

Lecture 6

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Topic: Representation of Functionals

Bessel Inequality

Theorem 6.1 *Let $(e_k)_1^\infty$ be an orthonormal sequence in an inner product space then for every $x \in X$,*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} | \langle x, e_k \rangle |^2 \leq \|x\|^2 \tag{1}$$

Proof: Let $Y_n = \text{Span}\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$. Then every $y \in Y_n$ can be uniquely written as

$$y = \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k e_k,$$

where $\alpha_j = \langle y, e_j \rangle$.

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Aside:

We have

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k e_k \\ \Rightarrow \langle y, e_j \rangle &= \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k \langle e_k, e_j \rangle \\ \Rightarrow \langle y, e_j \rangle &= \alpha_j \end{aligned}$$

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We claim that for a particular choice of $\alpha_k = \langle x, e_k \rangle$, where $x \in X$ but $x \notin Y_n$, we can obtain a $y \in Y_n$, such that $z = (x - y) \perp y$. To see this first consider

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left\langle \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k e_k, \sum_{m=1}^n \alpha_m e_m \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \sum_{k=1}^n \langle x, e_k \rangle e_k, \sum_{m=1}^n \langle x, e_m \rangle e_m \right\rangle \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^n \langle x, e_k \rangle \langle e_k, \sum_{m=1}^n \langle x, e_m \rangle e_m \rangle \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{m=1}^n \langle x, e_k \rangle \overline{\langle x, e_m \rangle} \langle e_k, e_m \rangle \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^n \langle x, e_k \rangle \overline{\langle x, e_k \rangle} \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^n |\langle x, e_k \rangle|^2
\end{aligned}$$

That is

$$\|y\|^2 = \sum_{k=1}^n |\langle x, e_k \rangle|^2. \quad (2)$$

Now consider

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle z, y \rangle &= \langle x - y, y \rangle \\
&= \langle x, y \rangle - \langle y, y \rangle \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^n \overline{\langle x, e_k \rangle} \langle x, e_k \rangle - \|y\|^2 \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^n |\langle x, e_k \rangle|^2 - \|y\|^2 \\
&= \|y\|^2 - \|y\|^2 \text{ (by (2))} \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

This implies that $z = (x - y) \perp y$. Now from $z = x - y$, we have $x = z + y$ so that by Pathagorous theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|x\|^2 &= \|z\|^2 + \|y\|^2 \\
\Rightarrow \|z\|^2 &= \|x\|^2 - \|y\|^2 \\
&= \|x\|^2 - \sum_{k=1}^n |\langle x, e_k \rangle|^2 \geq 0
\end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\sum_{k=1}^n | \langle x, e_k \rangle |^2 \leq \|x\|^2.$$

Since $n \in \mathbb{N}$ is arbitrary, therefore letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ we get

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} | \langle x, e_k \rangle |^2 \leq \|x\|^2.$$

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Lemma 6.2 *If $\langle v_1, w \rangle = \langle v_2, w \rangle$ for all w in an inner product space X , then $v_1 = v_2$. Also if $\langle v, w \rangle = 0$ for all $w \in X$, then $v = 0$.*

Proof: Suppose that $\langle v_1, w \rangle = \langle v_2, w \rangle$ for all $w \in X$. Then for all $w \in X$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle v_1, w \rangle - \langle v_2, w \rangle &= 0 \\ \langle v_1 - v_2, w \rangle &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Choose $w = v_1 - v_2$ so that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle v_1 - v_2, v_1 - v_2 \rangle &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \|v_1 - v_2\|^2 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \|v_1 - v_2\| &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow v_1 - v_2 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow v_1 &= v_2. \end{aligned}$$

Now suppose that $\langle v, w \rangle = 0$ for all $w \in X$. Choose $w = v$ so that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle v, v \rangle &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \|v\|^2 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \|v\| &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow v = 0.$$

Definition 6.3 *Let X and Y be vector spaces over the same field, then the mapping $h : X \times Y \rightarrow K$ is called a sesquilinear form if $\forall x, x_1, x_2 \in X, y, y_1, y_2 \in Y$ and scalars α, β , the following conditions are satisfied:*

$$(i) \ h(x_1 + x_2, y) = h(x_1, y) + h(x_2, y)$$

$$(ii) \ h(\alpha x, y) = \alpha h(x, y)$$

$$(iii) \ h(x, y_1 + y_2) = h(x, y_1) + h(x, y_2)$$

$$(iv) \ h(x, \beta y) = \bar{\beta} h(x, y)$$

So h is linear in first argument and conjugate linear in second argument.

h is bounded if $|h(x, y)| \leq c \|x\| \|y\|$ or $|h(x, y)| \leq \|h\| \|x\| \|y\|$ and

$$\|h\| = \sup_{x, y \neq 0} \frac{|h(x, y)|}{\|x\| \|y\|}$$

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