

# Metric and Hilbert Spaces Lecture 26

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Let  $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  be an inner product space and

$T: H \rightarrow H$  a bounded linear operator

The  $\lambda$ -eigenspace of  $T$  is

$$X_\lambda = \{ v \in H \mid Tv = \lambda v \}$$

The point spectrum is  $\sigma_p(T) = \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid X_\lambda \neq \{0\} \}$

How do we find eigenvectors? Let

$$\lambda = \sup \{ |\langle Tu, u \rangle| \mid u \in H \text{ and } \|u\| = 1 \}.$$

Claim:  $\lambda = \|T\|$ .

Sketch of proof: To show: (a)  $\|T\| \leq \lambda$

(b)  $\|T\| \geq \lambda$ .

(b) Use Cauchy-Schwarz

(a) Expand  $|\langle T(x+y), x+y \rangle - \langle T(x-y), x-y \rangle|$

where  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$  and

$$y = \frac{Tx}{\|Tx\|}.$$

Next: Let  $(u_n, u_n, \dots)$  be a sequence in  $\{ u \in H \mid \|u\| = 1 \}$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\langle Tu_n, u_n \rangle| = \lambda.$$

Claim:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (T - \lambda)u_n = 0$

Sketch of proof: Expand  $\|Tu_n - \lambda u_n\|^2$ . (2)  
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Next: Assume  $T$  is compact

Let  $y$  be a cluster point of  $(Tu_1, Tu_2, \dots)$ .

Let  $(u_{n_k}, u_{n_{k+1}}, \dots)$  be a subsequence such that  
 $(Tu_{n_k}, Tu_{n_{k+1}}, \dots)$  converges to  $y$ .

Claim: (a)  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda u_{n_k} = y$

Sketch of proof: Use that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (T - \lambda)u_n = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} Tu_{n_k} = y.$$

$$(b) \|y\| = \|T\|$$

$$(c) Ty = \|T\|y$$

$$(d) \frac{\langle Ty, y \rangle}{\|y\|^2} = \|T\|.$$

Sketch of proof: Use

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda u_{n_k} = y \text{ to get } \|y\| = |\lambda|$$

Use  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda u_{n_k} = y$  to show  $\|Ty - \lambda y\| = 0$

Finally, just compute  $\langle Ty, y \rangle$ .

# The Rayleigh quotient.

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Making the process less existential. Let  $A$ . Ram (3)

$$b_0 \in H. \text{ with } \|b_0\| = 1.$$

$$b_1 = \frac{Ab_0}{\|Ab_0\|}$$

$$\mu_1 = \frac{\langle Ab_0, b_0 \rangle}{\|b_0\|^2}$$

$$b_2 = \frac{Ab_1}{\|Ab_1\|}$$

$$\mu_2 = \frac{\langle Ab_1, b_1 \rangle}{\|b_1\|^2}$$

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$$\text{Then } b_k = \frac{A^k b_0}{\|A^k b_0\| \cdot \|A^{k-1} b_0\| \cdots \|Ab_0\|}$$

Do

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} b_k = b \text{ and } \lambda = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu_k \text{ exist?}$$

Sometimes yes and sometimes no.

When yes and when no?

When they do,  $b$  is an eigenvector of eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

The fundamental theorem of algebra A. Ram

Find a root of

$$x^6 - 3x^5 + 7x^4 + 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x + 4.$$

Find an eigenvalue of

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$