

# Eigenvalue eigenvector

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- In  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , given two vectors  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2)$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2)$ , we know the inner product  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = x_1y_1 + x_2y_2$ .
- Note that for any  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , this inner product satisfies the conditions:
  - 1  $\mathbf{x} \cdot (\mathbf{y} + \alpha\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} + \alpha\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{z}$
  - 2  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{x}$
  - 3  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x} \geq 0$  and  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0$  if and only if  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .
- Thus, we are motivated to define an inner product on an arbitrary vector space.

## Definition (Inner product )

Let  $V(\mathbb{F})$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$ . An inner product over  $V(\mathbb{F})$ , denoted by  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ , is a map,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}$  such that for  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in V$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$

- 1  $\langle a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = a\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle + b\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle$ ,  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \overline{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle}$ , the complex conjugate of  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$ ,
- 2  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $\mathbf{u} \in V$  and equality holds if and only if  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ .

## Definition (Inner product space)

Let  $V$  be a vector space with an inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ . Then  $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  is called an inner product space, in short denoted by IPS.

## Example 1

- Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$  be the real vector space of dimension  $n$ . Given two vectors  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$  of  $V$ , we define

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + \dots + u_n v_n = \mathbf{u} \mathbf{v}^t.$$

- We will show that  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is an inner product.
- One can easily check from definition that  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle$ .
- $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $\mathbf{u} \in V$ , because  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2$ .
- Also,  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 = 0$  which is equivalent to  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ .
- Note that for any  $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$  of  $V$ , and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \alpha \mathbf{u} + \beta \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle &= \alpha \sum_{i=1}^n u_i w_i + \beta \sum_{i=1}^n v_i w_i \\ &= \alpha \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle + \beta \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

## Example 2

- Let  $V = \mathbb{C}^n$  be a complex vector space of dimension  $n$ . Then for  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$  in  $V$ , we define

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = u_1 \overline{v_1} + u_2 \overline{v_2} + \dots + u_n \overline{v_n} = \mathbf{u} \mathbf{v}^*$$

- Check that  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is an inner product.

### Remark

*Note that in parts 1 and 2 of above Example, the inner products are  $\mathbf{u} \mathbf{v}^t$  and  $\mathbf{u} \mathbf{v}^*$ , respectively. This occurs because the vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are row vectors. In general,  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are taken as column vectors and hence one uses the notation  $\mathbf{u}^t \mathbf{v}$  or  $\mathbf{u}^* \mathbf{v}$ .*

## Example 3

- Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$  and let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- Define

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \mathbf{x}A\mathbf{y}^t = 4x_1y_1 - x_1y_2 - x_2y_1 + 2x_2y_2.$$

- Check that  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is an inner product.
- Observe that the matrix  $A$  is real symmetric matrix.
- $xAx^t$  is a quadratic form of a real symmetric matrix  $A$  which we will discuss later.

## Example 4

- Consider the set  $M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  of all real square matrices of order  $n$ . For  $A, B \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  we define  $\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(AB^t)$ .
- Then

$$\langle A + B, C \rangle = \text{tr}((A + B)C^t) = \text{tr}(AC^t) + \text{tr}(BC^t) = \langle A, C \rangle + \langle B, C \rangle.$$

- $\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(AB^t) = \text{tr}((AB^t)^t) = \text{tr}(BA^t) = \langle B, A \rangle.$
- Let  $A = (a_{ij})$ . Then

$$\langle A, A \rangle = \text{tr}(AA^t) = \sum_{i=1}^n (AA^t)_{ii} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}a_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}^2$$

and therefore,  $\langle A, A \rangle > 0$  for all non-zero matrices  $A$ .

- So, it is clear that  $\langle A, B \rangle$  is an inner product on  $M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ .

## Definition (Length/Norm of a Vector)

For  $\mathbf{u} \in V$ , we define the length (norm) of  $\mathbf{u}$ , denoted  $\|\mathbf{u}\|$ , by  $\|\mathbf{u}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle}$ , the positive square root.

- A very useful and a fundamental inequality concerning the inner product is due to Cauchy and Schwartz. The next theorem gives the statement and a proof of this inequality.



## Theorem (Cauchy-Schwartz inequality)

Let  $V(\mathbb{F})$  be an inner product space. Then for any  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V$

$$|\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle| \leq \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|.$$

The equality holds if and only if the vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are linearly dependent. Further, if  $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{0}$ , then

$$\mathbf{v} = \left\langle \mathbf{v}, \frac{\mathbf{u}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|} \right\rangle \frac{\mathbf{u}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|}.$$

## Outline of the proof

- If  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ , then the inequality holds.
- Let  $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Note that  $\langle \lambda \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}, \lambda \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ .
- In particular, for  $\lambda = -\frac{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{u}\|^2}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \langle \lambda \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}, \lambda \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \rangle \\ &= \lambda \bar{\lambda} \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \lambda \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle + \bar{\lambda} \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 \\ &= \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{u}\|^2} \frac{\overline{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|^2} \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{u}\|^2} \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle - \frac{\overline{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|^2} \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

- Or, in other words

$$|\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle|^2 \leq \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 \|\mathbf{v}\|^2$$

and the proof of the inequality is over.

- Observe that if  $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{0}$  then the equality holds if and only of  $\lambda \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$  for  $\lambda = -\frac{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{u}\|^2}$ .
- That is,  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are linearly dependent.
- We leave it for the reader to prove

$$\mathbf{v} = \left\langle \mathbf{v}, \frac{\mathbf{u}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|} \right\rangle \frac{\mathbf{u}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|}.$$

## Definition (Angle between two vectors)

Let  $V$  be a real vector space. Then for every  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V$ , by the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality, we have

$$-1 \leq \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|} \leq 1.$$

## Remark

*We know that  $\cos : [0, \pi] \longrightarrow [-1, 1]$  is an one-one and onto function.*

*Therefore, for every real number  $\frac{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|}$ , there exists a unique  $\theta$ ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ , such that*

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|}.$$

- The real number  $\theta$  with  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$  and satisfying

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

is called the angle between the two vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $V$ .

- The vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $V$  are said to be orthogonal if  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0$ .
- A set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$  is called mutually orthogonal if  $\langle \mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{u}_j \rangle = 0$  for all  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq n$ .

## Definition (Orthogonal Complement)

Let  $W$  be a subspace of a vector space  $V$  with inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ . Then the subspace

$$W^\perp = \{\mathbf{v} \in V : \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } \mathbf{w} \in W\}$$

is called the orthogonal complement of  $W$  in  $V$ .

## Theorem

Let  $V$  be an inner product space. Let  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$  be a set of non-zero, mutually orthogonal vectors of  $V$ .

- Then the set  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$  is linearly independent.
- $\left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{u}_i \right\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha_i|^2 \|\mathbf{u}_i\|^2$ ;
- Let  $\dim(V) = n$  and also let  $\|\mathbf{u}_i\| = 1$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then for any  $\mathbf{v} \in V$ ,

$$\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}_i \rangle \mathbf{u}_i.$$

In particular,  $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}_i \rangle = 0$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  if and only if  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ .

- Consider the set of non-zero, mutually orthogonal vectors  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$ . Suppose there exist scalars  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  not all zero, such that

$$c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + c_2\mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{u}_n = \mathbf{0}.$$

- Then for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , we have

$$0 = \langle \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{u}_i \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{j=1}^n c_j \mathbf{u}_j, \mathbf{u}_i \right\rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j \langle \mathbf{u}_j, \mathbf{u}_i \rangle = c_i$$

as  $\langle \mathbf{u}_j, \mathbf{u}_i \rangle = 0$  for all  $j \neq i$  and  $\langle \mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{u}_i \rangle = 1$ .

- This gives a contradiction to our assumption that some of the  $c_i$ 's are non-zero.
- This establishes the linear independence of a set of non-zero, mutually orthogonal vectors.



- For the second part, using  $\langle \mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{u}_j \rangle = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \\ \|\mathbf{u}_i\|^2 & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{u}_i \right\|^2 &= \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{u}_i, \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{u}_i \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \left\langle \mathbf{u}_i, \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j \mathbf{u}_j \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \sum_{j=1}^n \overline{\alpha_j} \langle \mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{u}_j \rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \overline{\alpha_i} \langle \mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{u}_i \rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha_i|^2 \|\mathbf{u}_i\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

- For the third part, observe from the first part, the linear independence of the non-zero mutually orthogonal vectors  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n$ .
- Since  $\dim(V) = n$ , they form a basis of  $V$ . Thus, for every vector  $\mathbf{v} \in V$ , there exist scalars  $\alpha_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , such that  $\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{u}_i$ .
- Hence,

$$\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}_j \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{u}_j \right\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \langle \mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{u}_j \rangle = \alpha_j.$$

- Therefore, we have obtained the required result.

## Definition (Orthonormal Set)

Let  $V$  be an inner product space. A set of non-zero, mutually orthogonal vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  in  $V$  is called an orthonormal set if  $\|\mathbf{v}_i\| = 1$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

If the set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  is also a basis of  $V$ , then the set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  is called an orthonormal basis of  $V$ .

- In view of Theorem (7), we inquire into the question of extracting an orthonormal basis from a given basis.
- In the next lecture, we describe a process (called the Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalisation process) that generates an orthonormal set from a given set containing finitely many vectors.

## Examples

- Consider the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the standard inner product. Then the standard ordered basis

$$\mathcal{B} = ((1, 0), (0, 1))$$

is an orthonormal set. Also, the basis

$$\mathcal{B}_1 = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 1), \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, -1) \right)$$

is an orthonormal set.

- Let  $\mathbb{R}^n$  be endowed with the standard inner product. Then check that the standard ordered basis

$$(\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n)$$

is an orthonormal set.

## Remark

*The last part of the above theorem can be rephrased as “suppose  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  is an orthonormal basis of an inner product space  $V$ . Then for each  $\mathbf{u} \in V$  the numbers  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}_i \rangle$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  are the coordinates of  $\mathbf{u}$  with respect to the above basis”. That is, let  $\mathcal{B} = (\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$  be an ordered basis. Then for any  $\mathbf{u} \in V$ ,*

$$[\mathbf{u}]_{\mathcal{B}} = (\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}_1 \rangle, \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle, \dots, \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}_n \rangle)^t.$$

*Thank You*