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Neighbourhood Retractions of Nonconvex Sets in a Hilbert Space via Sublinear Functionals

For a closed subset C of a Hilbert space $(H, \|\cdot\|)$ and for a sublinear functional $\rho : H \to \mathbb{R}^+$, which is equivalent to the norm $\|\cdot\|$, we give conditions guaranteeing existence and uniqueness of the nearest points to C in the sense of the semidistance generated by ρ . This permits us to construct a continuous retraction onto C well defined in a neighbourhood $\mathcal{U} \supset C$. In particular, according to one of the conditions, \mathcal{U} can be represented in terms of balance between the local strict convexity modulus of ρ and the measure of nonconvexity of the set C at each point.

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