



From Euclid to Hilbert (1/2): Hilbert Spaces and Projection Operators

Mathematical Foundations of Signal Processing

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A Unifying Framework for Signal Processing

Signals come in *various forms*:

$f: \{0, \dots, N\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ Vectors, compactly-supported or periodic sequences,

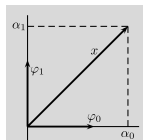
$f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ Generic sequences supported on \mathbb{Z} ,

$f: [0, T) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ Compact-support or periodic functions,

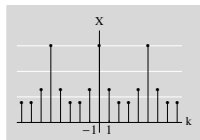
$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ Generic functions.

With the right abstraction, they can all be seen as **vectors** in some **Hilbert spaces**, which can be **manipulated geometrically**. Many advantages:

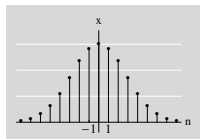
- Leverages “real world” geometric intuition.
- Unified understanding of fundamental signal processing concepts.
- Can go *faster and farther*!



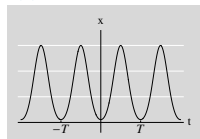
(a) Vector



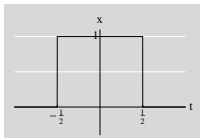
(b) Periodic sequence



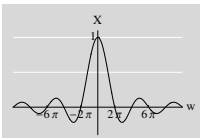
(c) Sequence



(d) Periodic function



(e) Compactly-supported function



(f) Infinitely-supported function

Objectives and Reading Material

In this lesson we will:

1. Develop the basic geometric intuition central to **Hilbert spaces**,
2. Discuss **linear operators** –with a particular focus on **projections**– which generalise finite-dimensional matrices.

Our aim is to **extend Euclidean geometric insights to abstract signals**. You will have to invest some effort to see signals as vectors in Hilbert spaces, but believe us, the effort is well placed!

Reading Material

- Chapter 2, “From Euclid to Hilbert”, of [1], Sections 2.1 to 2.4 (in particular 2.3.3 and 2.4)
- Appendix 2.B, “Elements of Linear Algebra”, of [1]. This is a review of basic concepts of linear algebra.¹
- **Download link:** http://www.fourierandwavelets.org/FSP_v1.1_2014.pdf

¹You should be familiar with most of these concepts, but do not hesitate to refresh your memory as we will assume these notions to be mastered!

Vector spaces

Vectors in \mathbb{R}^N can be *added* or *scaled* while staying in \mathbb{R}^N . This can serve as an inspiration for defining *abstract vector spaces*:

Definition: (Vector Space)

A **vector space** over a **field of scalars** \mathbb{F} (think \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C}) is a set of vectors V , together with operations of **vector addition** $+: V \times V \rightarrow V$ and **scalar multiplication** $\cdot: \mathbb{F} \times V \rightarrow V$.

For any $x, y, z \in V$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}$, these operations must moreover satisfy the following properties:

Commutativity: $x + y = y + x$.

Associativity: $(x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$ and $(\alpha\beta)x = \alpha(\beta x)$.

Distributivity: $\alpha(x + y) = \alpha x + \alpha y$ and $(\alpha + \beta)x = \alpha x + \beta x$.

Additive identity: There exists a **null** $0 \in V$, such that $x + 0 = 0 + x = x$, $\forall x \in V$.

Additive inverse: $\forall x \in V$, there exists a unique element $-x$ in V , such that $x + (-x) = (-x) + x = 0$.

Multiplicative identity: For every x in V , $1 \cdot x = x$.

Common Vector spaces

Examples of vector spaces

- **\mathbb{C} -valued finite-dimensional vectors:** $\mathbb{C}^N = \{[x_0 \ x_1 \ \dots \ x_{N-1}] \mid x_n \in \mathbb{C}, n \in \{0, 1, \dots, N-1\}\}$, where vector addition and scalar multiplication are defined *component-wise*.
- **\mathbb{C} -valued sequences over \mathbb{Z} :** $\mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{Z}} = \{x = [\dots \ x_{-1} \ \boxed{x_0} \ x_1 \ \dots] \mid x_n \in \mathbb{C}, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, where vector addition and scalar multiplication are defined *component-wise*.
- **\mathbb{C} -valued functions over \mathbb{R} :** $\mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{R}} = \{x \mid x(t) \in \mathbb{C}, t \in \mathbb{R}\}$, where vector addition and scalar multiplication are defined *point-wise*.
- **\mathbb{C} -valued $N \times M$ rectangular matrices:** $\mathbb{C}^{N \times M} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & \cdots & x_{1N} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{N1} & \cdots & x_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \mid x_{nm} \in \mathbb{C}, n \leq N, m \leq M \right\}$, where vector addition and scalar multiplication are defined *element-wise*.

Subspace & Span

A subspace is a set of vectors *closed* under vector addition and scalar multiplication:

Definition: (Subspace)

$S \subseteq V$ is a **subspace** if: $\forall x, y \in S, \quad \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}, \quad \alpha x + \beta y \in S$.

Examples: the subspace of *even/odd* functions, the subspace of *symmetric* matrices.

Non example: the set of *positive* functions (not closed w.r.t. addition or multiplication).

It is possible to generate (*span*) subspaces from a collection of vectors:

Definition: (Span)

The **span** of (**potentially infinite**) set of vectors $S \subset V$ consists in **all finite** linear combinations of vectors in S :

$$\text{span}(S) = \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \alpha_k \varphi_k \mid \alpha_k \in \mathbb{F}, \varphi_k \in S \text{ and } N \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.$$

Linear Independence & Dimension

Many different sets can have the same span. It can be of interest to find the **smallest spanning set**. This leads to the **dimension** of a vector space, which depends on the concept of **linear independence**:

Definition: (Linear Independence)

$S = \{\varphi_k\}_{k=0}^{N-1} \subset V$ is said to be **linearly independent** if:²

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \alpha_k \varphi_k = 0 \implies \alpha_k = 0, \quad \forall k = 0, \dots, N-1. \quad (1)$$

If (1) does not hold, S is said **linearly dependent**.

A vector space V is said to have **dimension** N when it contains a linearly independent set with N elements **and** every set with $N+1$ or more elements is linearly dependent. If no such finite N exists, V is **infinite-dimensional**.

²If S is **infinite**, we need **every finite subset** to be linearly independent.

Extending Euclidean Geometric Notions

We wish to extend to abstract vector spaces some useful Euclidean *geometric notions*:

Norm The **norm** of a vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ can be interpreted as its *length*:

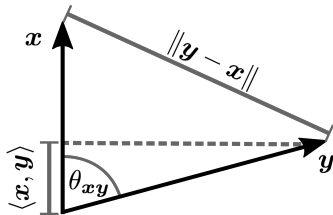
$$\|x\| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}.$$

Distance The **distance** between two vectors $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is the *norm of their difference*:

$$d(x, y) = \|x - y\| = \sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2}.$$

Orientation The **relative orientation** –or *angle*– between two vectors $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is obtained via the **inner product** $\langle x, y \rangle = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2$:

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \|x\| \|y\| \cos \theta_{xy} \Rightarrow \theta_{xy} = \arccos \left(\frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\| \|y\|} \right).$$



Inner products

Inner products help us formalise the geometric notions of *orientation* and *orthogonality*. They measure the **linear resemblance** between two vectors.

Definition: (Inner product)

An **inner product** for V is a map $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ satisfying, for any $x, y, z \in V$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$,

1. **Distributivity**: $\langle x + y, z \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle$
2. **Linearity** in the 1st argument : $\langle \alpha x, y \rangle = \alpha \langle x, y \rangle$
3. **Hermitian symmetry**: $\langle x, y \rangle = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle}$
4. **Positive definiteness**: $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$ and $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$ iff $x = 0$.

A vector space equipped with an inner product is called an **inner product space** or **pre-Hilbert space**.

Note that from Items 2 and 3 we get:³ $\langle x, \alpha y \rangle = \overline{\alpha} \langle x, y \rangle$.

³We say that the inner product is **antilinear** w.r.t. its 2nd argument.

Standard Inner Products

Standard Inner Products for Common Vector Spaces

$$\mathbb{C}^N: \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \overline{y_i} = \mathbf{y}^H \mathbf{x}.$$

$$\mathbb{C}^{N \times M}: \langle \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y} \rangle = \text{tr}(\mathbf{X} \mathbf{Y}^H) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M X_{i,j} \overline{Y_{i,j}} = \text{vec}(\mathbf{Y})^H \text{vec}(\mathbf{X}).$$

$$\mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{Z}}: \langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} x_i \overline{y_i}. \triangle!$$

$$\mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{R}}: \langle x, y \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x(t) \overline{y(t)} dt. \triangle!$$

$\triangle!$ Note that inner products must be *finite*. Hence, for the last two inner products to be valid, the infinite sum/integral **must converge**! This restricts the set of sequences/functions on which we can operate.

Orthogonality

An inner product endows a space with geometric properties that arise from angles, such as **perpendicularity** and **relative orientation**. An inner product being zero has special significance.

Definition: (Orthogonality)

1. Vectors x and y are said to be **orthogonal** when $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$, written as $x \perp y$.
2. A set $S \subset V$ is called **orthogonal** when $x \perp y \ \forall x, y \in S, x \neq y$.
3. A set $S \subset V$ is called **orthonormal** when it is **orthogonal** and $\langle x, x \rangle = 1 \ \forall x \in S$.
4. A vector x is said to be **orthogonal** to a set $S \subset V$ when $x \perp s \ \forall s \in S$, written as $x \perp S$.
5. Two sets $S_0 \subset V$ and $S_1 \subset V$ are **orthogonal** –written as $S_0 \perp S_1$ – if $\forall s_0 \in S_0$ we have $s_0 \perp S_1$.
6. Given a subspace $S \subset V$, the **orthogonal complement** of S is the subspace $S^\perp = \{x \in V \mid x \perp S\}$.

Note that vectors in orthonormal set $\{\varphi_k\}_{k \in \mathcal{K}}$ are **linearly independent** since $0 = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \alpha_k \varphi_k$ implies:

$$0 = \langle 0, \varphi_i \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \alpha_k \varphi_k, \varphi_i \right\rangle = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \alpha_k \langle \varphi_k, \varphi_i \rangle = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \alpha_k \delta_{i-k} = \alpha_i, \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{K}.$$

Example of Orthogonal Functions on $[-1, 1]$

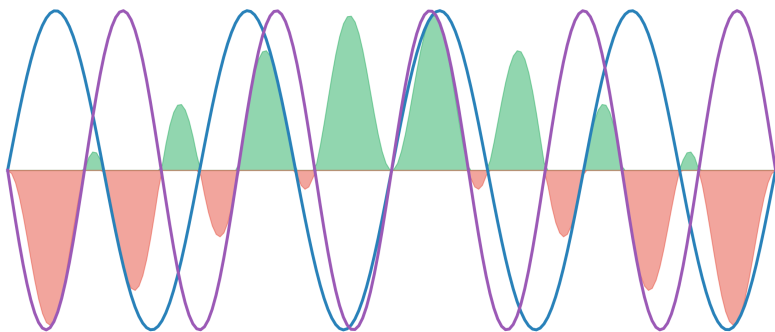


Figure: $x(t) = \sin(4\pi t)$, $x(t) = \sin(5\pi t)$, $\langle x, y \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 \sin(4\pi t) \sin(5\pi t) dt = 0$

Norms

A **norm** is a function that assigns a **length**, or **size**, to a vector (analogously to the *magnitude* of a scalar).

Definition: (Norm)

A **norm** on V is a function $\| \cdot \| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying, for all $x, y \in V$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$:

1. **Positive definiteness:** $\|x\| \geq 0$ and $\|x\| = 0$ iff $x = 0$,
2. **Positive scalability:** $\|\alpha x\| = |\alpha| \|x\|$,
3. **Triangle inequality:** $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$ with equality iff $y = \alpha x$.

A vector space **equipped with a norm** becomes a **normed vector space**.⁴ A normed vector space is also a **metric space**, since the norm can be used to define the *induced metric*⁵ (or **distance**):

$$d(x, y) = \|x - y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in V.$$

⁴As with the inner product, we must exercise caution and choose the subspace for which the norm is **finite**.

⁵[1, Exercise 2.13] gives the axioms that a metric must satisfy and explores metrics that are **not induced by norms**.

Norms Induced by Inner Products

Any inner product induces a norm: $\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$, $\forall x \in V$.

Norms induced by Standard Inner Products

$$\mathbb{C}^N: \|x\|_2 = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N |x_i|^2} = \sqrt{x^H x} \text{ (}\ell_2\text{-norm)}.$$

$$\mathbb{C}^{N \times M}: \|X\|_F = \sqrt{\langle X, X \rangle} = \sqrt{\text{tr}(XX^H)} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M |X_{i,j}|^2} = \sqrt{\text{vec}(X)^H \text{vec}(X)} \text{ (Frobenius norm)}.$$

$$\mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{Z}}: \|x\|_2 = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} = \sqrt{\sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} |x_i|^2} \triangleq \text{ (}\ell_2\text{-norm)}$$

$$\mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{R}}: \|x\|_2 = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} = \sqrt{\int_{\mathbb{R}} |x(t)|^2 dt} \triangleq \text{ (}L_2\text{-norm)}$$

\triangleq Note that norms must be *finite*. Hence, for the last two norms to be valid, the infinite sum/integral **must converge**! This restricts the set of sequences/functions on which we can operate.

Properties of Norms Induced by Inner Products

Norms induced by inner products verify the following properties:

Pythagorean Theorem

Let V be an **inner product space** with **induced norm** $\|\cdot\|$. Then, we have

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

By induction, one can derive a **more general** form of the Pythagorean theorem:

$$\{x_k\}_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \text{ orthogonal} \implies \left\| \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} x_k \right\|^2 = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \|x_k\|^2.$$

Cauchy-Schwartz Inequality^a

Let V be an **inner product space** with **induced norm** $\|\cdot\|$. Then, we have

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

with equality when $y = \alpha x$ for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$.

The Cauchy-Schwartz inequality can be used to define the **angle between two vectors**:

$$\theta_{xy} = \arccos \left(\frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\| \|y\|} \right).$$

^aSee [1, Exercise 2.11] for a proof.

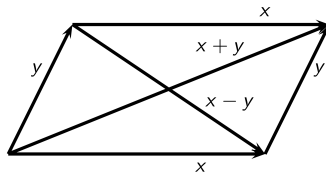
Not all Norms are Induced by Inner Products

A necessary and sufficient condition for a norm to be induced by an inner product is the following:

Proposition: (Induced Norms and Parallelogram Law)

Let $(V, \|\cdot\|)$ be some **normed vector space**. The norm is induced by an inner product on V **iif** the **parallelogram law** holds for any vectors $x, y \in V$:

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



Notice that the **forward direction**⁶ is easily obtained from properties of the inner product:

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

Handwritten notes below the equations:

$$\|x+y\|^2 = \langle x+y, x+y \rangle$$

$$= \langle x, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle + \langle x, y \rangle + \langle y, x \rangle$$

$$\uparrow \quad \quad \uparrow$$

$$\|x\|^2 \quad \|y\|^2$$

⁶See [1, Exercise 2.11] for the backward direction.

Norms Not Induced by Inner Products

Examples of Norms Not induced by Inner Products

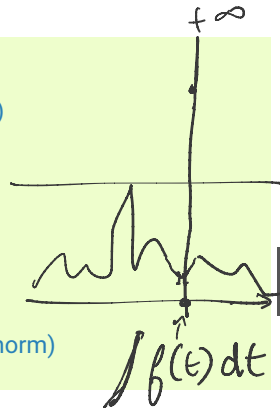
$$\mathbb{C}^N: \|x\|_p = \sqrt[p]{\sum_{i=1}^N |x_i|^p}, p \in [1, \infty) \setminus \{2\}, \|x\|_\infty = \max_{i=1, \dots, N} |x_i| \text{ (}\ell_p\text{-norm)}$$

$$\mathbb{C}^{N \times M}: \|X\|_p = \sqrt[p]{\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M |X_{i,j}|^p} = \|\text{vec}(X)\|_p, p \in [1, \infty) \setminus \{2\}, \text{ (}\ell_p\text{-norm)}$$

$$\|X\|_{p,q} = \sup_{\|y\|_q \leq 1} \|Xy\|_p \text{ (}\ell_{p,q} \text{ operator norm)}$$

$$\mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{Z}}: \|x\|_p = \sqrt[p]{\sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} |x_i|^p}, p \in [1, \infty) \setminus \{2\}, \|x\|_\infty = \sup_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} |x_i| \triangle! \text{ (}\ell_p\text{-norm)}$$

$$\mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{R}}: \|x\|_p = \sqrt[p]{\int_{\mathbb{R}} |x(t)|^p dt}, p \in [1, \infty) \setminus \{2\}, \|x\|_\infty = \underline{\text{ess sup}}_{t \in \mathbb{R}} |x(t)| \triangle! \text{ (}L_p\text{-norm)}$$



$\triangle!$ Again, for the last two norms to be valid, the infinite sum/integral **must converge** and the supremum/essential supremum⁷ must exist! This restricts the set of sequences/functions on which we can operate.

⁷The **essential supremum** is the supremum of the function *almost everywhere* – i.e. except potentially on a set of measure 0.

\mathcal{L}^p Spaces

Definition: (\mathcal{L}^p Space)

Let \mathbb{K} denote \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{Z} . Then $\mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{K})$ is defined as the subspace of vectors of $\mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{K}}$ with **finite** L_p -norm:

$$\mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{K}) = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{K}} : \|x\|_p < +\infty \right\}, \quad p \in [1, +\infty].$$

Note: For $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{Z}$, the lower case notation $\ell^p(\mathbb{Z})$ is preferred.

- $\mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{K})$ is a **normed vector space** with the norm $\|\cdot\|_p$.
- $\mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{K})$ is an **inner product space** with norm $\|\cdot\|_2$ induced by the standard inner product on $\mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{K}}$.
- **Hölder's inequality** generalises the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality for **conjugates** $p, q \in [1, +\infty)$ ($1/p + 1/q = 1$):

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \underbrace{\|xy\|_1}_{\text{Hölder's inequality}} \leq \|x\|_p \|y\|_q < +\infty, \quad \forall x, y \in \mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{K}) \times \mathcal{L}^q(\mathbb{K}).$$

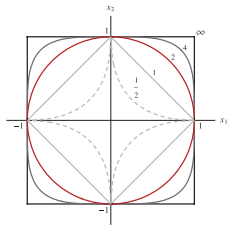


Figure: Unit balls of the ℓ_p norms in \mathbb{R}^2 .

Convergence in Normed Vector Spaces

When working in *infinite-dimensional* vector spaces, we will often manipulate **infinite summations** of vectors. To make sense of such objects, we need a notion of **convergence**.⁸ The convergence of a sequence of vectors is assessed via a *metric*, which we assume **induced by a norm**.

Definition: (Convergence in Normed Vector Spaces)

A sequence of vectors $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in V^{\mathbb{N}}$ in a **normed vector space** V is said to **converge** to $v \in V$ if $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|v - x_k\| = 0$.

⚠ *Whether or not a sequence of vectors converges depends on the norm chosen on V !*

Convergence in Different Norms

The sequence $(x_k(t) = \chi_{[0, 1/k]}(t))_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$, **converges** to the null sequence $v = 0$ for the L_p -norm, when $p \in [1, +\infty)$, but **does not converge** for the L_∞ -norm.

⁸See [1, Appendix 2.A.2] for a review of convergence for sequences/series of numbers or functions.



Example: Convergence in Different Norms ^x

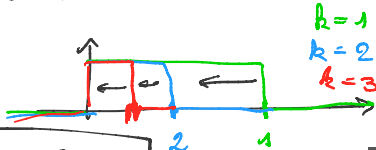
$$x_k(t) = \chi_{[0, 1/k]}(t), \quad k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$$

$$x_k(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t \in [0, \frac{1}{k}] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\{x_k\}_{k \in \{1, \dots, \infty\}} \rightarrow v = 0$$

α ℓ^p -norm :

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_k - v\|_p = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\int_0^1 (x_k(t) - v(t))^p dt \right)^{1/p} = \left(\int_0^{1/k} 1^p dt \right)^{1/p} = \frac{1}{k^{1/p}} \rightarrow 0$$



$p > 1$

CV
w.r.t
 ℓ^p -norm

+ ℓ^∞ -norm : $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_k - v\|_\infty = 1 \not\rightarrow 0$

$x_k \not\rightarrow v$ w.r.t ∞ -norm

Example: Convergence in Different Norms \times

$x_k[n] = \frac{1}{k^\alpha}$ if $n \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$, 0 otherwise, $k \in \mathbb{N}, \alpha \in (0, 1)$.

$\alpha \in (0, 1)$

$k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$x_{k,n} = \begin{cases} 1/k^\alpha & , n \in \{1, \dots, k\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_k - 0\|_p &= \left(\sum_{n=1}^k \left(\frac{1}{k^\alpha} - 0 \right)^p \right)^{1/p} \\ &= \left(\frac{k}{k^{\alpha p}} \right)^{1/p} = k^{\frac{\alpha(p-1)}{p}} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_k - 0\|_\infty &= \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |x_{k,n} - 0| \\ &= \frac{1}{k^\alpha} \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(p-1) &> 0 \\ \Rightarrow p &> \frac{1}{\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

Closed Subspace

A subspace containing the limits of all its convergent sequences is said to be **closed**:

Definition: (Closed Subspace)

A subspace S of a normed vector space V is called **closed** when it **contains all limits** of sequences of vectors in S . The **closure** \bar{S} is the set of all limit points of convergent sequences in S .⁹

The closure of a set is by definition **always closed**. Subspaces of **finite-dimensional normed vector spaces are also always closed**, but this is **not true in infinite dimension**. In particular, the span of an infinite set of vectors *may not be closed*.

The closure of the span of an infinite set of vectors is the set of **all convergent infinite linear combinations**:

$$\overline{\text{span}}(\{\varphi_k\}_{k \in \mathcal{K}}) = \left\{ \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \alpha_k \varphi_k \mid (\alpha_k)_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \in \mathbb{F}^{\mathcal{K}} \text{ and the sum converges} \right\}.$$

⁹We have hence in particular $S \subset \bar{S}$ since the constant sequences belong to S .



Example: Span Needs Not Be Closed

$$\ell_2(\mathbb{Z}) = \left\{ (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{Z}} : \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |x_n|^2 < +\infty \right\}$$

$$- \{s_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \quad \underline{s_k} = (-0, 0, \underbrace{1}_{k\text{th position}}, 0, \dots)$$

$$\text{span}\{s_k\} = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{\underline{n}} a_j \underline{s_j} \mid \underline{n} \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

$$\underline{x_n} = \frac{1}{n^2} \in \ell_2(\mathbb{Z})$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \|\underline{x_n} - v_k\|_2^2 =$$

$$\left\{ \frac{x_k}{0} \text{ if } k = n \text{ otherwise } 0 \right\} \quad \left[\sum_{k=n+1}^{+\infty} x_k^2 \right] \Leftrightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0$$



Example: Span Needs Not Be Closed

Completeness

Completeness of a space is the property that ensures that any sequence that intuitively **ought to converge** – i.e. **Cauchy sequences** – indeed **does converge to a limit in the same space**.

Definition: (Cauchy Sequence of Vectors)

A sequence of vectors $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in a normed vector space is called a **Cauchy sequence** if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists K_\varepsilon > 0 : \quad \|x_k - x_m\| < \varepsilon \quad \forall k, m > K_\varepsilon.$$

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Since the elements of a Cauchy sequence eventually stay **arbitrarily close** to each other, it makes intuitive sense that the sequence *should* converge. \mathbb{R} is complete but \mathbb{Q} **is not**:

\mathbb{Q} is not complete

From the *Taylor expansion* of e^x in zero we have that: $\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} 1/n! = e$. Since $(\sum_{n=0}^N 1/n!)_{N \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathbb{Q}^{\mathbb{N}}$ and $e \notin \mathbb{Q}$, the set \mathbb{Q} is **not complete**.

Example: $(\mathcal{C}([-1, 1]), \|\cdot\|_2)$ is not Complete

$(\mathcal{C}([-1, 1]), \|\cdot\|_2)$ is **not complete**. Indeed, we know from *Fourier analysis* that:

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \left\| \underbrace{\text{sgn}(\sin(\pi t))}_{\text{Square wave}} - \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{\sin(\pi n t)}{n} \right\|_2 = 0.$$

The sequence of *continuous* functions

$$\left(\sum_{n=0}^N \frac{\sin(\pi n t)}{n} \right)_{N \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathcal{C}([-1, 1])^{\mathbb{N}}$$

has hence for limit the **square wave** which is **discontinuous**, showing that $\mathcal{C}([-1, 1])$ is not complete w.r.t. $\|\cdot\|_2$. Note that it is however **complete w.r.t. $\|\cdot\|_\infty$** .¹⁰

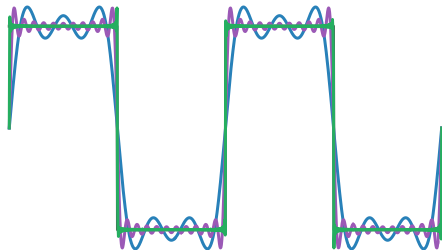


Figure: Approximation of the square wave with its truncated Fourier series $\sum_{n=0}^N \frac{\sin(\pi n t)}{n}$ for $N = 2, 10, 150$.

¹⁰This is because the limit of a uniformly convergent sequence of continuous functions is continuous.

Hilbert and Banach Spaces

Hilbert and Banach Spaces

Complete inner product vector spaces are called **Hilbert spaces**.^a
Complete normed vector spaces are called **Banach spaces**.

- **Finite-dimensional** vector space over \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} are Banach.
- All **\mathcal{L}^p spaces** are Banach. In particular, **\mathcal{L}^2** is Hilbert.
- **$\mathcal{C}([a, b])$** is Banach with $\|\cdot\|_\infty$. It is **not Hilbert** w.r.t. $\|\cdot\|_2$.

^aHence the alternative appellation “**pre-Hilbert space**” sometimes used to denote a **non-complete inner product space**.

Vector spaces

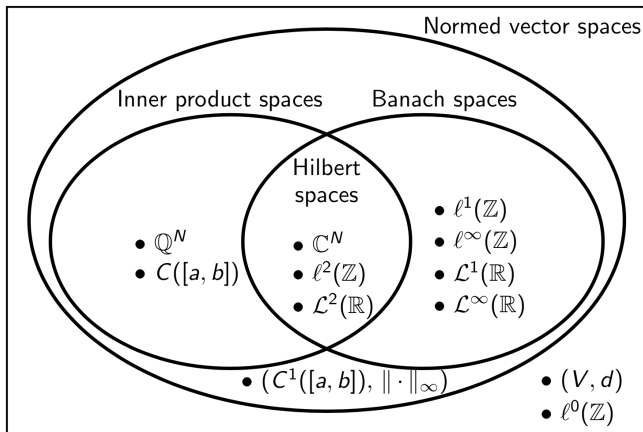


Figure: Classification of standard vector spaces.

Linear Operators

Linear operators generalise finite-dimensional matrices to abstract vector spaces:

Definition: (Linear Operator)

A map $A: H_0 \rightarrow H_1$ is a **linear operator** when $\forall x, y \in H_0, \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ the following hold:

Additivity: $A(x + y) = Ax + Ay$,

Scalability: $A(\alpha x) = \alpha(Ax)$.

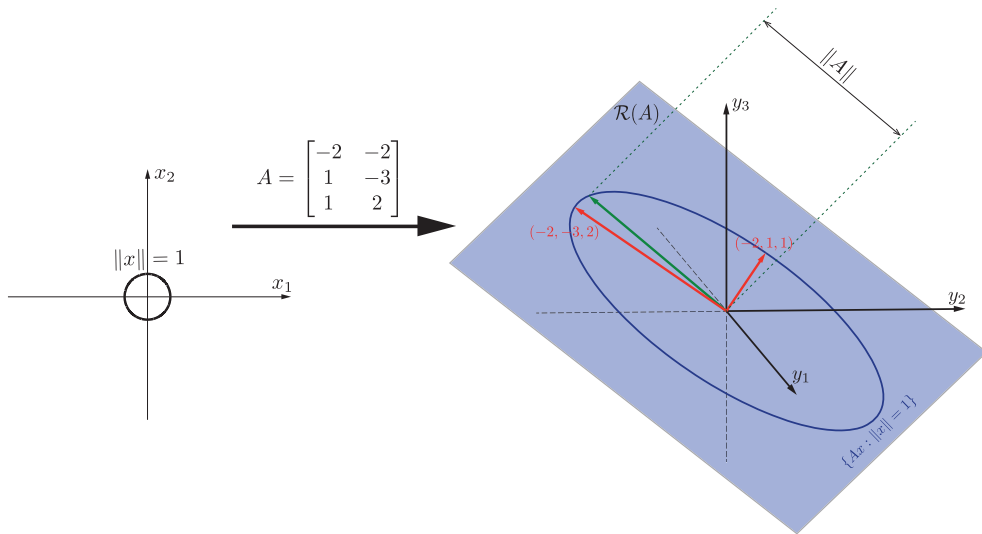
Just like in finite dimension, we can define the **null space** and **range** of an operator as, respectively:

$$\mathcal{N}(A) = \{x \in H_0 \mid Ax = 0\} = A^{-1}(\{0\}), \quad \mathcal{R}(A) = \{Ax \in H_1 \mid x \in H_0\} = A(H_0).$$

Definition: (Operator Norm & Bounded Operator)

The **operator norm** of A , denoted by $\|A\|$, is defined as $\|A\| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} \|Ax\|$. A linear operator is called **bounded** when its operator norm is **finite**.

Linear Operators: illustration



Adjoint of an Operator

The adjoint generalises the **Hermitian transpose** for finite-dimensional matrices.

Definition: (Adjoint)

The linear operator $A^* : H_1 \rightarrow H_0$ is called the **adjoint** of the linear operator $A : H_0 \rightarrow H_1$ when

$$\langle Ax, y \rangle_{H_1} = \langle x, A^* y \rangle_{H_0} \quad \text{for every } x \text{ in } H_0 \text{ and } y \text{ in } H_1.$$

When $A = A^*$, the operator A is called **self-adjoint** or **Hermitian**.

The angle between Ax and y in H_1 is the same as the angle between A^*y and x in H_0 .

Examples of Adjoint

Adjoint of a scalar $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$: We have $\langle \alpha x, y \rangle = \alpha \langle x, y \rangle = \langle x, \bar{\alpha} y \rangle \forall x, y \in H$. Hence, $(\alpha^*) = \bar{\alpha}$.

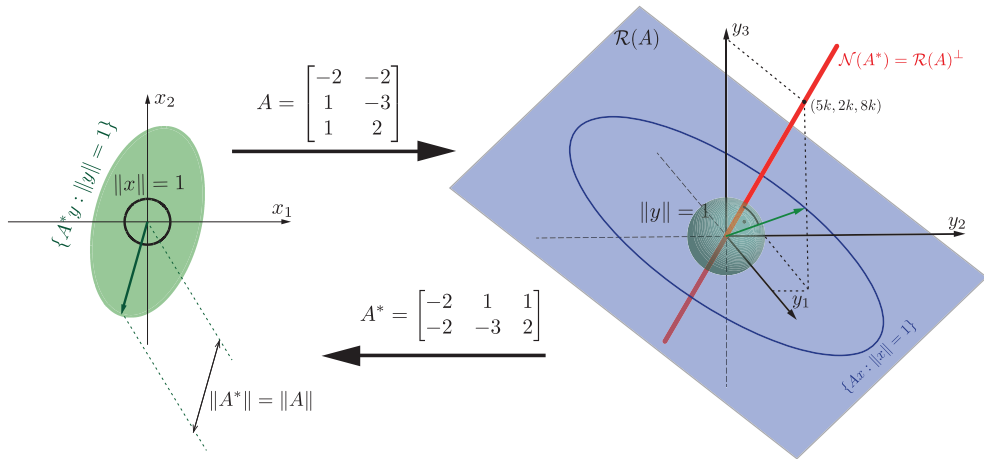
Adjoint of a matrix $A \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times M}$: $\langle Ax, y \rangle = \sum_{m=1}^M (\sum_{n=1}^N A_{mn} x_n) \bar{y}_m = \sum_{n=1}^N x_n (\sum_{m=1}^M \overline{A_{mn}} y_m) = \langle x, A^H y \rangle$
for all $(x, y) \in \mathbb{C}^N \times \mathbb{C}^M$. Hence we get $A^* = A^H$.

$$\alpha : \begin{cases} \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ x \mapsto \alpha x \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha \mapsto \bar{\alpha}$$

$$\sum_{m=1}^M \overline{A_{mn}} y_m \quad A^H = A^*$$

Adjoint Operator: illustration





Example: Local Averaging and its Adjoint

$$(Ax)_n = \int_{n-1/2}^{n+1/2} x(t) dt, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}, x \in \mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R}).$$

$$\int x(t) z(t) dt \quad A : \begin{cases} \mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{Z}} \\ x \mapsto y_n = \int_{n-1/2}^{n+1/2} x(t) dt \end{cases}$$

$$\langle Ax, y \rangle_{\mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{Z}}} \stackrel{?}{=} \langle x, A^* y \rangle_{\mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R})}$$

Linear operator

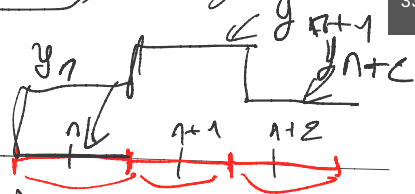
$$A^* : \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R})$$

$$A(\alpha x_1 + \beta x_2) = \alpha Ax_1 + \beta Ax_2$$

$$= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (Ax)_n y_n$$

$$= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_{n-1/2}^{n+1/2} x(t) dt \cdot y_n$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}} x(t) \left(\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} y_n \chi_{[n-1/2, n+1/2)}(t) \right) dt$$



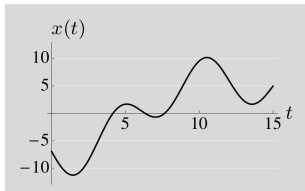
Example: Local Averaging and its Adjoint

$$= \langle x, \underline{A^*} y \rangle$$

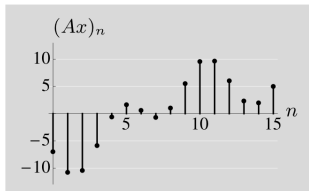
$$(A^* y)(t) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} y_n \chi_{[n-1/2, n+1/2)}(t)$$

Example: Local Averaging and its Adjoint

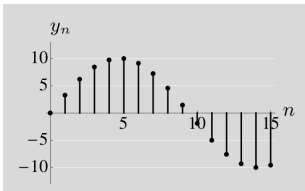
- (a) We start with a function x in $\mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R})$.
- (b) The local averaging operator A gives a sequence in $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z})$.
- (c) y is an arbitrary sequence in $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z})$.
- (d) The adjoint A^* is a linear operator from $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z})$ to $\mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R})$ that uniquely **preserves geometry** in that $\langle Ax, y \rangle_{\ell^2(\mathbb{Z})} = \langle x, A^*y \rangle_{\mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R})}$. The **adjoint of local averaging** is to form a **piecewise-constant function**.



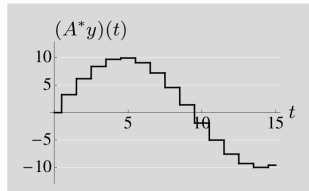
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

Properties of the Adjoint

Theorem: (Adjoint properties)

Let $A: H_0 \longrightarrow H_1$ be a **bounded** linear operator. Then,

1. A^* **exists** and is **unique**,
2. $(A^*)^* = A$,
3. AA^* and A^*A are **self-adjoint**,
4. $\|A^*\| = \|A\|$,
5. If A is **invertible**, $(A^{-1})^* = (A^*)^{-1}$,
6. $B: H_0 \longrightarrow H_1$ **bounded**, $(A+B)^* = A^* + B^*$,
7. $B: H_1 \longrightarrow H_2$ **bounded**, $(BA)^* = A^* B^*$,
8. $\mathcal{R}(A)^\perp = \mathcal{N}(A^*)$ and $\overline{\mathcal{R}(A)} = \mathcal{N}(A^*)^\perp$.¹¹

¹¹ A and A^* can be interchanged in these two relations. For the second relation, we must take the closure of the range since in infinite dimension the range is **not necessarily** a closed subspace while the nullspace is **always** a closed subspace. Note that this will rarely be a concern in practice since **most of the operators we will work with will have closed ranges**.

Proof Sketch: points 2, 3

$$2. (A^*)^* = \underline{A} \quad A: H_0 \rightarrow H_1 \quad / \quad A^*: H_1 \rightarrow H_0$$

$$3. (AA^*)^* = AA^*$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \underbrace{AA^*}_{\text{circled}} y, z \rangle_{H_1} &= \langle A^* y, A^* z \rangle \\ &= \langle \underbrace{y}_{\text{circled}}, \underbrace{AA^*}_{\text{circled}} z \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Proof Sketch: points 5, 6, 7

$$x, z \in H_0$$

$$5: (A^{-1})^* = (A^*)^{-1}$$

$$\langle \underline{x}, \underline{z} \rangle = \langle A A^{-1} x, z \rangle$$

$$= \langle A^{-1} x, A^* z \rangle$$

$$= \langle \underline{x}, \underline{(A^{-1})^* A^* z} \rangle$$

$$6: (A+B)^* = A^* + B^*$$

$$\langle (A+B)x, y \rangle$$

$$= \langle Ax, y \rangle + \langle Bx, y \rangle$$

$$= \langle x, A^* y \rangle + \langle x, B^* y \rangle$$

$$= \langle x, (A^* + B^*) y \rangle \Rightarrow (A+B)^* = A^* + B^*$$

$$7: \langle ABx, y \rangle = \langle Bx, A^* y \rangle = \langle x, B^* A^* y \rangle$$

$$(AB)^* = B^* A^*$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle x, (\underline{I - (A^{-1})^* A^*}) z \rangle = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (I - (A^{-1})^* A^*) z = 0 \quad \forall z \in H_0$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\underline{I} = \underline{(A^{-1})^* A^*}$$

$$(A^{-1})^* = (A^*)^{-1}$$

Proof Sketch: point 8

$$\mathcal{R}(A)^\perp = \mathcal{N}(A^*)$$

$$\alpha \quad \underline{\mathcal{R}(A)^\perp} \subseteq \underline{\mathcal{N}(A^*)}:$$

$$\forall x \in \mathcal{R}(A)^\perp \Rightarrow x \in \mathcal{N}(A^*)$$

$$x \perp s \quad s \in \mathcal{R}(A) = \{Ay, y \in H\}$$

$$\langle x, Ay \rangle = 0 \quad \forall y$$

$$\langle A^*x, y \rangle = 0 \quad \forall y \in H_0 \Rightarrow A^*x \perp H_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{A^*x = 0}$$

$$\in \mathcal{N}(A^*)$$

$$= \{x \in H_1 : A^*x = 0\}$$

$$S \subset H : S^\perp = \{x \in H : x \perp s\}$$

$$x \in S^\perp$$

$$y \in S : \underline{\langle x, y \rangle = 0}$$

Generalised Inverse & Pseudoinverse

Definition: (Generalised Inverse & Pseudoinverse)

Let $A: H_0 \rightarrow H_1$ be a linear operator. Consider a bounded linear operator $A^\dagger: H_1 \rightarrow H_0$ as well as the Penrose conditions:

1. $AA^\dagger A = A$,
2. $A^\dagger AA^\dagger = A^\dagger$,
3. $(AA^\dagger)^* = AA^\dagger$,
4. $(A^\dagger A)^* = A^\dagger A$.

Then, A^\dagger is called: a generalised inverse if it satisfies 1, a reflexive generalised inverse if it satisfies 1 & 2, the pseudoinverse¹² denoted by A^\dagger if it satisfies 1 to 4.

Generalised inverses are not necessarily unique. The pseudoinverse of an operator A with closed range exists and is unique [2, Section 2].

¹²The pseudoinverse is also sometimes called the Moore-Penrose inverse after the pioneering works by Moore and Penrose.

Inverse

Definition: (Inverse)

A linear operator $A: H_0 \rightarrow H_1$ is said invertible if there exists a bounded linear operator $B: H_1 \rightarrow H_0$ such that:

1. $BAx = x, \quad \forall x \in H_0,$
2. $ABy = y, \quad \forall y \in H_1.$

In which case, B is unique and is called the inverse of A , denoted by A^{-1} . Moreover, B is called a left inverse if it satisfies 1 only, and a right inverse if it satisfies 2 only.

It is easy to see that when A is invertible, then the pseudoinverse and the inverse coincide. A left (respectively right) inverse is moreover also a generalised inverse.

Example: Pseudoinverse of Matrices with Full Column Ranks

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$

$A = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | & | \\ | & | & | & | \\ | & | & | & | \\ | & | & | & | \end{bmatrix}$

$A^H A = (A^H A)^{-1} A^H A = I$

$\Phi = H$

$(ABC)^H = C^H B^H A^H$

$= C^H B^H A^H A^+ = (A^H A)^{-1} A^H$

$3. (AA^+)^* = AA^+$

$(A(A^H A)^{-1} A^H)^H = A (A^H A)^{-1} A^H$

$= AA^+$

$A^H A \xrightarrow{m} \begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$

$\rightarrow A^H A$

$\text{pseudoinverse} = \text{left inverse}$

$1. AA^+ A = A (A^H A)^{-1} A^H A$

$= A I = A$

$2. A^+ A A^+ = (A^H A)^{-1} A^H A (A^H A)^{-1} A^H$

$= (A^H A)^{-1} I A^H = A^+$

Example: Pseudoinverse of Matrices with Full Row Ranks

$$A = \overset{m}{\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right]} \quad (AA^H)^{-1}$$

pseudoinverse
and
a right inverse

$$A^+ = A^H (AA^H)^{-1}$$
$$AA^+ = AA^H (AA^H)^{-1} = \underline{I}$$

Unitary Operator

Unitary operators are operators that preserve the geometry (angles and distances) when mapping one Hilbert space to another.

Definition: (Unitary Operator)

A bounded linear operator $A: H_0 \longrightarrow H_1$ is unitary when:

1. A is invertible,
2. A preserves inner products: $\langle Ax, Ay \rangle_{H_1} = \langle x, y \rangle_{H_0}$, for every $x, y \in H_0$.

Preservation of inner products implies preservation of norms since $\|Ax\|^2 = \langle Ax, Ax \rangle = \langle x, x \rangle = \|x\|^2 \quad \forall x \in H_0$.

Theorem: (Characterisation of Unitary Operators)

A bounded linear operator A is unitary iff its inverse is its adjoint: $A^{-1} = A^*$.

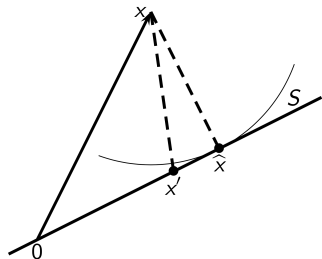
Best Approximation Problem

Let S be some subspace of a Hilbert space H . For a given $x \in H$, we define the best approximation problem¹³ as:

$$\hat{x} = \arg \min_{s \in S} \|x - s\|. \quad (2)$$

Equation (2) tries to find an element of the subspace S that best approximates –understand that is *the closest to*– the vector $x \in H$.

Our intuition from Euclidean geometry tells us that the solution to (2) is unique and such that the residual $x - \hat{x} \perp S$. We now generalise this result to abstract Hilbert spaces.



¹³When $\|\cdot\|$ is the canonical 2 norm, the best approximation problem is also called the least-squares problem.

Projection Theorem

Theorem: (Projection Theorem)

Let S be a closed subspace of Hilbert space H and let $x \in H$.

1. **Existence:** There exists $\hat{x} \in S$ such that $\|x - \hat{x}\| \leq \|x - s\|$ for all $s \in S$,
2. **Orthogonality:** $x - \hat{x} \perp S$ is necessary and sufficient to determine \hat{x} ,
3. **Uniqueness:** \hat{x} is unique,
4. **Linearity:** $\hat{x} = Px$ where P is a linear operator,
5. **Idempotency:** $P(Px) = Px$ for all $x \in H$,
6. **Self-adjointness:** $P = P^*$.

The effect of the operator P that arises in the projection theorem is to move the input vector x in a direction orthogonal to the subspace S until S is reached at \hat{x} . We will see that P has the defining properties of an orthogonal projection operator.

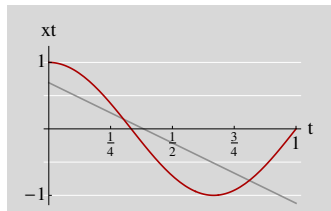
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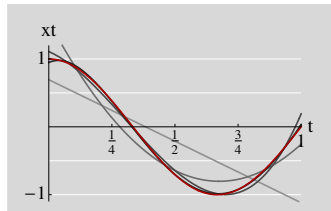
We want to approximate $x(t) = \cos(3\pi t/2) \in \mathcal{L}^2([0, 1])$ by a **degree 1 polynomial** $s(t) = a_0 + a_1 t \in S = \text{span}\{1, t\}$.

Using point 2 of the **projection theorem** we get that the approximand $\hat{x} \in S$ verifies:

$$\begin{cases} \langle x - \hat{x}, 1 \rangle = \int_0^1 \cos(3\pi t/2) - a_0 - a_1 t \, dt = -\frac{2}{3\pi} - a_0 - \frac{a_1}{2} = 0, \\ \langle x - \hat{x}, t \rangle = \int_0^1 \cos(3\pi t/2) t - a_0 t - a_1 t^2 \, dt = -\frac{4+6\pi}{9\pi^2} - \frac{a_0}{2} - \frac{a_1}{3} = 0, \end{cases}$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} a_0 = \frac{8+4\pi}{3\pi^2}, \\ a_1 = -\frac{16+12\pi}{3\pi^2}, \end{cases} \quad \text{and hence } \hat{x}(t) = \frac{8+4\pi}{3\pi^2} - \frac{16+12\pi}{3\pi^2} t.$$



(a) Approximation of $x(t)$ by a degree 1 polynomial.



(b) Approximation of $x(t)$ by a degree $K \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ polynomial.

Projection Operator

The operator P that arises from solving the best approximation problem is an **orthogonal projection operator**:

Definition: (Projection Operator)

- An **idempotent**¹⁴ operator P is an operator such that $P^2 = P$.
- A **projection** operator is a bounded linear operator that is idempotent.
- An **orthogonal projection** operator is a projection operator that is self-adjoint.
- An **oblique projection** operator is a projection operator that is not self-adjoint.

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Theorem: (Characterisation of Projection Operators)

P is a bounded orthogonal projection operator $\iff \langle x - Px, Py \rangle = 0, \forall x, y \in H$.

¹⁴An operator is idempotent when applying it twice is no different than applying it once.

Proof Sketch: Characterisation of Projection Operators

Projection via Generalised Inverses

Theorem: (Projection via Generalised Inverses)

Consider a **bounded** linear operator $A: H_0 \rightarrow H_1$ with **closed range**. Denote moreover by $A^\dagger: H_1 \rightarrow H_0$ some **reflexive generalised inverse** of A and by A^\dagger its **pseudoinverse**.¹⁵ Then,

1. $AA^\dagger: H_1 \rightarrow H_1$ is a **projection operator** onto $\mathcal{R}(A)$,
2. $A^\dagger A: H_0 \rightarrow H_0$ is a **projection operator** onto $\mathcal{R}(A^\dagger)$,
3. $AA^\dagger: H_1 \rightarrow H_1$ is an **orthogonal projection operator** onto $\mathcal{R}(A)$,
4. $A^\dagger A: H_0 \rightarrow H_0$ is an **orthogonal projection operator** onto $\mathcal{R}(A^*)$.

We can deduce [1, Theorems 2.29 and 2.30] as **corollaries** of the above result (**check it!**):

- If A^\dagger is a **left inverse** to A , then AA^\dagger is a **projection operator** onto $\mathcal{R}(A)$,
- If A^*A is **invertible**, then $A(A^*A)^{-1}A^*$ is an **orthogonal projection operator** onto $\mathcal{R}(A)$,
- If AA^* is **invertible**, then $A^*(AA^*)^{-1}A$ is a **orthogonal projection operator** onto $\mathcal{R}(A^*)$.

¹⁵Which exists since A has closed range.

Proof Sketch: Points 1 & 3

Example: Projection onto a Subspace of \mathbb{R}^3

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since B is a **left inverse** of A , we know from the previous theorem that $P = AB$ is a **projection operator**:

$$P = AB = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

It is easy to verify that $P^2 = P$. The two-dimensional range of this projection operator is the set of *triples with middle component equal to the sum of the first and last*.

Note that $P \neq P^*$, so the projection is **oblique**.

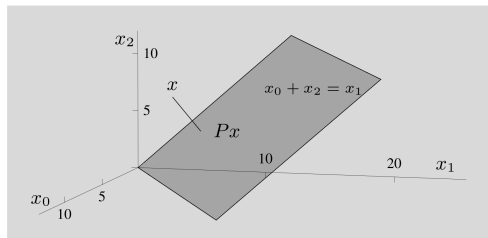
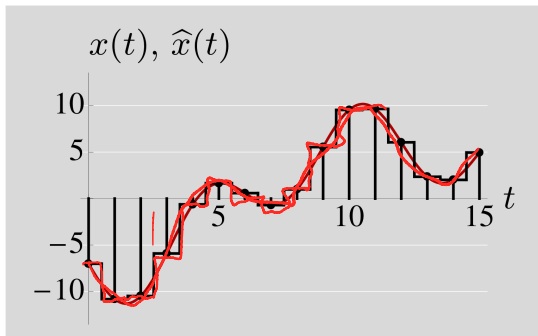


Figure: The two-dimensional range of the oblique projection operator P is the plane $x_0 + x_2 = x_1$.

Example: Projection onto Piecewise-Constant Functions

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{n-1/2}^{n+1/2} x(t) dt \\
 & \quad \uparrow \\
 & \quad \text{local average} \\
 & \quad \uparrow \\
 & \quad \text{rectangle} \\
 & \quad \uparrow \\
 & \quad \text{operator } A \\
 & \quad \uparrow \\
 & \quad \text{operator } A^* \\
 & \quad \uparrow \\
 & \quad \text{operator } A^* A = I
 \end{aligned}$$

Figure: Given a function $x \in \mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R})$, the function in the subspace of piecewise-constant functions $A^* \ell^2(\mathbb{Z})$ that is closest to x in \mathcal{L}_2 norm is the one obtained by replacing $x(t)$, $t \in [n-1/2, n+1/2)$, by its **local average** $\int_{n-1/2}^{n+1/2} x(t) dt$.

Projections and Direct Sums

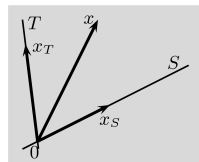
Projection operators generate direct sum decompositions.

Definition: (Direct Sum)

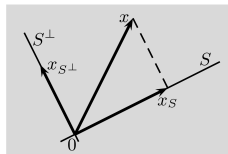
A vector space V is a **direct sum decomposition** of subspace S and T (written $V = S \oplus T$) when any **nonzero vector** $x \in V$ can be written **uniquely** as $x = x_S + x_T$, where $x_S \in S$ and $x_T \in T$.

Theorem: (Direct-sum Decomposition from Projection)

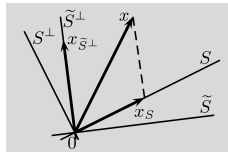
- A **projection** P on H **generates direct sum** decomposition $H = S \oplus T$, where $S = \mathcal{R}(P)$ and $T = \mathcal{N}(P)$.
- If S, T are **closed subspaces** s.t. $H = S \oplus T$, then **there exists a projection** P on H s.t. $S = \mathcal{R}(P)$ and $T = \mathcal{N}(P)$.



(a) Decomposition



(b) Orthogonal projection



(c) Oblique projection

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