

Linear Algebra I

Summary of Lectures:

Inner Product Spaces

and Bilinear and Sesquilinear Forms

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1. **Definition 3.1:** If V is a vector space over \mathbb{R} , then an inner product on V is a map $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle$ from $V \times V$ to \mathbb{R} with the following properties:
 - (a) Symmetry: $\langle v | w \rangle = \langle w | v \rangle \quad \forall v, w \in V$.
 - (b) Linearity: $\langle u | \lambda v + \mu w \rangle = \lambda \langle u | v \rangle + \mu \langle u | w \rangle \quad \forall u, v, w \in V$ and $\forall \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$.
 - (c) Positive definiteness:
 - (i) $\langle v | v \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in V$, and
 - (ii) $\langle v | v \rangle = 0$ iff $v = 0$.

As the inner product is linear with respect to both variables it is sometimes called bilinear.

2. **Definition 3.2:** A finite dimensional vector space over \mathbb{R} with an inner product defined is called a Euclidean space.
3. **Definition 3.3:** The norm (or length) of a vector v is written as $\|v\|$ and defined by

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

the positive square root of the inner product of v with itself. The distance between two vectors v and w is written as $d(v, w)$ and is $d(v, w) = \|v - w\|$.

4. **Proposition 3.4:** $\forall v \in V$, where V is a Euclidean space, and $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ then $\|\lambda v\| = |\lambda| \cdot \|v\|$.
5. **Proposition 3.5:** The “Cauchy-Schwarz inequality” says that $\forall v, w \in V$, where V is a Euclidean space, then

$$|\langle v | w \rangle| \leq \|v\| \cdot \|w\|.$$

6. **Proposition 3.6:** The “triangle inequality” says that $\forall v, w \in V$, where V is a Euclidean space, then

$$\|v + w\| \leq \|v\| + \|w\|.$$

7. **Definition 3.7:** If V is a Euclidean space, and $v, w \in V$, then v and w are said to be orthogonal if $\langle v|w \rangle = 0$. If both v and w are nonzero, then the angle between v and w is defined to be θ , $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ and

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\langle v|w \rangle}{\|v\| \cdot \|w\|}.$$

8. **Definition 3.8:** If V is a vector space over \mathbb{C} , then a map $(\langle | \rangle)$ from $V \times V$ to \mathbb{C} is an inner product if the following are true:

- (a) Conjugate-Symmetry: $\langle v|w \rangle = \overline{\langle w|v \rangle} \forall v, w \in V$.
- (b) Linearity: $\langle u|\lambda v + \mu w \rangle = \lambda \langle u|v \rangle + \mu \langle u|w \rangle \forall u, v, w \in V$ and $\forall \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$.
- (c) Positive definiteness:
 - (i) $\langle v|v \rangle \geq 0 \forall v \in V$, and
 - (ii) $\langle v|v \rangle = 0$ iff $v = 0$.

This inner product is sometimes called sesquilinear.

9. **Definition 3.9:** A finite dimensional vector space over \mathbb{C} with an inner product define is called a unitary space.
10. A vector space over \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} , of any dimension, we will refer to as an inner product space.
11. **Definition 3.10:** The norm (or length) of a vector $v \in V$, with V a vector space over \mathbb{C} , is written as $\|v\|$ and defined by

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

the positive square root of the inner product of v with itself. The distance between two vectors v and w is written as $d(v, w)$ and is $d(v, w) = \|v - w\|$.

12. **Proposition 3.11:** $\forall v \in V$, where V is a unitary space, and $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ then $\|\lambda v\| = |\lambda| \cdot \|v\|$.
13. **Proposition 3.12:** The “Cauchy-Schwarz inequality” says that $\forall v, w \in V$, where V is a unitary space, then

$$|\langle v|w \rangle| \leq \|v\| \cdot \|w\|.$$

14. **Proposition 3.13:** The “triangle inequality” says that $\forall v, w \in V$, where V is a unitary space, then

$$\|v + w\| \leq \|v\| + \|w\|.$$

15. **Definition 3.14:** A bilinear form on a real vector space V is a map $F : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which $\forall u, v, w \in V$ and $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ satisfies

- (a) $\langle \alpha u + \beta v|w \rangle = \alpha \langle u|w \rangle + \beta \langle v|w \rangle$, and
- (b) $\langle u|\alpha v + \beta w \rangle = \alpha \langle u|v \rangle + \beta \langle u|w \rangle$.

16. **Definition 3.15:** A bilinear form on a real vector space V is symmetric if

$$(c) F(u, v) = F(v, u) \quad \forall u, v \in V.$$

17. **Definition 3.16:** The matrix $\mathbf{A} = (a_{ij})$ with $a_{ij} = F(e_i, e_j)$ is called the ‘matrix of the bilinear form F with respect to the ordered basis e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n of V ’. If F is symmetric then \mathbf{B} is symmetric.
18. **Proposition 3.17:** Suppose V is a real vector space with ordered basis e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n and F is a bilinear form defined on V , with matrix \mathbf{A} with respect to this basis. Then for any vectors $v, w \in V$ and their corresponding coordinate forms $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)^T$ and $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)^T$ with respect to the same basis we have

$$F(v, w) = \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{w}.$$

19. The base change matrix from a basis e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n to f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n is $\mathbf{P} = (p_{ij})$ where $f_i = \sum_{k=1}^n p_{ki} e_k$.
20. **Proposition 3.18:** (The base change formula) Given two ordered bases of a Euclidean space V , e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n and f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n related by the base change matrix \mathbf{P} from basis e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n to f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n , suppose \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are the matrices of the inner product with respect to e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n and f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n . Then $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}$.
21. **Definition 3.19:** A sesquilinear form on a complex vector space V is a map $F : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ which $\forall u, v, w \in V$ and $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ satisfies

- (a) $\langle \alpha u + \beta v | w \rangle = \bar{\alpha} \langle u | w \rangle + \bar{\beta} \langle v | w \rangle$, and
(b) $\langle u | \alpha v + \beta w \rangle = \alpha \langle u | v \rangle + \beta \langle u | w \rangle$.

22. **Definition 3.20:** A sesquilinear form on a complex vector space V is conjugate-symmetric if

$$(c) F(u, v) = \overline{F(v, u)} \quad \forall u, v \in V.$$

23. **Definition 3.21:** The matrix $\mathbf{B} = (b_{ij})$ with $b_{ij} = F(e_i, e_j)$ is called the ‘matrix of the bilinear form F with respect to the ordered basis e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n of the complex vector space V ’. If F is conjugate-symmetric then \mathbf{B} is conjugate-symmetric, i.e. $\bar{\mathbf{B}}^T = \mathbf{B}$.
24. **Proposition 3.22:** Suppose V is a complex inner product space with ordered basis e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n and F is a sesquilinear form defined on V , with matrix \mathbf{A} with respect to this basis. Then for any vectors $v, w \in V$ and their corresponding coordinate forms $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)^T$ and $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)^T$ with respect to the same basis we have

$$F(v, w) = \bar{\mathbf{v}}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{w}.$$

25. **Proposition 3.23:** (The base change formula) Given two ordered bases of a complex inner product space V , e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n and f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n related by the base change matrix \mathbf{P} from basis e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n to f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n , suppose \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are the matrices of the inner product with respect to e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n and f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n . Then $\mathbf{B} = \bar{\mathbf{P}}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}$.