

Hence Thm (Bessel's inequality) let (x_k) be an orthonormal system. Then

$$\sum_k |\langle x, x_k \rangle|^2 \leq \|x\|^2 \quad \text{for all } x \in X.$$

Consider a partial sum of Fourier series

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \langle x, x_k \rangle x_k,$$

and use Cauchy-Schwartz inequality:

$$|\langle S_n, x \rangle| \leq \|S_n\| \cdot \|x\|$$

$$\underbrace{\left\| \sum_{k=1}^n \langle x, x_k \rangle x_k \right\|^2}_{\text{by def. of } S} \leq \underbrace{\left(\sum_{k=1}^n |\langle x, x_k \rangle|^2 \right)^{1/2}}_{\text{by Pythagorean thm}} \cdot \|x\|^2$$

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

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ completes the proof.

Corollary The Fourier series of every vector x converges in X .

By the convergence criterion for orthogonal series (Thm p.34), it suffices to check that

$$\sum_k \|\langle x, x_k \rangle x_k\|^2 < \infty$$

But this $= \sum_k |\langle x, x_k \rangle|^2$ which converges by Bessel's inequality.

Proof (optimality)

Simple geometric property of Fourier series. Recall $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \langle x, x_k \rangle x_k$.

Lemma $x - S_n \perp x_k$ for all $k=1, \dots, n$.

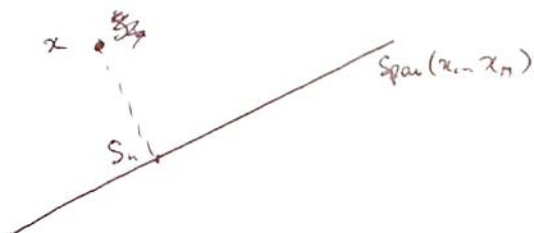
$$\langle x - S_n, x_k \rangle = \langle x, x_k \rangle - \underbrace{\langle S_n, x_k \rangle}_{\langle x, x_k \rangle \text{ by def. of } S} = 0.$$

Hence $x - S_n \perp \text{Span}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$.

Cor. $\Rightarrow$ writing $x = S_n + (x - S_n)$ we see that these two terms here are orthogonal $\Rightarrow$

Cor. The partial sum S_n of Fourier series of x is the orthogonal projection of x onto $\text{Span}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$.

By the Theorem on projections (p. 32), S_n is the closest point to x in $\text{Span}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$



Cor (Optimality). Among all linear combinations $S'_n = \sum_{k=1}^n b_k x_k$, the partial sum S_n of Fourier series minimizes the approx error $\|x - S'_n\|$.

~~Similar statement~~ ~~Take~~ Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in the arguments above, $\Rightarrow$

Thm (Optimality) 1) The Fourier series of x w.r. to (x_k) is the orthog. projection of x onto $\text{Span}(x_k)$.
2) Among all series $S' = \sum a_k x_k$, the Fourier series of x minimizes the approx. error $\|x - S'\|$.

(Exercise)

Orthonormal bases, Parseval Identity

Def A system (x_k) in ~~a Banach normed space~~ ^{Banach} space X is complete if $\overline{\text{span}}(x_k) = X$.
A complete orthonormal system ^{in a Hilbert space X} is called an orthonormal basis.

Cor (Fourier expansion)

Thm Let (x_k) be an orthonormal basis. Then every $x \in X$ ~~can be~~ can be expanded in Fourier series:

$$x = \sum_k \langle x, x_k \rangle x_k.$$

~~Moreover~~ Consequently

$$\|x\|^2 = \sum_k |\langle x, x_k \rangle|^2$$

(Parseval's Identity)

The first part follows from the Optimality Thm (p.39) since, by completeness, $\overline{\text{span}}(x_k) = X$, so the projection is the identity map on X .

The second part follows from Pythagorean Thm (see Thm on Orthogonal series p.35 and the remark below it).

Remark ~~Bessel's inequality~~ Parseval's identity is an equality case in Bessel's inequality; it holds if and only if the ~~sys~~ orthonormal system is complete [EMT Thm 2.1.12]

Examples 1) By Weierstrass theorem, the monomials $\{t^k\}_{k \geq 0}$ ~~is a~~ form a complete system in $C[0,1]$.

We claim that $\{t^k\}_{k \geq 0}$ ~~is also~~ is also a complete system in $L_2[0,1]$.

Indeed, $C[0,1]$ is dense in $L_2[0,1]$ as we noted before.

Thus, $\forall f \in L_2[0,1], \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists g \in C[0,1]. \|f - g\|_2 < \varepsilon$.

For $g \in C[0,1], \exists h \in \text{span}\{t^k\}$ s.t. $\|g - h\|_\infty \leq \varepsilon$

$$\Rightarrow \|f - h\|_2 \leq \varepsilon.$$

2) The trigonometric ~~system~~ ~~is~~ $\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cos t, \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sin t, \dots \right\}$
 is ~~complete~~ in ~~$C([0, 1])$~~ ~~(this is~~
 the space of continuous 2π -periodic functions on $[-\pi, \pi]$.
 (this is a version of Weierstrass thm).

Consequently, by the same argument as in (1),
 the trigonometric system is ^{complete} ~~dense~~ in $L_2[-\pi, \pi] \Rightarrow$ orthonormal basis.

3) By a similar argument, the exponential system $(e^{ikt})_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$
 is an orthonormal basis in $L_2(-\pi, \pi)$.

~~Obt~~ Writing (3) in the functional form:

$\forall f \in L_2(-\pi, \pi)$ ~~(f is continuous)~~, can be expanded ~~as~~ in $L_2(-\pi, \pi)$ as

$$f = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(k) e^{ikt}$$

where $\hat{f}(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) e^{-ikt} dt$

~~The convergence is~~

Fourier
Series