

Example 4.0.6

Show that the following function defines an inner product on \mathbb{R}^2 , where $u = (u_1, u_2)$ and $v = (v_1, v_2)$ are define by $\langle u, v \rangle = u_1v_1 + 2u_2v_2$.

(1) To prove Conjugate symmetry:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle u, v \rangle &= u_1v_1 + 2u_2v_2 \\ &= v_1u_1 + 2v_2u_2 \\ &= \langle v, u \rangle\end{aligned}$$

(2) To prove linearity:

Let $w = (w_1, w_2)$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle u, v + w \rangle &= \langle (u_1, u_2), (v_1 + w_1, v_2 + w_2) \rangle \\ &= u_1(v_1 + w_1) + 2u_2(v_2 + w_2) \\ &= (u_1v_1 + 2u_2v_2) + (u_1w_1 + 2u_2w_2) \\ &= \langle u, v \rangle + \langle u, w \rangle\end{aligned}$$

(3) Let $c \in \mathbb{R}$, then

$$\begin{aligned}c \langle u, v \rangle &= c(u_1 v_1 + 2u_2 v_2) \\&= (cu_1)v_1 + 2(cu_2)v_2 \\&= \langle cu, v \rangle\end{aligned}$$

(4) To prove non-negativity:

$$\langle v, v \rangle = v_1^2 + 2v_2^2 \geq 0$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned}\langle v, v \rangle &= 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow v_1^2 + 2v_2^2 &= 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow v_1 = 0, v_2 = 0, &\text{ since, } v_1^2 \geq 0, v_2 \geq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow v &= (0, 0)\end{aligned}$$

Definition 4.0.7 (Length of a vector)

The length or norm of a vector is the non-negative scalar $\|v\|$ defined by

$$\|v\| = \sqrt{v \cdot v} = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \cdots + v_n^2}$$

Suppose

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

Then,

$$\|v\|^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$\|v\| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

Definition 4.0.8 (Distance)

The distance between \vec{u} and \vec{v} can be found by

$$\text{dist}(\vec{u}, \vec{v}) = \|u - v\|$$

Example 4.0.9

Compute $\text{dist}(\vec{u}, \vec{v})$ for $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\text{dist}(\vec{u}, \vec{v}) = \|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|$$

$$u - v = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\| &= \sqrt{4^2 + (-2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{16 + 4} \\ &= \sqrt{20}\end{aligned}$$

Example 4.0.10

Find the distance between $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dist}(\vec{u}, \vec{v}) &= \|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\| = \sqrt{9^2 + 3^2 + 5^2} \\ &= \sqrt{81 + 9 + 25} \\ &= \sqrt{115} \end{aligned}$$

Definition 4.0.11

Angle between vectors are defined by

$$\cos \omega = \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\| \|y\|}$$

Problem 4.0.12

Find the angle between $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

To find angle between the vectors

$$\begin{aligned}\cos \omega &= \frac{x^T y}{\sqrt{x^T x \times y^T y}} \\&= \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}{\sqrt{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}} \\ \cos \omega &= \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} = 0.9486 \\ \omega &\approx \cos^{-1} 0.9486 \\ \omega &\approx 0.32 \frac{180}{\pi} \approx 18^\circ\end{aligned}$$

Problem 4.0.13

Find the angle between $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $y = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

To find angle between the vectors

$$\cos \omega = \frac{x^T y}{\sqrt{x^T x \times y^T y}}$$

$$\cos \omega = 0$$

$$\omega \approx \frac{\pi}{2} = 90^0$$