

# 5004 Homework2

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## Question: 1

1. Let  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed vector space.

(a) Prove that, for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$ ,

$$||\mathbf{x}\| - \|\mathbf{y}\|| \leq \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|.$$

(b) Let  $\{\mathbf{x}_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a convergent sequence in  $V$  with limit  $\mathbf{x} \in V$ . Prove that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|\mathbf{x}_k\| = \|\mathbf{x}\|.$$

(Hint: Use part (a).)

## Answer (a):

We know for every norm,

$$\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| + \|\mathbf{y}\| \tag{1}$$

$$\|-\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{x}\| \tag{2}$$

For two vectors,  $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}$ , according to (1), we get:

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| + \|\mathbf{y}\|$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| + \|\mathbf{y}\|$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| - \|\mathbf{y}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|$$

Similarly, for two vectors,  $\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}$ , we have:

$$\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}\| \leq \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\| + \|\mathbf{x}\|$$

$$\|\mathbf{y}\| \leq \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\| + \|\mathbf{x}\|$$

$$\|\mathbf{y}\| - \|\mathbf{x}\| \leq \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\|$$

We know (2), s.t.:

$$\|\mathbf{y}\| - \|\mathbf{x}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|$$

Because of:

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| - \|\mathbf{y}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|$$

$$\|\mathbf{y}\| - \|\mathbf{x}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|$$

We can conclude: For all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$ ,

$$||\mathbf{x}\| - \|\mathbf{y}\|| \leq \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| \tag{3}$$

**Answer (b):**

We know (3), and  $0 \leq |x|, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ , s.t.

$$0 \leq ||\mathbf{x}| - |\mathbf{y}|| \leq \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| \quad (4)$$

Since we know  $\mathbf{x}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{x}$ , we have:

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{x}\| = 0 \quad (5)$$

According to (4), (5), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq ||\mathbf{x}_k| - |\mathbf{x}|| \leq \|\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{x}\| \\ 0 &\leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} ||\mathbf{x}_k| - |\mathbf{x}|| \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{x}\| \\ 0 &\leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} ||\mathbf{x}_k| - |\mathbf{x}|| \leq 0 \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} ||\mathbf{x}_k| - |\mathbf{x}|| &= 0 \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |\mathbf{x}_k| &= |\mathbf{x}| \end{aligned}$$

**Question 2:**

2. Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$  be a basis of  $V$ . If  $\mathbf{u} = u_1\mathbf{a}_1 + \dots + u_n\mathbf{a}_n$  and  $\mathbf{v} = v_1\mathbf{a}_1 + \dots + v_n\mathbf{a}_n$  are two vectors in  $V$ , define

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = u_1v_1 + \dots + u_nv_n.$$

Show that this is an inner product on  $V$ .

**Answer:****Positive Definite Property:**

For any  $\mathbf{u} \in V$ , we know:

$$u_k^2 \geq 0, \forall u_k \in \mathbb{R} \quad (6)$$

s.t.

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle = u_1^2 + \dots + u_n^2 \geq 0$$

For any  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ , we have:

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle = 0 + \dots + 0 = 0$$

For any  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle = 0$  and (6), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle &= 0 \\ u_1^2 + \dots + u_n^2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Assume for the sake of contradiction that there exists at least one  $u_j > 0$  for some  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

Since  $u_j > 0$ , we can express it as:

$$u_j = c$$

where  $c > 0$

$$u_1 + u_2 + \cdots + u_n = u_1 + u_2 + \cdots + u_{j-1} + c + u_{j+1} + \cdots + u_n.$$

$$u_1 + u_2 + \cdots + u_{j-1} + c + u_{j+1} + \cdots + u_n \geq c,$$

Since  $u_k \geq 0, \forall k$

This contradicts the initial condition.  $u_1 + u_2 + \cdots + u_n = 0$ .

In conclusion:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle &\geq 0, \forall \mathbf{u} \in V. \\ \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle &= 0 \iff \mathbf{u} = 0.\end{aligned}$$

**Symmetric:**

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle &= u_1 v_1 + \cdots + u_n v_n \\ u_1 v_1 + \cdots + u_n v_n &= v_1 u_1 + \cdots + v_n u_n \\ \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle &= v_1 u_1 + \cdots + v_n u_n \\ \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle\end{aligned}$$

In conclusion:

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle$$

**Linearity:**

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \alpha \mathbf{u} + \beta \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle &= \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha u_i + \beta v_i) w_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha u_i + \beta v_i) w_i &= \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha u_i w_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n (\beta v_i w_i) \\ \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha u_i w_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n (\beta v_i w_i) &= \alpha \sum_{i=1}^n u_i w_i + \beta \sum_{i=1}^n v_i w_i \\ \alpha \sum_{i=1}^n u_i w_i + \beta \sum_{i=1}^n v_i w_i &= \alpha \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle + \beta \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle\end{aligned}$$

In conclusion:

$$\langle \alpha \mathbf{u} + \beta \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \alpha \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle + \beta \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle$$

**Question 3:**

3. Let  $V$  be a vector space with a norm  $\|\cdot\|$  that satisfies the parallelogram identity

$$\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2 = 2\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{y}\|^2, \forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V.$$

Note that we don't have an inner product on  $V$  so far. For any  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$ , define

$$f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) := \frac{1}{2}(\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{y}\|^2)$$

(a) Prove  $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) \geq 0$  for any  $\mathbf{x} \in V$ , and  $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) = 0$  if and only if  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

(b) Prove  $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = f(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x})$  for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$

(c) Prove  $f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) = f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) + f(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z})$  for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in V$

(d) Prove  $f(-\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = -f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  for  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$

(e) Prove  $(f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}))^2 \leq f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x})f(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y})$  for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$

(c)(d)(e) together with some other technique can show that  $f(\alpha\mathbf{x} + \beta\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) = \alpha f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) + \beta f(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z})$ . Therefore, we can finally prove  $f$  defines an inner product. This question showed that the parallelogram identity is also a sufficient condition for a norm to be induced by an inner product. Combined with the parallelogram law on inner product spaces, we see that the parallelogram identity is a necessary and sufficient condition for a norm to be an induced by an inner product.

## Answer

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) &= \frac{1}{2}(\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x}\|^2) \\ f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) &= \frac{1}{2}(4\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x}\|^2) \\ f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) &= \frac{1}{2}(2\|\mathbf{x}\|^2) \\ f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) &= \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 \\ \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

We know that:

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| = 0 \iff \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \quad (7)$$

s.t.

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 = 0 \iff \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

In conclusion,  $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) \geq 0$  for any  $\mathbf{x} \in V$ , and  $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) = 0$  if and only if  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

(b) We know that:

$$\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\| = \|\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x}\| \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}) &= \frac{1}{2}(\|\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x}\|^2) \\ \frac{1}{2}(\|\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x}\|^2) &= \frac{1}{2}(\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{y}\|^2) \\ f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= \frac{1}{2}(\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{y}\|^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = f(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}) \quad (9)$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}\|^2 &= 2\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{z}\|^2 \\ f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) &= \frac{1}{2}(\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{z}\|^2) \\ f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) &= \frac{1}{4}(\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}\|^2) \end{aligned} \quad (i)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) + f(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) \\
&= \frac{1}{2}(\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{z}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{z}\|^2) + \frac{1}{2}(\|\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{z}\|^2) \\
&= \frac{1}{4}(\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{z}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\|^2) + \frac{1}{4}(\|\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}\|^2)
\end{aligned} \tag{ii}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}\|^2 &= 2\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{z}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{y}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}\|^2 \\
\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}\|^2 &= 2\|\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}\|^2 \\
\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}\|^2 &= \|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{z}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}\|^2)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}\|^2 &= 2\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{y}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}\|^2 \\
\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}\|^2 &= 2\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}\|^2 \\
\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}\|^2 &= \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}\|^2)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}\|^2 &= \|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{z}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}\|^2 - (\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}\|^2) \\
&= (\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{z}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\|^2) + (\|\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}\|^2)
\end{aligned} \tag{iii}$$

We know (i),(ii),(iii) s.t.

$$f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) = f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) + f(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z})$$

In conclusion,  $f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) = f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) + f(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z})$  for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in V$

(d) We know(2),

$$\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|^2 = -\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{y}\|^2, \forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V.$$

s.t.

$$\begin{aligned}
f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= \frac{1}{2}(\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{y}\|^2) \\
&= \frac{1}{2}(-\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{y}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{y}\|^2) \\
&= \frac{1}{2}(-\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^2) \\
&= -\frac{1}{2}(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{y}\|^2) \\
&= -\frac{1}{2}(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{y}\|^2) \\
&= -f(\mathbf{x}, -\mathbf{y})
\end{aligned}$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = -f(\mathbf{x}, -\mathbf{y})$$

we know (9), s.t.

$$\begin{aligned}
f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= -f(\mathbf{x}, -\mathbf{y}) \equiv f(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}) = -f(-\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}) \\
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\end{aligned}$$

In conclusion  $f(-\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = -f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$   
 (e) We know:

$$\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| + \|\mathbf{y}\|$$

s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|^2 &\leq \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{x}\|\|\mathbf{y}\| \\ \|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 &\leq 2\|\mathbf{x}\|\|\mathbf{y}\| \\ f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &\leq \|\mathbf{x}\|\|\mathbf{y}\| \\ f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})^2 &\leq \|\mathbf{x}\|^2\|\mathbf{y}\|^2 \\ f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})^2 &\leq f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x})f(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}) \end{aligned}$$

In conclusion,  $(f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}))^2 \leq f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x})f(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y})$  for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$