

COMPLEX INNER PRODUCT

Definition

The complex inner product (or dot product, scalar product) of two complex vectors $x, y \in \mathbb{C}^n$ is

$$x_1y_1 + x_2y_2 + \cdots + x_ny_n$$

We denote the inner product of x and y by $\langle x, y \rangle$.

An *inner product space* is tuple whose first object is a vector space over the real or complex numbers and whose second object is a conforming inner product.

Other terminlogy

Some older authors use the term pre-Hilbert space.

