

# Lecture - 17(9) [Inner product, Orthonormal set]

## Inner product

Motivation:

$$x = (n_1, n_2)$$

$$\mathbb{R}^2$$

$$y = (\tilde{n}_1, \tilde{n}_2)$$

dot product

$$x \cdot y = n_1 \tilde{n}_1 + n_2 \tilde{n}_2$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x = \begin{bmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{bmatrix}, y = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{n}_1 \\ \tilde{n}_2 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right.$$

$$x \cdot y = x^T y = n_1 \tilde{n}_1 + n_2 \tilde{n}_2$$

Information:

$$(i) x \cdot x = n_1^2 + n_2^2$$

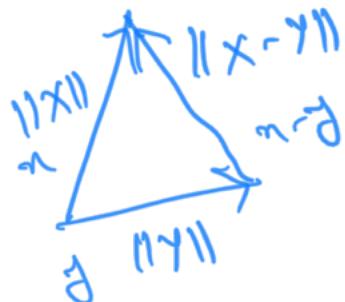
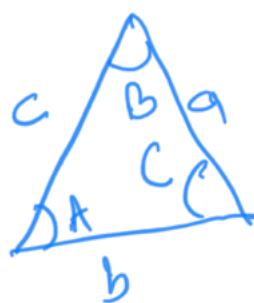
$$\text{length of } x = \sqrt{n_1^2 + n_2^2}$$

$$\|x\|$$

$$(ii) x \cdot y = \|x\| \|y\| \cos \theta, \quad \theta \leftarrow \text{angle between } x \text{ and } y.$$

Cosine law:

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C.$$



Question: Can we extend the notion of length and angle to arbitrary vector space?

Observation: Properties satisfied by the dot product in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

- i)  $x \cdot x = n_1^2 + n_2^2 > 0$  if  $x \neq 0$
- ii)  $x \cdot x = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$
- iii)  $x \cdot y = y \cdot x$
- iv)  $(x+y) \cdot z = x \cdot z + y \cdot z$
- v)  $(\alpha x) \cdot y = \alpha(x \cdot y)$   $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

length of  $x$ ,  $\|x\| = \sqrt{x \cdot x}$

$$\text{angle} = \frac{x \cdot y}{\|x\| \cdot \|y\|}$$

Inner product: Let  $V \leftarrow$  vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$   
 $\mathbb{F} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$

A map  $V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  denoted by  
 $(u, v) \rightarrow \langle u | v \rangle$  is called an

inner product on  $V$  if

- i)  $\langle u | u \rangle \geq 0$   $\forall u \in V$
- ii)  $\langle u | u \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow u = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i)} \quad & \langle u, v \rangle = \langle v, u \rangle \quad \text{and } u, v \in V \\ \text{ii)} \quad & \langle \alpha u + \beta v | w \rangle = \alpha \langle u | w \rangle + \beta \langle v | w \rangle \\ & \quad \text{and } \alpha, \beta \in F \\ & \quad \text{and } u, v, w \in V. \end{aligned}$$

- $\langle u | \alpha v + \beta w \rangle = \bar{\alpha} \langle u | v \rangle + \bar{\beta} \langle u | w \rangle$  (Verify).
  - A vector space together with an inner product is called an inner product space (i.p.s.)
  - $\|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v | v \rangle}$  (length of  $v$ )
  - angle = 
$$\frac{\langle u | v \rangle}{\|u\| \cdot \|v\|}$$
.

## Examples

(i)  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ .

$$x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$Y = (\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n)$$

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \bar{y}_i \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Standard i.p.} \\ \text{on } \mathbb{C}^n \end{array} \right)$$

$$(ii) V = \mathbb{C}^n \quad x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

$$\langle x|y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \eta_i \bar{\phi}_i \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{standard i.p.} \\ \text{on } \mathbb{C}^n \end{array} \right).$$

(iii)  $V = C[0,1]$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ .  
 Complex valued  $\uparrow$  functions  
 Continuous

$$\langle f|g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(t) \overline{g(t)} dt.$$

Hint: (i)  $\langle f|f \rangle = \int_0^1 |f(t)|^2 dt \geq 0$   
 $f \in V$ .

(ii) ✓

(iii) ✓

$$(ii) \quad \langle f|f \rangle = 0 \iff f = 0$$

$\iff (\checkmark)$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\langle f|f \rangle = 0$$

$\uparrow \int_0^1 |f(t)|^2 dt$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} g(t) = 1 & \text{if } t = \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{array} \right.$$

$\int_0^1 |g(t)|^2 dt = 0$

but  $g \neq 0$ .

claim:  $\langle f|f \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow f = 0$

Indeed, let  $\langle f|f \rangle = 0$ , suppose that  
 $\exists t_0 \in [0,1]$  such that  $f(t_0) \neq 0$

$$\therefore f \text{ is cont} \Rightarrow \exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t. } f(t) \neq 0 \forall t \in [t_0 - \delta, t_0 + \delta]$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^1 |f(t)|^2 dt \geq \int_{t_0 - \delta}^{t_0 + \delta} |f(t)|^2 dt > 0$$

Contradiction! ✓

(i)  $V = P_n(\mathbb{R})$  ← polynomials with real coefficients of degree  $\leq n$ .

$$\langle p | q \rangle = \int_a^b p(t) \cdot q(t) dt \quad \begin{matrix} \text{in form} \\ \text{i.p. on } V. \end{matrix}$$

(Verify).

Exercise: (i) characterize all inner products on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Hint: Let  $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle$  on  $\mathbb{R}$

for any  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\langle a | b \rangle = a \langle 1 | b \rangle = ab \underbrace{\langle 1 | 1 \rangle}_{\alpha}$$

Therefore all i.p's on  $\mathbb{R}$  are of the form  $\langle a | b \rangle = \alpha ab$  for some  $\alpha > 0$ .

(ii) Characterize all i.p.'s on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .  
[Do it yourself]

Orthogonal / orthonormal set:

Let  $V$   $\neq$  i.p.s. over  $\mathbb{F}$

Let  $S \subseteq V$ ,  $u, v \in V$

- $u, v$  are said to be orthogonal if

$$\langle u | v \rangle = 0$$

- $S$  is called an orthogonal set if for all distinct pairs  $u, v \in S$ , we have

$$\langle u | v \rangle = 0$$

- $S$  is called orthonormal if

i)  $S$  is orthogonal

ii)  $\|v\| = 1$   $\forall v \in S$ .

- when  $u, v$  are orthogonal, we sometimes also write  $u \perp v$ .

Examples: (i)  $V = \mathbb{F}^n$  with standard i.p.

$S = \{e_1, \dots, e_k\}$ ,  $k \leq n$ , is an  $n$ -set

$$e_i = (0, \dots, 0, \underset{i^{\text{th}} \text{-position}}{1}, 0, \dots, 0).$$

(i)  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $v_1 = (1, 0)$   
 $v_2 = (0, 1)$

Then  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  is orthogonal but not orthonormal.

Observation: If  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  is orthogonal in an i.p.s.  $V$ . Then  $\left\{ \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|}, \dots, \frac{v_k}{\|v_k\|} \right\}$  is orthonormal in  $V$ .

Result: Every orthogonal set of nonzero vectors is linearly independent.

Proof:

Let  $S$  be orthogonal.

Let  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\} \subseteq S$ .

$$\underbrace{\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_k v_k}_u = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle u | v_i \rangle = 0$$

$$\left\langle \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_k v_k \mid v_i \right\rangle = 0$$

$$\begin{matrix} \\ \parallel \\ \alpha_i \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_i = 0 \quad \forall i.$$

$$\Rightarrow S \text{ is L.I.} \quad \parallel.$$

Observation: If  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$  is orthogonal in an i.p.s.  $V$ , then  $\left\{ \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|}, \frac{v_2}{\|v_2\|}, \dots, \frac{v_k}{\|v_k\|} \right\}$  is orthonormal.

Result: Every orthogonal set of non-zero vectors is L.I.

Proof: Let  $S$  be orthogonal.

claim:  $S$  is L.I.

Let  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\} \subseteq S$ .

$$\underbrace{\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_k v_k}_u = 0$$

$$\text{for each } i \quad \langle u \mid v_i \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_k v_k | v_i \rangle$$

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$$\alpha_i \langle v_i | v_i \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\alpha_i \langle v_i | v_i \rangle}_{= 0} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_i = 0 \quad \forall i$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_i \alpha_i = 0 \quad \forall$$

### Lecture - 17(b) [Gram - Schmidt orthogonalization]

(Inner product continuing)

Exercise: Characterize all 2-p's in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Hints:- Set L-17 for an 2-p. in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$x = (n_1, n_2), \quad \gamma = (\beta_1, \beta_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x | \gamma \rangle &= \langle (n_1, n_2) | (\beta_1, \beta_2) \rangle \\ &= \langle n_1 e_1 + n_2 e_2 | \beta_1 e_1 + \beta_2 e_2 \rangle \end{aligned} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} e_1 = (1, 0) \\ e_2 = (0, 1) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= n_1 \underbrace{\beta_1 \langle e_1 | e_1 \rangle}_a + n_2 \underbrace{\beta_2 \langle e_1 | e_2 \rangle}_b + n_2 \underbrace{\beta_1 \langle e_2 | e_1 \rangle}_c + n_2 \underbrace{\beta_2 \langle e_2 | e_2 \rangle}_d \end{aligned}$$

$$a > 0, \quad b = c, \quad d > 0$$

(\*)

Also,

$$\langle x|x \rangle = a\eta_1^2 + 2b\eta_1\eta_2 + d\eta_2^2 \geq 0$$

$\forall x = (\eta_1, \eta_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$$x = (\eta_1, 1)$$

$$\langle x|x \rangle = \underbrace{a\eta_1^2 + 2b\eta_1}_{} + d \geq 0 \quad \forall \eta_1 \in \mathbb{R}.$$
$$\Rightarrow ad - b^2 \geq 0$$

any i.f. in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  satisfies (\*)

with  $a, b, d \in \mathbb{R}$   
such that  $ad - b^2 \geq 0$ ,  
 $a \neq 0$ ,

Conversely, for any  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  
 $a \neq 0$ ,  $ad - b^2 \geq 0$ , then the

function  $L: \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x|y \rangle &= a\eta_1\bar{\eta}_1 + b(\eta_1\bar{\eta}_2 + \eta_2\bar{\eta}_1) \\ &\quad + c(\eta_2\bar{\eta}_2) \end{aligned}$$

defines an i.f. in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

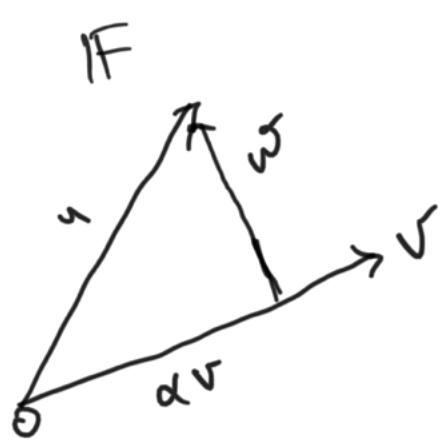
(Verify).

Observation:

$V \leftarrow$  2.p.s over  $\mathbb{F}$

$$u, v \in V$$

Suppose we want to write



$u$  as a scalar multiple of  $v$   
plus a vector  $w$  orthogonal to  
 $v$ , as suggested in the picture, that means

we want

$$u = \alpha v + w \quad , \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{F} \quad \langle w | v \rangle = 0$$

$$w = u - \alpha v$$

$$\text{to find } \alpha, \quad \langle w | v \rangle = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \Rightarrow \langle u - \alpha v | v \rangle = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow \langle u | v \rangle - \alpha \langle v | v \rangle = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{\langle u | v \rangle}{\langle v | v \rangle} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow u = \underbrace{\frac{\langle u | v \rangle}{\langle v | v \rangle} \cdot v}_{\alpha v} + u - \underbrace{\frac{\langle u | v \rangle}{\langle v | v \rangle} \cdot v}_{w}$$

Thus if  $v \neq 0$ , then  $u$  can always be written as a scalar multiple of  $v$  plus a vector orthogonal to  $v$ .

Cauchy-Schwarz inequality:

Let  $V \leftarrow$  i.p.s over  $\mathbb{F}$   
 $u, v \in V$

Then

$$|\langle u|v \rangle| \leq \|u\| \cdot \|v\| \quad (*)$$

and equality holds in  $(*)$  if and only if  $u$  and  $v$  are linearly dependent.

Proof: If  $v=0$ , then  $(*)$  holds trivially.

Assume that  $v \neq 0$ .

Then  $u = \alpha v + w$ , where

$$\alpha = \frac{\langle u|v \rangle}{\langle v|v \rangle} \quad \text{and} \quad w = u - \alpha v.$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \langle w|w \rangle = \langle u - \alpha v | u - \alpha v \rangle \\ &= \langle u|u \rangle - 2\langle v|u \rangle - \overline{\alpha} \langle u|v \rangle \\ &\quad + |\alpha|^2 \langle v|v \rangle \\ &= \langle u|u \rangle - \frac{|\langle v|u \rangle|^2}{\langle v|v \rangle} - \cancel{\frac{|\langle u|v \rangle|^2}{\langle v|v \rangle}} \\ &\quad + \cancel{\frac{|\langle v|u \rangle|}{\langle v|v \rangle^2} \cdot \langle v|v \rangle} \\ &= \langle u|u \rangle - \frac{|\langle v|u \rangle|^2}{\langle v|v \rangle} \quad (i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{|\langle v|u \rangle|^2}{\langle v|v \rangle} \leq \langle u|u \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow |\langle v|u \rangle|^2 \leq \langle u, u \rangle \cdot \langle v, v \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow |\langle v|u \rangle| \leq \|u\| \cdot \|v\|$$

from (\*)  $w \neq 0 \Rightarrow |\langle v|u \rangle| < \|u\| \cdot \|v\|$

Thus equality holds in (\*) iff  $w = 0$

$$\text{iff } u - \lambda v = 0$$

$$\text{iff } u = \lambda v$$

i.e.  $u$  and  $v$  are L.I.  $\Rightarrow$  L.D.

Result: [Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization Process].

Let  $V \leftarrow \text{I.P.S.}$ ,

$\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \subseteq V$  be L.I. set

Then one may construct an orthogonal set

$\{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m\} \subseteq V$  such that

$$\text{Span}(\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}) = \text{Span}(\{q_1, \dots, q_k\})$$

$$k=1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Proof:  $q_1 = v_1$ , clearly  $\text{Span}(\{v_1\}) = \text{Span}(\{q_1\})$

Set  $q_2 = v_2 - \frac{\langle v_2 | q_1 \rangle}{\langle q_1 | q_1 \rangle} q_1$

Recall,  $q_1, v_2$

$$v_2 = \alpha q_1 + q_2, \\ q_2 \perp q_1$$

Clearly,  $q_2 \perp q_1$

and  $\text{Span}\{q_1, q_2\} = \text{Span}\{v_1, v_2\}$

$$q_2 = v_2 - \frac{\langle v_2 | q_1 \rangle}{\langle q_1 | q_1 \rangle} q_1$$

Clearly,  $q_2 \perp q_1$

and  $\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2\} = \text{Span}\{q_1, q_2\}$

Set  $q_3 = v_3 - \frac{\langle v_3 | q_1 \rangle}{\langle q_1 | q_1 \rangle} q_1 - \frac{\langle v_3 | q_2 \rangle}{\langle q_2 | q_2 \rangle} q_2$

Generalize this idea

Clearly,  $q_3 \perp q_1 \wedge q_3 \perp q_2$

and

$$\text{Span}\{q_1, q_2, q_3\} = \text{Span}\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$$

(verify)

$$v_3 = \alpha q_1 + \beta q_2 + q_3,$$

where

$$q_3 \perp q_1 \wedge q_3 \perp q_2.$$

↓

$$\alpha = \frac{\langle v_3 | q_1 \rangle}{\langle q_1 | q_1 \rangle}$$

$$\beta = \frac{\langle v_3 | q_2 \rangle}{\langle q_2 | q_2 \rangle}$$

By induction:

Suppose for  $1 \leq m < n$  an

orthogonal set has been chosen

such that for every  $k, 1 \leq k \leq m$

$$\text{Span}\{q_1, \dots, q_k\} = \text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}.$$

$$q_{k+1} = v_{k+1} - \alpha q_1 - \beta q_2 - \dots - \gamma q_k$$

To construct the next vector, let

$$q_{m+1} = v_{m+1} - \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{\langle v_{m+1}, q_j \rangle \cdot q_j}{\langle q_j, q_j \rangle} \quad (*)$$

Then (i)  $q_{m+1} \neq 0 \quad (\checkmark)$

ii)  $\langle q_{m+1}, q_j \rangle = 0 \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, m. \quad (\checkmark)$

iii)  $\text{Span}\{q_1, \dots, q_{m+1}\} = \text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_{m+1}\}$   
(Verify).

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Note:-

One can first construct  $\{q_1, \dots, q_m\}$  an orthogonal set and at the end

$$\left\{ \frac{q_1}{\|q_1\|}, \dots, \frac{q_m}{\|q_m\|} \right\} \leftarrow \text{o.n. set.}$$

Example:

Consider the vectors

$$v_1 = (3, 0, 4), \quad v_2 = (-1, 0, 7), \quad v_3 = (2, 9, 11)$$

Apply Gram-Schmidt on  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  to  
construct an orthonormal set.

Step 1:  $q_1 = v_1 = (3, 0, 4)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_2 &= v_2 - \frac{\langle v_2 | q_1 \rangle \cdot q_1}{\langle q_1 | q_1 \rangle} \\
 &= (-1, 0, 7) - \frac{\langle (-1, 0, 7) | (3, 0, 4) \rangle}{\langle (3, 0, 4) | (3, 0, 4) \rangle} \cdot (3, 0, 4) \\
 &= (-1, 0, 7) - \frac{(-3 + 28)}{(9 + 16)} \cdot (3, 0, 4) \\
 &= (-1, 0, 7) - (3, 0, 4) \\
 &= (-4, 0, 3), \text{ clearly } q_1 \perp q_2.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_3 &= v_3 - \frac{\langle v_3 | q_1 \rangle q_1}{\langle q_1 | q_1 \rangle} - \frac{\langle v_3 | q_2 \rangle q_2}{\langle q_2 | q_2 \rangle} \\
 &= (0, 9, 0)
 \end{aligned}$$

$\{q_1, q_2, q_3\}$  is an orthogonal set.

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{5}(3, 0, 4), \frac{1}{5}(-4, 0, 3), \frac{1}{9}(0, 9, 0) \right\}$$

←  $q_3$   
 orthonormal  
 set of  
 reals.