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Definition

An inner product on a real vector space V is a function that associates a real number $\langle u, v \rangle$ with each pair of vectors in V in such a way that the following axioms are satisfied for all vectors u, v and w in V and all scalars k .

1. $\langle u, v \rangle = \langle v, u \rangle$
2. $\langle u+v, w \rangle = \langle u, w \rangle + \langle v, w \rangle$
3. $\langle ku, v \rangle = k \langle u, v \rangle$
4. $\langle v, v \rangle \geq 0$ and $\langle v, v \rangle = 0$ iff $v = 0$

A real vector space with an inner product is called real inner product space.

Definition

If V is a real inner product space, then the norm of a vector v in V is denoted by $\|v\|$ and is defined by

$$\|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}$$

Examples

- (i) The standard inner product on M_{nn}
 let $u, v \in M_{nn}$ be square matrices of order $n \times n$
 then

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \text{tr}(u^T v)$$

Example

(2)
Let $U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$, $V = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$; $\langle u, v \rangle = ?$
 $\|u\| = ?$
 $\|v\| = ?$

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \text{tr}(U^T V)$$

$$= \text{tr} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$= \text{tr} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1+9 & 0+6 \\ -2+12 & 0+8 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$= \text{tr} \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 6 \\ 10 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 8+8$$

$$\boxed{\langle u, v \rangle = 16}$$

$$\|u\| = \sqrt{\langle u, u \rangle} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Now

$$\langle u, u \rangle = \text{tr}(U^T U)$$

$$= \text{tr} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$= \text{tr} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1+9 & 2+12 \\ 2+12 & 4+16 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$= \text{tr} \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 14 \\ 14 & 20 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 10+20=30$$

using in (1)

$$\boxed{\|u\| = \sqrt{30}}$$

$$\|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Now

$$\langle v, v \rangle = \text{tr}(V^T V)$$

$$= \text{tr} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$= \text{tr} \begin{bmatrix} 1+9 & 0+6 \\ 0+6 & 0+4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \text{tr} \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 6 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 10+4$$

$$= 14$$

using in (2)

$$\boxed{\|v\| = \sqrt{14}}$$

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(ii) The standard inner product on P_n

$$p = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$$

$$q = b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_nx^n$$

$$\langle p, q \rangle = a_0b_0 + a_1b_1 + \dots + a_nb_n$$

$$\text{Also } \langle p, p \rangle = a_0a_0 + a_1a_1 + \dots + a_na_n \\ = a_0^2 + a_1^2 + \dots + a_n^2$$

$$\|p\| = \sqrt{\langle p, p \rangle} = \sqrt{a_0^2 + a_1^2 + \dots + a_n^2}$$

example let $V = P_2$

$$p(x) = x^2 \quad ; \quad q(x) = 1 + x$$

$$\text{Here } a_0 = 0 ; a_1 = 0 ; a_2 = 1$$

$$b_0 = 1 ; b_1 = 1 ; b_2 = 0$$

$$\langle p, q \rangle = (0)(1) + (0)(1) + (1)(0) = 0$$

$$\|p\| = \sqrt{\langle p, p \rangle} = \sqrt{0^2 + 0^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{1} = 1$$

$$\|q\| = \sqrt{\langle q, q \rangle} = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{1+1} = \sqrt{2}$$

(iii) The standard inner product on \mathbb{R}^n

let $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$u = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$$

$$v = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$$

Now

$$\langle u, v \rangle = u \cdot v = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + \dots + u_nv_n$$

$$\|u\| = \sqrt{\langle u, u \rangle} = \sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2 + \dots + u_n^2}$$

Angle and orthogonality in inner product

Spaces

Let V be a vector space. $u, v \in V$ then angle b/w u and v is defined by

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|u\| \|v\|} \right)$$

$$\text{or } \cos \theta = \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|u\| \|v\|}$$

Example

Let M_{22} have standard inner product.

Find the cosine of angle between the vectors

$$u = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution As solved earlier

$$\langle u, v \rangle = 16, \quad \|u\| = \sqrt{30}, \quad \|v\| = \sqrt{14}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|u\| \|v\|} = \frac{16}{\sqrt{30} \sqrt{14}} \approx 0.78$$

Definition

Two vectors u and v in an inner product space V called orthogonal if $\langle u, v \rangle = 0$

Example Show that $u = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ are orthogonal.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u, v \rangle &= \text{tr} \{ u^T v \} \\ &= \text{tr} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\ &= \text{tr} \begin{bmatrix} 0+0 & 2+0 \\ 0+0 & 0+0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{tr} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0+0=0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence u, v are orthogonal.

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Definition A set of two or more vectors in a real inner product space is said to be orthogonal if all pairs of distinct vectors in the set are orthogonal. An orthogonal set in which each vector has norm 1 is said to be orthonormal.

Example
orthogonal set in \mathbb{R}^3

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } v_1 &= (0, 1, 0) \\ v_2 &= (1, 0, 1) \\ v_3 &= (1, 0, -1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle &= (0)(1) + (1)(0) + (0)(1) = 0 + 0 + 0 = 0 \\ \langle v_2, v_3 \rangle &= (1)(1) + (0)(0) + (1)(-1) = 1 + 0 - 1 = 0 \\ \langle v_3, v_1 \rangle &= (0)(1) + (1)(0) + (0)(-1) = 0 + 0 + 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ is orthogonal set.

Constructing an orthonormal set

In above example
 $\|v_1\| = 1, \|v_2\| = \sqrt{2}, \|v_3\| = \sqrt{2}$

Normalizing u_1, u_2 and u_3 , we have

$$u_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|} = (0, 1, 0)$$

$$u_2 = \frac{v_2}{\|v_2\|} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

$$u_3 = \frac{v_3}{\|v_3\|} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

Note that

$$\langle u_1, u_2 \rangle = \langle u_2, u_3 \rangle = \langle u_3, u_1 \rangle = 0$$

Also

$$\|u_1\| = 1; \|u_2\| = 1; \|u_3\| = 1$$

Hence $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ form an orthonormal set.

Theorem

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If $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is an orthogonal set of non-zero vectors in an inner product space, then S is linearly independent.

Example

$u_1 = (0, 1, 0)$, $u_2 = (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$, $u_3 = (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$
form an orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^3 .

Solution

$\therefore \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ are orthogonal

$\Rightarrow \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ are linearly independent. (by above theorem)

$$\therefore \dim \mathbb{R}^3 = 3$$

\Rightarrow Hence the three linearly independent vectors $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ form a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

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The Gram-Schmidt Process

To convert a basis $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ into an orthogonal basis $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$, perform the following computations.

Step 1: $v_1 = u_1$

Step 2: $v_2 = u_2 - \frac{\langle u_2, v_1 \rangle}{\|v_1\|^2} v_1$

Step 3: $v_3 = u_3 - \frac{\langle u_3, v_1 \rangle}{\|v_1\|^2} v_1 - \frac{\langle u_3, v_2 \rangle}{\|v_2\|^2} v_2$

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continue for n steps.

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 * To convert the orthogonal basis into an orthonormal basis $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$, normalize the orthogonal basis vectors.

Example

Assume vector space \mathbb{R}^3 has Euclidean inner product. Apply Gram-Schmidt process to transform the basis vectors

$$u_1 = (1, 1, 1)$$

$$u_2 = (0, 1, 1)$$

$$u_3 = (0, 0, 1)$$

into an orthogonal basis $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ and then normalize the orthogonal basis vectors to obtain an orthonormal basis $\{q_1, q_2, q_3\}$.

Sol: Step 1: $v_1 = u_1 = (1, 1, 1)$

Step 2: $v_2 = u_2 - \frac{\langle u_2, v_1 \rangle}{\|v_1\|^2} v_1$

$$= (0, 1, 1) - \frac{1 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1}{(\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2})^2} (1, 1, 1)$$

$$= (0, 1, 1) - \frac{2}{(\sqrt{3})^2} (1, 1, 1) = (0, 1, 1) - \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$$

$$= \left(-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$$

Step 3: $v_3 = u_3 - \frac{\langle u_3, v_1 \rangle}{\|v_1\|^2} v_1 - \frac{\langle u_3, v_2 \rangle}{\|v_2\|^2} v_2$

$$v_3 = (0, 0, 1) - \frac{0 + 0 + 1}{(\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2})^2} (1, 1, 1) - \frac{0 + 0 + \frac{1}{3}}{\left(\sqrt{\frac{4}{9} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{9}}\right)^2} \left(-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$= (0, 0, 1) - \frac{1}{3} (1, 1, 1) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{3}} \left(-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$$

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$$\boxed{v_3 = \left(0, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

Now

$$v_1 = (1, 1, 1), v_2 = \left(-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right), v_3 = \left(0, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

form orthogonal basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

$$\|v_1\| = \sqrt{3}, \|v_2\| = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}, \|v_3\| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

so an orthonormal basis for \mathbb{R}^3 is

$$q_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

$$q_2 = \frac{v_2}{\|v_2\|} = \left(-\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\right)$$

$$q_3 = \frac{v_3}{\|v_3\|} = \left(0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

H.W (Exercise 6.3)

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