

RECALL: V : v.s. over \mathbb{F} , an ordered field
(for us, $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{C})

inner product on V : $\langle , \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$
satisfying for all $x, y, z \in V$, $c \in \mathbb{F}$:

linear in 1st coordinate

$$(a) \quad \langle x+z, y \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle + \langle z, y \rangle$$

$$(b) \quad \langle cx, y \rangle = c \langle x, y \rangle$$

$$(c) \quad \langle y, x \rangle = \overline{\langle x, y \rangle}$$

(bar: complex conjugation)

$$(d) \quad \langle x, x \rangle > 0 \quad \text{if} \quad x \neq 0$$

standard inner product (or dot product) on \mathbb{F}^n :

If $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$, $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{F}^n$,

$$\text{then } \langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \overline{y_i}.$$

A vector space V equipped w/ an inner product:

inner product space

DEF Let $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$. The conjugate transpose (or adjoint) of A is the $n \times m$ matrix A^* defined by

$$(A^*)_{ij} := \overline{A_{ji}} \text{ for all } i, j.$$

Ex If $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2+i & 3-i \\ 4 & 5+6i & 7 \end{pmatrix}$,

then $A^* = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2-i & 5-6i \\ 3+i & 7 \end{pmatrix}$.

DEF Let $V = M_n(\mathbb{F})$ and define

$$\langle A, B \rangle := \operatorname{tr}(B^* A) \text{ for } A, B \in V.$$

This is the Frobenius inner product.

Check to see this is an inner product!

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a) \quad \langle A+B, C \rangle &= \operatorname{tr}(C^*(A+B)) \\
 &= \operatorname{tr}(C^*A + C^*B) \\
 &= \operatorname{tr}(C^*A) + \operatorname{tr}(C^*B) \\
 &= \langle A, C \rangle + \langle B, C \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (b) \quad \langle CA, B \rangle &= \operatorname{tr}(B^*(CA)) \\
 &= \operatorname{tr}(C(B^*A)) \\
 &= C \cdot \operatorname{tr}(B^*A) \\
 &= C \langle A, B \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (c) \quad \langle B, A \rangle &= \operatorname{tr}(A^*B) \\
 &= \operatorname{tr}(\bar{A}^t B) \\
 &= \operatorname{tr}(\bar{A}^t (B^t)^t) \\
 &= \operatorname{tr}((B^t \bar{A})^t) \\
 &= \operatorname{tr}(B^t \bar{A})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \overline{\text{tr} (B^t \bar{A})} \\
 &= \overline{\text{tr} (\bar{B}^t A)} \\
 &= \overline{\text{tr} (B^* A)} = \overline{\langle A, B \rangle}.
 \end{aligned}$$

(d) : Suppose $A \neq 0$, $A \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle A, A \rangle &= \text{tr} (A^* A) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (A^* A)_{ii} \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{j=1}^n (A^*)_{ij} A_{ji} \right) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \overline{A_{ji}} A_{ji} \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n |A_{ji}|^2 > 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

since $A \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{at least one entry of } A \text{ is nonzero}$

THM Let V be an inner-product space.

Then, for $x, y, z \in V$ and $c \in F$,
the following are true:

$$(a) \langle x, y+z \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x, z \rangle$$

$$(b) \langle x, cy \rangle = c \langle x, y \rangle$$

$$(c) \langle x, 0 \rangle = \langle 0, x \rangle = 0$$

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 $\text{in } V$ $\text{in } F$

$$(d) \langle x, x \rangle = 0 \text{ iff } x = 0$$

$$(e) \text{ If } \langle x, y \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle \text{ for all } x \in V,$$

then $y = z$.

Pf (a): BOOK

(b), (c): EXERCISES

(d): Suppose $x = 0$.

Then $\langle 0, 0 \rangle = 0$ by (c)

(or: $\langle 0, 0 \rangle = \langle 0+0, 0 \rangle$)

$$= \langle 0, 0 \rangle + \langle 0, 0 \rangle \\ \Rightarrow \langle 0, 0 \rangle = 0$$

Now suppose $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$.

By DEF of inner product, if $x \neq 0$,
then $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$.

Since $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$, we have $x = 0$.

(c) Suppose $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle$ for all $x \in V$.

WANT: $y = z$

IDEA: For any $x \in V$, since $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle$,

$$0 = \langle x, y \rangle - \langle x, z \rangle$$

$$= \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x, (-1)z \rangle$$

$$= \langle x, y - z \rangle$$

Let $x = y - z$.

Then $\langle y - z, y \rangle = \langle y - z, z \rangle$, so

$$\langle y - z, y - z \rangle = \langle y - z, y \rangle - \langle y - z, z \rangle = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y - z = 0 \quad \text{by (d)}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = z.$$

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DEF Let V be an inner product space.

For $x \in V$, we define the norm (or length) of x by

$$\|x\| := \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$$

Ex If $V = \mathbb{F}^n$, $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is the dot product, and $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$,

$$\text{then } \|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$$

$$= \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \bar{x}_i}$$

$$= \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2}$$

THM Let V be an inner product space over \mathbb{F} . Then, for all $x, y \in V$ and all $c \in \mathbb{F}$, the following are true:

$$(a) \|cx\| = |c| \cdot \|x\|$$

$$(b) \|x\| = 0 \text{ iff } x = 0; \text{ in any case,} \\ \|x\| \geq 0$$

(c) (Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality)

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \cdot \|y\|$$

(d) (Triangle Inequality)

$$\|x+y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$$

Pf (a): $\|cx\| = \sqrt{\langle cx, cx \rangle}$

$$= \sqrt{c \langle x, cx \rangle}$$

$$= \sqrt{c \bar{c} \langle x, x \rangle}$$

$$= \sqrt{|c|^2 \langle x, x \rangle}$$

$$= |c| \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} = |c| \cdot \|x\|$$

$$(b) \|x\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \langle x, x \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$$

If $x \neq 0$, then $\langle x, x \rangle > 0$
 $\Rightarrow \|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} > 0$.

(c) WANT: $|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \cdot \|y\|$

IDEA: $\langle x-y, x-y \rangle = \langle x, x \rangle - \langle y, x \rangle - \langle x, y \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle$

If $y = 0$, then

$$|\langle x, 0 \rangle| = 0 = \|x\| \cdot 0 = \|x\| \cdot \|0\| \quad \checkmark$$

$\uparrow \text{ in } F \quad \uparrow \text{ in } V$

Suppose $y \neq 0$. Notice by (b), for $c \in F$,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \|x - cy\|^2 = \langle x - cy, x - cy \rangle \\ &= \langle x, x \rangle - \bar{c} \langle x, y \rangle - c \langle y, x \rangle \\ &\quad + c\bar{c} \langle y, y \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Let $c := \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\langle y, y \rangle}$ (OK, since $y \neq 0$)

so:

$$\langle x, x \rangle - \frac{\overline{\langle x, y \rangle}}{\langle y, y \rangle} \langle x, y \rangle - \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\langle y, y \rangle} \underbrace{\langle y, x \rangle}_{!!} + \frac{\langle x, y \rangle \overline{\langle x, y \rangle}}{\langle y, y \rangle} \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle x, x \rangle - \frac{\overline{\langle x, y \rangle} \langle x, y \rangle}{\langle y, y \rangle} \geq 0$$

$$\langle x, x \rangle \langle y, y \rangle \geq \overline{\langle x, y \rangle} \langle x, y \rangle$$

$$\|x\|^2 \|y\|^2 \geq |\langle x, y \rangle|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow |\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \cdot \|y\| \quad \square$$