

~~2.8~~ Defn. (internal direct sum in  $\mathcal{H}$ )  
2.13.

If  $M_1, M_2 \subset \mathcal{H}$  are closed subspaces and  $M_1 \cap M_2 = \{0\}$ , we write

$$M_1 \oplus M_2 = \{ \psi_1 + \psi_2 \mid \psi_i \in M_i; i=1,2 \} \\ \subset \mathcal{H}.$$

$M_1 \oplus M_2$  is a closed subspace.

$\Rightarrow$  Further iteration is possible.

Example: Let  $e_i \in \mathbb{C}^3$  be the unit vectors defined by  $(e_i)_j = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & i=j \\ 0, & i \neq j \end{cases}$  (= Kronecker delta.)  
Let  $M_i = \text{span}(\{e_i\}) = \{ \alpha e_i \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{C} \}$   
 $\Rightarrow \mathbb{C}^3 = M_1 \oplus M_2 \oplus M_3$ .

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~~2.9~~ Remark: For any  $E \subset \mathcal{H}$ , its orthogonal complement  $E^\perp$  is a closed subspace.

(Linearity is obvious. It is closed as

$$E^\perp = \bigcap_{\phi \in E} \{ \psi \}^\perp, \text{ and } \{ \phi \}^\perp = f_\phi^{-1}(\{0\})$$

is closed, since  $f_\phi: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  defined

by  $f_\phi(\psi) = (\phi, \psi)$  is continuous. (see 2.5.)

2.15.

~~2.10~~ Defn: If  $M \subset \mathcal{H}$  is a closed subspace,

and  $\psi \in \mathcal{H}$ , the set  $E = \{ \psi - \phi \mid \phi \in M \}$  is non-empty, closed and convex. Therefore, by 2.7.  $\exists! \phi_\psi \in M$  s.t.  $\| \psi - \phi_\psi \| \leq \| \psi - \phi \|$   $\forall \phi \in M$ . Let  $P: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  denote the mapping  $\psi \mapsto \phi_\psi$ .  $P$  is obviously a projection ( $P^2 = P$ ) onto  $M$ .

Since  $M^\perp$  is also a closed subspace,

we can construct a projection  $Q$  onto  $M^\perp$ .

The following result proves that  $P$  and  $Q$  are, in fact, orthogonal projections.

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~~2.11~~ Thm: Let  $M \subset \mathcal{H}$  be a closed subspace. Then

- (i)  $\mathcal{H} = M \oplus M^\perp$
- (ii) The projections  $P$  onto  $M$  and  $Q$  onto  $M^\perp$  are linear, and  $P+Q=1$ .
- (iii)  $\|u\|^2 = \|Pu\|^2 + \|Qu\|^2 \quad \forall u \in \mathcal{H}$ .

pf: If  $u \in M \cap M^\perp \Rightarrow u \in M$  and thus also  $(u, u) = 0 \Rightarrow u = 0$ . Since  $M, M^\perp$  are closed subspaces,  $\exists M \oplus M^\perp \subset \mathcal{H}$ .

Let  $u_0 \in \mathcal{H}$  be arbitrary, and consider  $\phi_0 = u_0 - Pu_0$ . By definition of  $P$ , then  $\forall \phi \in M: \|\phi_0\| \leq \|u_0 - \phi\|$   
 $= \|u_0 - Pu_0 + Pu_0 - \phi\| = \|\phi_0 + Pu_0 - \phi\|$

$\Rightarrow \forall u \in M: \|\phi_0\| \leq \|\phi_0 + u\|$ .

Thus if  $u \in M$ , also  $\lambda u \in M \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , and by 2.3. (iii) then  $(u, \phi_0) = 0$ .

Therefore,  $\phi_0 \in M^\perp$  and  $u_0 = Pu_0 + \phi_0$ , where  $Pu_0 \in M$ . This proves (i).

In fact,  $\phi_0 = Qu_0: \forall \phi \in M^\perp$ , then  
 $\|u_0 - \phi\|^2 = \|\underbrace{Pu_0}_{\in M} + \underbrace{\phi_0 - \phi}_{\in M^\perp}\|^2 = \|Pu_0\|^2 + \|\phi_0 - \phi\|^2$   
 $\geq \|Pu_0\|^2 = \|u_0 - \phi_0\|^2$  (since  $(Pu_0, \phi_0 - \phi) = 0$ )

Therefore,  $u_0 = Pu_0 + Qu_0$  and  $1 = P+Q$ . Since  $Pu \perp Qu$ , this implies also (iii).

Thus only the linearity in (ii) remains to be proven. For this, let  $u, \phi \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ . By  $1 = Q+P$ , then

$u = Pu + Qu, \quad \phi = P\phi + Q\phi$   
 and  $\alpha u + \beta \phi = P(\alpha u + \beta \phi) + Q(\alpha u + \beta \phi)$

However, then also:  
 $\alpha Pu + \beta P\phi + \alpha Qu + \beta Q\phi = \alpha u + \beta \phi$   
 and thus

$M \ni P(\alpha u + \beta \phi) - \alpha Pu - \beta P\phi$   
 $= -Q(\alpha u + \beta \phi) + \alpha Qu + \beta Q\phi \in M^\perp$

and  $M \cap M^\perp = \{0\}$  implies

$P(\alpha u + \beta \phi) = \alpha Pu + \beta P\phi,$   
 $Q(\alpha u + \beta \phi) = \alpha Qu + \beta Q\phi.$  □

2.7.

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- \* If  $E \subset \mathcal{H}$  is non-empty  

$$\text{span } E = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i v_i \mid \alpha_i \in \mathbb{C}, v_i \in E \forall i \right\}$$
- \*  $E \subset \mathcal{H}$  is an orthonormal set,  
 if a)  $e', e \in E, e' \neq e \Rightarrow (e', e) = 0$   
 b)  $\|e\| = 1 \quad \forall e \in E$ .
- \* A maximal orthonormal set in  $\mathcal{H}$   
 is called an orthonormal basis (ONB)  
 for the following reason:

Thm. Consider an orthonormal set  
 $E = \{e_i \mid i \in I\}$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ , indexed  
 by an index set  $I$ . Then

$$E \text{ is maximal} \Leftrightarrow \overline{\text{span } E} = \mathcal{H}.$$

If  $E$  is maximal,

a)  $\forall \psi \in \mathcal{H} : \|\psi\|^2 = \sum_{i \in I} |(e_i, \psi)|^2$

b)  $\forall \phi, \psi \in \mathcal{H} : (\phi, \psi) = \sum_{i \in I} (\phi, e_i)(e_i, \psi)$ .

Pf: Rudin, RCA, 4.18.  $\square$

- \* If  $\mathcal{H}$  has a finite ONB, it is finite-dimensional.
- \* If  $\mathcal{H}$  has a countable ONB, it is called separable.
- \*  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is separable for all  $1 \leq d < \infty$ .
- \* There are also non-separable Hilbert spaces, for which  $I$  is uncountable. However, even then, for any  $\psi \in \mathcal{H}$ , the set  $\{i \in I \mid (e_i, \psi) \neq 0\}$  is countable, and a) holds.

# Direct sums and tensor products of Hilbert spaces

## 2.18. External direct sums

Let  $\mathcal{H}_i, i \in I$ , be a family of Hilbert spaces, where  $I \neq \emptyset$  is some index set. Consider the following subset of the product space  $\prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{H}_i$ ,

$$\mathcal{H} := \{ (\psi_i)_{i \in I} \mid \sum_{i \in I} \|\psi_i\|^2 < \infty \}$$

For  $\Psi = (\psi_i)$  and  $\Phi = (\phi_i)$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ , we define  $\alpha\Psi$  and  $\Psi + \Phi$  componentwise:

- a)  $(\alpha\Psi)_i := \alpha\psi_i \quad \forall i \in I, \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$
- b)  $(\Psi + \Phi)_i := \psi_i + \phi_i \quad \forall i$

Since  $\|\alpha\psi_i\|^2 = |\alpha|^2 \|\psi_i\|^2$  and  $\|\psi_i + \phi_i\|^2 \leq 2(\|\psi_i\|^2 + \|\phi_i\|^2)$  (by Hölder's inequality) then  $\alpha\Psi, \Psi + \Phi \in \mathcal{H}$ . Also, then the set  $I(\Psi) := \{ i \in I \mid \psi_i \neq 0 \}$  is countable for all  $\Psi \in \mathcal{H}$ , and thus

$$\sum_{i \in I} \|\psi_i\| \|\phi_i\| = \sum_{i \in I(\Psi) \cup I(\Phi)} \|\psi_i\| \|\phi_i\| \stackrel{\text{Hölder}}{\leq} \sqrt{\sum_{i \in I(\Psi)} \|\psi_i\|^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i \in I(\Phi)} \|\phi_i\|^2}$$

is finite, and therefore

$$((\Psi, \Phi)) := \sum_{i \in I} (\psi_i, \phi_i)$$

defines a map  $\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , by Cauchy-Schwarz.

Theorem  $\mathcal{H}$  (with  $((\cdot, \cdot))$ ) is a Hilbert space.

Proof Exercise 2.4.  $\square$

\* Notation: then we write  $\mathcal{H} = \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathcal{H}_i$ .