

Duals and adjoints

Let  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed vector space.

The dual of  $V$ , or the space of bounded linear functionals on  $V$ , is

$$V^* = \mathcal{B}(V, \mathbb{K}) = \left\{ \varphi: V \rightarrow \mathbb{K} \mid \begin{array}{l} \varphi \text{ is a linear trans.} \\ \|\varphi\| < \infty \end{array} \right\}$$

Let  $(V, \|\cdot\|_V)$  and  $(W, \|\cdot\|_W)$  be normed vector spaces. Let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation.

The adjoint of  $T$  is the linear transformation

$$T^*: W^* \rightarrow V^* \text{ given by } (T^*\varphi)(v) = \varphi(T(v))$$

Theorem (Riesz representation theorem).

Let  $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  be a Hilbert space. Then

$$\begin{array}{l} \Psi: H \rightarrow H^* \\ x \mapsto \Psi_x \end{array} \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{array}{l} \Psi_x: H \rightarrow \mathbb{K} \\ h \mapsto \langle h, x \rangle. \end{array}$$

is a skew linear bijective isometry and  $\|\Psi\| = 1$ .

Proof To show: (a)  $\Psi$  is skew linear.

(b)  $\Psi$  is an isometry

(c)  $\|\Psi\| = 1$

(d)  $\Psi$  is injective

(e)  $\Psi$  is surjective.

- (a) To show: (aa) If  $a, b \in H$  then  $\Psi_{a+b} = \Psi_a + \Psi_b$   
 (ab) If  $a \in H$  and  $c \in K$  then  $\Psi_{ca} = \bar{c} \Psi_a$ .

(aa) Assume  $a, b \in H$ .

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To show: If  $h \in H$  then  $\Psi_{a+b}(h) = \Psi_a(h) + \Psi_b(h)$ .

Assume  $h \in H$ .

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(b) To show:  $\Psi$  is an isometry.

To show: If  $x \in H$  then  $\|\Psi_x\| = \|x\|$ .

Assume  $x \in H$ .

To show: (ba)  $\|\Psi_x\| \leq \|x\|$

(bb)  $\|\Psi_x\| \geq \|x\|$ .

(ba) Assume  $h \in H$ . By Cauchy-Schwarz,

$$\|\Phi_x(h)\| = |\langle h, x \rangle| \leq \|h\| \cdot \|x\|.$$

So  $\|\Phi_x\| \leq \|x\|$

(bb) Since

$$\|\Phi_x(x)\| = |\langle x, x \rangle| = \|x\|^2 = \|x\| \cdot \|x\|$$

then  $\|\Phi_x\| \geq \|x\|$ .

So  $\|\Phi_x\| = \|x\|$ .

So  $\Phi$  is an isometry.

(c) To show:  $\|\Phi\| = 1$ .

Using that  $\|\Phi_x\| = \|x\|$  from (b),

$$\|\Phi\| = \sup \left\{ \frac{\|\Phi_x\|}{\|x\|} \mid x \in H, x \neq 0 \right\} = \sup \{1\} = 1.$$

(d) To show:  $\Phi$  is injective.

To show: If  $a, b \in H$  and  $\Phi_a = \Phi_b$  then  $a = b$ .

Assume  $a, b \in H$  and  $\Phi_a = \Phi_b$ .

To show:  $a = b$ .

To show:  $\|a - b\| = 0$ .

$$\|a - b\| = \|\Phi_{a-b}\| = \|\Phi_a - \Phi_b\| = \|0\| = 0.$$

So  $a = b$

So  $\Phi$  is injective.

(e) To show:  $\Phi$  is surjective.

To show: If  $\varphi \in H^*$  then there exists  
 $a \in H$  such that  $\varphi = \Phi_a$ .

Assume  $\varphi \in H^*$ .

To show: There exists  $a \in H$  such that  $\varphi = \Phi_a$ .

Case 1:  $\varphi = 0$ . Then  $\varphi = \Phi_0$ .

Case 2:  $\varphi \neq 0$ .

Since  $\varphi$  is bounded then  $\varphi$  is continuous.

Since  $\{0\}$  is closed in  $K$  then

$\ker \varphi = \varphi^{-1}(\{0\})$  is closed in  $H$ .

By the orthogonal decomposition theorem,  
since  $\ker \varphi$  is a closed subspace of  $H$  then

$$H = \ker \varphi \oplus (\ker \varphi)^\perp.$$

Let  $b \in (\ker \varphi)^\perp$  with  $b \neq 0$  and let

$$a = \frac{\overline{\varphi(b)}}{\|b\|^2} b$$

To show: If  $h \in H$  then  $\varphi(h) = \Phi_a(h)$ .

Assume  $h \in H$ .

$$h = \left( h - \frac{\varphi(h)}{\varphi(a)} a \right) + \frac{\varphi(h)}{\varphi(a)} a \text{ with } h - \frac{\varphi(h)}{\varphi(a)} a \in \ker \varphi.$$

To show:  $\varphi(h) = \Psi_a(h)$ .

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a, a \rangle &= \left\langle \frac{\overline{\varphi(b)}}{\|b\|^2} b, \frac{\overline{\varphi(b)}}{\|b\|^2} b \right\rangle = \frac{\overline{\varphi(b)} \varphi(b)}{\|b\|^2 \|b\|^2} \langle b, b \rangle \\ &= \frac{\overline{\varphi(b)} \varphi(b)}{\|b\|^2} = \varphi(a) \end{aligned}$$

and since  $a \in (\ker \varphi)^\perp$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_a(h) &= \langle h, a \rangle = \left\langle \left( h - \frac{\varphi(h)}{\varphi(a)} a \right) + \frac{\varphi(h)}{\varphi(a)} a, a \right\rangle \\ &= 0 + \frac{\varphi(h)}{\varphi(a)} \langle a, a \rangle = \varphi(h). \end{aligned}$$

$$\circlearrowleft \Psi_a = \varphi.$$

$\circlearrowleft \Psi$  is surjective. //