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Topic: Theorem and problem based on the Hilbert space.

Theorem: (The polarization identity)

If x and y are any two elements in a complex inner product space E(or a complex Hilbert space E() Then

$$4(x,y) = \|x + y\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2 + i\|x + iy\|^2 - i\|x - iy\|^2.$$

Proof: we have

$$||x + y||^2 = (x + y, x + y)$$

$$= (x, x) + (y, x) + (x, y) + (y, y)$$

$$And ||x - y||^2 = (x - y, x - y)$$

$$= (x, x) - (y, x) - (x, y) + (y, y)$$

Therefore

$$||x + y||^2 - ||x - y||^2 = 2(y, x) + 2(x, y) \dots (1)$$

Replacing y by iy in (1) we get

$$||x + iy||^2 - ||x - iy||^2 = 2(iy, x) + 2(x, iy)$$
$$= 2i(y, x) + 2\overline{\iota}(x, y)$$
$$= 2i(y, x) - 2i(x, y).....(2)$$

Now multiplying both sides of (2) i we get

$$i||x + iy||^2 - i||x - iy||^2 = -2(y, x) + 2(x, y)...(3)$$

Adding (1) and (3) we get

$$4(x,y) = ||x + y||^2 - ||x - y||^2$$
$$+i||x + iy||^2 - i||x - iy||^2.$$

Problem: Construct a Banach space of continuous functions which is not a Hilbert space.

Solution: we consider the Banach space C[0,1] of all continuous functions on the closed interval [0,1] of R with the norm defined by

$$||f|| = Sup\{|f(t)|: t \in [0,1]\}$$
 for $f \in C[0,1]$,

We show that this norm does not satisfy the parallelogram law.

Let f(t) = t and g(t) = 1 - t be two functions from [0,1] to R. Then f(t) = t and g(t) = 1 - t are continuous functions on [0,1].hence $f, g \in C[0,1]$.

Now by definition of norm we get

$$\begin{split} \|f\| &= Sup\{|f(t)| : t \in [0,1]\} \\ &= Sup\{|t| : t \in [0,1]\} \\ &= Sup\{t : t \in [0,1]\} \\ &= Sup[0,1] = 1 \\ \\ \text{Again,} \qquad \|g\| &= Sup\{|g(t)| : t \in [0,1]\} \\ &= Sup\{|1-t| : t \in [0,1]\} \\ &= Sup\{1-t : t \in [0,1]\} \\ &= 1 \\ \\ \text{Now} \qquad \|f+g\| &= Sup\{|(f+g)(t)| : t \in [0,1]\} \\ &= Sup\{|f(t)+g(t)| : t \in [0,1]\} \end{split}$$

$$= Sup\{|t+1-t|: t \in [0,1]\}$$

$$= Sup\{1: t \in [0,1]\} = 1$$

$$||f-g|| = Sup\{|(f-g)(t)|: t \in [0,1]\}$$

$$= Sup\{|f(t)-g(t)|: t \in [0,1]\}$$

$$= Sup\{|t-1+t|: t \in [0,1]\}$$

$$= Sup\{|2t-1|: t \in [0,1]\} = 1.$$
Thus $||f+g||^2 + ||f-g||^2 = 1^2 + 1^2 = 2$
But $2 ||f||^2 + 2||g||^2 = 2 \cdot 1^2 + 2 \cdot 1^2 = 4$
Therefore $||f+g||^2 + ||f-g||^2 \neq 2 ||f||^2 + 2||g||^2$.

Hence the parallelogram law is not satisfied for the suprimum norm on C[0,1]. Hence C[0,1] is not a Hilbert space but it is a Banach space.

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