

Last time

- L^∞ -space: $\|f\|_{L^\infty} = \inf \{M: |f(x)| \leq M, \text{ a.e. } x\}$
 - $\|f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_n\|_{L^p} \leq \|f_1\|_{L^p} + \dots + \|f_n\|_{L^p}, \quad 1 \leq p \leq \infty$
 - $\|f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot \dots \cdot f_n\|_{L^r} \leq \|f_1\|_{L^{p_1}} \cdot \dots \cdot \|f_n\|_{L^{p_n}}, \quad 0 < p_i, r \leq \infty, \quad \frac{1}{p_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{p_n} = \frac{1}{r}$
- Metric structure
 - $1 \leq p \leq \infty$: $L^p(X)$ is a Banach space (i.e. "complete").
 - $1 \leq p < \infty$: $L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is separable. (i.e. contains a countable dense subset.)
 - $0 < p < \infty$: $S = \{\varphi = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \chi_{A_i} : \mu(A_i) < \infty, k \in \mathbb{N}, a_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is dense in $L^p(X)$.

Today: $L^2(X)$: The inner product structure

1. $L^2(X)$

- Now consider the space $L^2(X)$. We have seen
 - $\|f_1 + f_2\|_{L^2} \leq \|f_1\|_{L^2} + \|f_2\|_{L^2}$
 - $\|f_1 f_2\|_{L^1} \leq \|f_1\|_{L^2} \cdot \|f_2\|_{L^2} \leftarrow \text{Cauchy-Schwarz inequality}$
 - $L^2(X)$ is complete.
 - $L^2(X)$ is separable if $X = \mathbb{R}^d$ or "....."
- Among all $L^p(X)$, the space $L^2(X)$ is special, since it admits an "inner product" structure.

Def. The inner product between $f, g \in L^2(X)$ is

$$\langle f, g \rangle := \int_X f g \, d\mu.$$

Remk. (1) $f, g \in L^2(X) \Rightarrow f \cdot g \in L^1(X)$. ("well-defined")

(2) If f, g are complex-valued, then one defines $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_X f \bar{g} \, d\mu$.

Prop. The inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : L^2(X) \times L^2(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies

(1) $\langle a_1 f_1 + a_2 f_2, g \rangle = a_1 \langle f_1, g \rangle + a_2 \langle f_2, g \rangle$

(2) $\langle f, g \rangle = \langle g, f \rangle$

(3) $\langle f, f \rangle \geq 0$, and $\langle f, f \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow f = 0$.

Proof. Trivial. $\square$

Note. The Cauchy-Schwarz inequality becomes

$$|\langle f, g \rangle| \leq \|f\|_{L^2} \cdot \|g\|_{L^2}$$

Def. In general, given any vector space V , an inner product structure on V is a map $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that satisfies (1), (2), (3).

Given any inner product space $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$, ~~we call V a Hilbert space~~
 One can define a norm on V by

$$\|v\| := \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}.$$

(and thus a distance $d(v, w) = \|v - w\|$.)

An inner product vector space V is called a Hilbert space if the induced metric structure is complete. [So: Hilbert space must be Banach space.]

Example: $\mathbb{R}^d$ is a Hilbert space, where

$$\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle := \sum_{i=1}^d x_i y_i.$$

$$\boxed{\mathbb{R}^d = L^2(X) \text{ where } X = \{1, 2, \dots, d\}, \mu = \#}$$

Example: $L^2(X)$ is a Hilbert space.

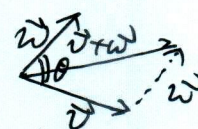
Example: $C([0, 1])$ is an inner product space, but not a Hilbert space
 $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(x)g(x) dx$

Now let V be any inner product space, $v, w \in V$. Then

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

Compare this with the cosine law of planar triangle

$$\|\vec{v} + \vec{w}\|^2 = \|\vec{v}\|^2 + \|\vec{w}\|^2 + 2\|\vec{v}\| \cdot \|\vec{w}\| \cos \theta$$



It is natural to define the angle θ between $v, w \in V$ to be

$$\theta = \arccos \frac{\langle v, w \rangle}{\|v\| \cdot \|w\|}.$$

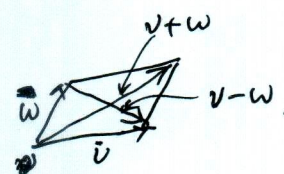
In particular, we say $v \perp w$ if $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$, i.e. $\langle v, w \rangle = 0$.

Prop. (parallelogram law) Let V be any inner product space. We have

$$\|v+w\|^2 + \|v-w\|^2 = 2\|v\|^2 + 2\|w\|^2.$$

Proof: $\|v \pm w\|^2 = \|v\|^2 + \|w\|^2 \pm 2\langle v, w \rangle$.

$$\Rightarrow \|v+w\|^2 + \|v-w\|^2 = 2\|v\|^2 + 2\|w\|^2. \quad \square$$



One can check that for any $p \neq 2$, $\exists f, g \in L^p(X)$ s.t.

$$\|f+g\|_p^2 + \|f-g\|_p^2 \neq 2\|f\|_p^2 + 2\|g\|_p^2.$$

In other words, one can't find an inner product structure on $L^p(X)$ ($p \neq 2$) s.t. the induced norm is $\|\cdot\|_{L^p(X)}$.

2. The orthogonal projection

- So a Hilbert space H is — an inner product space ($\Leftrightarrow$ parallelogram law)
— complete ($\Leftrightarrow$ Any Cauchy sequence converges).

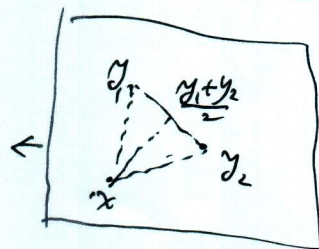
Using these two properties, we can prove

Thm (Existence of minimizers) Let H be a Hilbert space, $K \subset H$ a non-empty closed convex subset. Let $x \in H$ be any element in H . Then $\exists$ unique $y \in K$ s.t. $\|x - y\| = \inf \{ \|x - z\| : z \in K \}$

Proof: (Uniqueness) Suppose $y_1, y_2 \in K$, $y_1 \neq y_2$, and $\|x - y_1\| = \|x - y_2\| = \inf \{ \|x - z\| : z \in K \}$.
Then by parallelogram law,

K is convex $\Leftrightarrow$
 $\forall y, z \in K, \alpha \in [0, 1]$,
one has $\alpha y + (1 - \alpha)z \in K$

$$\begin{aligned} \|x - y_1\|^2 + \|x - y_2\|^2 &= 2 \left(\left\| x - \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right\|^2 + \left\| \frac{y_1 - y_2}{2} \right\|^2 \right) \\ \Rightarrow \left\| x - \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right\|^2 &< \frac{1}{2} (\|x - y_1\|^2 + \|x - y_2\|^2) \\ \Rightarrow \left\| x - \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right\| &< \inf \{ \|x - z\| : z \in K \}. \end{aligned}$$



But $\frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \in K$ (by convexity), so we get a contradiction.

(Existence). Take $\{z_n\} \subset K$ s.t. $\|x - z_n\| \rightarrow d = \inf \{ \|x - z\| : z \in K \} < \infty$.

By convexity, $\frac{z_n + z_m}{2} \in K$. Then

$$d^2 \leq \underbrace{\left\| x - \frac{z_n + z_m}{2} \right\|^2}_A \leq \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} (\|x - z_n\|^2 + \|x - z_m\|^2)}_B \rightarrow d^2.$$

So we conclude that

$$\|z_n - z_m\|^2 \leq 4(B - A) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n, m \rightarrow +\infty.$$

As a consequence, $\{z_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence and thus $\exists y \in H$ s.t. $z_n \rightarrow y$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Since K is closed, $z_n \in K$, we get $y \in K$.

Finally it is easy to see that $\|x - z_n\| \rightarrow \|x - y\|$. So $\|x - y\| = d$. $\square$

Rmk. This property holds for "uniformly convex Banach spaces" including $L^p(X)$ ($1 < p < \infty$).
But it fails for $L^1(X)$ and $L^\infty(X)$.

• Since every vector subspace is convex, we immediately get

Cor. Let H be a Hilbert space, and $V \subset H$ a closed subspace.

Then for any $x \in H$, there exists a unique $x_V \in V$ and $x_{V^\perp} \in V^\perp = \{w : \langle v, w \rangle = 0, \forall v \in V\}$ s.t. $x = x_V + x_{V^\perp}$. Moreover, $\|x - x_V\| = \inf \{\|x - z\| : z \in V\}$.

Proof. Let x_V be s.t. $\|x - x_V\| = \inf \{\|x - z\| : z \in V\}$, and let $x_{V^\perp} = x - x_V$. We only need to show $x_{V^\perp} \in V^\perp$.

~~In fact, take any $v \in V$, we have~~
 ~~$\langle x_{V^\perp}, v \rangle = \langle x - x_V, v \rangle$~~

Suppose $\exists v \in V$ s.t. $\langle x_{V^\perp}, v \rangle \neq 0$. $\rightarrow$ Can pick $\tilde{v} \in V$ s.t. $\langle x_{V^\perp}, \tilde{v} \rangle = 1$. For ε small, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x - x_V - \varepsilon \tilde{v}\|^2 &= \|x_{V^\perp} - \varepsilon \tilde{v}\|^2 = \|x_{V^\perp}\|^2 - 2\varepsilon \langle x_{V^\perp}, \tilde{v} \rangle + \varepsilon^2 \|\tilde{v}\|^2 \\ &= \|x_{V^\perp}\|^2 - 2\varepsilon + \varepsilon^2 \|\tilde{v}\|^2 < \|x_{V^\perp}\|^2 = \|x - x_V\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

But $x_V + \varepsilon \tilde{v} \in V$. This contradicts with the fact

$$\|x - x_V\| = \inf \{\|x - z\| : z \in V\}.$$

□

Rmk. We thus get an "orthogonal projection" $\pi_V : H \rightarrow V$, $x \mapsto x_V$.

• Once can prove: $V^\perp \subset H$ is also a closed vector subspace, and $H = V \oplus V^\perp$.

• Recall. Any linear function on $\mathbb{R}^d$ is of the form

$$l_a : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d) \mapsto a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_d x_d (= \langle a, x \rangle)$$

Note: $a = (a_1, \dots, a_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

So any linear function l_a on $\mathbb{R}^d \leftrightarrow$ a point $a \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

• Now let H be any Hilbert space.

Then for any $v \in H$, one can define a continuous linear functional

$$L_v : H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, L_v(w) = \langle v, w \rangle.$$

L_v is continuous since we have the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

It turns out that these are all possible continuous linear functionals on H !

Thm. (Riesz representation thm for Hilbert spaces)

Let H be a Hilbert space, and $L : H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous linear functional. Then $\exists$ unique $v \in H$ s.t. $L = L_v$.

Proof: (Uniqueness) Suppose $L_{v_1} = L = L_{v_2}$. Then

$$L_{v_1}(v_1 - v_2) = L_{v_2}(v_1 - v_2).$$

$$\text{i.e. } \langle v_1, v_1 - v_2 \rangle = \langle v_2, v_1 - v_2 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle v_1 - v_2, v_1 - v_2 \rangle = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v_1 = v_2.$$

(Existence) WLOG, suppose L is not identically zero.

$$\text{Let } V = \{x \in H : L(x) = 0\} = L^{-1}(0) = \ker(L)$$

Since L is continuous, V is closed subspace of H , and $V \neq H$.

As a consequence, $V^\perp \neq 0$. [Reason: Take any $x \in H$ but $x \notin V$. Then $x_{V^\perp} = x - x_V \neq 0$.]

Pick $w \in V^\perp$ s.t. $\|w\| = 1$. [Reason: $V^\perp$ is a vector space.]

Then $L(w) \neq 0$ since $w \notin V$.

Let $v = L(w) \cdot w$. Then for any $x \in H$,

$$L_v(x) = \langle L(w)w, x \rangle = \langle L(w)w, \underbrace{x - \frac{\langle x, L(w)w \rangle}{\|L(w)w\|^2} L(w)w}_{\text{sits inside } \ker(L) = V} + \frac{\langle x, L(w)w \rangle}{\|L(w)w\|^2} L(w)w \rangle$$

$$= L(w) \cdot \frac{\langle x, L(w)w \rangle}{\|L(w)w\|^2} \langle w, w \rangle = L(x).$$

$$\Rightarrow L_v = L.$$

□

• Given any Banach space V , we denote $V^* = \{ \text{all } \overset{\text{continuous}}{\text{linear functionals on } V} \}$

For any $L \in V^*$, one can define $\|L\|_{V^*} = \sup_{\|x\|=1} \|Tx\|$.

Then one can show that $(V^*, \|\cdot\|_{V^*})$ is a Banach space.

Note: If V is a Hilbert space, then

$$\|L_v\|_{V^*} = \sup_{\|w\|=1} \|L_v(w)\| = \sup_{\|w\|=1} |\langle v, w \rangle| = \|v\|.$$

So what we proved is $H = H^*$, as Hilbert spaces

In particular, we get

$$(L^2(X))^* \cong L^2(X). \quad (\text{as Hilbert spaces})$$

↑ we have $\leq$ by Cauchy-Schwarz
we have $\geq$ by taking $w = \frac{v}{\|v\|}$