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Preface

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Chapter 1

Metric Spaces

Definition 1 Let X be a non-empty set ($X \neq \emptyset$) and d a real-valued function defined on $X \times X$

$$d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$
$$(a, b) \rightarrow d(a, b)$$

such that for $a, b \in X$:

(i) $d(a, b) \geq 0$ and $d(a, b) = 0$ if and only if $a = b$.

(ii) $d(a, b) = d(b, a)$.

(iii) $d(a, c) \leq d(a, b) + d(b, c)$ (the triangle inequality) for a, b and c in X .

Then, d is said to be a **metric** on X , (X, d) is called a **metric space**, and $d(a, b)$ is referred to as the **distance** between a and b .

Example 2 The function

$$d : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$
$$(a, b) \rightarrow |a - b|$$

is a metric on the set \mathbb{R} since

(i) $d(a, b) = |a - b| \geq 0$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, and $d(a, b) = 0 \Leftrightarrow |a - b| = 0 \Leftrightarrow a - b = 0 \Leftrightarrow a = b$.

(ii) $d(a, b) = |a - b| = |b - a| = d(b, a)$, and

(iii) $d(a, c) = |a - c| = |a - b + b - c| \leq |a - b| + |b - c| = d(a, b) + d(b, c)$.
(this is deduced from the inequality $|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$).

The distance d considered here is known as the **Euclidean metric** on \mathbb{R} .

Example 3 Similar to the previous example, we can show that the function

$$d : \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$((a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2)) \rightarrow \sqrt{(a_1 - b_1)^2 + (a_2 - b_2)^2}$$

is a metric on \mathbb{R}^2 . It is called the **Euclidean metric** on \mathbb{R}^2 .

Example 4 Let X be a non-empty set and d the function from $X \times X$ into \mathbb{R} defined by

$$d(a, b) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } a = b \\ 1 & \text{if } a \neq b. \end{cases}$$

Then, d is a metric on X and is called the **discret metric**.

Example 5 We can define another metric on \mathbb{R}^2 by choosing

$$d^*((a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2)) = \max\{|a_1 - b_1|, |a_2 - b_2|\}.$$

This form of distance can be generalised to n -dimensions, i.e. \mathbb{R}^n as

$$d^*(A, B) = \max_{i=1, n} \{|a_i - b_i|\},$$

where $A = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ and $B = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$.

Example 6 Yet another metric on \mathbb{R}^2 is given by

$$d_1((a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2)) = |a_1 - b_1| + |a_2 - b_2|,$$

which can also be generalized to \mathbb{R}^n as

$$d^*(A, B) = \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i - b_i|,$$

where $A = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ and $B = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$.

Example 7 We can also define what is known as the **Holder metric** on \mathbb{R}^n by

$$d_p(A, B) = \sqrt[p]{\sum_{i=1}^n |a_i - b_i|^p},$$

with $p \in [p, \infty)$.

Many important examples of metric spaces are "function spaces". For these, the set X on which we put a metric is a set of functions. The following are some examples concerning function spaces.

Example 8 Let $C[0, 1]$ denote the set of continuous functions from $[0, 1]$ into \mathbb{R} . The following metric may be defined on this set

$$d(f, g) = \int_0^1 |f(x) - g(x)| dx,$$

where f and g are in $C[0, 1]$.

Example 9 For the same set $C[0, 1]$ defined in the previous example, we define another metric as follows

$$d^*(f, g) = \sup_{x \in [0, 1]} |f(x) - g(x)|.$$

Definition 10 Let (X, d) be a metric space and r any positive real number. The **open ball** about $a \in X$ of radius r is the set

$$B_r(a) = \{x \in X \mid d(x, a) < r\}.$$

Example 11 In the metric space formed by \mathbb{R} and the Euclidean metric, $B_r(a)$ is the open interval $(a - r, a + r)$.

Example 12 In \mathbb{R}^2 with the Euclidean metric, $B_r(a)$ becomes the open disc with center a and radius r .

Example 13 In \mathbb{R}^2 with the metric d^* given by

$$d^*((a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2)) = \max\{|a_1 - b_1|, |a_2 - b_2|\},$$

the open ball $B_1((0, 0))$ is the square plate depicted in Figure???

Example 14 In \mathbb{R}^2 with the metric d_1 given by

$$d_1((a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2)) = |a_1 - b_1| + |a_2 - b_2|,$$

the open ball $B_1((0, 0))$ is the diamond shape depicted in Figure???

Corollary 15 *Let (X, d) be a metric space and B_1 and B_2 open balls in (X, d) . Then, $B_1 \cap B_2$ is a union of open balls in (X, d) .*

Proposition 16 *Let (X, d) be a metric space. The collection of open balls in (X, d) is a basis for a topology τ on X .*

Example 17 *If d is the Euclidean metric on \mathbb{R} , then a basis for the topology τ induced by the metric d is the set of all open balls defined by*

$$B_\delta(a) = (a - \delta, a + \delta).$$

Definition 18 *Metrics on a set X are said to be equivalent if they induce the same topology on X .*

Example 19 *The metrics d , d^* , d_1 defined on \mathbb{R}^2 in examples 3, 5, and 6, respectively, are equivalent.*

Proposition 20 *Let (X, d) be a metric space and τ the topology induced on X by the metric d . A sub set U of X is open in (X, τ) if and only if $\forall a \in U, \exists \epsilon > 0$ such that the open ball $B_\epsilon(a) \subset U$.*

Proposition 21 *If (X, d) is a metric space and τ is the topology induced on X by d , then (X, τ) is a Hausdorff space (T_2 -space) defined as*

$$\forall a, b \in X; a \neq b, \exists U, V \in \tau \text{ such that } a \in U, b \in V, \text{ and } U \cap V = \emptyset. \quad (1.1)$$

Proof. Since $a, b \in X; a \neq b$, then $d(a, b) = \epsilon > 0$. We can define the two open balls $U = B_{\frac{\epsilon}{2}}(a)$ and $V = B_{\frac{\epsilon}{2}}(b)$, which satisfy (1.1). ■

1.1 Convergence of Sequences

Definition 22 *Let (X, d) be a metric space and $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ a sequence of points in X . The sequence is said to converge to $x \in X$ if*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n \geq n_0 \Rightarrow d(x_n, x) < \epsilon.$$

Example 23 consider the metric space $(\mathbb{R}, |\cdot|)$. The sequence $x_n = 1 + \frac{1}{n}$ converges to $x = 1$. First, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x) &= \left| 1 + \frac{1}{n} - 1 \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, the limit of the distance as n approaches infinity is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, (x_n) is convergent towards 1 in $(\mathbb{R}, |\cdot|)$.

Proposition 24 Any sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ defined in a metric space (X, d) is at most convergent towards a unique point, i.e.

$$\begin{cases} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x) = 0 \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, y) = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow x = y. \quad (1.2)$$

Proof. The aim is to prove (1.2). Assuming that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x) = 0$ leads to

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n \geq n_0 \Rightarrow d(x_n, x) < \epsilon, \quad (1.3)$$

and similarly $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, y) = 0$ yields

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n_1 \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n \geq n_1 \Rightarrow d(x_n, y) < \epsilon. \quad (1.4)$$

Hence, for any $n \geq \max\{n_0, n_1\}$, (1.3) and (1.4) imply that $d(x_n, x) < \epsilon$ and $d(x_n, y) < \epsilon$, which can be rewritten as

$$d(x_n, x) + d(x_n, y) < 2\epsilon.$$

Further simplification yields

$$d(x, y) \leq d(x, x_n) + d(x_n, y) < 2\epsilon.$$

Therefore,

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 : d(x, y) < 2\epsilon \Rightarrow d(x, y) = 0 \Rightarrow x = y.$$

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Proposition 25 Let (X, d) be a metric space. A subset A of X is said to be closed in (X, d) iff every convergent sequence of points in A converges to a point in A .

Example 26 The subset $A = \{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots\}$ of \mathbb{R} is not closed in $(\mathbb{R}, |\cdot|)$ since $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{n} \in A, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0 \notin A$.

Example 27 The subset \mathbb{Q} of \mathbb{R} is not closed in $(\mathbb{R}, |\cdot|)$ as the sequence $(1 + \frac{1}{n})^n \in \mathbb{Q}$ converges towards $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n = e \notin \mathbb{Q}$.

Proposition 28 Let (X, d) and (Y, d') be metric spaces and f a mapping of X into Y , then f is continuous at $x_0 \in X$ iff $\lim_{d(x, x_0) \rightarrow 0} d'(f(x), f(x_0)) = 0$, i.e.

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \forall x : d(x, x_0) < \delta \Rightarrow d'(f(x), f(x_0)) < \epsilon.$$

Example 29 Consider the mapping

$$\begin{aligned} f : (\mathbb{R}, |\cdot|) &\rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, |\cdot|) \\ x &\rightarrow f(x), \end{aligned}$$

which is continuous at x_0 iff $\lim_{|x-x_0| \rightarrow 0} |f(x) - f(x_0)| = 0$, which is equivalent to $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0)$, i.e.

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \forall x : |x - x_0| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(x_0)| < \epsilon.$$

Exercise 30 Let $X = \mathbb{R}$ and $d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1; x \neq y \\ 0; x = y \end{cases}$. Is the sequence $(\frac{1}{n})$

convergent? Justify your answer.

1.2 Cauchy Sequences

Definition 31 (Cauchy sequence) Let (X, d) be a metric space. The sequence $\{x_n\} \subset X$ is called a Cauchy sequence if

$$\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_m) = 0,$$

which can be written as

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n, m \in \mathbb{N} : n, m \geq n_0 \Rightarrow d(x_n, x_m) < \epsilon.$$

Proposition 32 In $(\mathbb{R}, |\cdot|)$, the sequence is Cauchy sequence iff it is a convergent.

Example 33 Consider the metric space (X, d) , where $X = \mathbb{N}$ and $d(n, m) = \left| \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{m} \right|$. We want to show that the sequence $\{n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence but that it is not convergent. We have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x_m) &= d(n, m) \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{m} \right| \leq \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit as n and m approach infinity yields

$$0 \leq \lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_m) \leq \lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m} \right) = 0.$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_m) = 0,$$

which proves that $\{n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. However, assume that the sequence converge towards a value $a \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, a) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(n, a) \\ &= \frac{1}{a} \neq 0, \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Hence, the sequence is divergent.

1.3 Complete Metric Spaces

Definition 34 A metric space is called complete if every Cauchy sequence defined in it converges to an element of the space.

Example 35 The metric space (X, d) with $X = \mathbb{N}$ and $d(n, m) = \left| \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{m} \right|$ is not complete.

Example 36 The metric space $((0, 1], |\cdot|)$ is not complete since, for instance, the sequence $\left\{ \frac{1}{n} \right\}$ is a Cauchy sequence that converges to the point $0 \notin (0, 1]$.

Example 37 The metric space $(\mathbb{R}, |\cdot|)$ is complete following Proposition 32.

1.4 Some Applications

Are the following applications valid distances (metric)?

- $X = \mathbb{R}$, $d(x, y) = |x^2 - y^2|$. (not metric)
- $X = [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$, $d(x, y) = \sin|x - y|$. (metric)
- $X = [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$, $d(x, y) = \cos|x - y|$. (not metric)
- $X = \mathbb{N}$, $d(n, m) = |n - m|$. (metric)
- $X = \mathbb{N}$, $d(n, m) = |\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{m}|$. (metric)
- $X = \mathbb{N}$, $d(n, m) = \begin{cases} 1; n \neq m \\ 0; n = m \end{cases}$. (metric)
- $X = C[a, b]$ is the space of continuous function on $[a, b]$ and $d(f, g) = \begin{cases} 1; f \neq g \\ 0; f = g \end{cases}$. (metric)
- $X = C_0$ is the space of all sequences that converge to 0 and $d(x, y) = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |x_n - y_n|$ such that $x = (x_n)$ and $y = (y_n)$. (metric)
- $X = \ell_p : p \in [1, \infty)$ is the space of all sequences (x_n) such that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n|^p < \infty$ (series is convergent) and $d_p(x, y) = \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n - y_n|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$. (metric)
- $X = \ell_{\infty}$ is the space of all bounded sequences and $d_{\infty}(x, y) = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |x_n - y_n|$ such that $x = (x_n)$ and $y = (y_n)$. (metric)

Also prove that

$$\ell_1 \subset \ell_2 \subset \dots \subset C_0 \subset \ell_{\infty}$$

and

$$d_{\infty}(x, y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_p(x, y).$$

- $X = L_p [a, b]$ is the space of p -integrable functions on $[a, b]$, i.e. $\int_a^b |f(x)|^p dx < \infty$, and $d_p(f, g) = \left(\int_a^b |f(x) - g(x)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$. (metric)
If $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}, g(x) = \frac{2}{x} \in L_1 [1, 4]$, find the distance $d_1 \left(\frac{1}{x}, \frac{2}{x} \right)$.

- $X = L_\infty [a, b]$ is the space of essentially bounded functions on $[a, b]$ and $d_\infty(f, g) = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in [a, b]} |f(x) - g(x)|$. (metric)

Also prove that

$$L_\infty [a, b] \subset \dots \subset L_2 [a, b] \subset L_1 [a, b].$$

- Let (X, d) be a metric space. Prove that $d'(x, y) = \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)}$ is also a distance.

Chapter 2

Normed Space

Definition 38 Let X be a linear space. The function

$$\begin{aligned}\|\cdot\| : X &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\rightarrow \|x\|\end{aligned}$$

is said to be a **norm** if it satisfies the conditions

(1) $\forall x \in X : \|x\| \geq 0$ and $\|x\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$.

(2) $\forall x \in X, \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{C} : \|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\|$.

(3) $\forall x, y \in X : \|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$.

In this case $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is called a **normed space**.

Remark 39 The second condition implies

$$\|-x\| = \|x\|.$$

Example 40 Let $X = \mathbb{R}$ and $\|x\| = |x|$, then $(\mathbb{R}, |\cdot|)$ is a normed space since

(1) $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} : |x| \geq 0$ and $|x| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$.

(2) $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R} : |\lambda x| = |\lambda| |x|$.

(3) $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R} : |x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$.

Example 41 Let $X = C[a, b]$ and $\|f\| = \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |f(t)|$, then $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is a normed space as shown below:

(1) $\forall f \in X : \|f\| = \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |f(t)| \geq 0$ and

$$\begin{aligned}
\|f\| = 0 &\Leftrightarrow \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |f(t)| = 0 \\
&\Leftrightarrow \forall t \in [a,b] : |f(t)| = 0 \\
&\Leftrightarrow \forall t \in [a,b] : f(t) = 0 \\
&\Leftrightarrow f \equiv 0.
\end{aligned}$$

(2) $\forall f \in X, \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\lambda f\| &= \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |\lambda f(t)| \\
&= \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |\lambda| |f(t)| \\
&= |\lambda| \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |f(t)| \\
&= |\lambda| \|f\|.
\end{aligned}$$

(3) $\forall f, g \in X$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|f + g\| &= \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |(f + g)(t)| \\
&= \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |f(t) + g(t)| \\
&\leq \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |f(t)| + \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |g(t)| \\
&= \|f\| + \|g\|.
\end{aligned}$$

For instance, consider the function

$$f(t) = t - \cos t \in C[0, \pi].$$

The defined norm is given by

$$\|f\| = \sup_{t \in [0, \pi]} |t - \cos t|.$$

In order to calculate the supremum, first, take the derivative $f'(t) = 1 - \sin t > 0$, meaning that f is increasing. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}\|f\| &= \sup_{t \in [0, \pi]} |t - \cos t| \\ &= \pi - \cos \pi \\ &= \pi + 1.\end{aligned}$$

Proposition 42 Let $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed space, then

$$\forall x, y \in X : \left| \|x\| - \|y\| \right| \leq \|x - y\|.$$

Proof. First, we know that

$$\|x\| = \|x - y + y\| \leq \|x - y\| + \|y\|,$$

which can be rewritten as

$$\|x\| - \|y\| \leq \|x - y\|. \quad (2.1)$$

Similarly, we have

$$\|y\| = \|y - x + x\| \leq \|y - x\| + \|x\|,$$

yielding

$$-\|x - y\| \leq \|x\| - \|y\| \quad (2.2)$$

From (2.1) and (2.2) we get

$$-\|x - y\| \leq \|x\| - \|y\| \leq \|x - y\|,$$

which simplifies to

$$\left| \|x\| - \|y\| \right| \leq \|x - y\|.$$

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Example 43 Consider the metric space formed by $X = L_p[a, b]$ and $\|x\| = \left(\int_a^b |x(t)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$, then $(L_p[a, b], \|\cdot\|)$ is a normed space as proven below:

(1) $\forall x \in X : \|x\| = \left(\int_a^b |x(t)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \geq 0$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\| = 0 &\Leftrightarrow \left(\int_a^b |x(t)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \int_a^b |x(t)|^p dx = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \forall t \in [a, b] : |x(t)|^p = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \forall t \in [a, b] : |x(t)| = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \forall t \in [a, b] : x(t) = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow x \equiv 0. \end{aligned}$$

(2) $\forall x \in X, \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \|\lambda x\| &= \left(\int_a^b |\lambda x(t)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= \left(|\lambda|^p \int_a^b |x(t)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= |\lambda| \left(\int_a^b |x(t)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= |\lambda| \|x\|. \end{aligned}$$

(3) $\forall x, y \in X$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x + y\| &= \left(\int_a^b |(x + y)(t)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= \left(\int_a^b |x(t) + y(t)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq \left(\int_a^b |x(t)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} + \left(\int_a^b |y(t)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= \|x\| + \|y\|. \end{aligned}$$

Take, for instance, the function $x(t) = \frac{1}{x} \in L_2[1, 4]$, then

$$\begin{aligned}\|x\| &= \left(\int_1^4 |x(t)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \left(\int_1^4 \left| \frac{1}{x} \right|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{3}.\end{aligned}$$

Example 44 Let $X = C_0$ be the space of all sequences that converge to 0 and $\|x\| = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |x_n|$, $x = (x_n) \in C_0$, then $(C_0, \|\cdot\|)$ is a normed space.

For instance, consider the sequences

$$x = \left(\frac{1}{n} \right) = \left\{ 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}, \dots \right\} \in C_0,$$

with the norm

$$\begin{aligned}\|x\| &= \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left| \frac{1}{n} \right| \\ &= 1,\end{aligned}$$

and

$$y = \left(\frac{1}{2^n} \right) = \left\{ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}, \dots \right\} \in C_0,$$

with the norm

$$\begin{aligned}\|y\| &= \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left| \frac{1}{2^n} \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{2}.\end{aligned}$$

Example 45 The metric space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ in each of the following three cases is a normed space:

$$\begin{aligned}X = \ell_\infty, \quad & \|x\| = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |x_n| \\ X = \ell_p, \quad & \|x\| = \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ X = L_p[a, b] \quad & \|x\| = \text{esssup}_{t \in [a, b]} |x(t)|.\end{aligned}$$

Note that there is a difference between the supremum (\sup) and essential supremum (esssup). For instance, if

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & t \in [0, 1) \\ 2, & t = 1, \end{cases}$$

then

$$\text{esssup}_{t \in [0,1]} |x(t)| = 1,$$

but

$$\sup_{t \in [0,1]} |x(t)| = 2.$$

Example 46 Consider the sequence

$$x = \frac{3}{\sqrt{n(n+1)}} \in \ell_2.$$

The following is a valid norm for ℓ_2

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\| &= \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{9}{n(n+1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 3 \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 3 \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 3. \end{aligned}$$

Remark 47 Note that in the definition of a normed space, it was explicitly required that the space be a linear (vector) space. However, this is not a condition for the space to be metric. Thus, a metric space is not necessarily a normed space.

Theorem 48 *Every normed space is a metric space.*

Proof. Let $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed space and define $d(x, y) = \|x - y\|$. We have:

(1) $d(x, y) = \|x - y\| \geq 0$ and $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \|x - y\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x - y = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$.

(2) $d(x, y) = \|x - y\| = \|y - x\| = d(y, x)$.

(3) $d(x, y) = \|x - y\| = \|x - z + z - y\| \leq \|x - z\| + \|z - y\| = d(x, z) + d(z, y)$.

It simply follows that (X, d) is a metric space. ■

2.1 Convergent Sequences

Definition 49 *A sequence $\{x_n\}$ is convergent to a point a in the normed space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ iff:*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - a\| = 0,$$

which can be written as

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n \geq n_0 \Rightarrow \|x_n - a\| < \epsilon.$$

2.2 Banach Spaces

Definition 50 *The normed space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is called a Banach space if every Cauchy sequence is convergence in X .*

Chapter 3

Inner Product Spaces

3.1 The Real Case

Definition 51 Let X be a vector space on \mathbb{R} . The inner product $\langle x, y \rangle$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : X \times X &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ (x, y) &\rightarrow \langle x, y \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) $\forall x \in X : \langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$ and $\langle x, x \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$.
- (2) $\forall x, y \in X : \langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$.
- (3) $\forall x, y \in X, \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R} : \langle \lambda x, y \rangle = \lambda \langle x, y \rangle$.
- (4) $\forall x, y, z \in X : \langle x + y, z \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle$.

The space $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is called an inner product space.

Remark 52 Based on the properties stated in Definition 51, we have:

- (1) $\langle \alpha x + \beta y, z \rangle = \alpha \langle x, z \rangle + \beta \langle y, z \rangle$.
- (2) $\langle x, \alpha y \rangle = \alpha \langle x, y \rangle$.
- (3) $\langle x, \alpha y + \beta z \rangle = \alpha \langle x, y \rangle + \beta \langle x, z \rangle$.

Example 53 Let $X = \mathbb{R}$ and $\langle x, y \rangle = xy$. Then, $(\mathbb{R}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is an inner product space as it satisfies the four conditions:

- (1) $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} : \langle x, x \rangle = x^2 \geq 0$ and

$$\langle x, x \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow x^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0.$$

- (2) $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R} : \langle x, y \rangle = xy = yx = \langle y, x \rangle$.
 (3) $\forall x, y, \lambda \in \mathbb{R} : \langle \lambda x, y \rangle = \lambda xy = \lambda \langle x, y \rangle$.
 (4) $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} : \langle x + y, z \rangle = (x + y)z = xz + yz = \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle$.

Example 54 Let $X = L_2[a, b]$ and $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt$. We have:

- (1) $\langle f, f \rangle = \int_a^b (f(t))^2 dt \geq 0$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, f \rangle = 0 &\Leftrightarrow \int_a^b (f(t))^2 dt = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \forall t \in [a, b] : (f(t))^2 = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \forall t \in [a, b] : f(t) = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow f \equiv 0. \end{aligned}$$

- (2) $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt = \int_a^b g(t)f(t) dt = \langle g, f \rangle$.
 (3) $\langle \lambda f, g \rangle = \int_a^b \lambda f(t)g(t) dt = \lambda \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt = \lambda \langle f, g \rangle$.
 (4) $\langle f + g, h \rangle = \int_a^b (f + g)(t)h(t) dt = \int_a^b [f(t) + g(t)]h(t) dt = \int_a^b f(t)h(t) dt + \int_a^b g(t)h(t) dt = \langle f, h \rangle + \langle g, h \rangle$.

Therefore, $(L_p[a, b], \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is an inner product space.

Example 55 Let $X = \ell_2$ and $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n y_n|$. Is $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ an inner product space? We have:

- (1) $\forall x \in \ell_2 : \langle x, x \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n^2 \geq 0$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, x \rangle = 0 &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n^2 = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n^2 = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow x = 0. \end{aligned}$$

- (2) $\forall x, y \in \ell_2 : \langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n y_n| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |y_n x_n| = \langle y, x \rangle$.

(3) $\forall x, y \in \ell_2, \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R} : \langle \lambda x, y \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\lambda x_n y_n| = |\lambda| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n y_n| = |\lambda| \langle x, y \rangle \neq \lambda \langle x, y \rangle$ if $\lambda < 0$.

Hence, $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is not an inner product and, consequently, $(\ell_2, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is not an inner product space.

Example 56 Let $X = \ell_2$ and $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n y_n$. Is $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ an inner product space?

(1) $\forall x \in \ell_2 : \langle x, x \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n^2 \geq 0$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, x \rangle = 0 &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n^2 = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n^2 = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow x = 0. \end{aligned}$$

(2) $\forall x, y \in \ell_2 : \langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n y_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n x_n = \langle y, x \rangle$.

(3) $\forall x, y \in \ell_2, \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R} : \langle \lambda x, y \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda x_n y_n = \lambda \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n y_n = \lambda \langle x, y \rangle$.

(4) $\forall x, y, z \in \ell_2 : \langle x + y, z \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (x_n + y_n) z_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n z_n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n z_n = \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle$.

Therefore, $(\ell_2, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is an inner product space.

Example 57 Consider the two functions $f(t) = t$ and $g(t) = \cos t$ in $L_2[0, \pi]$. The inner product as defined in Example 54 can be calculated as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, g \rangle &= \int_0^{\pi} f(t) g(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{\pi} t \cos t dt \\ &= t \sin t \Big|_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} \sin t dt \\ &= \cos t \Big|_0^{\pi} = -2. \end{aligned}$$

Example 58 Consider the two sequences

$$x = \left\{ 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots \right\} \in \ell_2,$$

and

$$y = \{1, 1, 0, \dots\} \in \ell_2.$$

The inner product of the two sequences as defined in Example 56 is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, y \rangle &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n y_n \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} + 0 + 0 \dots \\ &= \frac{3}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 59 Let $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an inner product space and define

$$\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}.$$

Then,

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \cdot \|y\|.$$

Proof. Let

$$\lambda = \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\langle y, y \rangle} = \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|y\|^2}.$$

We have $0 \leq \|x - \lambda y\|^2 = \langle x - \lambda y, x - \lambda y \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} \|x - \lambda y\|^2 &= \langle x - \lambda y, x - \lambda y \rangle \\ &= \langle x, x - \lambda y \rangle - \lambda \langle y, x - \lambda y \rangle \\ &= \langle x, x \rangle - \lambda \langle x, y \rangle - \lambda \langle y, x \rangle + \lambda^2 \langle y, y \rangle \\ &= \|x\|^2 - 2\lambda \langle x, y \rangle + \lambda^2 \|y\|^2 \\ &= \|x\|^2 - 2 \left(\frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|y\|^2} \right) \langle x, y \rangle + \left(\frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|y\|^2} \right)^2 \|y\|^2 \\ &= \|x\|^2 - 2 \frac{\langle x, y \rangle^2}{\|y\|^2} + \frac{\langle x, y \rangle^2}{\|y\|^2} \\ &= \|x\|^2 - \frac{\langle x, y \rangle^2}{\|y\|^2} \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

which is rearranged to produce

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \cdot \|y\|.$$

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Proposition 60 *Let $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an inner product space. Then, $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is a normed space where $\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$.*

Proof. We aim to prove that $\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$ is a valid norm by checking the conditions in Definition ??:

(1) We have

$$\forall x \in X : \langle x, x \rangle \geq 0 \Rightarrow \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \|x\| \geq 0,$$

and

$$\|x\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \langle x, x \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0.$$

(2) We also have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\lambda x\| &= \sqrt{\langle \lambda x, \lambda x \rangle} \\ &= \sqrt{\lambda^2 \langle x, x \rangle} \\ &= |\lambda| \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} \\ &= |\lambda| \|x\|. \end{aligned}$$

(3) Lastly,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x + y\|^2 &= \langle x + y, x + y \rangle \\ &= \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 + 2 \langle x, y \rangle \\ &\leq \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 + 2 \|x\| \cdot \|y\| \\ &= (\|x\| + \|y\|)^2, \end{aligned}$$

which yields

$$\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|.$$

Therefore, $\|\cdot\|$ is a norm and $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is a normed space. ■

Proposition 61 *Let $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an inner product space and define $\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$. Then,*

$$\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 = 2(\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2). \quad (3.1)$$

Remark 62 *Not all norms are induced by an inner product. For a valid norm to be induced by an inner product, it has to satisfy the equality 3.1.*

Proof. Counter example: Consider the normed space $(C[0, 1], \|\cdot\|)$ where $\|x\| = \sup_{t \in [0,1]} |x(t)|$ and defined the functions

$$x(t) = 1, \quad y(t) = t; \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

which are clearly elements of $C[0, 1]$. We have

$$\|x\| = 1, \quad \|y\| = \sup_{t \in [0,1]} |t| = 1,$$

leading to

$$\begin{aligned} \|x + y\| &= \sup_{t \in [0,1]} |x(t) + y(t)| \\ &= \sup_{t \in [0,1]} |1 + t| \\ &= 2, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|x - y\| &= \sup_{t \in [0,1]} |x(t) - y(t)| \\ &= \sup_{t \in [0,1]} |1 - t| \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 = 5 \neq 4 = 2(\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2),$$

then, $C[0, 1]$ is not an inner product space.

Counter example: Consider the normed space $(\ell_\infty, \|\cdot\|)$ where $\|x\| = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |x_n|$ and let

$$x = (0, 1, 0, 1, \dots) \in \ell_\infty, \quad \|x\| = 1,$$

and

$$y = (1, 0, 1, 0, \dots) \in \ell_\infty, \quad \|y\| = 1.$$

We have

$$x + y = (1, 1, 1, 1, \dots) \in \ell_\infty, \quad \|x + y\| = 1,$$

and

$$x - y = (-1, 1, -1, 1, \dots) \in \ell_\infty, \quad \|x - y\| = 1,$$

leading to

$$\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 = 2 \neq 4 = 2(\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2).$$

Counter example: Consider the normed space $(\ell_p, \|\cdot\|)$ where $\|x\| = \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$; $p \neq 2$, and define

$$x = (1, 1, 0, 0, \dots), \quad y = (1, -1, 0, 0, \dots) \in \ell_p.$$

The sum in difference are given by

$$x + y = (2, 0, 0, 0, \dots),$$

and

$$x - y = (0, 2, 0, 0, \dots),$$

respectively. We have the norms

$$\|x\| = \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = 2^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

$$\|y\| = \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |y_n|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = 2^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

$$\|x + y\| = \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n + y_n|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = 2,$$

and

$$\|x - y\| = \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n - y_n|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = 2,$$

leading to

$$\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 = 8,$$

and

$$2(\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2) = 4 \cdot 2^{\frac{2}{p}}.$$

This leads to a contradiction as

$$4 \cdot 2^{\frac{2}{p}} = 8 \Leftrightarrow p = 2,$$

which in our case yields

$$\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 \neq 2(\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2).$$

Thus, $(\ell_p, \|\cdot\|)$ is not an inner product space for $p \neq 2$. ■

3.2 The Complex Case

Definition 63 Let X be a vector space on \mathbb{C} . The inner product $\langle x, y \rangle$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : X \times X &\rightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ (x, y) &\rightarrow \langle x, y \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) $\forall x \in X : \langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$ and $\langle x, x \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$.
- (2) $\forall x, y \in X : \langle x, y \rangle = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle}$.
- (3) $\forall x, y \in X, \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \langle \lambda x, y \rangle = \lambda \langle x, y \rangle$.
- (4) $\forall x, y, z \in X : \langle x + y, z \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle$.

It follows that $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is called an inner product space.

Proposition 64 The conditions shown in Definition 63 yields the following for $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ and $x, y, z \in X$:

- (1) $\langle \alpha x + \beta y, z \rangle = \alpha \langle x, z \rangle + \beta \langle y, z \rangle$.
- (2) $\langle x, \alpha y \rangle = \overline{\langle \alpha y, x \rangle} = \overline{\alpha \langle y, x \rangle} = \overline{\alpha} \overline{\langle y, x \rangle} = \overline{\alpha} \langle x, y \rangle$.
- (3) $\langle x, \alpha y + \beta z \rangle = \overline{\langle \alpha y + \beta z, x \rangle} = \overline{\alpha \langle y, x \rangle + \beta \langle z, x \rangle} = \overline{\alpha} \langle x, y \rangle + \overline{\beta} \langle x, z \rangle$.

Example 65 Consider the vector space $X = \mathbb{C}$. We define the inner product as

$$\langle x, y \rangle = x\bar{y}.$$

Then, $(\mathbb{C}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is an inner product space.

In order to show that $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is an inner product, we verify the conditions of Definition 63:

- (1) The first condition is $\forall x \in \mathbb{C} : \langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$, which is clear as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, x \rangle &= x\bar{x} \\ &= \|x\|_2^2 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\langle x, x \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow \|x\|_2^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0.$$

(2) The second condition is $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{C} : \langle x, y \rangle = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle}$, which can be verified as

$$\langle x, y \rangle = x\bar{y} = \bar{y}x = \overline{y\bar{x}} = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle}.$$

(3) The third condition is $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C}, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{C}$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \lambda x, y \rangle &= \lambda x\bar{y} \\ &= \lambda \langle x, y \rangle \end{aligned}$$

(4) The last condition is $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{C} : \langle x + y, z \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle$, which is verified by

$$\langle x + y, z \rangle = (x + y)\bar{z} = x\bar{z} + y\bar{z} = \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle.$$

Example 66 Let $X = L_2[a, b]$ on \mathbb{C} and $f \in X$, i.e. $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. We define the inner product as

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(t)\overline{g(t)}dt.$$

Solution 67 Similar to the previous example, we verify the four conditions of Definition 63:

(1) We have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, f \rangle &= \int_a^b f(t)\overline{f(t)}dt \\ &= \int_a^b \|f(t)\|_2^2 dt \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, f \rangle = 0 &\Leftrightarrow \int_a^b \|f(t)\|_2^2 dt = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \|f(t)\|_2^2 = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \|f(t)\|_2 = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow f \equiv 0 \text{ on } [a, b]. \end{aligned}$$

(2) We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle f, g \rangle &= \int_a^b f(t) \overline{g(t)} dt \\
 &= \int_a^b \overline{g(t)} f(t) dt \\
 &= \overline{\int_a^b g(t) \overline{f(t)} dt} \\
 &= \overline{\langle g, f \rangle}.
 \end{aligned}$$

(3) For the third condition:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \lambda f, g \rangle &= \int_a^b \lambda f(t) \overline{g(t)} dt \\
 &= \lambda \int_a^b f(t) \overline{g(t)} dt \\
 &= \lambda \langle f, g \rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

(4) Lastly,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle f + g, h \rangle &= \int_a^b [f + g](t) \overline{h(t)} dt \\
 &= \int_a^b [f(t) \overline{h(t)} + g(t) \overline{h(t)}] dt \\
 &= \int_a^b f(t) \overline{h(t)} dt + \int_a^b g(t) \overline{h(t)} dt \\
 &= \langle f, h \rangle + \langle g, h \rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $(L_2[a, b], \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ where $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(t) \overline{g(t)} dt$ is an inner product space.

Example 68 Consider the space $X = \ell_2$ with $x = (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $y = (y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ on \mathbb{C} . We define the inner product as

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n \overline{y_n}.$$

To verify this, we have:

(1) We have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, x \rangle &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n \overline{x_n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|x_n\|_2^2 \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, x \rangle = 0 &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|x_n\|_2^2 = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : \|x_n\|_2^2 = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : \|x_n\|_2 = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow x \equiv 0. \end{aligned}$$

(2) For the second condition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, y \rangle &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n \overline{y_n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{y_n} x_n \\ &= \overline{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n \overline{x_n}} \\ &= \overline{\langle y, x \rangle}. \end{aligned}$$

(3) Also,

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \lambda x, y \rangle &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda x_n \overline{y_n} \\ &= \lambda \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n \overline{y_n} \\ &= \lambda \langle x, y \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

(4) Lastly,

$$\begin{aligned}\langle x + y, z \rangle &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [x_n + y_n] \overline{z_n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [x_n \overline{z_n} + y_n \overline{z_n}] \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n \overline{z_n} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n \overline{z_n} \\ &= \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $(\ell_2, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$, with $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n \overline{y_n}$, is an inner product space.

3.3 Hilbert Spaces

Definition 69 The inner product space $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is called a Hilbert space if it is complete, i.e. every Cauchy sequence is convergent on X .

Example 70 The inner product spaces $(L_2[a, b], \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ and $(\ell_2, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ (see Examples 56 and 54) are Hilbert spaces.

Remark 71 Since every inner product space is a normed space, every Hilbert space is a Banach space.

3.4 Orthogonality

Definition 72 Let $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an inner product space. The two elements $x, y \in X$ are called *orthogonal* ($x \perp y$) if $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$.

Example 73 Consider the space $L_2 [0, 2\pi]$, and define the two functions

$$x(t) = \sin t,$$

and

$$y(t) = \cos t.$$

The inner product of the two functions is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, y \rangle &= \int_0^{2\pi} x(t) y(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sin t \cos t dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 t \Big|_0^{2\pi} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the two functions are orthogonal ($x \perp y$).

Remark 74 For the inner product space $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$,

* The set $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\} \subset X$ is called an **orthogonal set** if

$$\forall n, m \ (n \neq m) : \langle x_n, x_m \rangle = 0.$$

* The set $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\} \subset X$ is called an **orthonormal set** if it is orthogonal and

$$\forall n : \langle x_n, x_n \rangle = 1.$$

Example 75 Consider the set

$$\{e_1, e_2, \dots\} \in \ell_2,$$

where

$$e_1 = (1, 0, 0, 0, \dots),$$

$$e_2 = (0, 1, 0, 0, \dots),$$

$$e_3 = (0, 0, 1, 0, \dots),$$

$$\vdots$$

$$e_n = (0, 0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots).$$

Therefore, since $\langle e_n, e_m \rangle = 0$ where $n \neq m$ then $\{e_1, e_2, \dots\}$ is orthogonal, and since $\langle e_n, e_n \rangle = 1$ then $\{e_1, e_2, \dots\}$ is orthonormal.

Lemma 76 Let $x, y \in X$ be orthogonal elements. This is equivalent to

$$\|x + y\|^2 = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2.$$

Proof. By definition, since x and y are orthogonal, $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x + y\|^2 &= \langle x + y, x + y \rangle \\ &= \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 + 2\langle x, y \rangle \\ &= \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

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3.5 Projections

Definition 77 (Direct Sum) Let Y and Z be subspaces of a vector (linear) space X . We say that X is a direct sum of Y and Z , denoted by $X = Y \oplus Z$, if:

$$\forall x \in X : \exists y \in Y, z \in Z : x = y + z.$$

Example 78 Consider the inner product space $(\mathbb{R}^2, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ with $\langle x, y \rangle = x_1y_1 + x_2y_2$ and defined the spaces

$$X = \mathbb{R}^2 = \{(\alpha, \beta) ; \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}\},$$

$$Y = \mathbb{R} \times \{0\} = \{(\alpha, 0) ; \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\},$$

and

$$Z = \{0\} \times \mathbb{R} = \{(0, \beta) ; \beta \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

We can see that

$$\mathbb{R}^2 = (\mathbb{R} \times \{0\}) \oplus (\{0\} \times \mathbb{R}),$$

as

$$\forall x = (\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : (\alpha, \beta) = (\alpha, 0) + (0, \beta),$$

where $(\alpha, 0) \in (\mathbb{R} \times \{0\})$ and $(0, \beta) \in (\{0\} \times \mathbb{R})$.

Definition 79 (Orthoplement) Let $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an inner product space. The orthoplement of $Y \subset X$, denoted by Y^\perp , is defined by

$$Y^\perp = \{y \in X : y \perp Y\},$$

where $y \perp Y$ is equivalent to

$$\forall x \in Y : y \perp x.$$

Example 80 Consider the inner product space $(\mathbb{R}^2, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$. The orthoplement of $Y = \mathbb{R} \times \{0\}$ is given by

$$Y^\perp = \{0\} \times \mathbb{R}.$$

Theorem 81 Let Y be a closed subspace of a Hilbert space H , then

$$H = Y \oplus Y^\perp,$$

i.e.

$$\forall x \in H, \exists y \in Y, z \in Y^\perp : y \perp z \text{ and } x = y + z.$$

Definition 82 The element $y \in Y$ is called a projection of $x \in H$. In this case we can define a map

$$\begin{aligned} P : H &\rightarrow Y \\ x &\rightarrow Px = y, \end{aligned}$$

in which case P is called a projection operator.

Chapter 4

Operators

Definition 83 An *operator* A is a mapping from a set X into a set Y , that is $A : X \rightarrow Y$.

Example 84 The function f defined by $f(x) = x^2$ maps the set $X = \{1, 2, 5\}$ into $Y = \{1, 4, 25\}$. We write

$$f : X \rightarrow Y \\ x \rightarrow x^2.$$

Example 85 The differential operator $\frac{d}{dt}$ maps $X = \{t^2, \sin t, e^{5t}\}$ into $Y = \{2t, \cot t, 5e^{5t}\}$.

Example 86 Among the many types of integral operators, we have:

(1) The Volterra integral operator $Ax(t) = \int_0^t x(s) ds$, which maps $X = \{1, t^2, e^{5t}\}$ into $Y = \left\{t, \frac{t^3}{3}, \frac{1}{5}(e^{5t} - 1)\right\}$.

(2) The Fredholm integral $Ax(t) = \int_0^1 x(s) ds$, which maps $X = \{1, t^2, e^{5t}\}$ into $Y = \left\{1, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{5}(e^5 - 1)\right\}$.

(3) The Laplace integral operator $\Delta(f(t)) = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt$ maps $X = \{1, t^2, e^{5t}\}$ into $Y = \left\{\frac{1}{s}, \frac{1}{s^2}, \frac{1}{s-1}\right\}$.

Definition 87 An operator $A : X \rightarrow Y$ where $X, Y \subset \mathbb{R}$ is called a *function*.

Definition 88 An operator $A : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called a *functional*.

Example 89 The Fredholm integral operator is an example of a functional.

Definition 90 A operator $A : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be linear if X and Y are linear (vector) spaces on \mathbb{R} and

$$\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \forall x, y \in X : A(\alpha x + \beta y) = \alpha Ax + \beta Ay.$$

Example 91 The differential operator $\frac{d}{dt}$ is a linear one since

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\alpha x + \beta y) = \alpha \frac{d}{dt}x + \beta \frac{d}{dt}y.$$

Similarly, the integral operator is linear as

$$\int (\alpha x + \beta y) = \alpha \int x + \beta \int y.$$

Remark 92 The linear operator $A : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called a linear functional.

Example 93 Consider the functional $A : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $Ax = x^2$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} A(\alpha x + \beta y) &= (\alpha x + \beta y)^2 \\ &= \alpha^2 x^2 + \beta^2 y^2 + 2\alpha\beta xy \\ &\neq \alpha Ax + \beta Ay \\ &= \alpha x^2 + \beta y^2, \end{aligned}$$

and thus A is not a linear operator.

Example 94 For the functional $Ax(t) = \int_0^1 |x(s)|^2 ds$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} A(\alpha x + \beta y) &= \int_0^1 (\alpha x + \beta y)^2 ds \\ &\neq \alpha \int_0^1 x^2 ds + \beta^2 \int_0^1 y^2 ds. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, A is not a linear functional.

Example 95 The Laplace operator is linear since

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\alpha x + \beta y) &= \int_0^\infty e^{-st} (\alpha x + \beta y) ds \\ &= \int_0^\infty \alpha e^{-st} x ds + \int_0^\infty \beta e^{-st} y ds \\ &= \alpha \int_0^\infty e^{-st} x ds + \beta \int_0^\infty e^{-st} y ds \\ &= \alpha \Delta(x) + \beta \Delta(y). \end{aligned}$$

Definition 96 (Unit operator) *The operator $I : X \rightarrow X$ is called a unit operator if $Ix = x$.*

Example 97 *The operator $I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is a unit operator from \mathbb{R}^2 to \mathbb{R}^2 as*

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}.$$

Definition 98 (Inverse operator) *The operator $B : Y \rightarrow X$ is called a left or right inverse of the operator $A : X \rightarrow Y$ if $BA = I$ or $AB = I$, respectively.*

If B is the left and right inverse simultaneously, it is called the inverse, denoted by A^{-1} , i.e.

$$BA = AB = I.$$

Example 99 *Let $A := \frac{d}{dt}$ and $B := \int_0^t$. According to the fundamental theorem of calculus, we have*

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t f(s) ds = f(t),$$

and

$$\int_0^t \frac{d}{ds} f(s) ds = f(t) - f(0).$$

Note that A is the left inverse of B but A is not the right inverse of B . Similarly, B is the right inverse of A but B is not the left inverse of A .

Lemma 100 *There exists at most one inverse to any operator.*

Proof. Let $A : X \rightarrow Y$. The proof is separated into two parts:

- 1) If no inverse exists, then we have nothing to prove.

2) If $B, C : Y \rightarrow X$ are two inverses of A , then $AC = I$ and $BA = I$, which leads to

$$\begin{aligned} B &= BI \\ &= BAC \\ &= IC \\ &= C. \end{aligned}$$

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Definition 101 Let $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$ and $(Y, \|\cdot\|_Y)$ be two normed spaces. The operator

$$A : X \rightarrow Y$$

is said to be:

Bounded: If there exists $C > 0$ such that $\forall x \in X$:

$$\|Ax\|_Y \leq C \|x\|_X.$$

Continuous: If $\forall x, y \in X$:

$$\lim_{\|x-y\|_X \rightarrow 0} \|Ax - Ay\|_Y = 0.$$

Example 102 Define the operator $A : C[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$ as

$$Ax = \int_0^t x(s) ds.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|Ax\| &= \sup_{t \in [0,1]} |Ax(t)| \\
 &= \sup_{t \in [0,1]} \left| \int_0^t x(s) ds \right| \\
 &\leq \sup_{t \in [0,1]} \int_0^t |x(s)| ds \\
 &\leq \sup_{t \in [0,1]} \int_0^1 \|x\| ds \\
 &= \|x\| \sup_{t \in [0,1]} \int_0^t ds \\
 &= \|x\| \sup_{t \in [0,1]} t \\
 &= \|x\|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\|Ax\| \leq \|x\|,$$

which shows that A is a bounded operator.

Example 103 Define $A : C[0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$Ax = \int_0^1 x(s) ds$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|Ax\| &= |Ax| \\
 &= \left| \int_0^1 x(s) ds \right| \\
 &\leq \int_0^1 |x(s)| ds \\
 &\leq \int_0^1 \|x\| ds \\
 &= \|x\|
 \end{aligned}$$

Then A is bounded operator.

Example 104 Define $T : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $Tx = \|x\|$. We want to show that T is a bounded operator. We have

$$\begin{aligned}\|Tx\| &= |Tx| \\ &= \|\|x\|\| \\ &= \|x\|.\end{aligned}$$

Then, T is a bounded operator. Also, $\forall x, y \in X$:

$$\begin{aligned}\|Tx - Ty\| &= |Tx - Ty| \\ &= \|\|x\| - \|y\|\| \\ &\leq \|x - y\|,\end{aligned}$$

leading to

$$\lim_{\|x-y\| \rightarrow 0} \|Tx - Ty\| = 0,$$

which means that T is continuous.

Example 105 Let us show that the differential operator is not bounded. Consider the family of continuous functions on $[0, 1]$

$$\{x_n\} = \{t^n\} \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

First, note that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, the norm of x_n is defined by

$$\|x_n\| = \sup_{t \in [0,1]} |t^n| = 1.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\left\| \frac{d}{dx} x_n \right\| &= \left\| \frac{d}{dx} t^n \right\| \\ &= \|nt^{n-1}\| \\ &= n \|t^{n-1}\| \\ &= n.\end{aligned}$$

Note, as $n \rightarrow \infty$:

$$\|x_n\| \rightarrow 1$$

but

$$\left\| \frac{d}{dx} x_n \right\| = n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Therefore, there does not exist $C > 0$ such that $\left\| \frac{d}{dx} x_n \right\| \leq C \|x_n\|$.

Theorem 106 *A linear operator is bounded if and only if it is continuous.*

Proof. If T is a linear operator, then

$$\begin{aligned} T(0) &= T(x - x) \\ &= Tx - Tx \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Now, let us divide the proof of the equivalence into two main parts:

First, if T is bounded then $\forall x, y \in X : \exists C > 0$. We have

$$\|Tx - Ty\| = \|T(x - y)\| \leq \|x - y\|,$$

and thus

$$\lim_{\|x-y\| \rightarrow 0} \|Tx - Ty\| = 0.$$

Hence, T is continuous. This proves the forward implication.

Second, assume T is not bounded. It follows that there exists a sequence $\{x_n\}$ such that

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : n \|x_n\| \leq \|Tx_n\|.$$

Define a new sequence $\{x_n^*\}$ as

$$x_n^* = \frac{x_n}{n \|x_n\|},$$

for which

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_n^* - 0\| &= \|x_n^*\| \\ &= \left\| \frac{x_n}{n \|x_n\|} \right\| \\ &= \frac{\|x_n\|}{n \|x_n\|} \\ &= \frac{1}{n}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tx_n^* - T0\| &= \|Tx_n^*\| \\ &= \left\| T \frac{x_n}{n \|x_n\|} \right\| \\ &= \frac{\|Tx_n\|}{n \|x_n\|} \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n^* - 0\| = 0,$$

but

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|Tx_n^* - T0\| \geq 1,$$

which implies that T is not continuous. ■

Remark 107 *The differential operator is linear unbounded, and thus it is not continuous.*

Example 108 *Define the operator $T : \ell_\infty \rightarrow \ell_\infty$ by $Tx = z$ where $x = (x_n)$, $z = (z_n)$, and*

$$z_n = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}.$$

Let us show that T is linear, bounded and continuous.

First, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(\alpha x + \beta y) &= \left(\alpha x_1 + \beta y_1, \frac{\alpha(x_1 + x_2) + \beta(y_1 + y_2)}{2}, \dots \right) \\ &= \left(\alpha x_1, \frac{\alpha(x_1 + x_2)}{2}, \dots \right) + \left(\beta y_1, \frac{\beta(y_1 + y_2)}{2}, \dots \right) \\ &= \alpha \left(x_1, \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \dots \right) + \beta \left(y_1, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}, \dots \right) \\ &= \alpha T(x) + \beta T(y), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that T is a linear operator.

Second,

$$\|Tx\|_{\ell_\infty} = \sup \left\{ |x_1|, \frac{|x_1 + x_2|}{2}, \dots \right\}.$$

It follows that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n} \right| &\leq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|}{n} \\ &\leq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \|x\|}{n} = \|x\|, \end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$\|Tx\|_{\ell_\infty} \leq \|x\|,$$

which means that T is bounded. Now, since T is linear and bounded, then it is continuous.

4.1 Fundamental Theorems

Theorem 109 (Riezs representation theorem) *For every bounded linear functional f defined on a Hilbert space H , i.e. $f : H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, there exists a unique $z \in H$ such that*

$$f(x) = \langle x, z \rangle, \quad \forall x \in H. \quad (4.1)$$

Remark 110 *The functional f defined by (4.1) is bounded and linear since*

$$\begin{aligned} f(\alpha x + \beta y) &= \langle \alpha x + \beta y, z \rangle \\ &= \alpha \langle x, z \rangle + \beta \langle y, z \rangle \\ &= \alpha f(x) + \beta f(y), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x)\| &= |f(x)| \\ &= |\langle x, z \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|z\|, \end{aligned}$$

leadings to

$$\|f(x)\| \leq c \|x\|; \quad c = \|z\|.$$

Hence, as f is bounded and linear, it is continuous.

Theorem 111 (Hahn-Banach theorem) *Assume G is a subspace of the normed space E . For every linear functional f on G , there exists a linear functional F defined on E such that*

$$f(x) = F(x), \quad \forall x \in G.$$

Remark 112 *The functional F is called an extention of f .*

Definition 113 (Dual or conjugate space) *The dual space of the normed space E consists of all bounded linear functionals defined on E*

$$f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

This space is denoted by E^ .*

Example 114 For $E = C[0, 1]$ and $\|x\| = \sup |x(t)|$, we define $f : C[0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$f(x) = \int_0^1 x(t) dt.$$

Since f is a linear and bounded operator, then $f \in C^*[0, 1]$.

Remark 115 If E is a Hilbert space, then all functionals forming the dual of the Hilbert space are of the form:

$$f \in H^*, \forall x \in H, f(x) = \langle x, z \rangle, z \in H.$$

Theorem 116 The dual space E^* with the norm

$$\|f\|_{E^*} = \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{|f(x)|_{\mathbb{R}}}{\|x\|_E}$$

is a Banach space.

Proposition 117 For every $f \in E^*$, we have

$$|f(x)| \leq \|f\| \cdot \|x\|, \forall x \in E. \quad (*)$$

Proof. We consider two separate cases:

The first is where $x = 0$, in which case $(*)$ is true as $f(0) = 0$ and $\|0\| = 0$.

The second case is where $x \neq 0$, which yields

$$\frac{|f(x)|}{\|x\|_E} \leq \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{|f(x)|}{\|x\|_E} = \|f\|_{E^*}.$$

Therefore,

$$|f(x)| \leq \|f\|_{E^*} \cdot \|x\|_E.$$

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Theorem 118 The dual space of $L_p[a, b]$ is isomorphic to $L_q[a, b]$ with $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ and $p \in [1, \infty)$ in the following sense:

For each $f \in L_p^*[a, b]$, there exists a corresponding $g \in L_q[a, b]$ such that

$$f(x) = \int_a^b g(t) x(t) dt.$$

We write

$$L_p^*[a, b] \simeq L_q[a, b].$$

Example 119 *The following examples follow from the previous theorem*

$$\begin{aligned} L_2^*[a, b] &\simeq L_2[a, b], \\ L_2^{**}[a, b] &\simeq L_2[a, b], \\ L_3^*[a, b] &\simeq L_{\frac{3}{2}}[a, b] \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3/2} = 1 \right), \\ L_1^*[a, b] &\simeq L_\infty[a, b] \left(\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{\infty} = 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Example 120 *Considering that $p \in [1, +\infty)$ and $\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{p} = 1$, we have*

$$\ell_p^* \simeq \ell_q,$$

and

$$\ell_5^* \simeq \ell_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5/4} = 1 \right).$$

Exercise 121 *Show that $C_0^* \simeq \ell_1$ and $\ell_\infty^* \subset \ell_1$.*

Definition 122 *The normed space E is said to be reflexive if the second dual E^{**} is isomorphic to E ; that is*

$$E^{**} = (E^*)^* \simeq E.$$

Lemma 123 *The following statements hold:*

(1) *The spaces $L_p[a, b]$ and ℓ_p for $p \in (1, +\infty)$ are reflexive, i.e.*

$$L_p^{**}[a, b] \simeq L_p[a, b],$$

and

$$\ell_p^{**} \simeq \ell_p.$$

(2) *All Hilbert spaces are reflexive.*

(3) *The space C_0 is not reflexive as*

$$\begin{aligned} C_0^{**} &= (C_0^*)^* \\ &= (\ell_1)^* \simeq \ell_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Definition 124 (Weak and Strong Convergence) Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence in the normed space $(E, \|\cdot\|)$:

(1) We say that $\{x_n\}$ converges **strongly** to x_0 if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x_0\|_E = 0.$$

We write $x_n \rightarrow x_0$.

(2) We say that $\{x_n\}$ converges **weakly** to x_0 if for every $f \in E^*$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |f(x_n) - f(x_0)| = 0.$$

We write $x_n \rightharpoonup x_0$.

Remark 125 Strong convergence implies weak convergence. Consider the following estimate

$$|f(x_n) - f(x_0)| = |f(x_n - x_0)| \leq \|f\| \cdot \|x_n - x_0\|.$$

If the right hand side goes to zero, i.e.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x_0\|_E = 0,$$

then the right hand side does as well

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |f(x_n) - f(x_0)| = 0.$$

Remark 126 There are weakly converging sequences that do not converge strongly.

Example 127 Consider the Hilbert space ℓ_2 and the sequence $\{x_n\}$ where

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= (1, 0, 0, 0, \dots), \\ x_2 &= (0, 1, 0, 0, \dots), \\ x_3 &= (0, 0, 1, 0, \dots), \\ &\vdots \\ x_n &= (0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots). \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = (0, 0, 0, 0, \dots) =: x_0,$$

which yields

$$\begin{aligned}\|x_n - x_0\| &= \|(0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots)\| \\ &= \|x_n\| \\ &= 1.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - 0\| = 1 \neq 0.$$

Hence, this sequence is not strongly convergent. However, since ℓ_2 is a Hilbert space, then for any $f \in \ell_2$, there exists $a = \{a_n\} \in \ell_2$ such that $f(x) = \langle x, a \rangle$, $x \in \ell_2$, then

$$\begin{aligned}f(x_n) &= \langle x_n, a \rangle \\ &= a_n.\end{aligned}$$

Since

$$a = \{a_n\} \in \ell_2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2 < \infty,$$

we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = 0.$$

This along with the fact that

$$\begin{aligned}|f(x_n) - f(0)| &= |f(x_n)| \\ &= |a_n|,\end{aligned}$$

leads to

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |f(x_n) - f(0)| = 0,$$

then

$$x_n \rightarrow x_0 = 0.$$

Definition 128 (Adjoint Operator) Let $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an inner product space. The adjoint operator T^* of the operator $T : X \rightarrow X$ satisfies

$$\forall x, y \in X : \langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, T^*y \rangle.$$

Example 129 Define the operator $T : L_2 [0, \infty] \rightarrow L_2 [0, \infty]$ by

$$Tx(t) = x\left(\frac{t}{5}\right) t \in [0, \infty).$$

We want to show that T^* can be defined as

$$T^*x(t) = 5x(5t).$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Tx, y \rangle &= \int_0^\infty Tx(t) y(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty x\left(\frac{t}{5}\right) y(t) dt, \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, T^*y \rangle &= \int_0^\infty x(t) T^*y(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty x(t) \cdot 5y(5t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

We can integrate by substitution. Let

$$\begin{cases} u = 5t, & du = 5dt \\ t = 0 \rightarrow u = 0 \\ t = \infty \rightarrow u = \infty. \end{cases}$$

Substituting yields

$$\langle x, T^*y \rangle = \int_0^\infty x\left(\frac{u}{5}\right) y(u) du. \quad (4.3)$$

From (4.2) and (4.3), we obtain

$$\langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, T^*y \rangle.$$

Lemma 130 If T^* is the adjoint operator of T , then

- (1) $\forall x, y \in X : \langle T^*x, y \rangle = \langle x, Ty \rangle$,
- (2) $T^{**} = T$, and
- (3) $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R} : (\alpha T)^* = \alpha T^*$.

Proof. First, for the field of real numbers \mathbb{R} , we have:

(1) $\forall x, y \in X$:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle T^*x, y \rangle &= \langle y, T^*x \rangle \\ &= \langle y, T^*x \rangle \\ &= \langle Ty, x \rangle \\ &= \langle x, Ty \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

Second, for the field of complex number \mathbb{C} , we have:

(1) We have

$$\begin{aligned}\langle T^*x, y \rangle &= \overline{\langle y, T^*x \rangle} \\ &= \overline{\langle y, T^*x \rangle} \\ &= \langle Ty, x \rangle \\ &= \langle x, Ty \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

(2) For the second property, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\langle T^{**}x, y \rangle &= \langle x, T^*y \rangle \\ &= \langle Tx, y \rangle,\end{aligned}$$

leading to

$$\forall x, y \in X : \langle T^{**}x, y \rangle = \langle Tx, y \rangle.$$

Thus,

$$T^{**} = T.$$

(3) For every $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\langle (\alpha T)^*x, y \rangle &= \langle x, \alpha Ty \rangle \\ &= \alpha \langle x, Ty \rangle \\ &= \alpha \langle T^*x, y \rangle \\ &= \langle \alpha T^*x, y \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$(\alpha T)^* = \alpha T^*.$$

Note that if $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$,

$$(\alpha T)^* = \bar{\alpha} T^*.$$

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Definition 131 An operator T is said to be **self-adjoint** if $T = T^*$; that is $\forall x, y \in X : \langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, Ty \rangle$.

Definition 132 An operator T is said to be **unitary** if $T^* = T^{-1}$; that is $\forall x, y \in X : \langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, T^{-1}y \rangle$.

Example 133 Let $T : L_2[a, b] \rightarrow L_2[a, b]$ where

$$Tx(t) = tx(t), t \in [a, b].$$

We will prove that T is self-adjoint. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Tx, y \rangle &= \int_a^b Tx(t) y(t) dt \\ &= \int_a^b tx(t) y(t) dt, \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, Ty \rangle &= \int_a^b x(t) Ty(t) dt \\ &= \int_a^b x(t) ty(t) dt. \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

From (4.4) and (4.5), we obtain that T is self-adjoint.

Example 134 Define the operator $T : L_2[0, 1] \rightarrow L_2[0, 1]$ by

$$Tx(t) = x(1 - t)$$

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Tx, y \rangle &= \int_0^1 Tx(t) y(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 x(1 - t) y(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

We use the following change of variable

$$\begin{cases} u = 1 - t \rightarrow du = -dt \\ t = 0 \rightarrow u = 1, t = 1 \rightarrow u = 0. \end{cases}$$

Substitution yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle Tx, y \rangle &= - \int_1^0 x(u) y(1-u) du \\
 &= \int_0^1 x(u) y(1-u) du \\
 &= \int_0^1 x(u) Ty(u) du \\
 &= \langle x, Ty \rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, T is self-adjoint.

Lemma 135 *Let T and S be two operators defined on the inner product space $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$, then*

- (1) TT^* is self-adjoint, and
- (2) $(ST)^* = T^*S^*$.

Proof. For the first property, we have

$$\langle TT^*x, y \rangle = \langle T^*x, T^*y \rangle,$$

leading to

$$\langle x, TT^*y \rangle = \langle T^*x, T^*y \rangle,$$

which implies that TT^* is self-adjoint.

For the second property,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle (ST)x, y \rangle &= \langle Tx, S^*y \rangle \\
 &= \langle x, T^*S^*y \rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

This produces

$$\langle (ST)x, y \rangle = \langle x, (ST)^*y \rangle,$$

which means that $(ST)^* = T^*S^*$. ■

Lemma 136 *If T is a unitary operator then:*

- (1) It preserves the length of the element x , i.e. $\|Tx\| = \|x\|$..
- (2) It preserves of the angle, i.e. $\langle Tx, Ty \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle$.

Proof. For the length, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\|Tx\|^2 &= \langle Tx, Ty \rangle \\ &= \langle x, T^{-1}Tx \rangle \\ &= \langle x, x \rangle \\ &= \|x\|^2,\end{aligned}$$

which leads to property (1).

For the angle, it is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned}\langle Tx, Ty \rangle &= \langle x, T^{-1}Ty \rangle \\ &= \langle x, y \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

