

Q2

$$\begin{aligned} f((0, 1, 0), (0, 1, 0)) &= 0 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

However, $(0, 1, 0) \neq 0$, so f does not satisfy the property of definiteness.

Q3

Let S be the set of inner products with the positivity condition. Let S' be the set of inner products with the new condition. To start, let $f \in S$. Then, $f(v, v) > 0 \forall v \in V$ with $v \neq 0$, so the new condition is satisfied since $\exists v \in V$ with $f(v, v) > 0$. So, $f \in S'$, so $S \subseteq S'$. Now consider the other direction: take a function $g \in S'$. We know that by the new inner product definition, $\exists v \in V$ such that $g(v, v) > 0$. This v must be nonzero, as we still have the definiteness axiom. Now, by contradiction, consider a nonzero vector k orthogonal to v . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle k, k \rangle &< 0 \\ \exists a : a \langle k, k \rangle &= -\langle v, v \rangle \\ \langle \sqrt{a}k, \sqrt{a}k \rangle + \langle v, v \rangle &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\langle \sqrt{a}k + v, \sqrt{a}k + v \rangle = \langle \sqrt{a}k, \sqrt{a}k \rangle + \langle v, v \rangle = 0$$

Thus $\sqrt{a}k + v = 0 \Rightarrow k = -\frac{v}{\sqrt{a}}$, contradicting k being orthogonal to v . So, $g(k, k) = 0$ for all k orthogonal to v . Then, $\forall w \in V$, we can write w as a sum of a scalar multiple of v plus a vector k orthogonal to v .

$$\begin{aligned} w &= cv + k \\ \langle w, w \rangle &= \langle cv + k, cv + k \rangle \\ &= \langle cv, cv \rangle + \langle k, k \rangle \end{aligned}$$

And since both terms of this sum are positive, we know that the inner product of w with itself is positive, so $g(w, w) > 0 \forall$ nonzero $w \in V$. That means $g \in S$, so $S' \subseteq S$, completing the proof.

Q8

Let $u, v \in V$, $\|u\| = \|v\| = 1$. Then, $|\langle u, v \rangle| = |1| = 1 = \|u\| \|v\|$. So, by Cauchy-Schwartz, u and v are collinear, and have the same magnitude, so $u = -v$ or $u = v$. However, if $u = -v$, $\langle u, v \rangle = \langle -v, v \rangle = -\langle v, v \rangle < 0$. But $\langle u, v \rangle = 1$, which is a contradiction, so $u = v$.

Q11

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^4$ with the inner product defined as the dot product.

$$\begin{aligned} a &= (\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b}, \sqrt{c}, \sqrt{d}) \\ b &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{c}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}}\right) \\ \text{then } |\langle a, b \rangle| &= |4| = 4 \\ \|a\| &= \sqrt{\langle a, a \rangle} = \sqrt{a + b + c + d} \\ \|b\| &= \sqrt{\langle b, b \rangle} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{d}} \end{aligned}$$

So by Cauchy - Schwartz:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\langle a, b \rangle| &\leq \|a\| \|b\| \\
 4 &\leq \sqrt{a+b+c+d} \sqrt{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{d}} \\
 16 &\leq (a+b+c+d) \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{d} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Q19

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle u, v \rangle &= \frac{\|u+v\|^2 - \|u-v\|^2}{4} \\
 &= \frac{\langle u+v, u+v \rangle - \langle u-v, u-v \rangle}{4} \\
 &= \frac{\langle u, u \rangle + \langle u, v \rangle + \langle v, u \rangle + \langle v, v \rangle - \langle u, u \rangle + \langle v, u \rangle + \langle u, v \rangle - \langle v, v \rangle}{4} \\
 &= \frac{4\langle u, v \rangle}{4} \\
 &= \langle u, v \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$