Thus,

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In the euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , we measure distances and angles using the vector inner-product.

and the norm

$$\|Y\|^2 = V \cdot V$$

In the Minkowski space, we measure distances using a generalization of the Inner-product.

$$V \cdot W = -V^2 W^2 + V^1 W^1 + V^2 W^2 + V^3 W^3$$

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1. X·x >0, spacelike

11, X·X <0, timelike

 $\mathbf{w}. \ \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{no}.$ 

The notion of metric generalizes these concepts:

A semi-Riemannian metric or simplely metric, in a vector space V, is a map

is bilinear, i.e., linear in each entrance

$$g(cv + v', w) = cg(v, w) + g(v', w)$$
  
 $g(v, cw + w') = cg(v, w) + g(v, w')$ 

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and non-degenerate, if

- · V is spacelike if g(v,v)70.
- · V is timelike if g(V,V)<0.
- V is null if g(v,v)=0. orthogonal to each other.

If g(v,w)=0 we say that v and w are orthogonal let a metric in V, we can find always an orthonormal base of V, i.e.,  $\{e_{\mu}\}$  such that  $g(e_{\mu},e_{\nu})=0$  if  $\mu\neq\nu$  and  $\pm 1$  if  $\mu=\nu$ .

The number ±1 is independent of the oithonormal base.

If the number is t1 is p and q (-1), we say that it has signature (p,q).

For example the Minkowski space has signature (3,1)  $N(V,W) = -V^{2}W^{2} + V^{3}W^{3}.$