

# 01:640:350H - Homework 11

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1. Section 6.1 Problem 2

Let  $x = (2, 1 + i, i)$  and  $y = (2 - i, 2, 1 + 2i)$ . be vectors in  $C^3$  Compute  $\langle x, y \rangle$ ,  $\|x\|$ ,  $\|y\|$ , and  $\|x + y\|$ . Then verify the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and the triangle inequality for these vectors.

**Solution:**

$$\langle x, y \rangle = 2(2 + i) + (1 + i)(2) + i(1 - 2i) = 4 + 2i + 2 + 2i + i + 2 = 8 + 5i$$

$$\|x\| = \sqrt{2^2 + (1 + i)(1 - i) + i(-i)} = \sqrt{4 + 2 + 1} = \sqrt{7}$$

$$\|y\| = \sqrt{(2 - i)(2 + i) + 2^2 + (1 + 2i)(1 - 2i)} = \sqrt{5 + 4 + 5} = \sqrt{14}$$

$$\|x + y\| = \sqrt{(4 + i)(4 - i) + (3 + i)(3 - i) + (1 + 3i)(1 - 3i)} = \sqrt{17 + 10 + 10} = \sqrt{37}$$

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \cdot \|y\| \implies |8 + 5i| \leq \sqrt{7} \cdot \sqrt{14} \implies \sqrt{64 + 25} \leq \sqrt{98} \implies \sqrt{89} \leq \sqrt{98}$$

$$\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\| \implies \sqrt{37} \leq \sqrt{7} + \sqrt{14}$$

Through minor computation we can see that this is true.

2. Section 6.1 Problem 3

In  $C([0, 1])$  let  $f(t) = t$  and  $g(t) = e^t$ . Then compute  $\langle f, g \rangle$ ,  $\|f\|$ ,  $\|g\|$ , and  $\|f + g\|$ . Then verify the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and the triangle inequality for these functions.

**Solution:**

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 t \cdot e^t dt = te^t - e^t \Big|_0^1 = 1$$

$$\|f\| = \sqrt{\int_0^1 t^2 dt} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\|g\| = \sqrt{\int_0^1 e^{2t} dt} = \sqrt{\frac{e^2 - 1}{2}}$$

$$\|f + g\| = \sqrt{\int_0^1 (t + e^t)^2 dt} = \sqrt{\int_0^1 t^2 + 2te^t + e^{2t} dt} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3} + 2 + \frac{e^2 - 1}{2}}$$

$$|\langle f, g \rangle| \leq \|f\| \cdot \|g\| \implies |1| \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{e^2 - 1}{2}} \implies 1 \leq \sqrt{\frac{e^2 - 1}{6}}$$

$$\|f + g\| \leq \|f\| + \|g\| \implies \sqrt{\frac{1}{3} + 2 + \frac{e^2 - 1}{2}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} + \sqrt{\frac{e^2 - 1}{2}}$$

Through minor computation we can see that this is true.

3. Section 6.1 Problem 9

Let  $\beta$  be a basis for a finite dimensional inner product space.

- (a) Prove that if  $\langle x, z \rangle = 0$  for all  $z \in V$ , then  $x = 0$ .
- (b) Prove that if  $\langle x, z \rangle = \langle y, z \rangle$  for all  $z \in V$ , then  $x = y$ .

**Solution: Part a:** If we take  $z = x$  then we get  $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$  which implies that  $x = 0$ .

**Part b:** If we take  $z = x - y$  then we get  $\langle x - y, x - y \rangle = 0$  which implies that  $x = y$ .

4. Section 6.1 Problem 11

Prove the parallelogram law on an inner product space  $V$ ; that is show

$$\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 = 2\|x\|^2 + 2\|y\|^2 \quad \text{for all } x, y \in V$$

**Solution:** We can start off by rewriting the equation in inner product form:

$$\langle x + y, x + y \rangle + \langle x - y, x - y \rangle = 2\langle x, x \rangle + 2\langle y, y \rangle$$

We can rewrite the left hand side by the (almost) linearity of both elements of the inner product:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x + y, x + y \rangle + \langle x - y, x - y \rangle &= \langle x, x + y \rangle + \langle y, x + y \rangle + \langle x, x - y \rangle - \langle y, x - y \rangle \\ &= \langle x, x \rangle + \langle x, y \rangle + \langle y, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle x, x \rangle - \langle x, y \rangle - \langle y, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle \\ &= 2\langle x, x \rangle + 2\langle y, y \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have shown that the parallelogram law holds.

5. Section 6.1 Problem 12 Let  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$  be an orthonormal set in  $V$  and let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$  be scalars. Prove that

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^k a_i v_i \right\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k |a_i|^2 \|v_i\|^2$$

**Solution:** We can start off by rewriting the left hand side in inner product form:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left\| \sum_{i=1}^k a_i v_i \right\|^2 &= \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^k a_i v_i, \sum_{j=1}^k a_j v_j \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^k \left\langle a_i v_i, \sum_{j=1}^k a_j v_j \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^k \langle a_i v_i, a_j v_j \rangle \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^k \langle a_i v_i, a_i v_i \rangle \quad \text{since the set is orthogonal} \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^k |a_i|^2 \langle v_i, v_i \rangle \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^k |a_i|^2 \|v_i\|^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have shown that the equation holds.

6. Section 6.1 Problem 16(b) Let  $V = C([0, 1])$  and define

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^{1/2} f(t)g(t)dt$$

Is this an inner product on  $V$ ? Justify your answer.

**Solution:** This is not an inner product as if we take a continuous function that is zero on the interval  $(0, 1/2)$

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t \in [0, 1/2) \\ t - \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } t = 1/2 \end{cases}.$$

We can see that  $\langle f, f \rangle = 0$  but  $f \neq 0$ .