1} \langle \sum_i a_i y_i, \bar{x}^* \rangle$  where the second equality follows from the definition of  $M$ . Now  $\langle \sum_i a_i y_i, \bar{x}^* \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \langle y_i, \bar{x}^* \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i c_i = c^\top a$  where the second equality follows from  $\bar{x}^* \in D$ .  $\square$

## 2.6 Weak convergence

The following convergence notions appear in decreasing order of strength. Consider  $\{x_n\}$  in normed vector space  $X$ .

- $x_n \rightarrow x$  (strongly) if  $\|x_n - x\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- $x_n \rightarrow x$  (weakly) if  $\langle x_n, x^* \rangle \rightarrow \langle x, x^* \rangle$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x^* \in X^*$
- $x_n^* \rightharpoonup^* x^*$  (weak\*) if  $\langle x, x_n^* \rangle \rightarrow \langle x, x^* \rangle$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \in X$

Strong implies weak as  $|\langle x_n, x^* \rangle - \langle x, x^* \rangle| \leq \|x^*\| \|x_n - x\|$ . Weak implies weak\* as  $X^{**}$  contains  $\phi(X)$ , where  $\phi$  is the natural mapping.

More definitions:

- A set  $K \subset X^*$  is weak\* compact if every infinite sequence from  $K$  contains a weak\* convergent subsequence (converging to a point in  $K$ ).
- A functional  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{K}$  is weakly continuous at  $x$  if given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a  $\delta > 0$  and finite  $\{x_1^*, \dots, x_m^*\} \subset X^*$  such that  $|f(y) - f(x)| < \epsilon$ , for all  $y \in X$  such that  $|\langle y, x_i^* \rangle - \langle x, x_i^* \rangle| < \delta$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$ .
- A functional  $f : X^* \rightarrow \mathbf{K}$  is weak\* continuous at  $x^*$  if given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a  $\delta > 0$  and finite  $\{x_1, \dots, x_m\} \subset X$  such that  $|f(y^*) - f(x^*)| < \epsilon$ , for all  $y^* \in X^*$  such that  $|\langle x_i, y^* \rangle - \langle x_i, x^* \rangle| < \delta$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$ .

**Theorem 17** (Alaoglu). *Let  $X$  be a real normed vector space. The closed unit sphere in  $X^*$  is weak\* compact.*

**Proposition 8.** *If  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$  and  $f$  is weakly continuous, then  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$ . Similarly, if  $x_n^* \rightharpoonup^* x^*$  and  $f$  is weak\* continuous, then  $f(x_n^*) \rightarrow f(x^*)$ .*

*Proof.* Fix  $\epsilon > 0$ . As  $f$  is weakly continuous, there exists  $\delta > 0$  and  $x_i^* \in X^*$  such that  $|f(y) - f(x)| < \epsilon$  for all  $y \in X$  satisfying  $|\langle y, x_i^* \rangle - \langle x, x_i^* \rangle| < \delta$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . By definition of weak convergence, there exists  $N \in \mathbf{N}$  such that  $|\langle x_n, x_i^* \rangle - \langle x, x_i^* \rangle| < \delta$  for all  $n \geq N$  and all  $i$ . Hence  $|f(x_n) - f(x)| < \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq N$ . For weak\* convergence, simply change the variables in the proof.  $\square$

**Proposition 9** (Extreme Value Theorem). *Let  $S \subset X^*$  be weak\* compact and  $f : S \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be weak\* continuous. Then  $f$  is bounded on  $S$  and achieves its maximum on  $S$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\{y_n\} \subset f(S) \subset \mathbf{R}$  be an arbitrary sequence. Then there exists  $\{x_n^*\} \subset S$  such that  $f(x_n^*) = y_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ . By weak\* compactness, there exists subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}^*\}$  such that  $x_{n_k}^* \rightharpoonup^* x^* \in S$ . As  $f$  is weak\* continuous, by the previous proposition,  $f(x_{n_k}^*) \rightarrow f(x^*)$ . Let  $y_{n_k} = f(x_{n_k}^*)$  for all  $k \in \mathbf{N}$  and  $y = f(x^*)$ . Then  $y_{n_k} \rightarrow y$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , so  $\{y_n\}$  has a convergent subsequence and  $f(S)$  is compact. By the Heine-Borel theorem,  $f$  must be bounded (in the traditional sense, *not* in the linear functional sense).

Let  $y_n \rightarrow \sup f(S)$ . Then there exists  $\{x_n^*\} \subset S$  such that  $f(x_n^*) = y_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ . By weak\* compactness, there exists subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}^*\}$  such that  $x_{n_k}^* \rightharpoonup^* x^* \in S$ . As  $f$  is weak\* continuous, by the previous proposition,  $f(x_{n_k}^*) \rightarrow f(x^*)$ . In addition,  $f(x^*)$  must be  $\sup f(S)$ , so  $f$  achieves its maximum on  $S$ .  $\square$

Combining Alaoglu's Theorem and the Extreme Value Theorem, set  $S$  to be the unit sphere in  $X^*$  and  $f(x^*) = \langle x, x^* \rangle$  for some  $x \in X$ , which is weak\* continuous. Then the EVT tells us that  $f(x^*)$  achieves its maximum on the unit sphere. By the first alignment theorem, taking  $M = \{0\}$ , we have alignment with the optimal  $x_0^*$ , so  $\langle x, x_0^* \rangle = \|x_0^*\| \|x\| = \|x\|$ , which is equivalent to the Corollary to the Hahn-Banach Theorem.

## 2.7 Hyperplanes

A hyperplane  $H$  in vector space  $X$  is a maximal proper linear variety. It satisfies:

- $H \neq X$
- If  $V$  is a linear variety containing  $X$ , then  $V = H$  or  $V = X$

Since  $\bar{H}$  is also a linear variety, then  $\bar{H} \in \{H, X\}$  so  $H$  is either closed or dense.

**Proposition 10.** *Hyperplanes are pre-images under linear functionals of singleton sets. Conversely, if  $f$  is a non-zero linear functional on  $X$ ,  $f^{-1}[\{c\}]$  is a hyperplane in  $X$  where  $c \in \mathbf{K}$ .*

*Proof.* If  $H$  contains the origin, then there is a linear functional  $f$  such that  $H = f^{-1}[\{0\}]$ . We can construct  $f$  by taking  $x_1 \notin H$  and defining  $f(x) = \alpha$  where  $x = \alpha x_1 + h$  for some  $h \in H$  (recall by linear independence that  $\alpha$  and  $h$  are unique).

If  $H$  does not contain the origin, then  $H = x_0 + M$  for some linear subspace  $M$  and  $x_0 \notin M$ . Then construct  $f(x) = \alpha$  where  $x = \alpha x_0 + m$  for some  $m \in M$  and  $H = f^{-1}[\{1\}]$ .

Conversely, let  $M = f^{-1}[\{0\}]$ , a linear subspace of  $X$ . Let  $x_0 \in X \setminus M$  with  $f(x_0) = 1$ . Then for any  $x \in X$ , we have  $f(x - f(x)x_0) = f(x) - f(x_0)f(x) = 0$ , and thus  $x - f(x)x_0 \in M$ . Thus,  $x = m + f(x)x_0$  for some  $m \in M$ , and hence  $X = [x_0 + M]$ . Hence  $M$  is a proper maximal subspace. Letting  $x_1 \in M$  such that  $f(x_1) = c$ , we have  $f^{-1}[\{c\}] = x_1 + M$  is a hyperplane.  $\square$

In addition, if  $H$  is not a subspace (i.e. it does not contain the origin), the representation  $f^{-1}[\{1\}]$  is unique. To prove this, assume  $H = f^{-1}[\{1\}] = g^{-1}[\{1\}]$ . Then  $H \subset (f - g)^{-1}[\{0\}]$ , which is a linear subspace. But by the definition of  $H$  as a maximal linear variety,  $(f - g)^{-1}[\{0\}] = X$  so  $f = g$ .

**Proposition 11.** *Let  $f$  be a nonzero linear functional on a normed vector space  $X$ . Then the hyperplane  $H = f^{-1}[\{c\}]$  is closed for every  $c \in \mathbf{K}$  iff  $f$  is continuous/bounded.*

Let  $f$  be a nonzero linear functional on vector space  $X$ . The hyperplane  $H = f^{-1}[c]$  determines four half-spaces (open and closed only make sense if  $f$  is continuous):

	Negative	Positive
Open	$f^{-1}((-\infty, c)) = \{x : f(x) < c\}$	$f^{-1}((c, \infty)) = \{x : f(x) > c\}$
Closed	$f^{-1}((-\infty, c]) = \{x : f(x) \leq c\}$	$f^{-1}([c, \infty)) = \{x : f(x) \geq c\}$

The proof of the hyperplane separation theorem requires the introduction of a specific sublinear functional, the *Minkowski functional*:

$$p_K(x) = \inf \left\{ r : \frac{x}{r} \in K, r > 0 \right\}$$

where  $0 \in \text{int } K$ . Beyond sublinearity, we have  $p > 0$ ,  $p$  is continuous,  $\text{int } K = p^{-1}[[0, 1]]$ , and  $\overline{K} = p^{-1}[[0, 1]]$ .

**Theorem 18** (Hyperplane Separation Theorem). *Let  $K$  be a convex set in real normed vector space  $X$ ,  $\text{int } K \neq \emptyset$ ,  $V$  is a linear variety in  $X$  such that  $V \cap \text{int } K = \emptyset$ . Then there is a closed hyperplane in  $X$  containing  $V$  but no interior points of  $K$ . Hence there is  $x^* \in X^*$  and  $c \in \mathbf{R}$  such that  $\langle v, x^* \rangle = c$  for all  $v \in V$  and  $\langle k, x^* \rangle < c$  for all  $k \in \text{int } K$ .*

There are various other definitions and restatements ( $X, K$  are defined as in the theorem):

- A closed hyperplane  $H$  in  $X$  supports convex set  $K$  if  $K$  is contained in one closed half-space determined by  $H$  and  $H \cap \overline{K} \neq \emptyset$ .
- If  $x \notin \text{int } K \neq \emptyset$ , then there is a closed hyperplane  $H$  containing  $x$  such that  $K$  lies on one side of  $H$ .
- Let  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  be convex sets in  $X$  such that  $\text{int } K_1 \neq \emptyset$  and  $K_2 \cap \text{int } K_1 = \emptyset$ . Then there is a closed hyperplane  $H$  separating  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ . That is to say, there is an  $x^* \in X^*$  such that  $\sup_{x \in K_1} \langle x, x^* \rangle \leq \inf_{x \in K_2} \langle x, x^* \rangle$ .
- Let  $K$  be closed and convex and  $x \notin K$ . Then there is a closed half-space containing  $K$  but not  $x$ .
- Let  $K$  be closed and convex. Then  $K$  is the intersection of all closed half-spaces containing it.
- The *support functional* of  $K$  is  $h(x^*) = \sup_{x \in K} \langle x, x^* \rangle$ .

Finally, there is another dual theorem:

**Theorem 19.** *Let  $X$  be a real normed vector space and  $K$  be a convex subset with support functional  $h$ . Let  $x_1 \in X$  and  $d = \text{dist}(x_1, K) = \inf_{x \in K} \|x - x_1\|$ . Then  $d = \max_{\|x^*\| \leq 1} (\langle x_1, x^* \rangle - h(x^*))$ , achieved at some  $x_0^* \in X^*$ . If the infimum is achieved at  $x_0 \in K$ , then  $-x_0^*$  is aligned with  $x_0 - x_1$ .*

### 3 Hilbert Space exercises

**Q3.1** Show that  $|(x|y)| = \|x\|\|y\|$  iff  $\alpha x + \beta y = 0$  for some scalars  $\alpha, \beta$ .

Take the usual proof of the inequality and notice that  $0 = (x - \lambda y|x - \lambda y)$  if and only if  $x - \lambda y = 0$  by the property of the inner product.

**Q3.2** Consider the set  $X$  of real functions  $x$  defined in  $\mathbf{R}$  for which

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T |x(t)|^2 dt < \infty.$$

Let  $M$  be the subspace where the limit is zero. Part (a) is trivial: show that the space  $H = X/M$  becomes a pre-Hilbert space when the inner product is defined as

$$([x]|[y]) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T x(t)y(t)dt.$$

Part (b): show that  $H$  is not separable.

**Q3.3** Let  $H$  consist of all  $m \times n$  real matrices with addition and scalar multiplication defined as the usual corresponding operations with matrices, and with the inner product of two matrices  $A, B$  defined as

$$(A|B) = \text{tr}(A^\top QB)$$

where  $Q$  is a symmetric, positive-definite  $m \times m$  matrix. Prove that  $H$  is a Hilbert space.

Symmetry and linearity are trivial to show. As  $Q$  is positive-definite, if  $A \neq 0$ , then letting  $A = [a_1 \ \dots \ a_n]$  with some  $a_i \neq 0$ , we have that

$$A^\top QA = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^\top \\ \vdots \\ a_n^\top \end{bmatrix} Q \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & \dots & a_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^\top Q a_1 & \dots & a_1^\top Q a_n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_n^\top Q a_1 & \dots & a_n^\top Q a_n \end{bmatrix}$$

By the positive-definiteness of  $Q$ ,  $a_i^\top Q a_i \geq 0$  and strictly if  $a_i \neq 0$ . Then  $(A|A) = \text{tr}(A^\top QA) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^\top Q a_i > 0$ . On the other hand  $(0|0) = \text{tr}(0) = 0$ .

Let  $\{A_j\}$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $H$ . Then  $\|A_j - A_k\|^2 \rightarrow 0$  as  $j, k \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence  $(A_j - A_k|A_j - A_k) \rightarrow 0$  as  $j, k \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (a_i^{(j)} - a_i^{(k)})^\top Q (a_i^{(j)} - a_i^{(k)}) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } j, k \rightarrow \infty$$

Now  $(a_i^{(j)} - a_i^{(k)})^\top Q (a_i^{(j)} - a_i^{(k)}) \geq 0$  for all  $i$  by the positive definiteness of  $Q$ . Hence we must have  $(a_i^{(j)} - a_i^{(k)})^\top Q (a_i^{(j)} - a_i^{(k)}) \rightarrow 0$  as  $j, k \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . By the positive definiteness of  $Q$ , we must have  $a_i^{(j)} - a_i^{(k)} \rightarrow 0$  as  $j, k \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore, we have that  $\{a_{i,l}^{(j)}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $\mathbf{R}$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$  and  $l = 1, \dots, n$ . By the completeness of  $\mathbf{R}$ , we have that  $\{a_{i,l}^{(j)}\} \rightarrow a_{i,l} \in \mathbf{R}$  and therefore  $A^j \rightarrow [a_{i,l}]_{i=1,\dots,m, l=1,\dots,n}$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence  $H$  is complete and therefore a Hilbert space.

**Q3.4** Show that if  $g(y_1, \dots, y_n) = 0$ , the normal equations possess a solution but it is not unique.

Say if  $\text{rank } G = m$ . Then take  $y_1, \dots, y_m$  to be a LI set of vectors (rearranging if necessary). From the proposition, we know that  $\mathbf{G}(y_1, \dots, y_m)(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m)^\top = ((x|y_1), \dots, (x|y_m))^\top$

has a unique solution. Set  $k = 1, \dots, n - m$ . Then  $y_{m+k} = \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j y_j$  where some  $\beta_j$  is nonzero. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i | y_{m+k}) \alpha_i &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i | \sum_j \beta_j y_j) \alpha_i \\ &= \sum_j \bar{\beta}_j \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i (y_i | y_j) \\ &= \sum_j \bar{\beta}_j (x | y_j) \quad \text{from solution} \\ &= (x | \sum_j \beta_j y_j) = (x | y_{m+k}) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m, 0, \dots, 0)^\top$  is a solution to the normal equations. However, as there is more than one way to choose a set of LI vectors out of  $y_1, \dots, y_m$ , this solution cannot be unique.

**Q3.5** Find the linear function  $x(t) = a + bt$  minimising  $\int_{-1}^1 [t^2 - x(t)]^2 dt$ .

Let  $p_k(t) = t^k$ . The problem is to minimise  $\|x - p_2\|_{L_2[-1,1]}$ , where  $x \in \text{span}\{1, p_1\}$ . From the projection theorem,  $(x - p_2) \perp \text{span}\{1, p_1\}$ . Hence,  $(x - p_2) \perp 1$ :

$$0 = \int_{-1}^1 [t^2 - bt - a] dt = \frac{1}{3} [t^3]_{-1}^1 - \frac{1}{2} b [t^2]_{-1}^1 - a [t]_{-1}^1 = \frac{2}{3} - 2a$$

and hence  $a = 1/3$ . In addition,  $(x - p_2) \perp p_1$ :

$$0 = \int_{-1}^1 [t^2 - bt - a] t dt = \frac{1}{4} [t^4]_{-1}^1 - \frac{1}{3} b [t^3]_{-1}^1 - \frac{1}{2} a [t^2]_{-1}^1 = -\frac{2}{3} b$$

and hence  $b = 0$ . The projection is  $x(t) = 1/3$ .

**Q3.6** Given a function  $x \in L_2[0, 1]$ , we seek a polynomial  $p$  of degree  $n$  or less which minimises  $\int_0^1 |x(t) - p(t)|^2 dt$  while satisfying  $\int_0^1 p(t) dt = 0$ .

*Part (a): Show that this problem has a unique solution.* The space of polynomials of degree  $n$  or less satisfying  $\int_0^1 p(t) dt = 0$  form a closed linear subspace. To prove that it is closed, consider a convergent sequence  $p_k$ . If  $\int_0^1 p_k(t) dt = 0$  for all  $k$  and  $p_k \rightarrow p$  (which is indeed a degree  $\leq n$  polynomial by the finite-dimensionality and hence closedness of that space), then by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality,

$$\int_0^1 |p_k(t) - p(t)| dt \leq \left( \int_0^1 |p_k(t) - p(t)|^2 dt \right)^{1/2} \left( \int_0^1 dt \right)^{1/2} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty.$$

By the triangle inequality for integrals:

$$\left| \int_0^1 p_k(t) dt - \int_0^1 p(t) dt \right| = \left| \int_0^1 p_k(t) - p(t) dt \right| \leq \int_0^1 |p_k(t) - p(t)| dt$$

and by the reverse triangle inequality,

$$\left| \int_0^1 p_k(t) dt \right| - \left| \int_0^1 p(t) dt \right| \leq \left| \int_0^1 p_k(t) dt - \int_0^1 p(t) dt \right| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty.$$

Hence

$$\int_0^1 p(t) dt = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 p_k(t) dt = 0.$$

Then the existence of a unique solution is guaranteed by the projection theorem.

Part (b): Show that this problem can be solved by first finding the polynomial  $q$  of degree  $n$  or less which minimises  $\int_0^1 |x(t) - q(t)|^2 dt$  and then finding  $p$  of degree  $n$  or less which minimises  $\int_0^1 |q(t) - p(t)|^2 dt$  while satisfying the requirement  $\int_0^1 p(t) dt = 0$ .

Denote the degree  $\leq n$  polynomials by  $P$  and the subset of polynomials satisfying the integral requirement as  $P_0 \subset P$ . By the projection theorem,  $(x - q) \perp P$  and  $(q - p) \perp P_0$ . Then Let  $\tilde{p} \in P_0 \subset P$  be arbitrary. We have that  $(x - p|\tilde{p}) = (x - q + q - p|\tilde{p}) = (x - q|\tilde{p}) + (q - p|\tilde{p}) = 0$  and hence  $x - p \perp P_0$ . Hence by the projection theorem,  $p$  is indeed the minimiser.

**Q3.7** Let  $M$  and  $N$  be orthogonal closed subspaces of a Hilbert space  $H$  and let  $x$  be an arbitrary vector in  $H$ . Show that the subspace  $M \oplus N$  is closed and that the orthogonal projection of  $x$  onto  $M \oplus N$  is equal to  $P_M(x) + P_N(x)$ .

Let  $y_k \in M \oplus N$  and let  $y_k \rightarrow y$ . Now  $y_k = m_k + n_k$  admits a unique representation for  $m_k \in M$  and  $n_k \in N$ . We have that for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $K \in \mathbf{N}$  such that  $\|y_k - y\| < \epsilon$ , for all  $k \geq K$ . Thus,  $\|m_k + n_k - P_M(y) + P_M(y) - y\| < \epsilon$ , for all  $k \geq K$ , where  $P_M(y)$  exists due to the projection theorem. Now  $m_k - P_M(y) \in M$  and  $y - P_M(y) \in M^\perp$  by the projection theorem. As  $n_k \in N \subset M^\perp$ , we deduce that  $n_k + P_M(y) - y \in M^\perp$  (as  $M^\perp$  is a linear subspace of  $H$ ). By Pythagoras's theorem, we may deduce that

$$\|m_k - P_M(y)\|^2 + \|n_k + P_M(y) - y\|^2 < \epsilon^2, \quad \forall k \geq K$$

and hence  $m_k \rightarrow P_M(y)$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Similarly,  $n_k \rightarrow P_N(y)$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence  $y$  has a unique representation  $P_M(y) + P_N(y) \in M \oplus N$ , so we may deduce that  $M \oplus N$  is closed.

Let  $x \in H$ ,  $m \in M$ , and  $n \in N$  be arbitrary. We have that

$$(x - P_M(x) - P_N(x)|m + n) = (x - P_M(x)|m) + (x - P_N(x)|n) = 0$$

as  $(x - P_M(x)) \perp m$  and  $(x - P_N(x)) \perp n$  by the projection theorem. Further, as  $P_M(x) \in M$ ,  $P_N(x) \in N$ , and  $M \perp N$ , then  $P_M(x) \perp n$  and  $P_N(x) \perp m$ . Hence, by the projection theorem,  $P_{M \oplus N}(x) = P_M(x) + P_N(x)$ .

**Q3.9** Prove that if  $S \subset H$ , then  $S^{\perp\perp} = \overline{[S]}$ .

We know that  $H = S^\perp \oplus S^{\perp\perp}$  as  $S^\perp$  is a closed linear subspace. We also know that  $H = \overline{[S]} \oplus \overline{[S]}^\perp$ . Now  $S \subset \overline{[S]}$  implies that  $\overline{[S]}^\perp \subset S^\perp$ . We shall prove the reverse inclusion: let  $x \in S^\perp$  and  $y \in \overline{[S]}$ . Then there exists a sequence  $y_n \in [S]$  such that  $y_n \rightarrow y$ . Now for all  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $y_n = \sum_k \beta_{nk} s_{nk}$  is a finite sum with scalars  $\beta_{nk}$  and  $s_{nk} \in S$  for all  $n, k$ . Hence

$$(x|y_n) = (x|\sum_k \beta_{nk} s_{nk}) = \sum_k \overline{\beta_{nk}} (x|s_{nk}) = 0.$$

Using the continuity of the inner product,

$$(x|y) = (x|\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x|y_n) = 0$$

and hence  $S^\perp \subset \overline{[S]}^\perp$ . Hence  $S^\perp = \overline{[S]}^\perp$  and hence  $S^{\perp\perp} = \overline{[S]}$ .

**Q3.10** A Hilbert space  $H$  of functions on a set  $S$  is said to be a *reproducing kernel Hilbert space* if there is a function  $K$  defined on  $S \times S$  having the properties:

1.  $K(\cdot, t) \in H$  for each  $t \in S$
2.  $x(t) = (x|K(\cdot, t))$  for each  $x \in H$ ,  $t \in S$ .

Such a function  $K$  is called a reproducing kernel.

Prove that a reproducing kernel, if it exists, is unique.

Assume by way of contradiction that  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are reproducing kernels of  $H$ , and  $K_1 \neq K_2$ . Then  $K_1(\cdot, t) - K_2(\cdot, t) \neq 0$ . From part 1 of the definition and because  $H$  is a linear space,  $K_1(\cdot, t) - K_2(\cdot, t) \in H$ . By the positive definiteness of the inner product,

$$\begin{aligned} & (K_1(\cdot, t) - K_2(\cdot, t) | K_1(\cdot, t) - K_2(\cdot, t)) > 0 \\ \implies & (K_1(\cdot, t) - K_2(\cdot, t) | K_1(\cdot, t)) > (K_1(\cdot, t) - K_2(\cdot, t) | K_2(\cdot, t)) \end{aligned}$$

But this contradicts part 2 of the definition.

**Q3.13** Show that the Gram determinant  $g(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is never negative.

**Note:** For  $n = 2$ , this is the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality. In fact, we are generalising it. Further, we will prove something stronger, that  $G$  is positive semi-definite.

Let  $y \in \mathbf{R}^n$ . Then

$$y^\top G y = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n y_i y_j (x_i | x_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (y_i x_i | y_j x_j) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i \middle| \sum_{j=1}^n y_j x_j \right)$$

where we use the linearity of the inner product. Then changing the index, we have

$$y^\top G y = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i \middle| \sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i \right) \geq 0$$

by the positive definiteness of the inner product.

**Q3.14** Let  $\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$  be LI vectors in pre-Hilbert space  $X$  and  $x \in X$ . Show that the best approximation to  $x$  in the subspace generated by  $\{y_i\}$  has the explicit representation

$$\hat{x} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} (y_1 | y_1) & \dots & (y_n | y_1) & (x | y_1) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ (y_1 | y_n) & \dots & (y_n | y_n) & (x | y_n) \\ y_1 & \dots & y_n & 0 \end{vmatrix}}{-g(y_1, \dots, y_n)}.$$

Show that the minimum error  $\hat{x} - x$  is given by

$$\hat{x} - x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} (y_1 | y_1) & \dots & (y_n | y_1) & (x | y_1) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ (y_1 | y_n) & \dots & (y_n | y_n) & (x | y_n) \\ y_1 & \dots & y_n & x \end{vmatrix}}{-g(y_1, \dots, y_n)}.$$

Denote  $\hat{x} = \alpha_1 y_1 + \dots + \alpha_n y_n$ . Then using the Gram matrix and Cramer's rule, we deduce that

$$\alpha_i = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} (y_1 | y_1) & \dots & (y_{i-1} | y_1) & (x | y_1) & (y_{i+1} | y_1) & \dots & (y_n | y_1) \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ (y_1 | y_n) & \dots & (y_{i-1} | y_n) & (x | y_n) & (y_{i+1} | y_n) & \dots & (y_n | y_n) \end{vmatrix}}{g(y_1, \dots, y_n)}$$

Then we can move the  $((x | y_1), \dots, (x | y_n))^\top$  term to the end, which involves  $n - i$  pairwise interchanges of rows. As each pairwise interchange reverses the sign of the determinant, we have:

$$\alpha_i = (-1)^{n-i} \frac{\begin{vmatrix} (y_1 | y_1) & \dots & (y_{i-1} | y_1) & (y_{i+1} | y_1) & \dots & (y_n | y_1) & (x | y_1) \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ (y_1 | y_n) & \dots & (y_{i-1} | y_n) & (y_{i+1} | y_n) & \dots & (y_n | y_n) & (x | y_n) \end{vmatrix}}{g(y_1, \dots, y_n)}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x} &= \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{n-i} \frac{\begin{vmatrix} (y_1|y_1) & \cdots & (y_{i-1}|y_1) & (y_{i+1}|y_1) & \cdots & (y_n|y_1) & (x|y_1) \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ (y_1|y_n) & \cdots & (y_{i-1}|y_n) & (y_{i+1}|y_n) & \cdots & (y_n|y_n) & (x|y_n) \end{vmatrix}}{g(y_1, \dots, y_n)} y_i \\ &= \frac{\begin{vmatrix} (y_1|y_1) & \cdots & (y_n|y_1) & (x|y_1) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ (y_1|y_n) & \cdots & (y_n|y_n) & (x|y_n) \\ y_1 & \cdots & y_n & 0 \end{vmatrix}}{-g(y_1, \dots, y_n)}.\end{aligned}$$

Note that we must introduce the negative sign (in the denominator for notational clarity) because when  $n - i$  is odd, the checkerboard pattern of the determinant treats  $y_i$  positively and when  $n - i$  is even, the checkerboard pattern of the determinant treats  $y_i$  as negative.

For  $\hat{x} - x$ , note that the checkerboard pattern keeps all terms on the main diagonal positive. Therefore, we have that the right hand side is

$$\hat{x} + x \frac{\begin{vmatrix} (y_1|y_1) & \cdots & (y_n|y_1) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (y_1|y_n) & \cdots & (y_n|y_n) \end{vmatrix}}{-g(y_1, \dots, y_n)} = \hat{x} - x \frac{g(y_1, \dots, y_n)}{g(y_1, \dots, y_n)} = \hat{x} - x.$$

### Q3.16

**Proposition 12** (Parseval's Equality). *An orthonormal sequence  $\{e_i\}$  is complete in a Hilbert space  $H$  iff for all  $x, y \in H$ ,*

$$(x|y) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (x|e_i)(e_i|y).$$

*Prove Parseval's equality.*

Assume  $\{e_i\}$  is a complete orthonormal sequence. Then  $x = \sum_i (x|e_i)e_i$  and  $y = \sum_i (y|e_i)e_i$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}(x|y) &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (x|e_i)e_i \middle| \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (y|e_j)e_j \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (x|e_i)(e_j|y) \underbrace{(e_i|e_j)}_{=\delta_{ij}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (x|e_i)(e_i|y)\end{aligned}$$

where  $\delta_{ij}$  denotes the Dirac delta function.

Assume Parseval's equality holds. Then say if  $y \in H$  is orthogonal to the subspace generated by  $\{e_i\}$ . This implies that  $(e_i|y) = 0$  for all  $i$ . Then  $(x|y) = 0$  for all  $x \in H$  by the equality. In particular,  $(y|y) = 0$ , and therefore  $y = 0$  by the positive definiteness of the inner product. Hence the only element of  $\overline{\{e_i\}}^\perp$  is 0, and thus  $\{e_i\}$  is a complete orthonormal sequence.



**Q3.17** Let  $\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$  be LI and suppose  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  are obtained from the  $y_i$ s by the Gram-Schmidt procedure. Let

$$\hat{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n (x|e_i)e_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i.$$

Show that the coefficients  $\alpha_i$  can be easily obtained from the Fourier coefficients  $(x|e_i)$ .

We know that  $y_i = \sum_{j=1}^n (y_i|e_j)e_j$  as the  $y_i$ s lie in the space spanned by  $\{e_i\}$ . Hence

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (x|e_j)e_j = \hat{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \sum_{j=1}^n (y_i|e_j)e_j = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i (y_i|e_j)e_j$$

Hence we have  $(x|e_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i (y_i|e_j)$  for all  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . Thus the various  $\alpha_i$  be obtained by solving the linear system

$$\begin{bmatrix} (y_1|e_1) & (y_2|e_1) & \dots & (y_n|e_1) \\ (y_1|e_2) & (y_2|e_2) & \dots & (y_n|e_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (y_1|e_n) & (y_2|e_n) & \dots & (y_n|e_n) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (x|e_1) \\ (x|e_2) \\ \vdots \\ (x|e_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

**Q3.21** Using the projection theorem, solve the finite-dimensional problem:

$$\begin{aligned} &\min x^\top Qx \\ &\text{subject to } Ax = b \end{aligned}$$

where  $x$  is an  $n$ -vector,  $Q$  a positive-definite symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix,  $A$  an  $m \times n$  ( $m < n$ ), and  $b$  an  $m$ -vector.

Define the inner product  $(x|y) = x^\top Qy$ . This is linear and the positive-definiteness of  $Q$  guarantees positive definiteness of the inner product. The problem can be formulated as a minimum norm problem: minimise  $\|x\|^2$  in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  such that  $Ax = b$ . Write

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^\top \\ \vdots \\ a_m^\top \end{bmatrix}$$

where we must be careful to note that  $a_i$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  **row** of  $A$ , and not the  $i^{\text{th}}$  column. The constraint may be written as  $a_i^\top x = b_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . We may rewrite this as  $a_i^\top Q^{-1}Qx = b_i$ , and hence  $(Q^{-1}a_i|x) = b_i$  (note that  $Q$  being symmetric implies that  $Q^{-1}$  is also symmetric). By the theorem, the (unique) solution takes the form

$$x_0 = \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i Q^{-1}a_i = Q^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & \dots & a_m \end{bmatrix} \beta = Q^{-1}A^\top \beta$$

where the  $\beta_i$  are chosen to satisfy  $Ax_0 = b$ . Expanding, we have

$$Ax_0 = AQ^{-1}A^\top \beta$$

Notice that if  $A$  is full rank, then by the positive definiteness of  $Q$ , we have  $AQ^{-1}A^\top$  is full rank and therefore  $\beta = (AQ^{-1}A^\top)^{-1}b$ . Therefore,  $x_0 = Q^{-1}A^\top(AQ^{-1}A^\top)^{-1}b$ , although this seems wrong.

**Q3.24** The following theorem is valid in a Hilbert space  $H$ . If  $K$  is a closed convex set in  $H$  and  $x \in H$ ,  $x \notin K$ ; there is a unique vector  $k_0 \in K$  such that  $\|x - k_0\| \leq \|x - k\|$  for all  $k \in K$ .

Show that this theorem does not apply in arbitrary Banach space.

Consider the space  $\mathbf{R}^2$  endowed with the supremum norm. The set  $K = \mathbf{R}_+ \times \mathbf{R}$  is closed (by the equivalence of the  $p$ -norms) and convex. Consider  $x = (-1, 0)$ . Then  $\min_{k \in \mathbf{R}_+ \times \mathbf{R}} \|x - k\| = 1$ , but candidates for the argmin  $k_0$  include the entire set  $\{0\} \times [-1, 1]$ .

#### 4 Dual Space Exercises

**Q5.1** Define linear functional  $f$  on  $L_2[0, 1]$  by

$$f(x) = \int_0^1 a(t) \int_0^t b(s)x(s) ds dt$$

where  $a, b \in L_2[0, 1]$ . Show that  $f$  is a bounded linear functional and find  $y \in L_2$  such that  $f(x) = (x|y)$ .

Let  $c(t) = \int_0^t b(s)x(s) ds$ . Then  $f(x) = (a|c)$ . By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality,  $|f(x)| \leq \|a\|\|c\|$ . Now

$$\|c\| = \int_0^1 \left| \int_0^t b(s)x(s) ds \right|^2 dt \leq \int_0^1 \left( \int_0^t |b(s)x(s)| ds \right)^2 dt \leq \int_0^1 \int_0^t |b(s)|^2 ds \int_0^t |x(s)|^2 ds dt$$

where the first inequality is the triangular inequality for integrals and the second inequality is the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality. Hence

$$\|c\| \leq \int_0^1 \int_0^1 |b(s)|^2 ds \int_0^1 |x(s)|^2 ds dt = \|b\|\|x\| \int_0^1 dt = \|b\|\|x\|$$

Hence  $|f(x)| \leq \|a\|\|b\|\|x\|$  and thus  $f$  is a bounded linear functional. Note that

$$f(x) = \int_0^1 \int_0^t a(t)b(s)x(s) ds dt = \int_0^1 \int_s^1 a(t)b(s)x(s) dt ds$$

by considering the region in  $\mathbf{R}^2$  over which integration is taken. Hence

$$f(x) = \int_0^1 b(s) \int_s^1 a(t) dt x(s) ds$$

so  $y(s) = b(s) \int_s^1 a(t) dt$ .

**Q5.2** Characterise the dual space of  $c$ , the space of convergent sequences.

Let  $x \in c$ . Then

$$|f(x)| = |f(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i e_i)| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i f(e_i) \right| \leq \|x\|_{\infty} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} y_i \right| = \|x\|_{\infty} \|y\|_1$$

where the second equality follows from the linearity of  $f$ . As  $x \in c$  arbitrary,  $\|f\| \leq \|y\|_1$ .

Conversely, consider  $x^{(N)}$  such that  $x_i^{(N)} = \text{sign}(y_i) \mathbf{1}_{[i \leq N]}$ . As  $x_i^{(N)} \rightarrow 0$ , we have  $x^{(N)} \in c$ , and  $\|x^{(N)}\| = 1$ . We have

$$f(x^{(N)}) = f(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i^{(N)} e_i) = \sum_{i=1}^N |y_i| = \sum_{i=1}^N |y_i| \|x^{(N)}\|_{\infty}$$

recalling that  $\|x^{(N)}\|_{\infty} = 1$ . By the definition of the operator norm,  $\sum_{i=1}^N |y_i| \leq \|f\|$ . As  $N \in \mathbf{N}$  arbitrary, we can take  $N \rightarrow \infty$  and deduce that  $\|y\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |y_i| \leq \|f\|$ .

Combining the two inequalities, we have  $\|y\|_1 = \|f\|$ . Hence the dual of  $c$  is  $\ell_1$ , where we associate each  $y \in \ell_1$  with the bounded linear functional  $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i y_i$ .

**Q5.3** Let  $X^*$  be the dual of normed space  $X$ . Show that if  $X^*$  is separable, then  $X$  is separable.

**Q5.4** Show that the normed space  $C[a, b]$  is not reflexive.

$C[a, b]$  is separable by the Stone-Weierstrass Theorem. Consider  $\delta_x, \delta_y$ , the Dirac delta function for  $x, y \in [a, b]$  and  $x \neq y$ . Then  $\|\delta_x - \delta_y\| = 2$  in the total variation norm. Hence there are uncountably infinite disjoint open balls of the form  $B(\delta_x, 1)$  with  $x \in [a, b]$ , all of which are subsets of  $NBV[a, b]$ . Hence  $NBV[a, b]$  is not separable, and its dual cannot be the separable space  $C[a, b]$  by Question 5.3.

**Q5.5** Prove that  $x \in L_p$  is aligned with  $y \in L_q$  iff  $x(t) = K \operatorname{sign}(y(t))|y(t)|^{q/p}$ .

If:

$$\langle y, x \rangle = \int_a^b x(t)y(t) dt = K \int_a^b |y(t)|^{1+q/p} dt = K \int_a^b |y(t)|^q dt$$

and we have

$$\|x\| = \left( \int_a^b |x(t)|^p dt \right)^{1/p} = K \left( \int_a^b |y(t)|^q dt \right)^{1/p}$$

and

$$\|y\| = \left( \int_a^b |y(t)|^q dt \right)^{1/q}.$$

Hence

$$\|x\| \|y\| = K \left( \int_a^b |y(t)|^q dt \right)^{1/p+1/q} = K \int_a^b |y(t)|^q dt = \langle y, x \rangle$$

Only if: the proof of Hölder's Inequality proceeds by Young's Inequality, which shows that for any positive  $s, t$  that  $st \leq s^p/p + t^q/q$ . As this proof uses the concavity of the logarithm, we have inequality if  $s^p = t^q$ , and Hölder uses  $s = |x|/\|x\|$  and  $t = |y|/\|y\|$ . Thus,  $\langle |y|, |x| \rangle = \|x\| \|y\|$  if and only if  $(|x|/\|x\|)^p = (|y|/\|y\|)^q$ . Thus,  $|x|^p = |y|^q \times \|x\|^p / \|y\|^q$ . Setting  $K^p = \|x\|^p / \|y\|^q$ , we have  $|x|^p = K^p |y|^q$  and  $|x| = K |y|^{q/p}$ . Finally, for alignment, we need to ensure that  $\langle y, x \rangle = \langle |y|, |x| \rangle$ , which is guaranteed if  $\operatorname{sign} x = \operatorname{sign} y$ .

**Q5.6**