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Solution to Homework 5

1. Let (x_n) be a sequence in an inner product space. Show that the conditions $\|x_n\| \to \|x\|$ and $\langle x_n, x\rangle \to \langle x, x\rangle$ imply $x_n \to x$.

   Proof. Note that $\|x - x_n\|^2 = \langle x - x_n, x - x_n\rangle = \|x\|^2 - 2\Re\langle x_n, x\rangle + \|x_n\|^2$.

   It follows from $\langle x_n, x\rangle \to \langle x, x\rangle$ that $\Re\langle x_n, x\rangle \to \Re\langle x, x\rangle = \langle x, x\rangle$ since $\Re\colon \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{R}$ is continuous and $\langle x, x\rangle \geq 0$. Combining with with $\|x_n\| \to \|x\|$, we have

   $$\|x - x_n\|^2 \to \|x\|^2 - 2\langle x, x\rangle + \|x\|^2 = 0, \quad \text{as } n \to \infty.$$

   Thus $x_n \to x$ in $\|\cdot\|$. □

2. Show that

   $$X = \left\{x = (x_n) \in \ell^2 \colon \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x_n}{n} = 0\right\}$$

   is a closed subspace of ℓ^2.

   Proof. For $x = (x_n) \in \ell^2$, define

   $$f(x) \coloneqq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x_n}{n}.$$

   Write $y = (1/n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$. Note $\|y\|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^2 < \infty$. For $x \in \ell^2$, by Cauchy-Schwarz inequality,

   $$|f(x)| = |\langle x, y\rangle| \leq \|x\|\|y\| < \infty.$$

   Hence f is well-defined and continuous since f is readily checked to be linear. Thus X is a closed subspace as the kernel of a linear continuous functional. □

3. (a) Prove that for every two subspaces X_1 and X_2 of a Hilbert space,

   $$(X_1 + X_2)^{\perp} = X_1^{\perp} \cap X_2^{\perp}.$$

   (b) Prove that for every two closed subspaces X_1 and X_2 of a Hilbert space,

   $$(X_1 \cap X_2)^{\perp} = \overline{X_1^{\perp} + X_2^{\perp}}.$$

   Proof. (a) By $X_1, X_2 \subset (X_1 + X_2)$, we have $(X_1 + X_2)^{\perp} \subset (X_1)^{\perp}, (X_2)^{\perp}$, thus $(X_1 + X_2)^{\perp} \subset (X_1)^{\perp} \cap (X_2)^{\perp}$.

   Let $x^* \in (X_1)^{\perp} \cap (X_2)^{\perp}$. Let $y \in X_1 + X_2$ and write $y = x_1 + x_2$ for some $x_1 \in X_1, x_2 \in X_2$. Then $\langle y, x^*\rangle = \langle x_1 + x_2, x^*\rangle = \langle x_1, x^*\rangle + \langle x_2, x^*\rangle = 0$. Hence $x^* \in (X_1 + X_2)^{\perp}$, thus $(X_1)^{\perp} \cap (X_2)^{\perp} \subset (X_1 + X_2)^{\perp}$. Together we have $(X_1 + X_2)^{\perp} = (X_1)^{\perp} \cap (X_2)^{\perp}$.

   (b) Since X_1, X_2 are closed, we have $(X_i^{\perp})^{\perp} = X_i$, $i = 1, 2$. Then by applying (a) to $X_1^{\perp}, X_2^{\perp}$, we have

   $$(X_1^{\perp} + X_2^{\perp})^{\perp} = (X_1^{\perp})^{\perp} \cap (X_2^{\perp})^{\perp} = X_1 \cap X_2.$$

   Hence

   $$\overline{X_1^{\perp} + X_2^{\perp}} = \left((X_1^{\perp} + X_2^{\perp})^{\perp}\right)^{\perp} = (X_1 \cap X_2)^{\perp}.$$

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