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1 Euclidean Space

Euclidean Space - Cont.



Definition

For each positive integer k , let \mathbb{R}^k be the set of all ordered k -tuples, $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$, where x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k are real numbers, called coordinates of \mathbf{x} .

- The elements of \mathbb{R}^k are called points, or vectors, especially when $k > 1$.

If $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k)$ and if α is a real number

$$\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = (x_1 + y_1, \dots, x_k + y_k)$$

$$\alpha \mathbf{x} = (\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2, \dots, \alpha x_n)$$

- These two operations satisfy the commutative, associative and distributive laws.
- That makes \mathbb{R}^k into a vector space over real field.
- The zero element of \mathbb{R}^k is the point $\mathbf{0} = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$ (origin)

Euclidean Space - Cont. (ii)



Definition (Inner Product)

$$\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^k x_i y_i$$

Definition (Norm)

$$|\mathbf{x}| = (\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x})^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^k x_i^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Theorem



Theorem

Suppose $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^k$, and α is real. Then

1. $|\mathbf{x}| \geq 0$
2. $|\mathbf{x}| = 0$ if and only if $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.
3. $|\alpha \mathbf{x}| = |\alpha| |\mathbf{x}|$
4. $|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}| \leq |\mathbf{x}| + |\mathbf{y}|$
5. $|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}| \leq |\mathbf{x}| + |\mathbf{y}|$
6. $|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}| \leq |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}| + |\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}|$

Theorem - Proof



1. $|x| \geq 0$

Theorem - Proof (ii)



2. $|x| = 0$ if and only if $x = 0$

Theorem - Proof (iii)



3. $|\alpha x| = |\alpha| |x|$

Theorem - Proof (iv)



4. $|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$

Theorem - Proof (v)



5. $|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$

Theorem - Proof (vi)



6. $|x + y| \leq |x - y| + |y - z|$