

Chapter 6 Inner Product Spaces

6.1 Inner Products and Norms

Definition. Inner Product Let V be a vector space over F . An inner product on V is a function that assigns, to every ordered pair of vectors x and y in V , a scalar in F , denoted $\langle x, y \rangle$, such that for all $x, y, z \in V$ and all $c \in F$,

1. $\langle x + z, y \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle + \langle z, y \rangle$
2. $\langle cx, y \rangle = c\langle x, y \rangle$
3. $\overline{\langle x, y \rangle} = \langle y, x \rangle$
4. $\langle x, x \rangle > 0$ if $x \neq 0$

First two condition requires inner product be linear in the first component. Also

$$\langle \sum_i a_i v_i, y \rangle = \sum_i a_i \langle v_i, y \rangle$$

Definition. Conjugate Transpose or Adjoint of a Matrix Let $A \in M_{m \times n}(F)$, the conjugate transpose or adjoint of A is an $n \times m$ matrix A^* such that $(A^*)_{ij} = \overline{A_{ji}}$ for all i, j . For $F = \mathbb{R}$, $A^* = A^T$

Definition. Inner Product Definition Example

1. **Standard Inner Product on F^n** For $x = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ and $y = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$ in F^n , the standard inner product on F^n is given by

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \bar{b}_i$$

2. **Inner Product for Real-valued Continuous Functions on $[0, 1]$** Let $V = C([0, 1])$, $f, g \in V$, define

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(t)g(t)dt$$

3. **Frobenius Inner Product for Matrices** Let $V = M_{n \times n}(F)$, $A, B \in V$, then

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(B^* A) = \sum_{i=1}^n (B^* A)_{ii}$$

Definition. Inner Product Space A vector space over F endowed with a specific inner product is called an inner product space. If $F = \mathbb{C}$, V is a complex inner product space; if $F = \mathbb{R}$, then V is a real inner product space

Theorem. 6.1 Properties From Inner Product Conditions Let V be an inner product space. Then for $x, y, z \in V$ and $c \in F$, the following statements are true

1. $\langle x, y + z \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x, z \rangle$
2. $\langle x, cy \rangle = \bar{c}\langle x, y \rangle$
3. $\langle x, 0 \rangle = \langle 0, x \rangle = 0$
4. $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$ if and only if $x = 0$
5. If $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle$ for all $x \in V$, then $y = z$

The inner product is conjugate linear in the second argument

Definition. Norm/Length Let V be an inner product space. For $x \in V$, define norm or length of x by

$$\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$$

Definition. 6.2 Properties of Norm Let V be an inner product space over F . Then for all $x, y \in V$ and $c \in F$, the following statements are true

1. $\|cx\| = |c| \cdot \|x\|$
2. $\|x\| = 0$ if and only if $x = 0$. In any case, $\|x\| \geq 0$
3. **Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality** $|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \cdot \|y\|$
4. **Triangular Inequality** $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$

Definition. Angle For $F = \mathbb{R}$, $x, y \neq 0$, and θ be angle between x and y

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\| \|y\|} \quad \theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\| \|y\|} \right)$$

Note

$$\left| \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\| \|y\|} \right| \leq 1$$

So valid input to arccos function

Definition. Orthogonal Vectors Let V be an inner product space. Vectors x and y in V are orthogonal (perpendicular) if $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$.

Definition. Orthogonal Sets and Orthonormal Sets A subset S of V is orthogonal if any two distinct vectors in S are orthogonal. A vector x in V is a unit vector if $\|x\| = 1$. A subset S of V is orthonormal if S is orthogonal and consists entirely of unit vectors.

1. $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots\}$, then S is orthonormal if and only if $\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$

2. We can **normalize** an orthogonal set S , by multiplying $1/\|x\|$ for each $x \in S$

Definition. Orthonormal Set Property Let V be inner product space and $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots\} \subseteq V$ be an orthonormal set. Let $v \in \text{span}(S)$, then $v = a_1 s_1 + \dots + a_k s_k$. Then

$$\langle v, s_j \rangle = a_j$$

by

$$\langle v, s_j \rangle = \langle \sum_i a_i s_i, s_j \rangle = \sum_i a_i \langle s_i, s_j \rangle = \sum_i a_i \delta_{ij} = a_j$$

Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization Process and Orthogonal Complements

Definition. Orthonormal Basis Let V be an inner product space. A subset of V is an orthonormal basis for V if it is an ordered basis that is orthonormal

Definition. Every Inner Product Space has n Orthogonal Basis Let V be an inner product space and $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$ be an orthogonal subset of V consisting of nonzero vectors. If $y \in \text{span}(S)$, then

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\langle y, v_i \rangle}{\|v_i\|^2} v_i$$

Corollary. Special case for Orthonormal Set If, in addition to hypotheses of previous theorem, S is orthonormal and $y \in S$, then

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^k \langle y, v_i \rangle v_i$$

Corollary. Nonzero Orthonormal Set is Linearly Independent Let V be an inner product space, and let S be an orthogonal subset of V consisting of nonzero vectors. Then S is linearly independent

Theorem. 6.4 Gram-Schmidt Process Let V be an inner product space and $S = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$ be a linearly independent subset of V . Define $S' = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$, where $v_1 = w_1$ and

$$v_k = w_k - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{\langle w_k, v_j \rangle}{\|v_j\|^2} v_j \quad 2 \leq k \leq n$$

Then S' is an orthogonal set of nonzero vectors such that $\text{span}(S') = \text{span}(S)$

Theorem. 6.5 Every Finite Dimensional I.P.S has an Orthonormal Basis Let V be a nonzero finite-dimensional inner product space. Then V has an orthonormal basis β . Furthermore, if $\beta = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ and $x \in V$, then

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle x, v_i \rangle v_i$$

Corollary. Expression for Matrix Representation of Transformation on Orthonormal Basis Let V be a finite-dimensional inner product space with an orthonormal basis $\beta = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$. Let T be a linear operator on V , and let $A = [T]_\beta$. Then for any i and j , $A_{ij} = \langle T(v_j), v_i \rangle$, i.e.

$$T(v_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle T(v_j), v_i \rangle v_i$$

Definition. Fourier Coefficients Let β be an orthonormal subset (possibly infinite) of an inner product space V , and let $x \in V$. We define the Fourier coefficients of x relative to β to be the scalars $\langle x, y \rangle$, where $y \in \beta$

Orthogonal Complements

Definition. Orthogonal Complements Let S be a nonempty subset of an inner product space V . We define $S^\perp = \{x \in V : \langle x, y \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } y \in S\}$. The set S^\perp is called the orthogonal complement of S

1. $\{0\}^\perp = V$ and $V^\perp = \{0\}$

Theorem. 6.6 Finding Projection of a Vector onto a Subspace Let W be a finite-dimensional subspace of an inner product space V , and let $y \in V$. Then there exist unique vectors $u \in W$ and $z \in W^\perp$ such that $y = u + z$. Furthermore, if $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$ is an orthonormal basis for W , then

$$u = \sum_{i=1}^k \langle y, v_i \rangle v_i$$

where u is the orthogonal projection of y on W .

Corollary. Orthogonal Projection is Unique and Closest to Projected Vector In the notation of previous theorem, the vector u the unique vector in W that is closest to y ; that is, for any $x \in W$, $\|y - x\| \geq \|y - u\|$, and this inequality is an equality if and only if $x = u$

Theorem. 6.7 Orthonormal Basis and Subspaces Suppose that $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$ is an orthonormal set in an n -dimensional inner product space V . Then

1. S can be extended to an orthonormal basis $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k, v_{k+1}, \dots, v_n\}$ for V .
2. If $W = \text{span}(S)$, then $S_1 = \{v_{k+1}, \dots, v_n\}$ is an orthonormal basis for W^\perp
3. If W is any subspace of V , then $\dim(V) = \dim(W) + \dim(W^\perp)$

6.3 The Adjoint of a Linear Operator

Definition. Dual Space is a space of all linear transformations from a vector space V to its field F .

Theorem. 6.8 Every Linear Transformation from V to F Can Be Written as a Inner Product Let V be a finite-dimensional inner product space over F , and let $g : V \rightarrow F$ be a linear transformation. Then there exists a unique vector $y \in V$ such that $g(x) = \langle x, y \rangle$ for all $x \in V$, where

$$y = \sum_i \overline{g(v_i)} v_i \quad \beta = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \text{ is orthonormal basis}$$

Definition. Adjoint Linear Operator Given inner product space V , let T be a linear operator on V . The adjoint of operator T , T^* , is the unique operator on V satisfying

$$\langle T(x), y \rangle = \langle x, T^*(y) \rangle \quad \text{for all } x, y \in V$$

Theorem. 6.9 Adjoint of an Linear Operator Exist for f.d. Inner Product Space Let V be a finite-dimensional inner product space, and let T be a linear operator on V . Then there exists a unique function, called the adjoint of T , $T^* : V \rightarrow V$ such that

$$\langle T(x), y \rangle = \langle x, T^*(y) \rangle$$

for all $x, y \in V$. Furthermore, T^* is linear. We can view the equation symbolically as adding an asterik $*$ to T when shifting position inside the inner product symbol

Theorem. 6.10 Adjoint of a Linear Operator in Matrix Form is the Adjoint of Matrix Form of that Linear Operator Let v be a finite-dimensional inner product space. Let β be an orthonormal basis for V . If T is a linear operator on V , then

$$[T^*]_{\beta} = [T]_{\beta}^*$$

Corollary. For Left-Matrix Transformation Let A be $n \times n$ matrix, then $L_{A^*} = (L_A)^*$. ([theorem 2.16](#))

Theorem. 6.11 Properties of Adjoint of Linear Operators

Let V be an inner product space, and let T, U be linear operators on V , then

1. $(T + U)^* = T^* + U^*$
2. $(cT)^* = \bar{c}T^*$ for any $c \in F$
3. $(TU)^* = U^*T^*$
4. $T^{**} = T$
5. $I^* = I$

assuming adjoints always exists.

Corollary. For Matrix

Let A and B be $n \times n$ matrix, then

1. $(A + B)^* = A^* + B^*$
2. $(cA)^* = \bar{c}A^*$ for all $c \in F$
3. $(AB)^* = B^*A^*$
4. $A^{**} = A$
5. $I^* = I$

Least Squares Approximation

Definition. Some notation For $x, y \in F^n$

1. $\langle x, y \rangle_n$ is the standard inner product of x and y in F^n
2. If x and y are column vectors, then $\langle x, y \rangle_n = y^*x$

Lemma. Let $A \in M_{m \times n}(F)$, $x \in F^n$ and $y \in F^m$, then

$$\langle Ax, y \rangle_m = \langle x, A^*y \rangle_n$$

Lemma. Let $A \in M_{m \times n}(F)$. Then $\text{rank}(A^*A) = \text{rank}(A)$

Corollary. If A is $m \times n$ matrix such that $\text{rank}(A) = n$, then A^*A is invertible

Theorem. 6.12 Close Form Solution for Least Squared Problem Let $A \in M_{m \times n}(F)$ and $y \in F^m$. Then there exists $x_0 \in F^n$ such that $(A^*A)x_0 = A^*y$ and $\|Ax_0 - y\| \leq \|Ax - y\|$ for all $x \in F^n$. Furthermore, if $\text{rank}(A) = n$, then $x_0 = (A^*A)^{-1}A^*y$

6.4 Normal and Self-Adjoint Operators

Lemma. Condition on Existence of Eigenvector for Adjoint Linear Operators

Let T be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional inner product space V . If T has an eigenvector, then so does T^* . If λ is an eigenvalue of T , then $\bar{\lambda}$ is an eigenvalue of T^*

Proof. Let v be eigenvector of T with corresponding eigenvalue λ , then for any $x \in V$,

$$0 = \langle 0, x \rangle = \langle (T - \lambda I)(v), x \rangle = \langle v, (T - \lambda I)^*(x) \rangle = \langle v, (T^* - \bar{\lambda}I)(x) \rangle$$

Let $W = \text{span}(\{v\})$, so $R(T^* - \bar{\lambda}I) \subseteq W^\perp$. Note $\text{rank}(T^* - \bar{\lambda}I) \leq \dim(W^\perp) = n - 1$, then $N(T^* - \bar{\lambda}I) \neq \{0\}$. So exists $u \in N(T^* - \bar{\lambda}I)$ such that $T^*(u) = \bar{\lambda}u$ □

Theorem. 6.14 (Schur's Theorem)

$P_T(t)$ Splits Implies Exists O.N. Basis st. $[T]_\beta$ is Upper Triangular

Let T be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional inner product space V . Suppose that the characteristic polynomial of T splits. Then there exists an orthonormal basis β for V such that the matrix $[T]_\beta$ is upper triangular

Proof. With induction, idea is to construct an orthonormal basis $\beta = \gamma \cup \{z\}$, where γ is an orthonormal basis for W^\perp and $z \in W = \text{span}(z)$, where z is unit eigenvector for T^* whose existence ensured by previous lemma. The induction hypothesis mandates

1. W^\perp is a T -invariant subspace as an assumption, i.e. if $y \in W^\perp, x \in W$, then $\langle T(y), x \rangle = 0$
2. $P_{T_{W^\perp}}(t) | P_T(t)$, so characteristic polynomial of T_{W^\perp} splits

to get the orthonormal basis γ , for which $[T_{W^\perp}]_\gamma$ is upper triangular. \square

Definition. Normal Linear Operator Let V be an inner product space, and let T be a linear operator on V . We say that T is normal if $TT^* = T^*T$. An $n \times n$ real or complex matrix A is normal if $AA^* = A^*A$ (Commutativity).

1. T is normal if and only if $[T]_\beta$ is normal, where β is an orthonormal basis
2. Skew-symmetric matrix ($A^t = -A$) is normal by $A^t A = -A^2 = AA^t$
3. Normality not sufficient to guarantee an orthonormal basis of eigenvectors. However, normality suffices if V is a complex inner product space

Theorem. 6.15 Properties of Normal Operator

Let V be an inner product space, and let T be a normal operator on V . Then the following are true

1. $\|T(x)\| = \|T^*(x)\|$ for all $x \in V$
2. $T - cI$ is normal for every $c \in F$
3. If x is an eigenvector of T , then x is also an eigenvector of T^* . In fact, if $T(x) = \lambda x$, then $T^*(x) = \bar{\lambda}x$
4. If λ_1 and λ_2 are distinct eigenvalues of T with corresponding eigenvectors x_1 and x_2 , then x_1 and x_2 are orthogonal

Theorem. 6.16 Normal Operator iff Diagonalizable ($F = \mathbb{C}$)

Let T be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional **complex** inner product space V . Then T is normal if and only if there exists an orthonormal basis for V consisting of eigenvectors of T .

Proof. Idea is the orthonormal basis that makes T an upper triangular matrix happens to be a set of eigenvectors. The proof consists of using fundamental theorem of algebra to show that $P_T(t)$ splits and by Schur's theorem there exists orthonormal basis $\beta = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ for V such that $[T]_\beta = A$ is upper triangular. Then use induction on k to prove that $v_k \in \beta$ is in fact eigenvectors, given that $\{v_1, \dots, v_{k-1}\}$ are eigenvectors, with base case $k = 1$, $T(v_1) = A_{11}v_1$ since A is upper triangular. The converse is true by $[T]_\beta$ diagonal and so $[T^*]_\beta$ also diagonal, diagonal matrix commute, so T is normal \square

1. *example showing theorem does not work on infinite dimension vector spaces with problem definition [here](#) . Specifically an example where T is normal and that T has no eigenvectors*
2. *Normality not sufficient for existence of orthonormal basis of eigenvectors for real inner product spaces*

Definition. Self-Adjoint Let T be a linear operator on an inner product space V . We say that T is self-adjoint (Hermitian) if $T = T^*$. An $n \times n$ real or complex matrix A is self-adjoint (Hermitian) if $A = A^*$

1. *If β is orthonormal basis, then T is self-adjoint if and only if $[T]_\beta$ is self-adjoint (symmetric matrix for $F = \mathbb{R}$)*
2. *If T is self-adjoint, then T is normal*

Lemma. Properties of Self-Adjoint

Let T be a self-adjoint operator on a finite-dimensional inner product space V . Then

1. *Every eigenvalue of T is real*
2. *Suppose that V is a real inner product space ($F = \mathbb{R}$). Then the characteristic polynomial of T splits*

Theorem. 6.17 Self-Adjoint iff Diagonalizable ($F = \mathbb{R}$)

Let T be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional real inner product space V . Then T is self-adjoint if and only if there exists an orthonormal basis β for V consisting of eigenvectors of T .

Definition. Computing Squared Root of Imaginary Number

Relies on Euler's formula

$$e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x$$

Therefore we have

$$e^{i\pi} = -1 \quad i = \sqrt{-1} = e^{i\pi/2} \quad \sqrt{i} = e^{i\pi/4} = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$