

## An incomplete inner product space.

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The linear space  $C[a, b]$  of all continuous complex-valued functions on  $[a, b]$  with the inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx$  is not complete with respect to the norm  $\|f\| = \langle f, f \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} = (\int_a^b |f(x)|^2 dx)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . In fact the sequence  $(f_n)$  where

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & a \leq x < \frac{b+a}{2} \\ (n+n_0)(x - \frac{b+a}{2}) & \frac{b+a}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{b+a}{2} + \frac{1}{n+n_0} \\ 1 & \frac{b+a}{2} + \frac{1}{n+n_0} < x \leq b \end{cases}$$

( $n_0$  is a natural number greater than  $\frac{2}{b-a}$ )

is a Cauchy but not convergent.