

MATH2040C Homework 6

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1 Section 6.1, Q8

Provide reasons why each of the following is not an inner product on the given vector spaces.

- (a) $\langle (a, b), (c, d) \rangle = ac - bd$ on \mathbb{R}^2 .
- (b) $\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(A + B)$ on $M_{2 \times 2}(R)$.
- (c) $\langle f(x), g(x) \rangle = \int_0^1 f'(t)g(t) dt$ on $P(R)$, where $'$ denotes differentiation.

1.1 (a)

Suppose this is an inner product. Then $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$ should hold $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

Let $x = (1, 10)$. Then $\langle x, x \rangle = \langle (1, 10), (1, 10) \rangle = 1^2 - 10^2 = -99 < 0$.

Therefore, this is not an inner product.

1.2 (b)

Suppose this is an inner product. Then $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$ should hold $\forall x \in M_{2 \times 2}(R)$.

Let $x = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$. Then

$$\langle x, x \rangle = \text{tr}(x + x) = -2 - 2 = -4 < 0.$$

Therefore, this is not an inner product.

1.3 (c)

Suppose this is an inner product. Then $\forall f, g \in P(\mathbb{R}), \overline{\langle g, f \rangle} = \langle f, g \rangle$ should hold.

Let $f(x) = x, g(x) = x^2 + x$.

Then

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 1(x^2 + x) dx = \frac{5}{6}.$$

$$\overline{\langle g, f \rangle} = \overline{\int_0^1 (2x + 1)x dx} = \frac{7}{6}.$$

Therefore $\overline{\langle g, f \rangle} \neq \langle f, g \rangle$ for some $f, g \in P(\mathbb{R})$.
Hence, this is not an inner product.
Done.

2 Section 6.1, Q17

Let T be a linear operator on an inner product space V , and suppose that $\|T(x)\| = \|x\|$ for all x . Prove that T is one-to-one.

Note that because we have $\|T(x)\| = \|x\|$. Then $\forall x \in V$, with $x \neq 0$ we have

$$\|T(x)\| = \|x\| > 0.$$

Therefore $x \neq 0$.

Note that $\|T(0)\| = \|0\| = 0$, which implies

$$T(0) = 0.$$

Hence $N(T) = \{0\}$.

Hence, T is one-to-one.

Done.

3 Section 6.1, Q18

Let V be a vector space over F , where $F = \mathbb{R}$ or $F = \mathbb{C}$, and let W be an inner product space over F with inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$. If $T: V \rightarrow W$ is linear, prove that $\langle x, y \rangle' = \langle T(x), T(y) \rangle$ defines an inner product on V if and only if T is one-to-one.

3.1 If part

In the if part, we assume T is one-to-one and try to prove $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle'$ is an inner product.
One-to-one implies $N(T) = \{0\}$. Then $\forall x (\neq 0) \in V, T(x) \neq 0$. Therefore

$$\langle x, x \rangle' = \langle T(x), T(x) \rangle > 0.$$

Because $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is an inner product.

Also note that $\forall x, y, z \in V, \forall c \in F$,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x + z, y \rangle' &= \langle T(x + z), T(y) \rangle = \langle T(x) + T(z), T(y) \rangle = \langle T(x), T(y) \rangle + \langle T(z), T(y) \rangle \\ &= \langle x, y \rangle' + \langle z, y \rangle'. \end{aligned}$$

Besides,

$$\langle cx, y \rangle' = \langle T(cx), T(y) \rangle = \langle cT(x), T(y) \rangle = c\langle T(x), T(y) \rangle = c\langle x, y \rangle'.$$

And finally,

$$\overline{\langle x, y \rangle'} = \overline{\langle T(x), T(y) \rangle} = \langle T(y), T(x) \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle'.$$

Based on all above, $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle'$ is an inner product.

3.2 Only if part

In the only if part, we have $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle'$ is already an inner product and try to prove T is injective.

Note that T is linear, then $T(0) = 0$ must hold.

Because $\forall x (\neq 0) \in V, \langle x, x \rangle' = \langle T(x), T(x) \rangle > 0$. Therefore $\forall x \neq 0, T(x) \neq 0$.

Therefore $N(T) = \{0\}$, follows that T is injective.

Done.

4 Section 6.1, Q19

Let V be an inner product space. Prove that

- (a) $\|x \pm y\|^2 = \|x\|^2 \pm 2\Re \langle x, y \rangle + \|y\|^2$ for all $x, y \in V$, where $\Re \langle x, y \rangle$ denotes the real part of the complex number $\langle x, y \rangle$.
- (b) $|\|x\| - \|y\|| \leq \|x - y\|$ for all $x, y \in V$.

4.1 (a)

Our goal is to prove $2\Re \langle x, y \rangle = \|x + y\|^2 - \|x\|^2 - \|y\|^2$ and $-2\Re \langle x, y \rangle = \|x - y\|^2 - \|x\|^2 - \|y\|^2$.

For the plus sign, note that the

$$\begin{aligned} R.H.S. &= \mathcal{R} \langle x + y, x + y \rangle - \mathcal{R} \langle x, x \rangle - \mathcal{R} \langle y, y \rangle \\ &= \mathcal{R} \langle x, y \rangle + \mathcal{R} \langle y, x \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\mathcal{R} \langle x, y \rangle = \mathcal{R} \langle y, x \rangle$ because $\overline{\langle x, y \rangle} = \langle y, x \rangle$.

Therefore $L.H.S. = R.H.S.$.

For the minus sign, note that the

$$\begin{aligned} R.H.S. &= \mathcal{R} \langle x - y, x - y \rangle - \mathcal{R} \langle x, x \rangle - \mathcal{R} \langle y, y \rangle \\ &= \mathcal{R} \langle x, -y \rangle + \mathcal{R} \langle -y, x \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Which is equal to $2\mathcal{R} \langle x, -y \rangle = -2\mathcal{R} \langle x, y \rangle = L.H.S.$.

Therefore, (a) is proved. Done.

4.2 (b)

To prove (b), it is suffice to prove $||x|| - ||y|||^2 \leq ||x - y||^2$.

Iff,

$$||x||^2 + ||y||^2 - 2||x|| \cdot ||y|| \leq ||x||^2 + 2\mathcal{R}\langle x, y \rangle + ||y||^2.$$

iff,

$$||x|| \cdot ||y|| \geq \mathcal{R}\langle x, y \rangle.$$

Which is bound to be true because

$$||x|| \cdot ||y|| \geq |\langle x, y \rangle| \geq \mathcal{R}\langle x, y \rangle.$$

Done.

5 Section 6.1, Q23

Let $V = F^n$, and let $A \in M_{n \times n}(F)$.

- (a) Prove that $\langle x, Ay \rangle = \langle A^*x, y \rangle$ for all $x, y \in V$.
- (b) Suppose that for some $B \in M_{n \times n}(F)$, we have $\langle x, Ay \rangle = \langle Bx, y \rangle$ for all $x, y \in V$. Prove that $B = A^*$.
- (c) Let α be the standard ordered basis for V . For any orthonormal basis β for V , let Q be the $n \times n$ matrix whose columns are the vectors in β . Prove that $Q^* = Q^{-1}$.
- (d) Define linear operators T and U on V by $T(x) = Ax$ and $U(x) = A^*x$. Show that $[U]_\beta = [T]_\beta^*$ for any orthonormal basis β for V .

5.1 (a)

Denote $T = L_A : V \rightarrow V$, note that T is linear. Note that we have a corollary that $(L_A)^* = L_{A^*}$.

Then $\langle x, Ay \rangle = \langle A^*x, y \rangle$ follows. Done.

5.2 (b)

Let $\beta = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be a standard basis for $V = F^n$, then we have a expression of A such that $\forall x \in V$,

$$B(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle B(x), v_i \rangle v_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle x, Av_i \rangle v_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle A^*x, v_i \rangle v_i = A^*(x).$$

Therefore, $B = A^*$.

Done.

5.3 (c)