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## Metric Space,Normed Space,Vector Space

**1. Show that the set  $X$  of all integers with metric defined by  $d(m,n) = |m-n|$  is a complete metric space.**

A sequence  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$  is called a Cauchy's sequence if

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \quad \exists N \mid \forall m, n > N \quad d(x_m, x_n) < \epsilon$$

Take  $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Then  $\exists N : \forall m, n > N \quad d(x_m, x_n) < \frac{1}{2}$

Since  $X$  is the set of integers and the difference cannot exceed  $\frac{1}{2}$ , then it should be 0; ie if a metric  $d$  is defined then  $d(x_m, x_n)$  should be zero if  $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2}$ .

$$\implies d(x_m, x_n) = |m - n| = 0$$

$$\implies x_m = x_n \quad \forall m, n > N$$

Thus the sequence  $\{x_n\} \rightarrow 0$  when  $n > N$ . Hence all cauchy's sequences converges, so  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space.

**2. Show that  $d(x,y) = \sqrt{|x-y|}$  defines a metric on the set of all real numbers**

$$d(x, y) = \sqrt{|x-y|} \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

To check that whether  $d$  is a metric, we need to verify all the axioms of a metric.

a. Since  $|x-y| > 0 \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R} \quad d(x,y) > 0$  always.

and  $d(x,y)=0$  only when  $|x-y|=0 \implies x=y$ .

b.

$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R} \quad |x-y| = |y-x|$$

$$\implies d(x, y) = \sqrt{|x-y|} = \sqrt{|y-x|} = d(y, x)$$

c. Triangular inequality

it states that  $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\sqrt{|x-z|} \leq \sqrt{|x-y|} + \sqrt{|y-z|}$$

we know that,

$$|x-z| = |x-y+y-z| \leq |x-y| + |y-z|$$

Thus it follows from the properties of square roots and the above inequality

$$\sqrt{|x-z|} \leq \sqrt{|x-y|} + \sqrt{|y-z|}$$

Hence all the axioms are satisfied. So  $d(x,y) = \sqrt{|x-y|}$  is a metric in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**3. Show that the closure  $\overline{Y}$  of a subspace  $Y$  of a normed space  $X$  is again a vector space.**

In order to prove that  $\overline{Y}$  is a vector space it is sufficient to establish that

$$\alpha x + \beta y \in \overline{Y} \quad \forall x, y \in \overline{Y}$$

and  $\alpha, \beta$  are from the underlying field  $F$ .

We know that  $0 \in \overline{Y}$  since  $Y \subset \overline{Y}$ . Since  $x, y \in \overline{Y}$  there exists  $x_i, y_i \in Y$  such that  $x_i \rightarrow x$  and  $y_i \rightarrow y$ . Since multiplication and addition are continuous,

$$\alpha x_i + \beta y_i \rightarrow \alpha x + \beta y$$

Therefore,  $\alpha x + \beta y \in \overline{Y}$

**4. Show that in an inner product space,  $x \perp y$  iff  $\|x + \alpha y\| \geq \|x\| \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$**

we know that,

$$\begin{aligned}\|x + \alpha y\|^2 &= \langle x + \alpha y, x + \alpha y \rangle \\ &= \langle x, x \rangle + \alpha \langle x, y \rangle + \alpha \langle y, x \rangle + \alpha^2 \langle y, y \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Assuming the underlying field to be  $\mathbb{R}$ , the inner product becomes symmetric, and we obtain

$$\|x + \alpha y\|^2 = \langle x, x \rangle + 2 * \alpha \langle x, y \rangle + \alpha^2 \langle y, y \rangle$$

If  $x \perp y$  then  $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned}\|x + \alpha y\|^2 &= \|x\|^2 + \alpha^2 \|y\|^2 \\ \implies \|x + \alpha y\|^2 &\geq \|x\|^2 \\ \implies \|x + \alpha y\| &\geq \|x\|\end{aligned}$$

since,  $\alpha^2 \|y\|^2$  is always a positive value. This will violate only when the following two conditions occur simultaneously.

I)  $x$  is not perpendicular to  $y$

II)  $2 * \alpha \langle x, y \rangle \geq -\alpha^2 \|y\|^2$

Thus only if part is also verified.

**5. Find  $\langle u, v \rangle$ , where  $v = (1 + 2i, 3 - i)^T$ ,  $u = (-2 + i, 4)^T$**

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \langle (-2 + i, 4), (1 + 2i, 3 - i) \rangle$$

for complex numbers  $\langle (x_1, x_2)(y_1, y_2) \rangle = x_1 * \overline{y_1} + x_2 * \overline{y_2}$

$$\begin{aligned}&= (-2 + i)(1 - 2i) + 4(3 + i) \\ &= -2 + 4i + i + 2 + 12 + 4i \\ &= 9i + 12\end{aligned}$$

**6. Which of the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  constitute a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? [ $x = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)^T$ ]**

(a) All  $x$  with  $\eta_1 = \eta_2$  and  $\eta_3 = 0$ .

(b) All  $x$  with  $\eta_1 = \eta_2 + 1$

a)

Let  $Z = \{\text{All } x \text{ with } \eta_1 = \eta_2 \text{ and } \eta_3 = 0\}$ .

Consider  $X = (x, x, 0), Y = (y, y, 0) \in Z$

$$X + Y = (x + y, x + y, 0) \in Z$$

$$\alpha X = (\alpha x, \alpha x, 0) \in Z$$

Thus  $Z$  is closed under addition and scalar multiplication, hence it is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

b)

Let  $Z = \{\text{All } x \text{ with } \eta_1 = \eta_2 + 1\}$ .

Consider  $X = (x + 1, x, p), Y = (y + 1, y, q) \in Z$  where  $p, q \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$X + Y = (x + y + 2, x + y, p + q) \notin Z$$

because  $\eta_1 \neq \eta_2 + 1$  is violated here. Hence  $Z$  is not closed under addition. So it is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**7. Show that the norm  $\|x\|$  is the distance from  $x$  to 0**

Every normed space is a metric space or norm induces a metric on a vector space. Thus in a metric space with an induced norm

$$d(x, y) = \|x - y\|$$

We know that  $d(x, y)$  is,

$$d: X * X \longrightarrow \mathbb{K}$$

and norm is,

$$\|\cdot\|: X \longrightarrow \mathbb{K}$$

where  $\mathbb{K}$  is the underlying field.

if  $\|x\|$  is a metric in a metric space then we have,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x, y) &= \|x\| \\ \implies y &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

It implies that we are calculating the distance from origin. Hence  $\|x\|$  is the distance from 0.

**8. If in an inner product space  $\langle x, u \rangle = \langle x, v \rangle$  for all  $x$ , show that  $u=v$ .**

Since  $\langle x, u \rangle = \langle x, v \rangle$ ,

$$\langle x, u \rangle - \langle x, v \rangle = \langle x, u - v \rangle = 0$$

But we know that inner product is zero only when one of the two vectors is zero. (orthogonality case can be avoided, since  $x$  is neither orthogonal to  $u$ , nor to  $v$ , hence it cannot be orthogonal to a linear combination of  $u$  &  $v$ .)

Here  $x$  cannot be zero  $\forall x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \implies u - v &= 0 \\ \implies u &= v \end{aligned}$$

**9. Prove that  $\|T_1 T_2\| \leq \|T_1\| * \|T_2\|$ ;  $\|T^n\| \leq \|T\|^n$** 

This property is called submultiplicative property and is only valid for matrix norms.

An induced matrix norm  $\|T\|$  is defined as

$$\|T\| = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Tx\|}{\|x\|}$$

Thus  $\|T_1 T_2\|$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_1 T_2\| &= \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|T_1 T_2 x\|}{\|x\|} \\ &= \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|T_1 T_2 x\|}{\|T_2 x\|} \frac{\|T_2 x\|}{\|x\|} \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $T_2 x = y$  in the first part

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \max_{y \neq 0} \frac{\|T_1 y\|}{\|y\|} * \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|T_2 x\|}{\|x\|} \\ &\leq \|T_1\| * \|T_2\| \end{aligned}$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned} \|T^n\| &\leq \|T\| * \|T \dots T\| \\ &\leq \|T\| * \|T\| * \|T \dots T\| \\ &\leq \|T\| * \|T\| * \dots * \|T\| \\ &\leq \|T\|^n \end{aligned}$$

**10. For a real inner product space prove that  $\langle x, y \rangle = \frac{1}{4}(\|x + y\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2)$**

We know that,

$$\begin{aligned}\|x + y\|^2 &= \langle x + y, x + y \rangle \\ &= \langle x, x \rangle + \langle x, y \rangle + \langle y, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle\end{aligned}$$

but for real IPS  $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$ . also  $\langle x, x \rangle = \|x\|^2$ , Then,

$$\|x + y\|^2 = \|x\|^2 + 2 * \langle x, y \rangle + \|y\|^2$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}\|x - y\|^2 &= \|x\|^2 - 2 * \langle x, y \rangle + \|y\|^2 \\ \|x + y\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2 &= 4 * \langle x, y \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \frac{1}{4}(\|x + y\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2)$$

**11. Define  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by  $T(x, y) = (x, 0)$ . Is T a linear operator ?**

An operator is said to be linear if

a)  $D(T)$  and  $R(T)$  are vector spaces over the same field  $\mathbb{K}$ .

b)  $T(x+y) = T(x) + T(y)$

$T(\alpha x) = \alpha T(x)$

In this case,  $D(T) = \mathbb{R}^2$  is a vector space.

$R(T) = \{(x, 0) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is also a vector space. Let  $X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\begin{aligned}T(X + Y) &= T((x_1, x_2) + (y_1, y_2)) \\ &= T(x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2) \\ &= (x_1 + y_1, 0) = (x_1, 0) + (y_1, 0) \\ &= T(X) + T(Y)\end{aligned}$$

Checking for the other condition,

$$\begin{aligned}T(\alpha X) &= T(\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2) \\ &= (\alpha x_1, 0) = \alpha (x_1, 0) \\ &= \alpha T(X)\end{aligned}$$

All the conditions are satisfied. Hence T is a linear operator.

**12. Show that a discrete metric space is complete.**

Discrete metric  $\rho$  on a set X is defined by,

$$\rho(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \neq y \\ 0 & \text{if } x = y \end{cases}$$

for any  $x, y \in X$ . Here  $(X, \rho)$  is a discrete metric space.

A sequence  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$  is called a Cauchy's sequence if

$\forall \epsilon > 0 \quad \exists N \mid \forall m, n > N \quad d(x_m, x_n) < \epsilon$

Take  $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Then  $\exists N : \forall m, n > N \ d(x_m, x_n) < \frac{1}{2}$

But possible values of  $d$  are  $\{0, 1\}$ . Since distance cannot exceed  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $d(x_m, x_n)$  should be zero.

$$\implies d(x_m, x_n) = 0 \forall m, n > N$$

$$\implies x_n = x_m$$

Thus  $\{x_n\} \longrightarrow x \ \forall n > N$ . This means every Cauchy's sequence converges in  $X$ . So discrete metric space is complete.

### 13. Describe Weierstrass approximation theorem.

**Theorem:** if  $f$  is a continuous real valued function on  $[a, b]$  and if any  $\epsilon > 0$  is given, then there exists a polynomial  $p$  on  $[a, b]$  such that

$$|f(x) - p(x)| < \epsilon$$

for all  $x$  in  $[a, b]$ . In words, any continuous function on a closed and bounded interval can be uniformly approximated on that interval by polynomials to any degree of accuracy[1].

Because polynomials are among the simplest functions, and because computers can directly evaluate polynomials, this theorem has both practical and theoretical relevance, especially in polynomial interpolation[2]. As a consequence of the Weierstrass approximation theorem, one can show that the space  $C[a, b]$  is separable: the polynomial functions are dense, and each polynomial function can be uniformly approximated by one with rational coefficients; there are only countably many polynomials with rational coefficients.

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