

Lecture 15: Recall:

Inner product and norm

Assume $F = \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{C} .

Definition: Let V be a vector space over F . An inner product on V is a map $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow F$ s.t. $\forall \vec{x}, \vec{y}, \vec{z} \in V$

and $c \in F$, it satisfies:

$$(a) \quad \langle \vec{x} + \vec{z}, \vec{y} \rangle = \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle + \langle \vec{z}, \vec{y} \rangle$$

$$(b) \quad \langle c\vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = c\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle$$

$$(c) \quad \overline{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle} = \langle \vec{y}, \vec{x} \rangle$$

$$(d) \quad \langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle > 0 \quad \text{if} \quad \vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$$

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- Let $V = C([0,1])$ be vector space of real-valued continuous functions on $[0,1]$. Then: for $f, g \in V$,

$$\langle f, g \rangle \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_0^1 f(t)g(t) dt \quad \text{defines an inner product on } V.$$

$(F = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C})$

- Let $V = M_{n \times n}(F)$. For $A, B \in V$, we define:

$$\langle A, B \rangle \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{tr}(B^* A)$$

Where B^* is the conjugate transpose of B defined by:

$$B^* = \overline{B}^T$$

For $A, B, C \in V$ and $\lambda \in F$, we check:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad \langle A+B, C \rangle &= \text{tr}(C^*(A+B)) = \text{tr}(C^*A + C^*B) \\ &= \text{tr}(C^*A) + \text{tr}(C^*B) \\ &= \langle A, C \rangle + \langle B, C \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad \langle \lambda A, B \rangle &= \text{tr}(B^*(\lambda A)) = \text{tr}(\lambda(B^*A)) \\ &= \lambda \text{tr}(B^*A) \\ &= \lambda \langle A, B \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad \overline{\langle A, B \rangle} &= \overline{\text{tr}(B^*A)} = \text{tr}(\overline{B^*A}) = \text{tr}(B^T \bar{A}) \\ &= \text{tr}(\underbrace{B^T}_{\overline{B}} \bar{A}) = \text{tr}(\bar{A}^T \underbrace{(B^T)^T}_B) \\ &= \text{tr}(A^*B) = \langle B, A \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

$\text{Tr}(C) = \text{Tr}(C^T)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (d) \quad \langle A, A \rangle &= \text{tr}(A^* A) = \sum_{i=1}^n (A^* A)_{ii} \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \underbrace{(A^*)_{ik}}_{\overline{A_{ki}}} A_{ki} \right) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n \overline{A_{ki}} A_{ki}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle A, A \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n |A_{ki}|^2 \geq 0$$

and $\langle A, A \rangle = 0$ iff $A_{ki} = 0 \quad \forall k, i$ (i.e. $A = 0$)

Definition: A vector space V equipped with an inner product is called an **inner product space**.

If $F = \mathbb{C}$, we call V a complex inner product space.

If $F = \mathbb{R}$, we call V a real inner product space.

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Proposition: Let V be an inner product space. Then, $\forall \vec{x}, \vec{y}, \vec{z} \in V$ and $\forall c \in F$, we have:

$$(a) \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} + \vec{z} \rangle = \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle + \langle \vec{x}, \vec{z} \rangle$$

$$(b) \langle \vec{x}, c\vec{y} \rangle = \overline{c} \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle$$

$$(c) \langle \vec{x}, \vec{0} \rangle = \langle \vec{0}, \vec{x} \rangle = 0$$

$$(d) \langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle = 0 \text{ iff } \vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$(e) \text{ If } \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \langle \vec{x}, \vec{z} \rangle \text{ for } \forall \vec{x} \in V, \text{ then } \vec{y} = \vec{z}.$$



Proof: (a) $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} + \vec{z} \rangle = \overline{\langle \vec{y} + \vec{z}, \vec{x} \rangle}$

$$= \overline{\langle \vec{y}, \vec{x} \rangle + \langle \vec{z}, \vec{x} \rangle}$$

$$= \overline{\langle \vec{y}, \vec{x} \rangle} + \overline{\langle \vec{z}, \vec{x} \rangle} = \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle + \langle \vec{x}, \vec{z} \rangle$$

(b) $\langle \vec{x}, c\vec{y} \rangle = \overline{\langle c\vec{y}, \vec{x} \rangle} = \overline{c\langle \vec{y}, \vec{x} \rangle} = \overline{c} \overline{\langle \vec{y}, \vec{x} \rangle}$

$$= \overline{c} \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle$$

(c) $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{0} \rangle = \langle \vec{x}, \vec{0} + \vec{0} \rangle = \langle \vec{x}, \vec{0} \rangle + \langle \vec{x}, \vec{0} \rangle$

So, $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{0} \rangle = 0$. Similarly, $\langle \vec{0}, \vec{x} \rangle = 0$

(d) If $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$, then $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle = 0$ by (c)

If $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$, then $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle > 0$ by definition.

(e) If $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \langle \vec{x}, \vec{z} \rangle$ for all $\vec{x} \in V$.

then $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} - \vec{z} \rangle = 0 \quad \forall \vec{x} \in V$.

In particular, we can choose $\vec{x} = \vec{y} - \vec{z}$.

Then: $\langle \vec{y} - \vec{z}, \vec{y} - \vec{z} \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{y} - \vec{z} = \vec{0} \quad (\text{by (d)})$
 $\Rightarrow \vec{y} = \vec{z}.$

Remark: (a) + (b) together say that the inner product is conjugate linear in the second argument.

Definition: Let V be an inner product space. For $\vec{x} \in V$, we can define the length or norm of \vec{x} by:

$$\|\vec{x}\| \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sqrt{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle}$$

Proposition: Let V be an inner product space over F . Then, $\forall \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V$ and $\forall c \in F$, we have:

(a) $\|c\vec{x}\| = |c| \cdot \|\vec{x}\|$

(b) $\|\vec{x}\| \geq 0$, and $\|\vec{x}\| = 0$ iff $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$.

(c) $|\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle| \leq \|\vec{x}\| \|\vec{y}\|$ (Cauchy-Schwarz inequality)

(d) $\|\vec{x} + \vec{y}\| \leq \|\vec{x}\| + \|\vec{y}\|$ (Triangle inequality)



Proof: (a) $\|c\vec{x}\| = \sqrt{\langle c\vec{x}, c\vec{x} \rangle} = \sqrt{\underset{\substack{\text{"} \\ |c|^2}}{c\bar{c}} \langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle}$

$= |c| \sqrt{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle} = |c| \|\vec{x}\|.$

(b) $\|\vec{x}\| = \sqrt{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle} \geq 0$ (by definition)

$\|\vec{x}\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow \langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle = 0$ iff $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

(c) and (d) will be shown in the tutorial.

Orthogonality

Definition: Let V be an inner product space. We say $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V$ are orthogonal (or perpendicular) if $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = 0$.

A subset $S \subset V$ is called orthogonal if any two distinct vectors in S are orthogonal.

A unit vector in V is a vector $\vec{x} \in V$ with $\|\vec{x}\| = 1$.

A subset $S \subset V$ is called orthonormal if S is orthogonal and all vectors in S are unit vectors.

e.g. Let H be the space of continuous complex-valued functions on $[0, 2\pi]$. We have inner product defined by:

$$\langle f, g \rangle \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(t) \overline{g(t)} dt \quad \text{for } f, g \in H$$

For any $n \in \mathbb{Z}^{\text{integer}}$,

let $\overset{\text{FI}}{\text{int}} f_n(t) = e^{\overset{\text{def}}{:=} \cos nt + i \sin nt} \quad \text{for } t \in [0, 2\pi]$

and consider $S = \{f_n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} \subset H$

For any $m \neq n$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f_m, f_n \rangle &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{imt} \overbrace{e^{-int}}^{e^{-int}} dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i(m-n)t} dt \\ &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos(m-n)t dt + i \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin(m-n)t dt \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$i(m-n) e^{i(m-n)t}$

$$\text{Also, } \langle f_n, f_n \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{int} \overline{e^{int}} dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} 1 dt = 1$$

$\therefore S$ is orthonormal subset of H .

Definition: Let V be an inner product space. A subset of V is an orthonormal basis for V if it is an ordered basis which is orthonormal.

Proposition: Let V be an inner product space and $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$ be an orthogonal subset of V consisting of non-zero vectors.

Then: $\forall \vec{y} \in \text{Span}(S)$,

$$\vec{y} = \sum_{i=1}^k \left(\frac{\langle \vec{y}, \vec{v}_i \rangle}{\|\vec{v}_i\|^2} \right) \vec{v}_i$$

Proof: Write $\vec{y} = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \vec{v}_i$ for some $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \in F$.

Take inner product with \vec{v}_j on both sides gives:

$$\langle \vec{y}, \vec{v}_j \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \langle \vec{v}_i, \vec{v}_j \rangle = a_j \|\vec{v}_j\|^2 //$$

Corollary 1: If, in addition to above, S is orthonormal, then $\forall \vec{y} \in \text{Span}(S)$, $\vec{y} = \sum_{i=1}^k \langle \vec{y}, \vec{v}_i \rangle \vec{v}_i$

Corollary 2: Let S be an orthogonal subset of an inner product space V consisting of non-zero vectors. Then, S is linearly independent.

Proof: If $\sum_{i=1}^k a_i \vec{v}_i = \vec{0}$ for some $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k \in S$ and $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \in F$,
 $\in \text{Span}(\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\})$

By previous proposition,

$$a_i = \frac{\langle \vec{0}, \vec{v}_i \rangle}{\|\vec{v}_i\|^2} = 0 \quad \text{for } i=1, 2, \dots, k. //$$

Prop: Let V be an inner product space and $S_n = \{\vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_n\}$ be a linearly independent subset of V . Define:

$$S_n' = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\} \text{ where } \vec{v}_1 = \vec{w}_1 \text{ and}$$

for $k=2, \dots, n$,

$$\vec{v}_k \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \vec{w}_k - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \left(\frac{\langle \vec{w}_k, \vec{v}_j \rangle}{\|\vec{v}_j\|^2} \right) \vec{v}_j$$

Then: S_n' is orthogonal and $\text{Span}(S_n') = \text{span}(S_n)$

