

**Question 1** [15 marks]

**a)** Let  $u$  and  $v$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , we will start by assuming that  $(u \bullet v) = 0$ , it thus follows that:

$$\begin{aligned}(u \bullet v) &= 0 \\(u \bullet v) + (u \bullet v) &= 0 + 0 \\(u \bullet v) + (v \bullet u) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

We will now add  $(u \bullet u)$  and  $(v \bullet v)$  to both sides:

$$\begin{aligned}(u \bullet u) + (u \bullet v) + (v \bullet u) + (v \bullet v) &= (u \bullet u) + 0 + (v \bullet v) \\(u \bullet u) + (u \bullet v) + (v \bullet u) + (v \bullet v) &= (u \bullet u) + (v \bullet v)\end{aligned}$$

We know from the properties of the dot product that  $(u \bullet u) = \|u\|^2$ , so our equation becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}(u \bullet u) + (u \bullet v) + (v \bullet u) + (v \bullet v) &= \|u\|^2 + (v \bullet v) \\(u \bullet u) + (u \bullet v) + (v \bullet u) + (v \bullet v) &= \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2\end{aligned}$$

We know from the properties of the dot product that  $(u \bullet v) + (v \bullet u) = u \bullet (u + v)$ , so we will distribute out  $u$  and then  $v$  to get:

$$\begin{aligned}u \bullet (u \bullet v) + (v \bullet u) + (v \bullet v) &= \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 \\u \bullet (u + v) + v \bullet (u + v) &= \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2\end{aligned}$$

As well since  $(u + v) \bullet (u + v) = u \bullet (u + v) + v \bullet (u + v)$ , it implies that our equation will become:

$$\begin{aligned}(u + v) \bullet (u + v) &= \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 \\\|u + v\|^2 &= \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2\end{aligned}$$

**b)** The converse of this statement would be (for vectors  $u$  and  $v$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ )

$$\text{if } \|u + v\|^2 = \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 \text{ then } (u \bullet v) = 0$$

**c)** To start we will assume the hypothesis (for vectors  $u$  and  $v$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ):

$$\text{let } \|u + v\|^2 = \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2$$

By the definition of length for a vector, it implies that the equation becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}\|u + v\|^2 &= \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 \\(\sqrt{(u + v) \bullet (u + v)})^2 &= (\sqrt{(u \bullet u)})^2 + (\sqrt{(v \bullet v)})^2 \\(u + v) \bullet (u + v) &= (\sqrt{(u \bullet u)})^2 + (\sqrt{(v \bullet v)})^2 \\(u + v) \bullet (u + v) &= (u \bullet u) + (v \bullet v)\end{aligned}$$

We know by definition that  $(u + v) \bullet (u + v) = u \bullet (u + v) + v \bullet (u + v)$ , thus:

$$\begin{aligned}(u + v) \bullet (u + v) &= (u \bullet u) + (v \bullet v) \\ u \bullet (u + v) + v \bullet (u + v) &= (u \bullet u) + (v \bullet v)\end{aligned}$$

Futhermore we know that  $(u \bullet v) + (u \bullet u) = u \bullet (u + v)$ , which thus implies:

$$\begin{aligned}u \bullet (u + v) + v \bullet (u + v) &= (u \bullet u) + (v \bullet v) \\ (u \bullet u) + (u \bullet v) + (v \bullet u) + (v \bullet v) &= (u \bullet u) + (v \bullet v) \\ (u \bullet v) + (v \bullet u) &= (u \bullet u) + (v \bullet v) - (v \bullet v) - (u \bullet u) \\ (u \bullet v) + (v \bullet u) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

From the properties of dot product we know this can simplify to:

$$\begin{aligned}(u \bullet v) + (v \bullet u) &= 0 \\ (u \bullet v) + (u \bullet v) &= 0 \\ 2(u \bullet v) &= 0 \\ (u \bullet v) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Therefore proving that for all vectors  $u, v$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , that if  $||u + v||^2 = ||u||^2 + ||v||^2$  then  $(u \bullet v) = 0$

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