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General Inner Products

Inner Product:

Let V be a vector space and $\omega: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a bilinear mapping that takes 2 vectors and maps them onto a real number. Then,

- A positive definite, symmetric bilinear mapping $\omega: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called an inner product on V .

We typically write $\langle x, y \rangle$ instead of $\omega(x, y)$.

- The pair $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is called inner product space or vector space of inner product.

- ω is called symmetric if

$\omega(x, y) = \omega(y, x)$ for all $x, y \in V$
order of the arguments doesn't matter.

- ω is called positive definite if

$$\forall x \in V \setminus \{0\}: \omega(x, x) > 0, \omega(0, 0) = 0$$

- The positive definiteness of the inner product implies that,

$$\forall x \in V \setminus \{0\}: x^T A x > 0$$



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Example:

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 6 \\ 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 6 \\ 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

A_1 is symmetric as, $A_1 = A_1^T$

Now check for the positive definiteness.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore x^T A_1 x &= [x_1 \ x_2] \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 6 \\ 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 9x_1^2 + 12x_1x_2 + 5x_2^2 = [9x_1 + 6x_2 \quad 6x_1 + 5x_2] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (3x_1 + 2x_2)^2 + x_2^2 > 0 = 9x_1^2 + 6x_1x_2 + 6x_1x_2 + 5x_2^2 \\ &\text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}. \therefore A_1 \text{ is positive definite.} \end{aligned}$$

A_2 is symmetric.

$$\begin{aligned} x^T A_2 x &= [x_1 \ x_2] \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 6 \\ 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [9x_1 + 6x_2 \quad 6x_1 + 3x_2] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 9x_1^2 + 6x_1x_2 + 6x_1x_2 + 3x_2^2 \\ &= 9x_1^2 + 12x_1x_2 + 3x_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

If we put $x = [2 \ -3]$ then

$$= 36 - 72 + 9$$

$$= -27$$

$$x^T A_2 x < 0$$



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$\therefore A_1$ is symmetric and positive definite.
Also A_2 is symmetric but not positive definite.

If $A \in \mathbb{R}$ is symmetric, positive definite then

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

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defines inner product where x and y are the coordinate representations of $x, y \in V$.

Note: Not every norm is induced by an inner product. (l_1 norm)

Inner product induces a norm

$$\|x\| = \sqrt{x^T x} = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} \quad (l_2 \text{ norm})$$