

**Math 450**  
**Homework 1**  
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 Solutions

1. Let  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$  be non-zero vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ .

Assume that  $|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle| = \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|$ . Let  $r_0 = \frac{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{y}\|^2}$ . A calculation as in the proof of Cauchy-Schwarz given in class shows

$$0 \leq \|\mathbf{x} - r_0 \mathbf{y}\|^2 = \langle \mathbf{x} - r_0 \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} - r_0 \mathbf{y} \rangle = \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - 2r_0 \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle + r_0^2 \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle^2}{\|\mathbf{y}\|^2} = 0.$$

(The last “= 0” follows from the assumption.) This implies  $\mathbf{x} - r_0 \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$  or  $\mathbf{x} = r_0 \mathbf{y}$ .

Conversely, assume  $\mathbf{y} = r\mathbf{x}$ . Then  $|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle| = |\langle \mathbf{x}, r\mathbf{x} \rangle| = |r| |\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle| = |r| \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|$ .

2. In general we have:  $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + 2\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle + \|\mathbf{y}\|^2$ . Thus  $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^2$  if and only if  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = 0$  if and only if  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  are orthogonal.

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4. (a)  $\{(x, y) : xy = 0\} \subset \mathbf{R}^2$  is not open and is closed.

(b)  $\{(x, y) : xy \neq 0\} \subset \mathbf{R}^2$  is open and is not closed.

(c)  $\{(x, y, z) : x^2 + y^2 < 1 \text{ and } z = 0\} \subset \mathbf{R}^3$  is not open and not closed.

(d)  $\{(x, y, z) : x^2 + y^2 < 1\} \subset \mathbf{R}^3$  is open and not closed.

(e)  $\{(x_1, \dots, x_n) : \text{each } x_i \in \mathbf{Q}\} \subset \mathbf{R}^n$  is not open and not closed.

6. If  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{R}^n - \overline{B}(\mathbf{x}, r)$ , let  $s = \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\| - r$ . We wish to show  $B(\mathbf{y}, s) \subset \mathbf{R}^n - \overline{B}(\mathbf{x}, r)$ . To do this, let  $\mathbf{w} \in B(\mathbf{y}, s)$ . Then

$$s + r = \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\| \leq \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{w}\| + \|\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{x}\| < s + \|\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{x}\|.$$

This implies  $r < \|\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{x}\|$ , so  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{R}^n - \overline{B}(\mathbf{x}, r)$ .

7. (a) For any  $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$ , let  $r = 1$ . Then certainly  $x \in B(x, 1) \subset \mathbf{R}^n$

(b) Let  $x \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Gamma} U_\alpha$ , so  $x \in U_{\alpha_0}$  for some  $\alpha_0 \in \Gamma$ . Since  $U_{\alpha_0}$  is open, there exists  $r > 0$  with  $x \in B(x, r) \subset U_{\alpha_0} \subset \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Gamma} U_\alpha$ .

(c) Let  $x \in U_1 \cap U_2$ . Then there exists  $r_1, r_2$  with  $B(x, r_1) \subset U_1$  and  $B(x, r_2) \subset U_2$ . Then  $x \in B(x, \min\{r_1, r_2\}) \subset U_1 \cap U_2$ .

8. (a)  $\mathbf{R}^n - \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Gamma} C_\alpha = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Gamma} \mathbf{R}^n - C_\alpha$ . By problem 7(b) this is an open set, showing that  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Gamma} C_\alpha$  is closed.

(b) For each  $0 < r < 1$ , we have that  $\overline{B}(\mathbf{0}, r)$  is closed, but  $\bigcup_{r \in (0, 1)} \overline{B}(\mathbf{0}, r) = \overline{B}(\mathbf{0}, 1)$  is not closed.