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1 Euclidean spaces

1.1 \mathbb{R}^n as a vector space

We are familiar with the vector space \mathbb{R}^n , with the standard inner product

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = x_1 y_1 + \cdots + x_n y_n.$$

The standard norm is defined as

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2 = \langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \rangle = \sum_{k=1}^n (x_k - y_k)^2.$$

Exercise 1.1. What are all possible inner products on \mathbb{R}^n ?

Solution. Note that an inner product is a bilinear, symmetric map such that $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle \geq 0$, and $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle = 0$ if and only if $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. Thus, an product map on \mathbb{R}^n is completely and uniquely determined by the values $\langle \mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{e}_j \rangle = a_{ij}$. Let A be the $n \times n$ matrix with entries a_{ij} . Note that A is a real symmetric matrix with positive entries. Now,

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{e}_j \rangle = x_1 a_{1j} + \cdots + x_n a_{nj} = \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{a}_j,$$

where \mathbf{a}_j is the j^{th} column of A . Thus,

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{a}_1 y_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{a}_n y_n = \mathbf{x}^\top A \mathbf{y}.$$

Furthermore, any choice of real symmetric A with positive entries produces an inner product.

Theorem 1.1 (Cauchy-Schwarz). *Given two vectors $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have*

$$|\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle| \leq \|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{w}\|.$$

Proof. This is trivial when $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$. When $\mathbf{w} \neq \mathbf{0}$, set $\lambda = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle / \|\mathbf{w}\|^2$. Thus,

$$0 \leq \|\mathbf{v} - \lambda \mathbf{w}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 - 2\lambda \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle + \lambda^2 \|\mathbf{w}\|^2.$$

Simplifying,

$$0 \leq \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 - \frac{|\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle|^2}{\|\mathbf{w}\|^2}.$$

This gives the desired result. Clearly, equality holds if and only if $\mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{w}$. \square

Theorem 1.2 (Triangle inequality). *Given two vectors $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have*

$$\|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\| \leq \|\mathbf{v}\| + \|\mathbf{w}\|.$$

Proof. Write

$$\|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 + 2\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle + \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \leq \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 + 2|\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle| + \|\mathbf{w}\|^2.$$

Applying Cauchy-Schwarz gives

$$\|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\|^2 \leq (\|\mathbf{v}\| + \|\mathbf{w}\|)^2.$$

Equality holds if and only if $\mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{w}$ for $\lambda \geq 0$. \square

1.2 \mathbb{R}^n as a metric space

Our previous observations allow us to define the standard metric on \mathbb{R}^n , seen as a point set.

$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|.$$

Definition 1.1. For any $\delta > 0$, the set

$$B_\delta(\mathbf{x}) = \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n : d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) < \delta\}$$

is called the open ball centred at $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with radius δ . This is also called the δ neighbourhood of \mathbf{x} .

Definition 1.2. A set U is open in \mathbb{R}^n if for every $\mathbf{x} \in U$, there exists an open ball $B_\delta(\mathbf{x}) \subset U$.

Remark. Every open ball in \mathbb{R}^n is open.

Remark. Both \emptyset and \mathbb{R}^n are open.

Definition 1.3. A set F is closed in \mathbb{R}^n if its complement $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus F$ is open in \mathbb{R}^n .

Remark. Both \emptyset and \mathbb{R}^n are closed.

Remark. Finite sets in \mathbb{R}^n are closed.

Theorem 1.3. *Unions and finite intersections of open sets are open.*

Corollary 1.3.1. *Intersections and finite unions of closed sets are closed.*

Definition 1.4. An interior point x of a set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is such that there is a neighbourhood of x contained within S .

Definition 1.5. An exterior point x of a set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is an interior point of the complement $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus S$.

Definition 1.6. A boundary point of a set is neither an interior point, nor an exterior point.

Definition 1.7. A limit point x of a set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is such that every neighbourhood of x contains a point from S .

Definition 1.8. The closure of a set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is the union of S and its limit points.

Remark. The closure of a set is the smallest closed set containing it.

1.3 Continuous maps

Definition 1.9. A map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous if the pre-image of every open set from Y is open in X .

Lemma 1.4. *A map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous if the pre-image of every closed set from Y is closed in X .*

Theorem 1.5. *The projection maps $\pi_i: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\mathbf{x} \mapsto x_i$ are continuous.*

Proof. Let $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be open; we claim that $\pi_i^{-1}(U)$ is open. Pick $\mathbf{x} \in \pi_i^{-1}(U)$, and note that $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = x_i \in U$. Thus, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $(x_i - \delta, x_i + \delta) \subset U$. Now examine $B_\delta(\mathbf{x})$; for any point \mathbf{y} within this open ball, we have $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) < \delta$ hence

$$|x_i - y_i|^2 \leq \sum_{k=1}^n (x_k - y_k)^2 = d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})^2 < \delta^2.$$

In other words, $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}) = y_i \in (x_i - \delta, x_i + \delta)$, hence $\pi_i B_\delta(\mathbf{x}) \subseteq (x_i - \delta, x_i + \delta) \subset U$. Thus, given arbitrary $\mathbf{x} \in \pi_i^{-1}(U)$, we have found an open ball $B_\delta(\mathbf{x}) \subset \pi_i^{-1}(U)$. \square

Lemma 1.6. *Finite sums, products, and compositions of continuous functions are continuous.*

Theorem 1.7. *All polynomial functions of the coordinates in \mathbb{R}^n are continuous.*

Example. The unit sphere $S^{n-1} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is closed. It is by definition the pre-image of the singleton closed set $\{1\}$ under the continuous map

$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto x_1^2 + \cdots + x_n^2.$$