

Triangle Inequality

For ℓ_1 :

$$\begin{aligned}\|\vec{x} + \vec{y}\|_1 &= \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k + y_k| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n (|x_k| + |y_k|) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k| + \sum_{k=1}^n |y_k| \\ &= \|\vec{x}\|_1 + \|\vec{y}\|_1\end{aligned}$$

For ℓ_∞ :

$$\begin{aligned}\|\vec{x} + \vec{y}\|_\infty &= \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |x_k + y_k| \\ &\leq \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} (|x_k| + |y_k|) \\ &\leq \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |x_k| + \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |y_k| \\ &= \|\vec{x}\|_\infty + \|\vec{y}\|_\infty\end{aligned}$$

For ℓ_2 :

Lemma

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$:

$$2|a||b| \leq |a|^2 + |b|^2$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}(|a| - |b|)^2 &\geq 0 \\ |a|^2 - 2|a||b| + |b|^2 &\geq 0 \\ \therefore 2|a||b| &\leq |a|^2 + |b|^2\end{aligned}$$

Theorem: Cauchy-Schwarz

Let $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{C}^n$:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n x_k y_k \leq \left| \sum_{k=1}^n x_k y_k \right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k y_k| \leq \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |y_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\sum_{k=1}^n |x_k| |y_k| \right)^2 &= \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^2 |y_k|^2 + 2 \sum_{i < j} |x_i| |y_i| |x_j| |y_j| \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^2 |y_k|^2 + 2 \sum_{i < j} (|x_i| |y_j|) (|y_i| |x_j|) \\
&\leq \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^2 |y_k|^2 + \sum_{i < j} (|x_i|^2 |y_j|^2 + |y_i|^2 |x_j|^2) \\
&= \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |x_i|^2 |y_j|^2 \\
&= \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^2 \right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |y_k|^2 \right) \\
\therefore \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k y_k| &\leq \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |y_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}
\end{aligned}$$

Theorem

Let $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{C}^n$:

$$\|\vec{x} + \vec{y}\|_2 \leq \|\vec{x}\|_2 + \|\vec{y}\|_2$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=1}^n |x_k + y_k|^2 &= \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k^2 + 2x_k y_k + y_k^2| \\
&\leq \sum_{k=1}^n (|x_k|^2 + |2x_k y_k| + |y_k|^2) \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^2 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k y_k| + \sum_{k=1}^n |y_k|^2 \\
&\leq \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^2 + 2 \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |y_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \sum_{k=1}^n |y_k|^2 \\
&= \left[\left(\sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |y_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]^2 \\
\left(\sum_{k=1}^n |x_k + y_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} &= \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |y_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
\therefore \|\vec{x} + \vec{y}\|_2 &\leq \|\vec{x}\|_2 + \|\vec{y}\|_2
\end{aligned}$$