

Def.: A Hilbert space \mathbb{H} is a vector space over \mathbb{C} endowed with a (positive definite) scalar product $\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

$$(\psi, \varphi) \mapsto \langle \psi | \varphi \rangle$$

- $\langle \psi | \varphi \rangle = \overline{\langle \varphi | \psi \rangle} \quad \forall \psi, \varphi \in \mathbb{H}$
- $\langle \psi | \varphi \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall \psi \in \mathbb{H}$
- $\langle \psi | \varphi \rangle = 0 \iff \psi = 0$
- $\langle \psi | a\varphi_1 + b\varphi_2 \rangle = a\langle \psi | \varphi_1 \rangle + b\langle \psi | \varphi_2 \rangle \quad \forall \psi, \varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \mathbb{H}, a, b \in \mathbb{C} \Rightarrow$
 $\Rightarrow \langle a\varphi_1 + b\varphi_2 | \psi \rangle = \bar{a}\langle \varphi_1 | \psi \rangle + \bar{b}\langle \varphi_2 | \psi \rangle$ (anti-linear w.r.t. the first argument)

Remark: $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle$ induces a norm on \mathbb{H} : $\|\psi\| = \sqrt{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle} \quad \forall \psi \in \mathbb{H}$

- \mathbb{H} is complete w.r.t. the induced norm.

Remarks: (1) $\forall a \in \mathbb{C}, \forall \psi, \varphi \in \mathbb{H} \quad \langle a\varphi | \psi \rangle = \bar{a}\langle \psi | \varphi \rangle, \|a\varphi\| = |a| \cdot \|\varphi\|$

(2) let $\psi \in \mathbb{H}, \langle \psi | \psi \rangle = 0 \quad \forall \varphi \in \mathbb{H} \iff \psi = 0$

(3) complex parallelogram identity: $\forall \psi, \varphi \in \mathbb{H}$ it holds

$$\langle \psi | \varphi \rangle = \frac{1}{4} (\|\psi + \varphi\|^2 - \|\psi - \varphi\|^2 + i\|\psi - i\varphi\|^2 - i\|\psi + i\varphi\|^2) \quad (\text{ex.})$$

Def.: • a vector $\psi \in \mathbb{H}$ is a unit (normed) vector if $\|\psi\| = 1$

- $\psi, \varphi \in \mathbb{H}$ are orthogonal if $\langle \psi | \varphi \rangle = 0$

- given $\psi \in \mathbb{H}$, the orthogonal subspace to ψ is

$$\mathbb{H}_{\psi^\perp} = \{ \varphi \in \mathbb{H} \mid \langle \psi | \varphi \rangle = 0 \}$$

Let $0 \neq \psi \in \mathbb{H}$ fixed, $\varphi \in \mathbb{H}$ any vector; then $\varphi - \underbrace{\frac{\langle \psi | \varphi \rangle}{\|\psi\|^2} \psi}_{\text{projection of } \varphi \text{ along } \psi} \in \mathbb{H}_{\psi^\perp}$

Def.: let \mathbb{H} be a Hilbert space, I an index set;

- vectors $\{\psi_j\}_{j \in I} \subset \mathbb{H}$ are linearly independent if... (you know the rest)
- \mathbb{H} is finite-dimensional if... (ykt)
- an orthonormal base (ONB) is... (ykt)

Remark: we only work with separable H. spaces (i.e. basis has a countable number of elements)

Remark: $\{\ell_j\}_{j \in I}$ ONB, $\psi = \sum_j a_j \ell_j$; a_j is uniquely defined by $a_j = \langle \ell_j | \psi \rangle$

Let $\psi, \varphi \in \mathbb{H}, \{\ell_j\}_{j \in I}$ ONB, $\psi = \sum_j \psi_j \ell_j, \varphi = \sum_j \varphi_j \ell_j \Rightarrow \langle \psi | \varphi \rangle = \sum_j \bar{\psi}_j \psi_j$.
 $\|\psi\|^2 = \langle \psi | \psi \rangle = \sum_j \psi_j^2$.

If $\langle \psi | \varphi \rangle = 0$ then $\|\psi + \varphi\|^2 = \|\psi\|^2 + \|\varphi\|^2$.

In general, $\|\psi + \varphi\| \leq \|\psi\| + \|\varphi\|$ (using $|\langle \psi | \varphi \rangle| \leq \|\psi\| \cdot \|\varphi\|$, CS).

For $\psi \in \mathbb{H}$ fixed, consider the linear map $\mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

this is also continuous. Conversely (Riesz representation theorem), \forall linear and continuous map $f: \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

$\exists \psi \in \mathbb{H}$ s.t. $f(\varphi) = \langle \psi | \varphi \rangle \quad \forall \varphi \in \mathbb{H}$.

$\mathbb{H}^* = \{ f: \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ linear and continuous} \}$ is the dual space of \mathbb{H} .

There is a bijection between \mathbb{H} and \mathbb{H}^* .

Dirac notation: $\psi \in \mathbb{H}$, bra vectors are $\langle \psi | \in \mathbb{H}^*$

ket vectors are $|\psi\rangle \in \mathbb{H}$

Let $A: \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$ linear, $|\psi\rangle \in \mathbb{H}, A|\psi\rangle = |A\psi\rangle$. $\{\ell_j\}$ ONB on \mathbb{H} ,

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_j |\ell_j\rangle \langle \ell_j | \psi \rangle, |A\psi\rangle = \sum_j |\ell_j\rangle \langle \ell_j | A\psi \rangle =$$

$$= \sum_j |\ell_j\rangle \langle \ell_j | A \sum_k |\ell_k\rangle \langle \ell_k | \psi \rangle, A = \sum_{j,k} |\ell_j\rangle \underbrace{\langle \ell_j | A \ell_k \rangle}_{A_{jk}} \langle \ell_k |.$$

Finite dimensional case: $\mathbb{H} \cong \mathbb{C}^n$, $\ell_j \leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ j \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow_j, j = 1, \dots, n$. $\langle \ell_j | \leftrightarrow (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$, $j = 1, \dots, n$.

$$|\psi\rangle \in \mathbb{H}, |\psi\rangle = \sum_j \psi_j |\ell_j\rangle \leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \psi_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^n,$$

$$\langle \psi | = \sum_j \langle \ell_j | \psi_j \leftrightarrow (\bar{\psi}_1, \dots, \bar{\psi}_n),$$

$$|\psi\rangle \langle \psi | \leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \psi_n \end{pmatrix} (\bar{\psi}_1, \dots, \bar{\psi}_n) = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \bar{\psi}_1 & \cdots & \psi_1 \bar{\psi}_n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \psi_n \bar{\psi}_1 & \cdots & \psi_n \bar{\psi}_n \end{pmatrix}$$