

#flo #hw

1 | Inner product spaces!

wait, we just got the definition of the dot product? in chapter 6??

we can generalize the dot product to get the **inner product**

the inner product is more fundamental than length, and can in fact lead to the concepts of length and angles

we denote this inner product with $\langle u, v \rangle$. now we get to the definition of the inner product:

takes an inner product of two elements $u, v \in V$ and goes to a number $\langle u, v \rangle \in F$
has the following properties:

****positivity**** $\langle v, v \rangle \geq 0$ for all $v \in V$

****definiteness**** $\langle v, v \rangle = 0$ iff $v = 0$

****additivity in first slot**** $\langle u+v, w \rangle = \langle u, w \rangle + \langle v, w \rangle$

****homogeneity in the first slot**** $\langle \lambda v, u \rangle = \lambda \langle v, u \rangle$ for all $\lambda \in F$

****conjugate symmetry**** $\langle u, v \rangle = \overline{\langle v, u \rangle}$ for all $u, v \in V$

since all real numbers equal their complex conjugate, we can just say that in real vector spaces $\langle u, v \rangle = \langle v, u \rangle$

now with the inner product, we can define an **inner product space** which is just a

vector space along with an inner product

V is an inner product space for the rest of the chapter

the func that takes v to $\langle v, v \rangle$ is a linear map from V to F

each inner product also determines a norm, following the pattern $\|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}$

the norm is also also ~homogenous: $\|\lambda v\| = |\lambda| \|v\|$

we also get to define the concept of orthogonality:

title: orthogonal

two vecs are othogonal if $\langle u, v \rangle = 0$

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