

Hilbert Spaces

A Hilbert space is a Banach space with an "inner product".
 In other words, a Banach space where we can define a concept of angles between vectors, recall in \mathbb{R}^n :

~~$(x, y) = \|x\| \|y\| \cos \theta$~~



In this section, all linear spaces will be COMPLEX.

Defⁿ Let X be a complex linear space.

We say that a map $(\cdot, \cdot): X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is an INNER PRODUCT if

- (1) $(x, \alpha y + \beta z) = \alpha(x, y) + \beta(x, z) \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C} \quad x, y, z \in X$
- (2) $(x, y) = \overline{(y, x)} \quad \forall x, y \in X \quad (\Rightarrow (x, x) \in \mathbb{R})$
- (3) $(x, x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in X$
- (4) $(x, x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$.

If such a map exists, we say that X is an inner product space.

Lemma $|(x, y)| \leq \sqrt{(x, x)(y, y)} \quad \forall x, y \in X$ (Setting $\|x\| = \sqrt{(x, x)}$, we have $|(x, y)| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$)

Proof: If $(x, y) = 0$, then obvious, otherwise
~~let~~ For any $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &\leq (x - \beta y, x - \beta y) = (x, x) - (x, \beta y) - (\beta y, x) + (\beta y, \beta y) = \\
 &= (x, x) - 2 \operatorname{Re} \beta (x, y) + |\beta|^2 (y, y) = \quad \text{set } \beta = \frac{\overline{(x, y)}}{|(x, y)|} + t \quad t \in \mathbb{R} \\
 &= (x, x) - 2t |(x, y)| + t^2 (y, y) = (y, y) \left[t^2 - 2t \frac{|(x, y)|}{(y, y)} + \frac{(x, x)}{(y, y)} \right] = \\
 &= (y, y) \left[\left(t - \frac{|(x, y)|}{(y, y)} \right)^2 - \frac{|(x, y)|^2}{(y, y)^2} + \frac{(x, x)}{(y, y)} \right] \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{(x, x)}{(y, y)} - \frac{|(x, y)|^2}{(y, y)^2} &\geq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad |(x, y)|^2 \leq (x, x)(y, y)
 \end{aligned}$$

Lemma Any inner product space is a normed linear space, with the norm $\|x\| = \sqrt{(x,x)}$

Proof * $\|\alpha x\| = \sqrt{(\alpha x, \alpha x)} = \sqrt{\alpha \bar{\alpha} (x,x)} = |\alpha| \sqrt{(x,x)} = |\alpha| \|x\|$

* $\|x\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow (x,x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$

* $\|x+y\|^2 = (x+y, x+y) = \|x\|^2 + (x,y) + (y,x) + \|y\|^2 \leq$
 $\leq \|x\|^2 + \|x\| \|y\| + \|x\| \|y\| + \|y\|^2 = (\|x\| + \|y\|)^2$

Defⁿ A complete inner product space is called a Hilbert space.

Lemma If $x_n \rightarrow x$ & $y_n \rightarrow y$, then $(x_n, y_n) \rightarrow (x, y)$

Proof $|(x_n, y_n) - (x, y)| = |(x_n, y_n - y) + (x_n - x, y)| \leq$
 $\leq \|x_n\| \|y_n - y\| + \|x_n - x\| \|y\| \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$
 (Recall that if $x_n \rightarrow x$, then $\sup_{n \geq 1} \|x_n\| < \infty$)

Corollary The inner product is a continuous map $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

Lemma If \mathcal{X} is an inner product space, then

$$\|x+y\|^2 + \|x-y\|^2 = 2\|x\|^2 + 2\|y\|^2 \quad \forall x, y \in \mathcal{X} \quad (\text{PAR})$$

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

Lemma If X is a NLS where (PAR) holds, then

$$(x, y) = \frac{1}{4} (\|x+y\|^2 - \|x-y\|^2 - i\|x+iy\|^2 + i\|x-iy\|^2)$$

defines an inner product on X such that $\|x\| = \sqrt{(x, x)}$.

Proof: Homework. ~~##~~

Remark: A Banach space can be equipped with an inner product (and thus be turned into a Hilbert space) if and only if its norm satisfies (PAR).

Remark: An inner product is uniquely defined by the norm it induces. In particular, it is uniquely defined by its diagonal values.

Examples of Hilbert spaces:

(1) \mathbb{C}^n

(2) \mathbb{R}^2

(3) Set $I = [0, 1]$ $X =$ the set of continuous fcn's on I .

Set $(f, g)_2 = \int_0^1 f(x)g(x)dx \Rightarrow \|f\| = (\int_0^1 |f(x)|^2 dx)^{1/2}$

X is an inner product space but not a Hilbert space.

The completion of X is the Hilbert space $L^2(I)$.

It consists of all functions such that $|f(x)|^2$ is Lebesgue integrable.

(4) set $I = [0, 1]$, $X =$ the set of infinitely differentiable functions on I .

Set $(f, g)_{H^n} = \sum_{j=0}^n \int_0^1 f^{(j)}(x)g^{(j)}(x)dx \Rightarrow \|f\|_{H^n} = (\sum_{j=0}^n \int_0^1 |f^{(j)}(x)|^2 dx)^{1/2}$

X is an inner product space.

The completion of X is called H^n , it is a "Sobolev" space.

Orthogonality

Defⁿ Let \mathcal{X} be an inner product space.
 If $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$ and $(x, y) = 0$, we say that x & y are ORTHOGONAL, $x \perp y$.
 Let A be a subset of \mathcal{X} . The ORTHOGONAL COMPLEMENT of A is

$$A^\perp = \{y \in \mathcal{X} : (x, y) = 0 \quad \forall x \in A\}$$

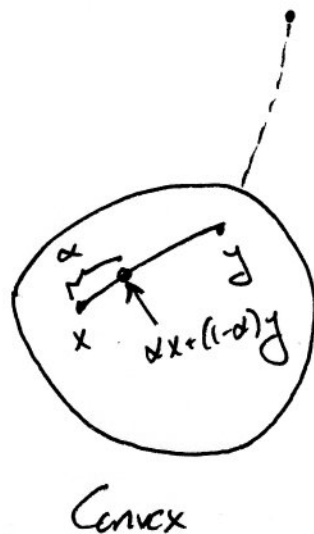
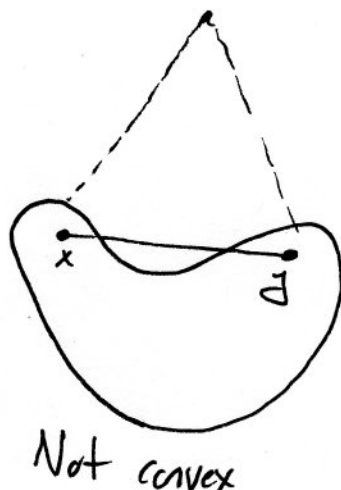
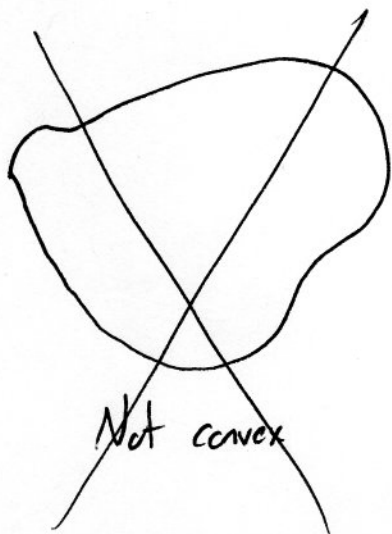
Lemma Suppose that $(x_j)_{j=1}^n \subset \mathcal{X}$ & $x_j \perp x_k$ for $j \neq k$.
 Then $\|\sum_{j=1}^n x_j\|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_j\|^2$

Proof: ~~First~~ $\|\sum_{j=1}^n x_j\|^2 = (\sum_{j=1}^n x_j, \sum_{k=1}^n x_k) = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n (x_j, x_k) = \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_j\|^2$

Lemma: Let A be a ~~subspace~~ subset of a Hilbert space \mathcal{X} .
 Then A^\perp is a closed subspace of \mathcal{X} .

Proof: Homework.

Defⁿ Let \mathcal{X} be a linear space, and M a subset of \mathcal{X} .
 We say that M is convex if $\forall x, y \in M$, $\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y \in M$ for $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$



Lemma Let M be a closed convex set in a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} , and let x be a point in M^c .

There exists a unique element $\hat{y} \in M$ s.t. $\|x - \hat{y}\| = \inf_{y \in M} \|x - y\|$

Proof Set $d = \inf_{y \in M} \|x - y\|$. Pick $(y_n) \in M$ s.t. $\|y_n - x\| \rightarrow d$.

We will prove that (y_n) is a Cauchy seq.:

Fix $\epsilon > 0$. Pick N s.t. $n \geq N \Rightarrow \|x - y_n\| \leq d + \epsilon$. For $n \geq N$:

$$(PAE) \Rightarrow \|y_m - y_n\|^2 = 2\|x - y_n\|^2 + 2\|x - y_m\|^2 - \|2x - y_n - y_m\|^2 \quad (*)$$

$$\text{Now } \|2x - y_n - y_m\| = 2\|x - \frac{y_n + y_m}{2}\| \geq 2d \text{ since } \frac{y_n + y_m}{2} \in M.$$

$$\text{So } (*) \Rightarrow \|y_m - y_n\|^2 \leq 2(d + \epsilon)^2 + 2(d + \epsilon)^2 - 4d^2 = 8d\epsilon + 4\epsilon^2 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \epsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

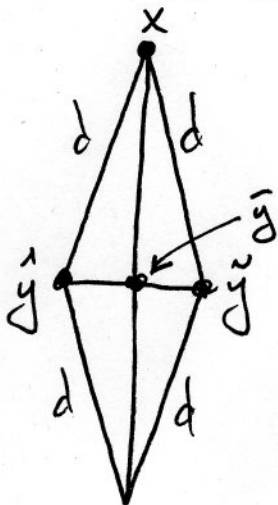
Since \mathcal{H} is complete & M is closed, $\exists \hat{y} \in M$ s.t. $y_n \rightarrow \hat{y}$.

$$\|x - \hat{y}\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x - y_n\| = d.$$

It only remains to prove uniqueness.

Suppose \hat{y} & \tilde{y} are s.t. $d = \|x - \hat{y}\| = \|x - \tilde{y}\|$

Set $a = \|\hat{y} - \tilde{y}\|$, $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{y} + \tilde{y})$, and $b = \|x - \bar{y}\| \geq d$



$$\text{Parallelogram law} \Rightarrow a^2 + 4b^2 = 4d^2$$

But since $b \geq d$, this implies that $a = 0$
so $\hat{y} = \tilde{y}$

Defⁿ Let \mathcal{X} be a vector space, and let A and B be subspaces of \mathcal{X} . We say that $\mathcal{X} = A \oplus B$ (a "direct" sum) if for any $x \in \mathcal{X}$ there exist unique $y \in A, z \in B$ such that $x = y + z$.

Thm Let M be a closed subspace of a Hilbert Space \mathcal{X} . Then $\mathcal{X} = M \oplus M^\perp$.

Proof Let M be as specified and pick $x \in M^\perp$.

existence { Let $y \in M$ be the unique element s.t. $\|x-y\| = \inf_{y' \in M} \|x-y'\|$.
 Set $z = x-y$. We need to prove that $z \in M^\perp$. Pick any $w \in M$:
 Set $f(t) = \|x - (y+tw)\|^2 = \|z\|^2 - 2t \operatorname{Re}(z,w) + t^2 \|w\|^2$
 $f(t)$ has a minimum at $t=0$. Thus $0 = f'(0) = -2 \operatorname{Re}(z,w) \Rightarrow \operatorname{Re}(z,w) = 0$
 To prove that $\operatorname{Im}(z,w) = 0$, consider $g(t) = \|x - (y+itw)\|^2$

uniqueness { It remains only to prove uniqueness.
 Suppose that $y+z = y'+z'$ where $y, y' \in M, z, z' \in M^\perp$.
 Then $y-y' = z'-z \Rightarrow \|y-y'\|^2 = \underbrace{(y-y', z'-z)}_{\substack{\in M \\ \in M^\perp}} = 0 \Rightarrow y=y' \Rightarrow z=z'$

In other words, given any closed subspace M , any vector can uniquely be decomposed as $x = y + z$ where $y \in M, z \in M^\perp$.

Moreover:
 $\|x-y\| = \inf_{y' \in M} \|x-y'\|$
 $\|x-z\| = \inf_{z' \in M^\perp} \|x-z'\|$

Defⁿ A projection on a linear space is a linear map P s.t. $P^2 = P$.
On a Banach space, a projection must also be continuous.

Given any ~~two~~ closed linear subspace M , set $Px = y$ & $Qx = z$
where $x = y + z$ and $y \in M, z \in M^\perp$.

P and Q are both projections, $\|P\| = \|Q\| = 1$, $PQ = QP = 0$ & $P + Q = I$
 $\text{Ran}(P) = M$ & $\text{Nul}(P) = M^\perp$.

Conversely, we have:

Thm Let P be a projⁿ on H with range M and nullspace N . Then
 $M \perp N \iff (Px, y) = (x, Py) \forall x, y \in H$
a Hilbert Space

On a Banach Space, we have the following theorems:

Thm Let P be a projⁿ on a Banach space X , and set $M = \text{Ran}(P)$, $N = \text{Nul}(P)$.
Then M and N are closed linear ~~sub~~ subspaces such that $X = M \oplus N$.

Thm Let X be a Banach space, and let M and N be closed linear subspaces such that $X = M \oplus N$. For $x \in X$, set
 $Px = y$ where $x = y + z$, $y \in M, z \in N$. Then P is a projⁿ such that $M = \text{Ran}(P)$, $N = \text{Nul}(P)$.

Remark: The principal difference between Banach and Hilbert spaces in this regard is that for Hilbert spaces, we only need one subspace, namely M . Then $N = M^\perp$ always exists. Not so for Banach spaces. There exist examples of Banach spaces X and closed linear subspaces M s.t. M is not the range of any (cont.) projⁿ.

Next we prove that any Hilbert space is canonically isomorphic with itself, $\mathcal{H} \cong \mathcal{H}^*$.

Thm Let \mathcal{H} be a Hilbert space and assume $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}^*$.
 There exists a unique $y \in \mathcal{H}$ s.t. $\varphi(x) = (y, x) \forall x \in \mathcal{H}$.

Proof If $\varphi=0$, then set $y=0$, otherwise, set $M = \text{Nul}(\varphi)$.
 Since $M \neq \mathcal{H}$ and M is a closed subspace, M^\perp is a nonempty subspace.
 Pick $z \in M^\perp$ ~~such that $\|z\|=1$~~ .

For any x , consider the vector $u = \varphi(x)z - \varphi(z)x$.
 $\varphi(u) = 0$ so $u \in M$. Since $z \in M^\perp$, we find that

$$0 = (z, u) = \varphi(x)\|z\|^2 - \varphi(z)(z, x) \Rightarrow \varphi(x) = \left(\frac{\varphi(z)z}{\|z\|^2}, x \right)$$

In other words, $y = \frac{\varphi(z)}{\|z\|^2} z$ works.

For uniqueness, assume $(y, x) = (y', x) \forall x \Rightarrow (y - y', x) = 0 \forall x \Rightarrow y = y'$.
 (Note: \downarrow set $x = y - y'$)

The theorem just given is ~~the same~~ one version of the Riesz reprⁿ thm.

Orthogonal sets & bases

In a Hilbert space, a set $(u_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$ is said to be orthonormal if $\|u_\alpha\|=1 \forall \alpha \in A$ & $(u_\alpha, u_\beta) = 0$ when $\alpha \neq \beta$.

Any ~~linearly~~ linearly independent seq (x_n) can be converted to an ON-seq $(u_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ such that $\text{Span}(x_n)_{n=1}^N = \text{Span}(u_n)_{n=1}^N$. ~~One technique is Gram-Schmidt.~~

Gram-Schmidt: $u_1 = \frac{1}{\|x_1\|} x_1$
 $\hat{u}_n = x_n - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (u_j, x_n) u_j$ $u_n = \frac{\hat{u}_n}{\|\hat{u}_n\|}$

Lemma Bessel's inequality: Let \mathcal{X} be a H.S., let $(u_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$ be an ON-set. Then

$$\sum_{\alpha \in A} |(u_\alpha, x)|^2 \leq \|x\|^2 \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}.$$

In particular, the set $\{\alpha : (u_\alpha, x) \neq 0\}$ is countable.

Proof By defⁿ $\sum_{\alpha \in A} |(u_\alpha, x)|^2 = \sup_{\substack{B \subset A \\ B \text{ finite}}} \sum_{\alpha \in B} |(u_\alpha, x)|^2$

Set $x_\alpha = (u_\alpha, x)$, then if B is any finite subset of A :

$$0 \leq \|x - \sum_{\alpha \in B} x_\alpha u_\alpha\|^2 = (x - \sum_{\alpha \in B} x_\alpha u_\alpha, x - \sum_{\beta \in B} x_\beta u_\beta) =$$

$$= \|x\|^2 - \sum_{\alpha \in B} \overline{x_\alpha} (u_\alpha, x) - \sum_{\beta \in B} x_\beta (x, u_\beta) + \sum_{\alpha \in A} \sum_{\beta \in B} \overline{x_\alpha} x_\beta \overbrace{(u_\alpha, u_\beta)}^{= \delta_{\alpha\beta}} =$$

$$= \|x\|^2 - \sum_{\alpha \in B} |x_\alpha|^2 - \sum_{\alpha \in B} |x_\alpha|^2 + \sum_{\alpha \in B} |x_\alpha|^2 = \|x\|^2 - \sum_{\alpha \in B} |x_\alpha|^2 \quad \blacksquare$$

~~Thm~~ There are several ways of characterizing a basis for a Hilbert space:

Thm Let \mathcal{X} be a H.S. and $\{u_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ be an ON set. TFAE:

(a) If $(u_\alpha, x) = 0 \quad \forall \alpha$, then $x = 0$. (Completeness)

(b) $\|x\|^2 = \sum_{\alpha \in A} |(u_\alpha, x)|^2 \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}$ (Parseval's equality)

(c) For each $x \in \mathcal{X}$, $x = \sum_{\alpha \in A} (u_\alpha, x) u_\alpha$, where

the sum has at most countably many non-zero terms and converges to x in norm regardless of the summation order.

Proof (a) ⇒ (c) Assume (a) holds. Fix x .

By the Bessel Lemma, at most countably many $(u_{\alpha}, x) \neq 0$.

Enumerate these α : $(\alpha_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$

Set $x_n = \sum_{j=1}^n (u_{\alpha_j}, x) u_{\alpha_j}$. We will show that (x_n) is Cauchy.

By the Bessel ineq: $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |(u_{\alpha_j}, x)|^2 \leq \|x\|^2$.

For any $\epsilon > 0$, pick N s.t. $\sum_{j=N+1}^{\infty} |(u_{\alpha_j}, x)|^2 < \epsilon$.

Then if $m, n > N$ (and $m \leq n$):

$$\|x_m - x_n\|^2 = \left\| \sum_{j=m+1}^n (u_{\alpha_j}, x) u_{\alpha_j} \right\|^2 = \sum_{j=m+1}^n |(u_{\alpha_j}, x)|^2 < \epsilon$$

So (x_n) converges and $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (u_{\alpha_j}, x) u_{\alpha_j}$ exists. *Pyth.*

Set $y = x - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (u_{\alpha_j}, x) u_{\alpha_j}$, then $(u_{\alpha}, y) = 0 \quad \forall \alpha \in A$.

By (a), this implies that $y = 0$ and so $x = \sum_{\alpha \in A} (u_{\alpha}, x) u_{\alpha}$

(c) ⇒ (b) Assume that (c) holds, ~~set~~

Given any x , set $x = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (u_{\alpha_j}, x) u_{\alpha_j}$.

Set $x_n = \sum_{j=1}^n (u_{\alpha_j}, x) u_{\alpha_j}$. Then $\|x - x_n\| \rightarrow 0$ by (c).

$$\text{Moreover: } \|x\|^2 - \sum_{j=1}^n |(u_{\alpha_j}, x)|^2 = \|x\|^2 - \|x_n\|^2 = \|x - x_n\|^2 \rightarrow 0$$

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(b) ⇒ (c) Obvious.

Defⁿ An ON-set satisfying (a), (b), or (c), is called an ON-basis. 44 (91)

Thm Every Hilbert space has an ON-basis.

Proof Set $\mathcal{A} = \{ \}$ the set of all ON-sets.

Then \mathcal{A} is partially ordered, with inclusion as the order.
Each linear chain in \mathcal{A} has an upper bound.

~~Thus~~, By Zorn's Lemma, there exists a maximal element, M .

If M is not a basis, then M^\perp is non-empty so M can be extended.

Thus M must be a basis.

Thm A Hilbert space is separable \Leftrightarrow It has a countable ON-basis.
Moreover, if the space is separable, then every ON-basis is countable.

Proof " \Rightarrow " Assume that \mathcal{H} is a separable space.

Let $(x_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ be a dense set.

By discarding linearly dependent points, we construct a seq $(y_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ of linearly independent vectors whose span is dense.

Apply Gram-Schmidt to the set $(y_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ to obtain a countable basis.

" \Leftarrow " Assume that \mathcal{H} has a basis $(u_n)_{n=1}^\infty$.

Let $(q_j)_{j=1}^\infty$ be a dense set in \mathbb{C} .

Set $\Omega = \left\{ x = \sum_{j=1}^J q_j u_j \right\}$.

Then Ω is dense in \mathcal{H} .

"Moreover" It remains to prove that any basis is countable.

Assume that $(u_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ is a ~~countable~~ basis, & $(v_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$ is another basis.

By the Bessel lemma, the set $A_n = \{ \alpha \in A : (v_\alpha, u_n) \neq 0 \}$ is countable.

Since u_n is complete, every $\alpha \in A$ belongs to at least one A_n .

Thus $A = \bigcup_{n=1}^\infty A_n \Rightarrow A$ is countable.

Defⁿ Let \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} be Hilbert spaces.
A bijective map $T: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ such that

$$(Tx, Ty)_{\mathcal{Y}} = (x, y)_{\mathcal{X}} \quad \forall x, y \in \mathcal{X}$$

is called a UNITARY map. When such a map exists, we say that \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} are isomorphic Hilbert spaces.

Example Set $\mathcal{X} = L^2((-\pi, \pi))$, $\varphi_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{inx}$, then $(\varphi_n)_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}$ is an ON-basis.
The numbers $\alpha_n = (\varphi_n, f) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-inx} f(x) dx$ are the Fourier coefficients.

Set $f_N = \sum_{n=-N}^N (\varphi_n, f) \varphi_n$, then $\|f - f_N\| \rightarrow 0$ as $N \rightarrow \infty$.

Since the inner product is continuous, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} (f, g) &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (f_N, g_N) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{n=-N}^N (\varphi_n, f) \varphi_n, \sum_{m=-N}^N (\varphi_m, g) \varphi_m \right) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=-N}^N \overline{(\varphi_n, f)} (\varphi_n, g) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{(\varphi_n, f)} (\varphi_n, g) \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

Define $T: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{Z}): f \mapsto ((\varphi_n, f))_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}$

Then (*) shows that $(f, g)_{\mathcal{X}} = (Tf, Tg)_{L^2(\mathbb{Z})}$

so $L^2((-\pi, \pi))$ is isomorphic to $L^2(\mathbb{Z})$.

In general, if $(u_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$ is any ON-basis for a Hilbert space \mathcal{X} , then the map $T: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow L^2(A): x \mapsto ((u_\alpha, x))_{\alpha \in A}$ is a unitary isomorphism between \mathcal{X} and $L^2(A)$.

In particular, every separable Hilbert space is isomorphic to $L^2(\mathbb{N})$.