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Topic: Theorem on the Hilbert Space.

Theorem: Let M be a closed linear subspace of a Hilbert space H and let x be a vector in $H-M$ and let d be the distance from x to M

$$\text{i.e } d = \inf \{ \|x - z\| : z \in M \}.$$

Then there exists a unique vector y_0 in M such that $\|x - y_0\| = d$ and y_0 is the unique vector of M for which $x - y_0$ is orthogonal to M .

Proof: Let $x \in H$ and $d = \inf \{ \|x - z\| : z \in M \}$. then for each positive integer n , there exists $z_n \in M$ such that

$$d \leq \|x - z_n\| < d + \frac{1}{n} \text{ so the sequence } \|x - z_n\| \rightarrow d$$

Since M is a subspace of H so it is convex set in H hence

$$\frac{z_n + z_m}{2} \in M \text{ so } d \leq \left\| x - \frac{z_n + z_m}{2} \right\|$$

Now by parallelogram law for $z_n - x$, $z_m - x$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|(z_n - x) + (z_m - x)\|^2 + \|(z_n - x) - (z_m - x)\|^2 \\ = 2\|z_n - x\|^2 + 2\|z_m - x\|^2 \\ \Rightarrow \|z_n - z_m\|^2 = 2\|z_n - x\|^2 + 2\|z_m - x\|^2 - \\ \|(z_n + z_m) - 2x\|^2 \\ \leq 2d^2 + 2d^2 - 4d^2 = 0 \text{ as } m, n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

So (z_n) is a Cauchy sequence in M and since M is closed in complete space H so it is complete. Hence there exists y_0 in M such that $z_n \rightarrow y_0$. Hence

$$x - z_n \rightarrow x - y_0 \Rightarrow \|x - z_n\| \rightarrow \|x - y_0\|.$$

$$\|x - y_0\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x - z_n\| = d \text{ thus there exists}$$

$$y_0 \text{ in } M \text{ such that } \|x - y_0\| = d.$$

We have to show that y_0 is the unique vector of M .

Let y_1 is a vector of M such that $\|x - y_1\| = d$.

$$\text{Then } \frac{y_0 + y_1}{2} \in M. \text{ And hence } \left\| x - \frac{y_0 + y_1}{2} \right\| \geq d.$$

By parallelogram Law for $y_0 - x, y_1 - x$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}\|(y_0 - x) + (y_1 - x)\|^2 + \|(y_0 - x) - (y_1 - x)\|^2 \\&= 2\|y_0 - x\|^2 + 2\|y_1 - x\|^2 \\ \|y_0 - y_1\|^2 &\leq 2\|y_0 - x\|^2 + 2\|y_1 - x\|^2 - 4d^2 \\ &\leq 2d^2 + 2d^2 - 4d^2 = 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\|y_0 - y_1\|^2 \leq 0$$

Thus $\|y_0 - y_1\| \leq 0$. but $\|y_0 - y_1\| \geq 0$ so we have

$$\|y_0 - y_1\| = 0 \text{ hence } y_0 - y_1 = 0 \Rightarrow y_0 = y_1$$

Hence there exists a unique vector y_0 in M

such that $\|x - y_0\| = d$.

We have to show that $x - y_0$ is orthogonal to M .

Let $z \in M$ with $\|z\| = 1$ then

$$\begin{aligned}w &= y_0 + (x - y_0, z)z \in M \text{ and we have} \\ \|x - y_0\|^2 &\leq \|x - w\|^2 = (x - w, x - w) \\ &= \|x - y_0\|^2 - |(x - y_0, z)|^2 \\ \Rightarrow |(x - y_0, z)| &= 0 \Rightarrow (x - y_0, z) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x - y_0 \perp z\end{aligned}$$

Hence $x - y_0$ is orthogonal to M .

Conversely

let $y_0 \in M$ and $x - y_0$ is orthogonal to M .

then for any $z \in M$ we have $y_0 - z \in M$

So that $x - y_0 \perp y_0 - z$

Hence by pythagorean theorem

$$\begin{aligned}\|x - z\|^2 &= \|(x - y_0) + (y_0 - z)\|^2 \\ &= \|(x - y_0)\|^2 + \|(y_0 - z)\|^2\end{aligned}$$

Thus $\|x - y_0\| \leq \|x - z\|$ if $y_0 \neq z$ this show that y_0 is unique in M .

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