
In this note, V always stand for a vector space over \mathbb{F}

Definition and Theorem

Definition 1. An complex **inner product** on V , is a function from $V \times V$ to \mathbb{C} , satisfy the following

- (a) $\langle x + z, y \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle + \langle z, y \rangle$
- (b) $\langle cx, y \rangle = c\langle x, y \rangle$
- (c) $\overline{\langle x, y \rangle} = \langle y, x \rangle$
- (d) $\forall x \neq 0, \langle x, x \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^+$

Definition 2. A vector space V equipped with an inner product on V , is an **inner product space**

Definition 3. Let $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$. The **conjugate transpose** A^* of A is defined by

$$A_{i,j}^* = \overline{A_{j,i}}$$

Theorem 1. Let V be an inner product space, $x, y, z \in V$, and $c \in \mathbb{F}$

- (a) $\langle x, y + z \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x, z \rangle$
- (b) $\langle x, cy \rangle = \bar{c}\langle x, y \rangle$
- (c) $\langle x, 0 \rangle = \langle 0, x \rangle = 0$
- (d) $\langle x, x \rangle = 0 \iff x = 0$
- (e) $\forall x \in V, \langle x, y \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle \implies y = z$

Proof. (a)

$$\langle x, y + z \rangle = \overline{\langle y + z, x \rangle} = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle + \langle z, x \rangle} = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle} + \overline{\langle z, x \rangle} = \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x, z \rangle$$

(b)

$$\langle x, cy \rangle = \overline{\langle cy, x \rangle} = \overline{c\langle y, x \rangle} = \bar{c}\overline{\langle y, x \rangle} = \bar{c}\langle x, y \rangle$$

(c)

$$\langle 0, x \rangle = 0\langle 1, x \rangle = 0 = \bar{0}\langle x, 1 \rangle = \langle x, 0 \rangle$$

(d)

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By (c)

(\longrightarrow)

By definition

(e)

$$\begin{aligned}\langle x, y \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle &\implies 0 = \langle x, y \rangle - \langle x, z \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle + \overline{-1} \langle x, z \rangle = \langle x, y - z \rangle \\ \langle y - z, y - z \rangle = 0 &\implies y - z = 0 \implies y = z\end{aligned}$$

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Definition 4. Let V be an inner product space. The **norm** or **length** $\|x\|$ of x , is defined by

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

Theorem 2. Let V be an inner product space, $x, y \in V$, and $c \in \mathbb{F}$

(a) $\|cx\| = |c| \cdot \|x\|$

(b) $\|x\| = 0 \iff x = 0$

(c) $|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \cdot \|y\|$

(d) $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$

Proof. (a)

$$\|cx\| = \sqrt{\langle cx, cx \rangle} = \sqrt{c\bar{c}\langle x, x \rangle} = |c|\sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} = |c| \cdot \|x\|$$

(b)

(\longleftarrow)

$$\|0\| = \sqrt{\langle 0, 0 \rangle} = \sqrt{0} = 0$$

(\longrightarrow)

$$\|x\| = 0 \implies \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} = 0 \implies \langle x, x \rangle = 0 \implies x = 0$$

(c)

Let $z = y - \frac{\langle y, x \rangle}{\|x\|^2}x$

So $\langle z, x \rangle = \langle y - \frac{\langle y, x \rangle}{\|x\|^2}x, x \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle - \frac{\langle y, x \rangle}{\|x\|^2} \langle x, x \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle - \langle y, x \rangle = 0$

Notice $y = \frac{\langle y, x \rangle}{\|x\|^2}x + z$

$$\langle x, y \rangle \langle y, x \rangle = \langle x, \frac{\langle y, x \rangle}{\|x\|^2}x \rangle \langle \frac{\langle y, x \rangle}{\|x\|^2}x, x \rangle = \frac{\overline{\langle y, x \rangle}}{\|x\|^2} \langle x, x \rangle \frac{\langle y, x \rangle}{\|x\|^2} \langle x, x \rangle =$$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle y, y \rangle &= \left\langle \frac{\langle y, x \rangle}{\|x\|^2} x + z, \frac{\langle y, x \rangle}{\|x\|^2} x + z \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{\langle y, x \rangle}{\|x\|^2} x, \frac{\langle y, x \rangle}{\|x\|^2} x \right\rangle + \langle z, z \rangle = \frac{\langle y, x \rangle \langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\|^4} \langle x, x \rangle + \\ \langle z, z \rangle &= \frac{\langle y, x \rangle \langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\|^2} + \langle z, z \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$\langle x, x \rangle \langle y, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x, x \rangle \langle z, z \rangle$$

$$\text{So } \langle x, x \rangle \langle y, y \rangle \geq \langle y, x \rangle \langle x, y \rangle$$

$$\langle x, y \rangle \langle y, x \rangle \leq \langle x, x \rangle \langle y, y \rangle \implies \langle x, y \rangle \overline{\langle x, y \rangle} \leq \langle x, x \rangle \langle y, y \rangle$$

$$\langle x, y \rangle \overline{\langle x, y \rangle} \leq \langle x, x \rangle \langle y, y \rangle \implies \sqrt{\langle x, y \rangle \overline{\langle x, y \rangle}} \leq \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} \sqrt{\langle y, y \rangle}$$

$$\sqrt{\langle x, y \rangle \overline{\langle x, y \rangle}} \leq \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} \sqrt{\langle y, y \rangle} \implies |\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| * \|y\|$$

(d)

$$\langle x + y, x + y \rangle = \langle x, x \rangle + \langle x, y \rangle + \langle y, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle$$

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| * \|y\| \text{ and } |\langle y, x \rangle| \leq \|x\| * \|y\| \text{ give us } \langle x + y, x + y \rangle \leq \langle x, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle + 2\|x\| * \|y\| = (\sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} + \sqrt{\langle y, y \rangle})^2$$

$$\text{So } \sqrt{\langle x + y, x + y \rangle} \leq \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} + \sqrt{\langle y, y \rangle}$$

$$\text{That is } \|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$$

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Definition 5. Let V be an inner product space, and $x, y \in V$. x and y are **orthogonal** if $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$. A subset S is **orthogonal** if every two distinct vector in S are orthogonal. x is a **unit vector** if $\|x\| = 1$. A subset S is **orthonormal** if it is orthogonal and consists of only unit vectors

Exercises

1.

1.(a)

Proof. Yes

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1.(b)

Proof. BLANK

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1.(c)

Proof. No, $\langle u, cv \rangle = \bar{c} \langle u, v \rangle$

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1.(d)

Proof. No, $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}, \langle v, w \rangle = c \sum_{i=1}^n v_i w_i$ is an inner product space ■

1.(e)

Proof. No, it works in infinite dimensions too ■

1.(f)

Proof. No, every matrix have conjugate transpose ■

1.(g)

Proof. No, as long as $\langle x, y - z \rangle = 0$, that is $x \perp y - z$, $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle$ ■

1.(h)

Proof. Yes, $\langle y, y \rangle = 0 \implies y = 0$ ■

2.

Proof. $\langle x, y \rangle = 8 + 5i$

$$\|x\| = \sqrt{7}$$

$$\|y\| = \sqrt{14}$$

$$\|x + y\| = \sqrt{37}$$

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| = \sqrt{89} \leq \sqrt{98} = \|x\| \|y\|$$

$$\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\| \iff \sqrt{37} \leq \sqrt{7} + \sqrt{14} \iff 37 \leq 21 + 2\sqrt{98} \iff 8 \leq \sqrt{98} \quad \blacksquare$$

3.

Proof. $\langle f, g \rangle = 1$

$$\|f\| = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\|g\| = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(e^2 - 1)}$$

$$\|f + g\| = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}e^2 + \frac{11}{6}}$$

$$\langle f, g \rangle \leq \|f\| * \|g\| \iff 1 \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{6}(e^2 - 1)} \iff 6 \leq e^2 - 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|f+g\| \leq \|f\|+\|g\| &\iff \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}e^2 + \frac{11}{6}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(e^2 - 1)} \iff \frac{1}{2}e^2 + \frac{11}{6} \leq \\ \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2}(e^2 - 1) &2\sqrt{\frac{1}{6}(e^2 - 1)} \iff \frac{11}{6} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \leq 2\sqrt{\frac{1}{6}(e^2 - 1)} \iff 1 \leq \\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{6}(e^2 - 1)} &\iff 7 \leq e^2 \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

8.

8.(a)

Proof. $\langle (1, 1), (1, 1) \rangle = 1 - 1 = 0$ ■

8.(b)

Proof. $\langle A + C, B \rangle = \text{tr}((A + C) + B) = \text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(C) + \text{tr}(B) \neq \text{tr}(A) + 2\text{tr}(B) + \text{tr}(C) = \text{tr}(A + B) + \text{tr}(C + B) = \langle A, B \rangle + \langle C, B \rangle$ if $\text{tr}(B) \neq 0$ ■

8.(c)

Proof. Let $f = x^2 + x + 1$ and $g = x + 1$

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{17}{6} \neq \frac{11}{6} = \langle g, f \rangle \quad \blacksquare$$

10.

Proof. $\|x + y\|^2 = \langle x + y, x + y \rangle = \langle x, x \rangle + \langle x, y \rangle + \langle y, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle = \langle x, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2$ ■

12.

Proof. We prove by induction

$$\text{Base step: } \|a_1v_1 + a_2v_2\|^2 = |a_1|^2\|v_1\|^2 + |a_2|^2\|v_2\|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|a_1v_1 + a_2v_2\|^2 &= \langle a_1v_1 + a_2v_2, a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 \rangle = \langle a_1v_1, a_1v_1 \rangle + \langle a_2v_2, a_1v_1 \rangle + \\ &\langle a_1v_1, a_2v_2 \rangle + \langle a_2v_2, a_2v_2 \rangle = |a_1|^2\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle + a_2\overline{a_1}\langle v_2, v_1 \rangle + a_1\overline{a_2}\langle v_1, v_2 \rangle + \\ &|a_2|^2\langle v_2, v_2 \rangle = |a_1|^2\|v_1\|^2 + |a_2|^2\|v_2\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Induction step:

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i \right\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|^2 \|v_i\|^2 \implies \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} a_i v_i \right\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} |a_i|^2 \|v_i\|^2$$

$$\left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i, a_{n+1} v_{n+1} \right\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle a_i v_i, a_{n+1} v_{n+1} \rangle = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} a_i v_i \right\|^2 &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i + a_{n+1} v_{n+1} \right\|^2 = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i \right\|^2 + \|a_{n+1} v_{n+1}\|^2 = \\ \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|^2 \|v_i\|^2 &+ |a_{n+1}|^2 \|v_{n+1}\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} |a_i|^2 \|v_i\|^2 \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

15.

Prove $\langle x, y \rangle = \|x\|\|y\|$ if and only if $x = ay, \exists a \in \mathbb{F}$

Proof. (\longleftarrow)

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \langle ay, y \rangle = a\langle y, y \rangle = a\|y\|^2 = a\|y\|\|y\| = \|ay\|\|y\| = \|x\|\|y\|$$

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$$\text{Let } a = \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|y\|^2}$$

$$\text{Let } z = x - ay$$

$$\langle z, y \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle - a\langle y, y \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle - a\|y\|^2 = 0$$

$$x = ay + z \implies \|x\|^2 = \|ay + z\|^2 = \|ay\|^2 + \|z\|^2 \implies \|z\|^2 = \|x\|^2 - |a|^2\|y\|^2$$

$$a = \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|y\|^2} = \frac{\|x\|\|y\|}{\|y\|^2} = \frac{\|x\|}{\|y\|}$$

$$\text{So } \|z\|^2 = \|x\|^2 - \|x\|^2 = 0$$

$$\text{Then } \langle z, z \rangle = 0$$

$$\text{So } z = 0, \text{ then } x = ay$$

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20.**20.(a)**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof. } \frac{1}{4}\|x + y\|^2 - \frac{1}{4}\|x - y\|^2 &= \frac{1}{4}\langle x + y, x + y \rangle - \frac{1}{4}\langle x - y, x - y \rangle = \\ \frac{1}{4}(\langle x, x \rangle + \langle x, y \rangle + \langle y, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle) - \frac{1}{4}(\langle x, x \rangle - \langle x, y \rangle - \langle y, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle) &= \\ \frac{1}{2}\langle x, y \rangle + \frac{1}{2}\langle y, x \rangle &= \langle x, y \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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20.(b)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof. } \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=1}^4 i^k \|x + i^k y\|^2 &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=1}^4 i^k \langle x + i^k y, x + i^k y \rangle = \frac{1}{4} [i\langle x + iy, x + iy \rangle - \langle x - y, x - y \rangle - i\langle x - iy, x - iy \rangle + \langle x + y, x + y \rangle] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} [\langle x + y, x + y \rangle - \langle x - y, x - y \rangle + \langle ix - y, x + iy \rangle - \langle ix + y, x - iy \rangle] = \frac{1}{4} \langle x + y, x + y \rangle - \frac{1}{4} \langle x - y, x - y \rangle \\ &+ \frac{1}{4} [i\langle x, x + iy \rangle - \langle y, x + iy \rangle - i\langle x, x - iy \rangle - \langle y, x - iy \rangle] = \frac{1}{2} \langle x, y \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle y, x \rangle \\ &+ \frac{i}{4} [\langle x, x + iy \rangle - \langle x, x - iy \rangle] - \frac{1}{4} [\langle y, x + iy \rangle + \langle y, x - iy \rangle] = \langle x, y \rangle + \frac{i}{4} \langle x, 2iy \rangle - \frac{1}{4} \langle y, 2x \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \langle x, y \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle y, x \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle x, y \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle y, x \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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21.**21.(a)**

Proof. $A_1^* = [\frac{1}{2}(A + A^*)]^* = \frac{1}{2}(A^* + A) = A_1$

$$A_2^* = [\frac{1}{2i}(A - A^*)]^* = \frac{1}{-2i}(A^* - A) = \frac{1}{2i}(A - A^*) = A_2 \quad \blacksquare$$

21.(b)

Proof. $A = B_1 + iB_2 \implies A^* = B_1^* - iB_2^* = B_1 - iB_2$

$$A + A^* = 2B_1$$

$$A - A^* = 2iB_2$$

$$B_1 = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^*)$$

$$B_2 = \frac{1}{2i}(A - A^*) \quad \blacksquare$$

29.

Proof. $\langle x+z, y \rangle = [x+z, y] + i[x+z, iy] = [x, y] + [z, y] + i\{[x, iy] + [z, iy]\} = [x, y] + i[x, iy] + [z, y] + i[z, iy] = \langle x, y \rangle + \langle z, y \rangle$

$$\langle cx, y \rangle = [cx, y] + i[cx, iy] = c[x, y] + ci[x, iy] = c\{[x, y] + i[x, iy]\} = c\langle x, y \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, y \rangle - \overline{\langle y, x \rangle} &= [x, y] + i[x, iy] - \overline{[y, x] + i[y, ix]} = [x, y] - [y, x] + i\{[x, iy] + [y, ix]\} \\ &= i\{[x, iy] + [y, ix]\} = i\{[x - y, iy] + [y - x, ix]\} = i\{[x - y, iy] - [x - y, ix]\} \\ &= i[x - y, i(y - x)] = -i[y - x, i(y - x)] = 0 \implies \langle x, y \rangle = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle} \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle x, x \rangle = 0 \implies [x, x] + i[x, ix] = 0 \implies [x, x] = 0 \implies x = 0 \quad \blacksquare$$