

Lecture 4

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Topic: Inner Product Space and Hilbert Space

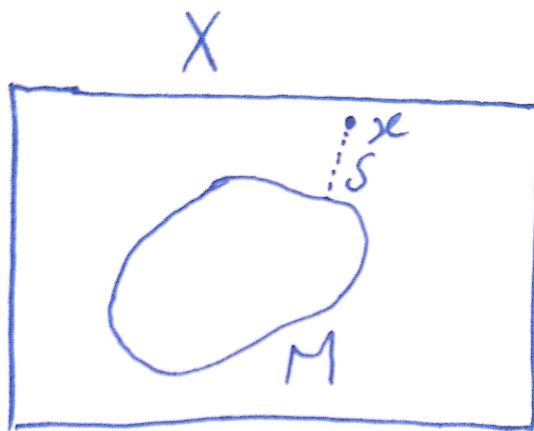
Definition 4.1 An element x of an inner product space X is said to be orthogonal to an element y in X if $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$ and we write $x \perp y$. If $A, B \subseteq X$, then we write $x \perp A$ if $x \perp a, \forall a \in A$. We say that $A \perp B$ if $a \perp b \forall a \in A$ and $\forall b \in B$.

Existence and Uniqueness Problem

Let X be a metric space and $M \subset X$. Then the distance δ from an element $x \in X$ to M is defined as

$$\delta = \inf_{\bar{y} \in M} d(x, \bar{y}).$$

If X is normed space, then

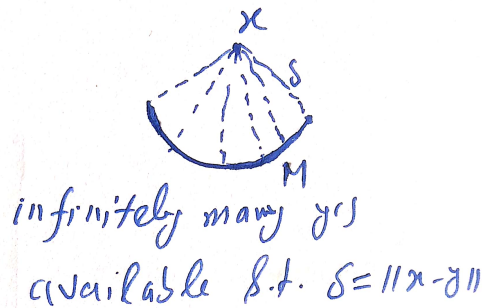
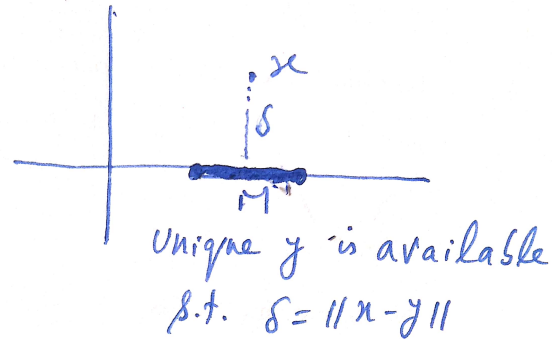
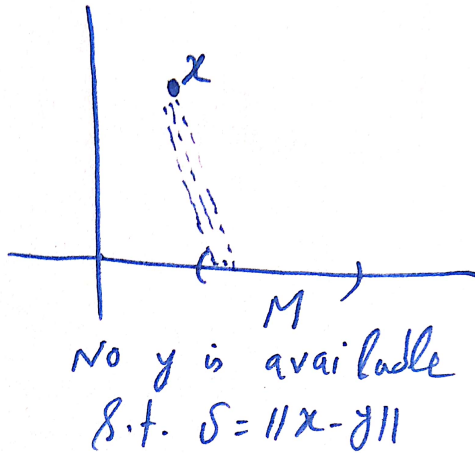


$$\delta = \inf_{\bar{y} \in M} \|x - \bar{y}\|.$$

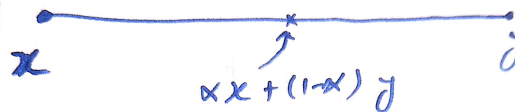
It is important to know that whether there exists a $y \in M$ such that

$$\delta = \|x - y\|.$$

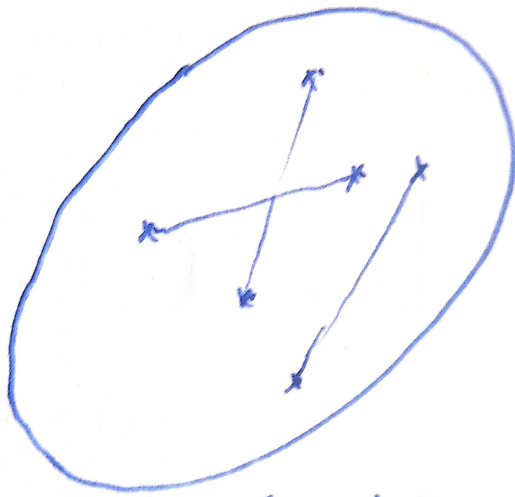
If such an element exists, whether it is unique?



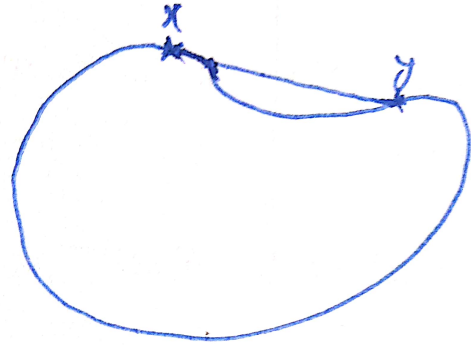
Definition 4.2 A segment joining two given elements x and y of a vector space X is defined to be $\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y$, $\alpha \in [0, 1]$.



Definition 4.3 A subset M of X is said to be convex if for every $x, y \in M$, the line segment joining x and y is contained in M that is for all $x, y \in$



Convex



Not Convex

$M, \alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y, \alpha \in [0, 1].$

Remark 4.4 *Every subspace of a vector space is convex set.*

Theorem 4.5 *Let X be an inner product space and $M \neq \emptyset$ a convex subset of X which is complete (under the metric induced by the inner product). Then for every $x \in X$, there exists a unique $y \in M$ such that*

$$\delta = \inf_{\bar{y} \in M} \|x - \bar{y}\|.$$

Proof: Existence of y .

We have

$$\delta = \inf_{\bar{y} \in M} \|x - \bar{y}\|$$

. Then by definition of infimum, there exists a sequence $(y_n)_1^\infty$ in M such that $\delta_n = \|x - y_n\| \rightarrow \delta$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Let $v_n = x - y_n$. Then $\|v_n\| = \|x - y_n\| = \delta_n$.

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \|v_n + v_m\| &= \|(x - y_n) + (x - y_m)\| \\ &= \|2x - (y_n + y_m)\| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2\|x - \frac{1}{2}(y_n + y_m)\| \\
&= 2\|x - (\frac{1}{2}y_n + (1 - \frac{1}{2})y_m)\|, \text{ (where } \frac{1}{2}y_n + (1 - \frac{1}{2})y_m \in M \text{ because } M \\
&\text{is convex)} \\
&\geq 2\delta \quad (\because \delta = \inf_{\bar{y} \in M} \|x - \bar{y}\|, \quad \therefore \delta \leq \|x - \bar{y}\| \quad \forall \bar{y} \in M)
\end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\|v_n + v_m\| \geq 2\delta \quad (1)$$

Now consider

$$\begin{aligned}
\|y_n - y_m\|^2 &= \|(x - v_n) + (x - v_m)\|^2 \\
&= \|v_n - v_m\|^2 \\
&= -\|v_n + v_m\|^2 + 2(\|v_n\|^2 + \|v_m\|^2) \\
&\leq -4\delta^2 + 2(\delta_n^2 + \delta_m^2) \\
&\rightarrow -4\delta^2 + 2(\delta^2 + \delta^2) = 0 \text{ as } n, m \rightarrow \infty
\end{aligned}$$

i.e. $\|y_n - y_m\|^2 \rightarrow 0$ as $n, m \rightarrow \infty$. So $(y_n)_1^\infty$ is a Cauchy sequence in M . Since M is complete, there exists a $y \in M$ such that $y_n \rightarrow y$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Since $y \in M$, therefore by definition of infimum

$$\|x - y\| \geq \delta \quad (2)$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
\|x - y\| &\leq \|x - y_n\| + \|y_n - y\| \\
&= \delta_n + \|y_n - y\| \\
&\rightarrow \delta + 0 \quad (\because \delta_n \rightarrow \delta \text{ and } y_n \rightarrow y \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty)
\end{aligned}$$

. i.e.

$$\|x - y\| \leq \delta \quad (3)$$

Then (2) and (3) imply $\|x - y\| = \delta$

Uniqueness of y . Suppose that there exist $y, y_0 \in M$ such that $\delta = \|x - y\|$ and $\delta = \|x - y_0\|$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|y - y_0\|^2 &= \|(y - x) - (y_0 - x)\|^2 \\
 &= -\|(y - x) + (y_0 - x)\|^2 + 2(\|(y - x)\|^2 + \|(y_0 - x)\|^2) \\
 &= -\| -2x + (y + y_0)\|^2 + 2(\delta^2 + \delta^2) \\
 &= -4\|x - \frac{1}{2}(y + y_0)\|^2 + 4\delta^2 \\
 &= -4\|x - (\frac{1}{2}y + (1 - \frac{1}{2})y_0)\|^2 + 4\delta^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \because M \text{ is convex } \therefore \frac{1}{2}y + (1 - \frac{1}{2})y_0 &\in M \text{ so that } \|x - (\frac{1}{2}y + (1 - \frac{1}{2})y_0)\| \leq \delta \\
 \Rightarrow \|y - y_0\|^2 &\leq -4\delta^2 + 4\delta^2 = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

i.e. $\|y - y_0\| \leq 0$. But by definition, $\|y - y_0\| \geq 0$ so that $\|y - y_0\| = 0$. This implies that $y - y_0 = 0$, that is $y = y_0$. This proves that y is unique. \blacksquare