

## **[8] Inner Product**

# Inner Product

**DEFINITION:** Let  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . The inner product of  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{y}$ , denoted  $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle$ , is a scalar defined by  $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \cdots + x_n y_n = \vec{x} * \vec{y}$

Properties:

- i.*  $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle \neq 0$  if  $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$
- ii.*  $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \langle \vec{y}, \vec{x} \rangle$  (commutative)
- iii.*  $\langle \lambda \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \lambda \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle$
- iv.*  $\langle \vec{x} + \vec{z}, \vec{y} \rangle = \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle + \langle \vec{z}, \vec{y} \rangle$
- v.*  $\langle \vec{0}, \vec{y} \rangle = 0$

## Inner Product (Proof of properties)

i.  $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle \neq 0$  if  $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$

- $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle = x_1x_1 + x_2x_2 + \cdots + x_nx_n = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \cdots + x_n^2$
- As long as  $x_i \neq 0$  for any  $i \in [1, n]$ , this cannot equal 0

ii.  $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \langle \vec{y}, \vec{x} \rangle$

- $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = x_1y_1 + x_2y_2 + \cdots + x_ny_n = y_1x_1 + y_2x_2 + \cdots + y_nx_n$  (by commutativity of multiplication)
- $\langle \vec{y}, \vec{x} \rangle = y_1x_1 + y_2x_2 + \cdots + y_nx_n = \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle$

iii.  $\langle \lambda \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \lambda \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle$

- $\langle \lambda \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \lambda x_1y_1 + \lambda x_2y_2 + \cdots + \lambda x_ny_n = \lambda(x_1y_1 + x_2y_2 + \cdots + x_ny_n) = \lambda \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle$

## Inner Product (Proof of properties)

$$iv. \quad \langle \vec{x} + \vec{z}, \vec{y} \rangle = \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle + \langle \vec{z}, \vec{y} \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad \langle \vec{x} + \vec{z}, \vec{y} \rangle &= (x_1 + z_1)y_1 + (x_2 + z_2)y_2 + \cdots + (x_n + z_n)y_n = x_1y_1 + \\ & z_1y_1 + x_2y_2 + z_2y_2 + \cdots + x_ny_n + z_ny_n = x_1y_1 + x_2y_2 + \cdots + x_ny_n + \\ & z_1y_1 + z_2y_2 + \cdots + z_ny_n = \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle + \langle \vec{z}, \vec{y} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$v. \quad \langle \vec{0}, \vec{y} \rangle = 0$$

$$\bullet \quad \langle \vec{0}, \vec{y} \rangle = 0y_1 + 0y_2 + \cdots + 0y_n = 0$$

## Inner Product (Example)

Find  $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle$  and  $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle$  for  $\vec{x} = \left[ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right]$ ,  $\vec{y} = [1, 2, 3, -4]$

Solution:

$$\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2} = 4 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = 1$$

$$\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} * 1 + \frac{1}{2} * 2 + \frac{1}{2} * 3 + \frac{1}{2} * (-4) = \frac{1}{2} + 1 + \frac{3}{2} - 2 = 1$$

# Vector Norm

**DEFINITION:** The norm of a vector  $\vec{x}$ , denoted  $\|\vec{x}\|$ , is defined as  $\|\vec{x}\|^2 = \langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle \rightarrow$   
 $\|\vec{x}\| = \sqrt{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle}$

Properties:

- $\|\vec{x}\|$  is a nonnegative real number.
- $\|\vec{x}\|$  is zero if and only if  $\vec{x}$  is a zero vector.
- For any scalar  $\alpha$ ,  $\|\alpha\vec{x}\| = |\alpha| \|\vec{x}\|$ .
- $\|\vec{x} + \vec{y}\| \leq \|\vec{x}\| + \|\vec{y}\|$  (triangle inequality).

**DEFINITION:** The distance between two vectors is defined as  $\|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\|$

# Unit Vector

**DEFINITION:** Let  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{F}^n$ . If  $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle = 1$  then  $\vec{x}$  is called a unit vector (i.e.  $\|\vec{x}\|^2 = 1 \rightarrow \|\vec{x}\| = 1$ ). Also, the unit vector  $y = \frac{\vec{x}}{\|\vec{x}\|}$  is called a normalized vector, because it has magnitude 1 and was created from another vector

**CLAIM:**  $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \|\vec{x}\| * \|\vec{y}\| \cos \theta$  where  $\theta$  is the angle between the vectors

For proof use the law of cosines:  $a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$

$$\begin{aligned}\|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\|^2 &= \|\vec{x}\|^2 + \|\vec{y}\|^2 - 2\|\vec{x}\|\|\vec{y}\|\cos \theta \\ \langle \vec{x} - \vec{y}, \vec{x} - \vec{y} \rangle &= \langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle + \langle \vec{y}, \vec{y} \rangle - 2\|\vec{x}\|\|\vec{y}\|\cos \theta \\ -\frac{1}{2}\langle \vec{x} - \vec{y}, \vec{x} - \vec{y} \rangle + \frac{1}{2}\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle + \frac{1}{2}\langle \vec{y}, \vec{y} \rangle &= \|\vec{x}\|\|\vec{y}\|\cos \theta \\ -\frac{1}{2}\langle -2\vec{x}, -2\vec{y} \rangle &= \|\vec{x}\|\|\vec{y}\|\cos \theta \\ \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle &= \|\vec{x}\| * \|\vec{y}\| \cos \theta\end{aligned}$$

## **[9] Orthogonality**



# Orthogonality

**DEFINITION:** Let  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . We say that  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{y}$  are orthogonal, denoted  $\vec{x} \perp \vec{y}$ , if  $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = 0$

Example: Determine if the following vectors are orthogonal:

$$\vec{x} = [3, 3], \vec{y} = [1, -1], \vec{z} = [2, 3]$$

$$\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = 3 * 1 + 3 * (-1) = 0 \rightarrow \text{not orthogonal}$$

$$\langle \vec{x}, \vec{z} \rangle = 3 * 2 + 3 * 3 = 15 \rightarrow \text{not orthogonal}$$

$$\langle \vec{y}, \vec{z} \rangle = 1 * 2 + (-1) * 3 = -1 \rightarrow \text{not orthogonal}$$

# Orthonormal

**DEFINITION:** A set  $V = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is said to be orthonormal if:

- i.  $\forall \vec{v}_i, \vec{v}_j: i \neq j \rightarrow \vec{v}_i \perp \vec{v}_j$  (all vectors are orthogonal to each other)
- ii.  $\|\vec{v}_i\| = 1$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

**DEFINITION:** Kronecker Delta -  $S_{ij} = \{1 \text{ if } i = j, 0 \text{ if } i \neq j$

Notes:

- i.  $V$  is orthonormal iff  $\langle \vec{v}_i, \vec{v}_j \rangle = S_{ij}$ 
  - E.g.  $S_{11} = \langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 \rangle = \|\vec{v}_1\|^2$
  - $S_{12} = \langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \rangle = 0$
- ii. An orthogonal set can be made orthonormal by normalizing each vector in the set
- iii. Any orthonormal set that spans  $V$  is a basis for  $V$

# Projection

**DEFINITION:** Let  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{F}^n$ . The projection of  $\vec{x}$  onto  $\vec{y}$  is defined as  $\text{proj}_{\vec{y}}(\vec{x}) = \frac{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle}{\langle \vec{y}, \vec{y} \rangle} \vec{y}$

Remarks:

i.  $\vec{x}^{\parallel \vec{u}} = \text{proj}_{\vec{u}}(\vec{x})$

ii.  $\vec{x}^{\perp \vec{u}} = \vec{x} - \text{proj}_{\vec{u}}(\vec{x})$

iii. Given basis  $B = \{\vec{x}, \vec{u}\}$  of  $V \in \mathbb{R}^2$

- $T = \{\vec{x} - \text{proj}_{\vec{u}}(\vec{x}), \vec{u}\}$  is an orthogonal basis for  $V$
- $N = \left\{ \frac{\vec{x} - \text{proj}_{\vec{u}}(\vec{x})}{\|\vec{x} - \text{proj}_{\vec{u}}(\vec{x})\|}, \frac{\vec{u}}{\|\vec{u}\|} \right\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $V$

# Gram-Schmidt Algorithm

Input:  $\{\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_n\}$  linearly independent; possibly a basis for vector space  $V$

Output:  $\{\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_n\}$  orthonormal set/basis

Step 1:  $\vec{y}_1 = \vec{x}_1$  and  $\vec{u}_1 = \frac{\vec{y}_1}{\|\vec{y}_1\|}$

Step k: for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, m$ :  $\vec{y}_i = \vec{x}_i - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \frac{\langle \vec{x}_i, \vec{y}_k \rangle}{\langle \vec{y}_k, \vec{y}_k \rangle} \vec{y}_k$  and  $\vec{u}_i = \frac{\vec{y}_i}{\|\vec{y}_i\|}$

## Gram-Schmidt Algorithm (Example)

Use the Gram-Schmidt algorithm to construct an orthonormal set of vectors from

$$\{\vec{x}_1 = [1,1,0], \vec{x}_2 = [0,1,1], \vec{x}_3 = [1,0,1]\}$$

$$\text{Step 1: } \vec{y}_1 = \vec{x}_1 \text{ and } \vec{u}_1 = \frac{\vec{y}_1}{\|\vec{y}_1\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[1,1,0] = \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 0\right]$$

$$\text{Step 2: } \vec{y}_2 = \vec{x}_2 - \sum_{k=1}^1 \frac{\langle \vec{x}_2, \vec{y}_k \rangle}{\langle \vec{y}_k, \vec{y}_k \rangle} \vec{y}_k = \vec{x}_2 - \frac{\langle \vec{x}_2, \vec{y}_1 \rangle}{\langle \vec{y}_1, \vec{y}_1 \rangle} \vec{y}_1 = [0,1,1] - \frac{1}{2}[1,1,0] = \left[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 1\right]$$

$$\vec{u}_2 = \frac{\vec{y}_2}{\|\vec{y}_2\|} = \frac{\vec{y}_2}{\sqrt{6}/2} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} \left[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 1\right] = \left[-\frac{\sqrt{6}}{6}, \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6}, \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}\right]$$

$$\text{Step 3: } \vec{y}_3 = \vec{x}_3 - \sum_{k=1}^2 \frac{\langle \vec{x}_3, \vec{y}_k \rangle}{\langle \vec{y}_k, \vec{y}_k \rangle} \vec{y}_k = \vec{x}_3 - \left( \frac{\langle \vec{x}_3, \vec{y}_1 \rangle}{\langle \vec{y}_1, \vec{y}_1 \rangle} \vec{y}_1 + \frac{\langle \vec{x}_3, \vec{y}_2 \rangle}{\langle \vec{y}_2, \vec{y}_2 \rangle} \vec{y}_2 \right) = [1,0,1] - \left( \frac{1}{2}[1,1,0] + \frac{1}{3} \left[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 1\right] \right)$$

$$= \left[\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right] \rightarrow \vec{u}_2 = \frac{\vec{y}_2}{\|\vec{y}_2\|} = \frac{\vec{y}_2}{2/\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left[\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right] = \left[\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right]$$