

2024/10/25^A - Linear Algebra - Week 12 

Inner Product Space

An inner product for a vector space V over \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} is defined to be a map $(v, w) \mapsto \langle v, w \rangle$ where $v, w \in V$ and $\langle x, y \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$ (or \mathbb{C}) such that

- (i) $\langle v, v \rangle > 0$, $\forall v \in V$ and $\langle v, v \rangle = 0 \iff v = 0$
- (ii) $\langle v, w \rangle = \overline{\langle w, v \rangle}$, $v, w \in V$
- (iii) $\langle v_1 + \alpha v_2, w \rangle = \langle v_1, w \rangle + \alpha \langle v_2, w \rangle$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ (or \mathbb{C})
 $v, w \in V$

The vector space V with the inner product \langle , \rangle is called an inner

product space.

Observation: Since $\langle v, w \rangle = \langle \bar{w}, v \rangle$, we notice that

$$\begin{aligned}\langle v, w_1 + \alpha_2 w_2 \rangle &= \langle \bar{w}_1 + \bar{\alpha}_2 \bar{w}_2, v \rangle \\ &= \langle \bar{w}_1, v \rangle + \bar{\alpha}_2 \langle \bar{w}_2, v \rangle \\ &= \langle v, w_1 \rangle + \bar{\alpha}_2 \langle v, w_2 \rangle, \quad v, w_1, w_2 \in V\end{aligned}$$

and $\langle 0, v \rangle = \langle v, 0 \rangle = 0$, $\forall v \in V$

Example: Euclidean Space

let \mathbb{C}^n be the co-ordinate space over \mathbb{C} . We define the Euclidean inner product as

$$\langle (x_1, \dots, x_n), (y_1, \dots, y_n) \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \overline{y_i}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{\langle (x_1, \dots, x_n), (y_1, \dots, y_n) \rangle} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{x_i} y_i \\ &= \langle (y_1, \dots, y_n), (x_1, \dots, x_n) \rangle\end{aligned}$$

* Verify that the above definition is indeed an inner product

The Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^n over \mathbb{R} has the inner product

$$\langle (x_1, \dots, x_n), (y_1, \dots, y_n) \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

Remark: Every vector space inherits this inner product via a coordinate representation (What about the canonicity?) and hence we will mostly restrict ourselves to \mathbb{C}^n and \mathbb{R}^n

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Euclidean inner product on $M_{n \times 1}(\mathbb{R})$ is

$$\langle x, y \rangle = y^T x$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

Euclidean inner product on $M_{n \times 1}(\mathbb{C})$ is

$$\langle x, y \rangle = y^* x \quad \rightarrow \quad [\bar{y}_1 \ \bar{y}_2 \ \dots \ \bar{y}_n] \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$$

where $y^* = \bar{y}^T$; bar denotes complex conjugate done entrywise.

Proposition

Let V be an inner product space over \mathbb{R} (or \mathbb{C}). Then

for any vectors $v_1, \dots, v_m, w_1, \dots, w_n$ of V

$$\left\langle \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i v_i, \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j w_j \right\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_i \bar{\beta}_j \langle v_i, w_j \rangle$$

Proof: follows directly from definition

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→ Euclidean space for complex coordinates

$$\rightarrow \langle (x_1, \dots, x_n), (y_1, \dots, y_n) \rangle \neq \langle (y_1, \dots, y_n), (x_1, \dots, x_n) \rangle$$

→ conjugate symmetry

→ linearity in first coordinate + conjugate symmetry \Rightarrow linearity in both coordinates

$$\left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i v_i, \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j w_j \right\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_i \bar{\beta}_j v_i w_j$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \left\langle v_i, \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j w_j \right\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \left(\sum_{j=1}^m \bar{\beta}_j \langle v_i, w_j \rangle \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_i \bar{\beta}_j \langle v_i, w_j \rangle$$

inner product \sim angle b/w vectors

length \sim norm

Norm:

A norm on a vector space over \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} is defined to be a function $v \mapsto \|v\|$ from V to \mathbb{R} such that

(i) $\|v\| > 0 \quad \forall v \in V$ and $\|v\| = 0 \iff v = 0$

positive definite

(ii) $\|\alpha \cdot v\| = |\alpha| \cdot \|v\|$

homogeneity

(iii) $\|v + w\| \leq \|v\| + \|w\|, \quad v, w \in V$

triangle inequality

$$v \xrightarrow{\| \cdot \|} \|v\|$$

\rightarrow non-negative real number

$$\rightarrow \| \cdot \| = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \cdot = 0$$

\rightarrow norm changes proportionally

$$\|\alpha \cdot v\| = |\alpha| \|v\|$$

v is scaled by scalar α , $\|v\|$ is scaled by $|\alpha|$

Observation: Follows from the defⁿ:

$$|\|x\| - \|y\|| \leq \|x - y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$$

$$\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$$

$$|\|x\| - \|y\|| \leq \|x - y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\| \rightarrow \text{exercise}$$

Here
Euclidean norm
mostly

$$\|x - y\|$$

Examples of norm on \mathbb{C}^n (and \mathbb{R}^n)

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One norm

$$\|(x_1, \dots, x_n)\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$$

3 properties: homogeneity,
positivity, triangle inequality
followed

This is called the 1-norm

e.g.: $\|(1, 1)\|_1 = 2$
 $\in \mathbb{C}^2$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \|(x_1, \dots, x_n)\|_{\infty} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i|$$

∞
norm

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \|(x_1, \dots, x_n)\|_2 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

\longleftrightarrow Euclidean
norm

p-norm
 $p=2$

$p=2$ is called the Euclidean norm

$$\mathbb{R}^2 ; \quad \|(x_1, x_2)\|_2 = \sqrt{|x_1|^2 + |x_2|^2}$$

$$\|(x_1, x_2)\|_2 = r, \quad r \in \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$$

If $r=0$, then $(x_1, x_2) = (0, 0)$

$$r \neq 0, \quad \|(x_1, x_2)\|^2 = |x_1|^2 + |x_2|^2 = r^2$$

or $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = r^2$

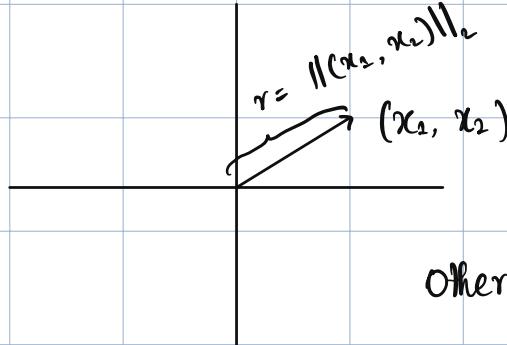
Circle with
radius r and
centre 0

$\{(x_1, x_2) \mid \|(\alpha_1, x_2)\|_2 = r\}$ is a circle of radius r
centered at 0.

$$(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2$$

$$\|(\alpha_1, x_2)\|_2 := \left(|x_1|^2 + |x_2|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \|(\alpha_1, x_2)\|_2^2 &= |x_1|^2 + |x_2|^2 \\ &= \bar{x}_1 x_1 + \bar{x}_2 x_2 \\ &= \langle x_1, x_1 \rangle + \langle x_2, x_2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$



Other norms
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different shapes

← parallelogram law

inner product \Rightarrow norm
exists
can always be defined

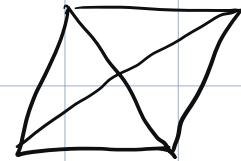
useful in optimizations

limited resource } inner product
+ norm

* Not every norm is induced by an inner product

- A norm induced by an inner product must

satisfy a property called the parallelogram law:



parallelogram

\sum length of
diagonals

= \sum sides

$$\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 = 2\|x\|^2 + 2\|y\|^2$$



$$\langle x+y, x+y \rangle^2 + \langle x-y, x-y \rangle^2$$

$$(\underbrace{\langle x, x+y \rangle}_{a} + \underbrace{\langle y, x+y \rangle}_{b})^2$$

$$(\underbrace{\langle x, x \rangle}_{a^2} + \underbrace{\langle x, y \rangle}_{ab} + \underbrace{\langle y, x \rangle}_{ba} + \underbrace{\langle y, y \rangle}_{b^2})^2$$

$$+ (\langle x, x \rangle - \langle x, y \rangle - \langle y, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle)^2$$

$$= (a+b)^2 + (a-b)^2 = 2a^2 + 2b^2$$

$$= 2\langle x, x \rangle^2 + 2\langle y, y \rangle^2$$