

math108B hw2

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Problem 1

Construct an example that for 1-norm $\|\cdot\|_1$ in \mathbb{R}^2 , the parallelogram equality does not hold, that is, $\|u+v\|_1^2 + \|u-v\|_1^2 \neq 2(\|u\|_1^2 + \|v\|_1^2)$
As a result, 1-norm $\|\cdot\|_1$ cannot be induced from any inner-product.

Solution

The 1-norm $\|u\|_1$ for some $v = (v_1, v_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is defined as

$$|v_1| + |v_2|$$

Addition and subtraction of two vectors is defined as adding or subtracting component wise in \mathbb{R}^2

Let $u = (1, 0), v = (0, 1)$

Then $\|u+v\|_1^2 = \|(1, 1)\|_1^2 = 4$

Then $\|u-v\|_1^2 = \|(1, -1)\|_1^2 = 4$

And $\|u\|_1^2 = 1$

And $\|v\|_1^2 = 1$

But $8 \neq 4$

Problem 2

Some exercises about the Cauchy-Schwarz

a. Prove

$$\left\| \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2} v \right\|^2 = \frac{|\langle u, v \rangle|^2}{\|v\|^2}$$

(This is a step in the proof to the Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality)

b. In question (8) of HW1, we proved the equivalent norm in \mathbb{R}^d . Can you use the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality to find a constant C such that for any $v \in \mathbb{R}^d$,

$$\|v\|_1 \leq C \|v\|_2$$

Solution

a.

$$\left\| \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2} v \right\|^2 = \left\langle \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2} v, \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2} v \right\rangle = \left(\left| \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2} \right| \right)^2 \|v\|^2 = \frac{|\langle u, v \rangle|^2}{\|v\|^2}$$

abusing the fact that $\langle cv, cv \rangle = c\bar{c}\langle v, v \rangle = |c|^2 \langle v, v \rangle$

and that $\| \cdot \|^2 \geq 0$ hence $| \cdot |^2 = \| \cdot \|^2$

b. Set $n := d$. Using the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality $|\langle u, v \rangle| \leq \|u\| \|v\|$ and using the standard inner (dot) product in \mathbb{R}^n :

$$|v \cdot w| \leq \|u\| \|v\|$$

We have

$$\|v\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |v_i| \cdot \vec{1} \leq \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n v_i^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n 1^2} = \sqrt{n} \|v\|_2$$

which implies that $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \|v\|_1 \leq \|v\|_2$ or $\|v\|_1 \leq \sqrt{n} \|v\|_2 \Rightarrow C = \sqrt{n}$

where $\vec{1} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ is a vector of 1's and $v = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$

Proposition

Orthogonal decomposition

Proof

Given $u, v \in V, v \neq 0$ then $u = cv + w$ where cv is parallel to v and w is normal to v i.e. $\langle w, v \rangle = 0$

In fact we can explicitly compute c and w by $c = \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2}$ and $w = u - \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2} v$

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Problem 3

Consider the space of polynomials $P([-1, 1])$ on $[-1, 1]$. Define its inner product by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x)dx$$

- a. Is the polynomial $f(x) = x$ orthogonal to the polynomial $g(x) = 1$
- b. Decompose the polynomial $h(x) = x^2$ into a part that is parallel to the polynomial $g(x) = 1$, and a part that is orthogonal to the polynomial $g(x)$

Solution

a. Orthogonal condition: $\langle f, g \rangle = 0$

Note that $f(x)g(x) = x(1) = x$ and that $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 x dx = \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = 0$. Hence f is orthogonal to g

b. $\langle h, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 = \frac{1}{3}x^3 \Big|_{-1}^1 = \frac{2}{3}$

$$\|g\|^2 = \langle g, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 1 = x \Big|_{-1}^1 = 2$$

set the constant $c = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{3}$

Then the component parallel to g is $cg = \frac{1}{3}(1) = \frac{1}{3}$

And the component orthogonal to g is $o := h - cg = x^2 - \frac{1}{3}$

So that $cg + o = x^2 = h(x)$ and additionally $\langle o, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 (x^2 - \frac{1}{3})(1) = (\frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{3}x) \Big|_{-1}^1 = 0$

Problem 4

Construct an example such that Cauchy-Schwarz inequality does not hold for 1-norm. That is, you need to find two vectors $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^d$ such that $|\langle u, v \rangle| > \|u\|_1 \|v\|_1$. You can take $d = 2$ for simplicity but are welcome to deal with general d

Solution

No solution for finite dim vector spaces

Problem 5

Decompose the vector $v = (3, 1)$ into a part that is parallel to the vector $w = (1, 2)$ and a part that is orthogonal to the vector w .

Solution

Assume the inner product is the dot product and norm of a vector to be l2 norm, and
Let cw be the component parallel to w and o be the component orthogonal to w

$$\begin{aligned}\langle v, w \rangle &= 3 + 2 = 5 \\ \|w\|^2 &= \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2}^2 = \sqrt{5}^2 = 5 \\ cw &= \frac{5}{5}(1, 2) = (1, 2) \\ o &= (3, 1) - (1, 2) = (2, -1)\end{aligned}$$

Then $cw + o = (3, 1)$. Since cw is a scalar multiple of w , cw is parallel to w

Additionally, $\langle o, w \rangle = 2 - 2 = 0$

Theorem: Gram - Schmidt Procedure (LADR 6.32)

Suppose v_1, \dots, v_m is a linearly independent list of vectors in V . Let $f_1 = v_1$. For $k = 2, \dots, m$, define f_k inductively by

$$f_k = v_k - \frac{\langle v_k, f_1 \rangle}{\|f_1\|^2} f_1 - \dots - \frac{\langle v_k, f_{k-1} \rangle}{\|f_{k-1}\|^2} f_{k-1}$$

For each $k = 1, \dots, m$ let $e_k = \frac{f_k}{\|f_k\|}$. Then e_1, \dots, e_m is an orthonormal list of vectors in V such that

$$\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k) = \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_k)$$

for each $k = 1, \dots, m$.

Problem 6

Apply Gram-Schmidt onto a set $S = \{(1, 1, 1), (0, 1, 1), (0, 0, 1)\}$ of vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 to obtain a set of orthonormal vectors.

Solution

Define the inner product to be the dot product, then confirm S is a linearly independent set of vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 (they are by calculator)

Then, $f_1 = (1, 1, 1)$

$$f_2 = v_2 - \frac{\langle v_2, f_1 \rangle}{\|f_1\|^2} f_1 = (0, 1, 1) - \frac{\langle (0, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1) \rangle}{\|(1, 1, 1)\|^2} (1, 1, 1) = (0, 1, 1) - \frac{2}{3} (1, 1, 1) = \left(-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_3 &= \\ &= v_3 - \left(\frac{\langle v_3, f_1 \rangle}{\|f_1\|^2} f_1 \right) - \left(\frac{\langle v_3, f_2 \rangle}{\|f_2\|^2} f_2 \right) = \\ &= (0, 0, 1) - \left(\frac{\langle (0, 0, 1), (1, 1, 1) \rangle}{\|(1, 1, 1)\|^2} \right) (1, 1, 1) - \left(\frac{\langle (0, 0, 1), (-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}) \rangle}{\|(-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})\|^2} \right) \left(-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right) = \\ &= (0, 0, 1) - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) (1, 1, 1) - \left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{9}\right) \left(-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right) = (0, 0, 1) - \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right) - \left(-\frac{2}{9}, \frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{9}\right) = \\ &= \left(0, 0, \frac{6}{6}\right) - \left(\frac{2}{6}, \frac{2}{6}, \frac{2}{6}\right) - \left(-\frac{2}{6}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}\right) = \left(0, -\frac{3}{6}, \frac{3}{6}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Next we can normalize:

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 &= \frac{f_1}{\|f_1\|} = \frac{(1, 1, 1)}{\sqrt{3}} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \\ e_2 &= \frac{f_2}{\|f_2\|} = \frac{(-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})}{\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}} = \left(-\frac{2}{3\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}}, \frac{1}{3\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}}, \frac{1}{3\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}}\right) \\ e_3 &= \frac{f_3}{\|f_3\|} = \frac{(0, -\frac{3}{6}, \frac{3}{6})}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}} = \left(0, -\frac{3}{6\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}}, \frac{3}{6\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

We can easily inspect that (e_1, e_2, e_3) are orthonormal and using a calculator we know they are linearly independent, and hence form a basis for \mathbb{R}^3

<https://www.emathhelp.net/calculators/linear-algebra/linear-independence-calculator/?i=%5B%5B1%2Fsqrt%283%29%2C-2%2F%283sqrt%282%2F3%29%29%2C0%5D%2C%5B1%2Fsqrt%283%29%2C1%2F%283sqrt%282%2F3%29%29%2C-3%2F%286sqrt%281%2F2%29%29%5D%2C%5B1%2Fsqrt%283%29%2C1%2F%283sqrt%282%2F3%29%29%2C3%2F%286sqrt%281%2F2%29%29%5D%5D>

We can further simplify the vectors to $e_1 = \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)$ $e_2 = \left(-\frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}, \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6}, \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6}\right)$ $e_3 = \left(0, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$

Problem 7

Consider the space of polynomials $P((-\infty, \infty))$ on $(-\infty, \infty)$. Define its inner product by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)g(x)e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$$

Use the following identity

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^n e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = \begin{cases} \sqrt{2\pi}(n-1)!! & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

where $k!! = 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots k$ is the semi-factorial of an odd number k , and the Gram-Schmidt on the polynomials $\{1, x, x^2\}$, to obtain a set of orthogonal polynomials. You do not need to normalize them.

Solution

after gram-schmidt we obtain $\{1, x, x^2 - 1\}$

see the attached page

Problem 8

Let T be a linear operator on an inner product space V , that is $T : V \rightarrow V$, satisfying

$$\|T(v)\| = \|v\|$$

for any $v \in V$. Prove that T is injective.

Solution

Recall that T is injective if and only if the null space of T is $\{0\}$

We can try to show that if $T(v) = 0$ then $v = 0$

Assume $T(v) = 0$ then $\|T(v)\| = \|0\| = 0 = \|v\|$ by (\star) and by definition in problem statement.

And since $0 = \|v\|$ by (\star) we know that $v = 0$ and therefore the null space of T is $\{0\}$, hence T is injective.

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(\star) : recall from lecture that $\|v\| = 0$ only if $v = 0$

(T is also an isometry)