

Recitation #4

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Inner product

Let V be a vector space. An inner product on V is a function \langle, \rangle from pairs of vectors $V \times V$ to \mathbb{R} that holds the following points

- 1 Symmetry: $\langle u, v \rangle = \langle v, u \rangle$ for all $u, v \in V$
- 2 Linearity: $\langle u + w, v \rangle = \langle u, v \rangle + \langle w, v \rangle$ and same for scalar multiplication.
- 3 Positive-defined: $\langle v, v \rangle \geq 0$ with equality if and only if $v = 0$

Exercise 1

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- ❸ $\langle x, y \rangle = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2$

1) Symmetry X because

$$\langle y, x \rangle = y_1 x_2 + y_2 x_3 + y_3 x_1$$

and

$$y_1 x_2 + y_2 x_3 + y_3 x_1 \neq x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_3 + x_3 y_1$$

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2) linearity X

$$\langle x+w, y \rangle \neq \langle x, y \rangle + \langle w, y \rangle$$

$$\text{because } (a+b)^2 \neq a^2 + b^2$$

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for $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^3$!!

3) Typo: $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^3$ if $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^2$ then it would be an inner product !!

Not positive definite because take $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$

$$x = (0 \ 0 \ 1)$$

$$\langle x, x \rangle = 0 \quad \text{but } x \neq 0$$

recall: Norm

Norm induced by inner product

(Proposition) If $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is an inner product on V then $\|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}$ is its induced norm.



Exercise 2

Compute $\|ax\|$ for $a \in \mathbb{R}$ scalar and $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ vector.

$$\|ax\| = \sqrt{\langle ax, ax \rangle} = \sqrt{a^2 \langle x, x \rangle} = |a| \|x\|$$

↑
linearity

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

Exercise 3

When does $\|x + y\| = \|x\| + \|y\|$ for $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$?

$$\|x + y\| = \sqrt{\langle x + y, x + y \rangle} = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle + 2\langle x, y \rangle}$$

$$\bullet \|x + y\|^2 = \langle x, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle + 2\langle x, y \rangle$$

$$\bullet (\|x\| + \|y\|)^2 = \langle x, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle + 2 \underbrace{\langle x, x \rangle \cdot \langle y, y \rangle}_{\|x\| \cdot \|y\|}$$

$$\cancel{\langle x, x \rangle} + \cancel{\langle y, y \rangle} + 2\langle x, y \rangle = \cancel{\langle x, x \rangle} + \cancel{\langle y, y \rangle} + 2\sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle \langle y, y \rangle}$$

$$\boxed{\langle x, y \rangle = \|x\| \cdot \|y\|}$$

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \|x\| \|y\| \cos \theta \quad \cos \theta = 1 \rightarrow \theta = 0^\circ \quad \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{x} \quad \xrightarrow{y} \end{array}$$

Exercise 4

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ be a matrix and $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ a vector. Show that

$$\|Ax\| \leq \|x\| \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij}^2}$$

Hint: Cauchy-Schwarz inequality $\|\langle u, v \rangle\|^2 \leq \langle u, u \rangle \cdot \langle v, v \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ \vdots \\ r_m \end{pmatrix} \text{ as row vectors} & \|Ax\|^2 &= \underbrace{\langle r_1, x \rangle^2}_{\text{Cauchy-Schwarz}} + \dots + \underbrace{\langle r_m, x \rangle^2}_{\text{Cauchy-Schwarz}} \\
 & & (\equiv) &= \|r_1\|^2 \|x\|^2 + \dots + \|r_m\|^2 \|x\|^2 \\
 & & &= \|x\|^2 (\|r_1\|^2 + \dots + \|r_m\|^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\|Ax\|^2 \leq \|x\|^2 \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij}^2$$

$$= \|x\|^2 (\|r_1\|^2 + \dots + \|r_m\|^2)$$

$$= \|x\|^2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \|r_i\|^2 \right) \quad \left(\text{by } A \right)$$

$$= \|x\|^2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij}^2 \right) \quad \square$$

recall: orthogonal projection

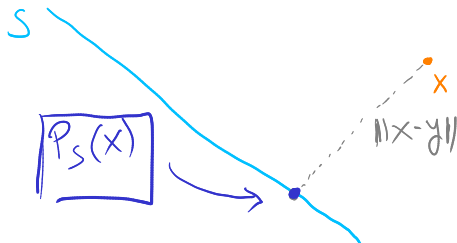
Orthogonality

Two vectors $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are orthogonal if and only if $\langle u, v \rangle = 0$

Projection

Let S be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . The orthogonal projection of a vector x onto S is defined as the vector $P_S(x) \in S$ such that minimizes the distance to x :

$$P_S(x) = \operatorname{argmin}_{y \in S} \|x - y\|$$



practice: orthogonality

Exercise 5

Prove that if $v_1, \dots, v_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are orthogonal vectors then they also are linearly independent.

We know $\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = 0$ for $i, j = 1, \dots, k$ $i \neq j$

GOAL: $\alpha_1 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_k v_k = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = \dots = \alpha_k = 0$

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_k v_k = 0$$

$$\times v_1: \alpha_1 \langle \underline{v_1}, v_1 \rangle + \dots + \alpha_k \langle \underline{v_1}, v_k \rangle = 0$$

$$\boxed{\alpha_1 \langle v_1, v_1 \rangle = 0} \rightarrow \boxed{\alpha_1 = 0}$$

⊕ do the same
 v_2, \dots, v_k \square

practice: orthogonal projection

Exercise 6


Show that if $P_S(x)$ denotes the orthogonal projection onto subspace S then

- 1 $\|P_S(x)\| \leq \|x\|$
- 2 $x - P_S(x)$ is orthogonal to S

Recall: if v_1, \dots, v_k is an orthonormal basis of S then the projection onto S can be written as $P_S(x) = \langle x, v_1 \rangle v_1 + \dots + \langle x, v_k \rangle v_k$ (Exercise: prove it). $\langle \cdot \rangle = 0$ if $\|\cdot\| = 1$

1) $\|P_S(x)\|^2 = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^k \langle x, v_i \rangle v_i \right\|^2 \leq \sum_i \|\langle x, v_i \rangle v_i\|^2$
triangle/pythagorean inequality

$= \|x\|^2$ because orthonormal basis



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2) \swarrow $x - P_S(x)$ Let $s \in S$ show $\langle x - P_S(x), s \rangle = 0$
Extend $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\} \in S$ to an orthogonal basis of \mathbb{R}^n
 $\{v_{k+1}, \dots, v_n\}$
 $\left[x = \alpha_1 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n \right] \left[P_S(x) = \beta_1 v_1 + \dots + \beta_k v_k \right] \begin{matrix} \beta_1 = \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_k = \alpha_k \end{matrix}$
 $x - P_S(x) = \alpha_{k+1} v_{k+1} + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$

practice: orthogonal spaces

but $s \in S$ so $\langle x - P_S(x), s \rangle = 0$ \square
and orthogonal

Exercise 7

Let S, U be subspaces of a vector space V . Prove the following statement: $S \subset U \rightarrow U^\perp \subset S^\perp$

\checkmark  U We know that $v \in S \rightarrow v \in U$

let $w \in U^\perp$ $\langle w, u \rangle = 0$ for all $u \in U$

We need to show $w \in S^\perp$

let $s \in S$
 \downarrow
 $s \in U$

$$\langle w, s \rangle = 0$$

} Because of the two hypothesis. \square

Exercise 8

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ be a matrix. Assume the Euclidean inner product. Prove that

$$\text{Im}(A^T) = \ker(A)^\perp$$

Hint: This is an equality between sets so you need to prove that one is inside the other and viceversa. Start with \subset and use Ex. 6 for the other.

• Proof $\text{Im}(A^T) \subset \ker(A)^\perp$

Let $x \in \text{Im}(A^T)$ then $\exists y$ such that $A^T y = x$

Let $v \in \ker(A)$ We need to show that $\langle x, v \rangle = 0$

$$\text{Calculate } \langle x, v \rangle = x^T v = \underset{x \in \text{Im}(A^T)}{\underbrace{(A^T y)^T}} v = y^T \underbrace{(A v)}_{v \in \ker(A)} = 0 \quad \square$$

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• Proof $\ker(A)^\perp \subset \text{Im}(A^T)$

We will use Ex 7: $\text{Im}(A^T)^\perp \subset \ker(A)$

will imply automatically $\ker(A)^\perp \subset \text{Im}(A^T)$

Let $v \in \text{Im}(A^T)^\perp$ and $u \in \text{Im}(A^T)$ then

$\langle v, u \rangle = 0$ and $\exists x$ such that $u = A^T x$

So, $\langle v, A^T x \rangle = \langle A^T x, v \rangle = x^T A v = 0$ implies $A v = 0$
 $v \in \ker(A) \square$