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Chapter 1

Inner Product Spaces

1.A Inner Products and Norms

Exercise 5 Suppose $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ is such that $||Tv|| \le ||v||$ for every $v \in V$. Prove that $T - \sqrt{2}I$ is invertible.

Proof. Suppose V is finite-dimensional. Suppose $u \in \text{null}(T - \sqrt{2}I)$. Then we have $Tu = \sqrt{2}u$, and hence $||Tu|| = \left||\sqrt{2}u\right|| = \sqrt{2}||u||$. Since $||tv|| \le ||v||$, this implies that u = 0.

Exercise 6 Suppose $u, v \in \mathcal{L}(V)$. Prove that $\langle u, v \rangle = 0$ if and only if

$$||u|| \le ||u + av||$$

for all $a \in \mathbf{F}$.

Solution. If $\langle u, v \rangle = 0$, then

$$||u + av||^2 - ||u||^2 = ||av||^2 \ge 0.$$

by the Pythagorean Theorem.

If $||u|| \le ||u + av||$ for all $a \in \mathbf{F}$, then

$$0 \le \|u + av\|^2 - \|u\|^2 = \overline{a}\langle u, v \rangle + a\overline{\langle u, v \rangle} + |a|^2 \|v\|^2.$$

Letting $a = -\frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2}$ yields $\langle u, v \rangle = 0$.

Exercise 8 Suppose $u, v \in V$ and ||u|| = ||v|| = 1 and $\langle u, v \rangle = 1$. Prove that u = v.

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Proof. Note that

$$||u - v||^2 = \langle u - v, u - v \rangle = ||u||^2 - \langle u, v \rangle - \langle v, u \rangle + ||v||^2 = 0.$$

Hence u - v = 0 by definiteness.

Exercise 11 Prove that

$$16 \leq (a+b+c+d) \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{d}\right)$$

for all positive numbers a, b, c, d.

Proof. Let $u = (\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b}, \sqrt{c}, \sqrt{d})$, $v = (\frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{c}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}})$. Then it follows directly from the Cauchy-Schuarz Inequality.