

## Properties of inner products

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1. The function

1 / 1 point

$$\beta(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{x}^T \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}$$

is

- ☐ not positive definite
- ☐ not an inner product
- ☒ positive definite

✔ Correct

Yes, the matrix has only positive eigenvalues and  $\beta(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) > 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$  and  $\beta(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) = 0 \iff \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$

- ☒ an inner product

✔ Correct

- ☒ symmetric

✔ Correct

Yes:  $\beta(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \beta(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x})$

- ☐ not bilinear

- ☒ bilinear

✔ Correct

Yes:

- $\beta$  is symmetric. Therefore, we only need to show linearity in one argument.
- For any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  it holds that  $\beta(\mathbf{x} + \lambda \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y}) = \beta(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) + \lambda \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y})$ . This holds because of the rules for vector-matrix multiplication and addition.

- ☐ not symmetric

2. The function

1 / 1 point

$$\beta(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{x}^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}$$

is

- ☐ not symmetric
- ☒ not an inner product

✔ Correct

Correct: Since  $\beta$  is not positive definite, it cannot be an inner product.

- ☐ an inner product
- ☐ positive definite

- ☒ bilinear

✔ Correct

Correct:

- $\beta$  is symmetric. Therefore, we only need to show linearity in one argument.
- $\beta(\mathbf{x} + \lambda \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y}) = \beta(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) + \lambda \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y})$ . This holds because of the rules for vector-matrix multiplication and addition.

- ☒ symmetric

✔ Correct

Correct:  $\beta(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \beta(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x})$

- ☒ not positive definite

✔ Correct

3. The function

1 / 1 point

$$\beta(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{x}^T \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}$$

is

- ☐ symmetric
- ☒ not symmetric

✔ Correct

Correct: If we take  $\mathbf{x} = [1, 1]^T$  and  $\mathbf{y} = [2, -1]^T$  then  $\beta(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 0$  but  $\beta(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}) = 6$ . Therefore,  $\beta$  is not symmetric.

- ☒ bilinear

✔ Correct

Correct,

- ☐ not bilinear
- ☐ an inner product
- ☒ not an inner product

✔ Correct

4. The function

1 / 1 point

$$\beta(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{x}^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}$$

is

- ☒ an inner product

✔ Correct

It is the dot product, which we know already. Therefore, it is also an inner product.

- ☐ not positive definite
- ☒ positive definite

✔ Correct

It is the dot product, which we know already. Therefore, it is positive definite.

- ☒ symmetric

✔ Correct

It is the dot product, which we know already. Therefore, it is symmetric.

- ☐ not bilinear

- ☐ not an inner product

- ☒ bilinear

✔ Correct

It is the dot product, which we know already. Therefore, it is positive bilinear.

- ☐ not symmetric

5. For any two vectors  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  write a short piece of code that defines a valid inner product.

1 / 1 point

```
1 import numpy as np
2
3 def dot(a, b):
4     """Compute dot product between a and b.
5     Args:
6         a, b: (2,) ndarray as R^2 vectors
7
8     Returns:
9         a number which is the dot product between a, b
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11
12 dot_product = np.dot(a,b)
13
14 return dot_product
15
16 # Test your code before you submit.
17 a = np.array([1,0])
18 b = np.array([0,1])
19 print(dot(a,b))
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✔ Correct

Good job!