

# Functions of several variables

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# 1 $\mathbb{R}^m$ space and the most important classes of its subsets

## 1) $\mathbb{R}^m$ , Distance

**Definition 1.1** ( $\mathbb{R}^m$ ).

$$\mathbb{R}^m := \{(x^1, \dots, x^m) \mid x^i \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

**Definition 1.2** (Distance).

$$d : \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R} :$$

- $d(x_1, x_2) \geq 0$ ;
- $d(x_1, x_2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x_1 = x_2$ ;
- $d(x_1, x_2) = d(x_2, x_1)$ ;
- $d(x_1, x_3) \leq d(x_1, x_2) + d(x_2, x_3)$ .

We define  $d$  as:

$$d(x_1, x_2) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m (x_1^i - x_2^i)^2}.$$

Property:

$$|x_1^i - x_2^i| \leq d(x_1, x_2) \leq \sqrt{m} \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} |x_1^i - x_2^i|.$$

## 2) Open and closed sets in $\mathbb{R}^m$

**Definition 1.3** (Open ball).

$$B(a, \delta) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid d(a, x) < \delta\}.$$

(also  $\delta$ -neighborhood)

**Definition 1.4** (Open set, closed set).

- $G$  is open if every its point has a neighborhood  $\subseteq G$ ;
- $F$  is closed, if its complement is open.

**Proposition 1.5.**

- Finite  $\bigcap$  of open sets is open, finite  $\bigcup$  of closed sets is closed;
- Any  $\bigcup$  of open sets is open, any  $\bigcap$  of closed set is closed.

**Definition 1.6** (Neighborhood; interior, exterior and boundary point; limit point; closure).  
(standard definitions)

**Proposition 1.7.**  $F$  is closed  $\Leftrightarrow F = \bar{F}$ .

## 2 Vector structure in $\mathbb{R}^m$

**Definition 2.1** ( $\mathbb{R}^m$  as a vector space).

- $x = (x^1, \dots, x^m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ;
- $\lambda x, x_1 + x_2$  work componentwise;
- Basis  $e_i := (0_{(1)}, \dots, 0_{(i-1)}, 1_{(i)}, 0_{(i+1)}, \dots, 0_{(m)})$ , thus

$$x = \sum_{i \leq m} x^i e_i =: x^i e_i.$$

**Definition 2.2** (Linear maps  $L : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ).

- Linear map  $L$ :  $L(\lambda_1 x_1 + \lambda_2 x_2) = \lambda_1 L(x_1) + \lambda_2 L(x_2)$ . Thus, on the elements of basis:

$$L(e_i) = a_i^j \tilde{e}_j \quad (i = 1, \dots, m),$$

$$L(h) = L(h^i e_i) = h^i a_i^j \tilde{e}_j, \text{ in coordinates } L(h) = (a_i^1 h^i, \dots, a_i^n h^i).$$

- Matrix form:  $L(h) = Ah$ ,

$$L(h) = \begin{pmatrix} L_1(h) \\ L_2(h) \\ \vdots \\ L_m(h) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{pmatrix};$$

- Let  $L_1 : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, L_2 : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ , then  $(L_2 \circ L_1)(h) = A_2 A_1 h$ .

**Definition 2.3** (Norm in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ). Norm is a function  $\|\cdot\| : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined as:

$$\|x\| = \sqrt{(x^1)^2 + \dots + (x^m)^2}.$$

Norm properties:

- $\|x\| \geq 0$ ,
- $\|x\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$ ,
- $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \cdot \|x\|$ ,
- $\|x_1 + x_2\| \leq \|x_1\| + \|x_2\|$  (and  $\|\sum_i x_i\| \leq \sum_i \|x_i\|$ ).

**Definition 2.4** (Distance in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ). Distance is a function  $d : \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined as:

$$d(x_1, x_2) = \|x_2 - x_1\|.$$

**Definition 2.5** ( $\mathbb{R}^m$  as a Euclidean space). Scalar product on vector space  $V$  is a positively defined bilinear function

$$\langle x, y \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

This leads to its presentation in the following form:

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \langle e_i, e_j \rangle x^i y^j =: g_{ij} x^i y^j.$$

$\mathbb{R}^m$  is just a special case here.

**Definition 2.6** (Orthogonality).

- $x \perp y :\Leftrightarrow \langle x, y \rangle = 0$ ;
- Basis is called orthonormal if  $\langle e_i, e_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$ . In this case:

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \delta_{ij} x^i y^j = \sum_{i,j} x^i \cdot y^j.$$

**Definition 2.7** (Angle between vectors). It is known that

$$\langle x, y \rangle^2 \leq \langle x, x \rangle \langle y, y \rangle = \|x\|^2 \|y\|^2.$$

Thus, for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^m$  there exists an angle  $\varphi \in [0, \pi]$  such that:

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \|x\| \|y\| \cos \varphi.$$

Fact: Any  $L : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has the form

$$L(x) = \langle \xi, x \rangle,$$

where  $\xi$  is unique for each  $L$ .