

Metric and Hilbert spaces: Lecture 21

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Let $K = \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{C} . Let V be a K -vector space.

A basis of V is a subset $B \subseteq V$ such that

(a) $K\text{-span}(B) = V$

(b) B is linearly independent.

where

$$K\text{-span}(B) = \left\{ a_1 b_1 + \dots + a_l b_l \mid \begin{array}{l} l \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}, b_1, \dots, b_l \in B \\ a_1, \dots, a_l \in K \end{array} \right\}$$

and B is linearly independent means B satisfies

if $l \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $b_1, \dots, b_l \in B$ and $a_1, \dots, a_l \in K$ and $a_1 b_1 + \dots + a_l b_l = 0$ then $a_1 = 0, a_2 = 0, \dots, a_l = 0$.

Let V be a topological vector space.

A topological basis of V is a set $B \subseteq V$ such that

(a) $\overline{K\text{-span}(B)} = V$

(b) B is linearly independent.

A Schauder basis of V is a sequence (b_1, b_2, \dots) in V such that

if $v \in V$ then there exists a unique sequence (a_1, a_2, \dots) in K such that $\sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}} a_i b_i = v$.

A topological \mathbb{K} -vector space is a \mathbb{K} -vector space V with a topology such that

$$\begin{aligned} V \times V &\rightarrow V & \text{and} & & \mathbb{K} \times V &\rightarrow V \\ (v_1, v_2) &\mapsto v_1 + v_2 & & & (c, v) &\mapsto cv \end{aligned}$$

are continuous.

A topological field is a field \mathbb{K} with a topology such that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{K} \times \mathbb{K} &\rightarrow \mathbb{K} & \text{and} & & \mathbb{K} \times \mathbb{K} &\rightarrow \mathbb{K} \\ (a, b) &\mapsto a + b & & & (a, b) &\mapsto ab \end{aligned}$$

are continuous.

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

If H has a countable dense set then

$$H \cong \ell^2.$$

Proof Assume (v_1, v_2, \dots) is a countable dense set.

Let (b_1, b_2, \dots) be a subset of $\{v_1, v_2, \dots\}$ which is linearly independent.

Use (b_1, b_2, \dots) to produce an orthonormal sequence (a_1, a_2, \dots) by using Gram-Schmidt

$$a_1 = b_1, \quad a_{n+1} = \frac{b_{n+1} - \langle b_{n+1}, a_1 \rangle a_1 - \dots - \langle b_{n+1}, a_n \rangle a_n}{\|b_{n+1} - \langle b_{n+1}, a_1 \rangle a_1 - \dots - \langle b_{n+1}, a_n \rangle a_n\|}$$

Let $e_1 = (1, 0, 0, \dots)$, $e_2 = (0, 1, 0, \dots)$, \dots
 and define a linear transformation

$$\Phi: H \rightarrow \ell^2$$

$$a_i \mapsto e_i.$$

so that $\Phi(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots) = e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + \dots$.

To show: (a) Φ is a function

(b) If $x, y \in H$ then $\langle \Phi(x), \Phi(y) \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle$.

(c) Φ is bijective.

(a) To show: If $x \in H$ then there is a unique $\Phi(x)$ and $\Phi(x) \in \ell^2$.

Assume $x \in H$

Let $B' = \{v_1, v_2, \dots\}$ and $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots\}$

Then $B \subseteq B' \subseteq \text{span}(B)$

Since $H = \overline{B'}$ then $H = \overline{B' \subseteq \text{span}(B)}$

$\subseteq \overline{\text{span}(B)}$.

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 $x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle x, a_n \rangle a_n = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{n=1}^k \langle x, a_n \rangle a_n \right)$

So $\Phi(x) = (\langle x, a_1 \rangle, \langle x, a_2 \rangle, \dots)$.

(b) Assume $x, y \in H$.

To show: $\langle \Phi(x), \Phi(y) \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle$.

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle x, a_n \rangle a_n, \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \langle y, a_m \rangle a_m \right\rangle$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle x, a_n \rangle \langle y, a_n \rangle$$

$$= \langle (\langle x, a_1 \rangle, \langle x, a_2 \rangle, \dots), (\langle y, a_1 \rangle, \langle y, a_2 \rangle, \dots) \rangle$$

$$= \langle \Phi(x), \Phi(y) \rangle.$$

(c) To show: (ca) Φ is injective

(cb) Φ is surjective.

(ca). Since $\langle \Phi(x), \Phi(x) \rangle = \langle x, x \rangle$ then

$$\|x\| = \|\Phi(x)\|_2 \text{ and } d_H(x, y) = d_{\ell^2}(\Phi(x), \Phi(y)).$$

To show: If $x, y \in H$ and $\Phi(x) = \Phi(y)$ then $x = y$.

Assume $x, y \in H$ and $\Phi(x) = \Phi(y)$.

To show: $x = y$.

To show: $d_H(x, y) = 0$.

$$d_H(x, y) = d_{\ell^2}(\Phi(x), \Phi(y)) = d_{\ell^2}(\Phi(x), \Phi(x)) = 0.$$

So $x = y$ and Φ is injective.

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(b) To show: Φ is surjective.

To show: If $c = (c_1, c_2, \dots) \in \ell^2$ then
there exists $x \in H$ such that $\Phi(x) = c$.

Assume $c = (c_1, c_2, \dots) \in \ell^2$.

To show: There exists $x \in H$ such that $\Phi(x) = c$.

Let $x = c_1 a_1 + c_2 a_2 + \dots$.

Since H is complete then

$x = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{n=1}^k c_n a_n \right)$ is in H .

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here?

Then $\Phi(x) = (c_1, c_2, \dots) = c$.

So Φ is surjective. //