



EE908 Assignment-1 Solution

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EE908: Optimization in SPCOM

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1. Inner product and norms

(a) **Question:** $\|u + v\|_2^2 = \|u\|_2^2 + \|v\|_2^2$ if and only if $u^T v = 0$

Solution:

Expanding left side:

$$\begin{aligned}\|u + v\|_2^2 &= (u + v)^T (u + v) \\ &= u^T u + u^T v + v^T u + v^T v = \|u\|_2^2 + u^T v + v^T u + \|v\|_2^2\end{aligned}$$

Note that for vectors u, v , the dot product $u^T v = v^T u$

$$\therefore \|u + v\|_2^2 = \|u\|_2^2 + u^T v + v^T u + \|v\|_2^2 = \|u\|_2^2 + 2u^T v + \|v\|_2^2 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Suppose that } \|u + v\|_2^2 = \|u\|_2^2 + \|v\|_2^2 \quad (2)$$

Substituting (2) in LHS of (1)

$$\Rightarrow \|u\|_2^2 + \|v\|_2^2 = \|u\|_2^2 + 2u^T v + \|v\|_2^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \|u\|_2^2 + \|v\|_2^2 - \|u\|_2^2 - \|v\|_2^2 = 2u^T v$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = 2u^T v$$

$$\Rightarrow u^T v = 0$$

Hence it is proved that $\|u + v\|_2^2 = \|u\|_2^2 + \|v\|_2^2$ if and only if $u^T v = 0$

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(b) **Question:** $2\langle a, b \rangle + 2\langle x, y \rangle = \langle a + x, b + y \rangle + \langle a - x, b - y \rangle$

Solution:

Let's prove this by showing both sides are equal.

Rewriting both sides using transpose notation of inner product:

$$2[a^T b + x^T y] = (a + x)^T (b + y) + (a - x)^T (b - y)$$

Expanding the RHS

$$\Rightarrow a^T b + \cancel{a^T y} + \cancel{x^T b} + x^T y + a^T b - \cancel{a^T y} - \cancel{x^T b} + x^T y = 2[a^T b + x^T y]$$

$\therefore LHS = RHS$ - Hence proved.

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(c) **Question:** $\|x\|_1 \leq \sqrt{n}\|x\|_2$

Solution:

Ask: Prove that level 1 norm of vector x equals \sqrt{n} times the level 2 norm of x

Say $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$\|x\|_1$ - level 1 norm ℓ_1 of x aka **Manhattan norm (Taxicab distance)** - sum of the absolute values of the components of x

$\|x\|_2$ - level 2 norm ℓ_2 of x aka **Euclidean norm or magnitude/distance** - square root of the squares of the components of x

$$\|x\|_1 = |x_1| + |x_2| + \dots + |x_n| = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| \Rightarrow \|x\|_1^2 = (|x_1| + |x_2| + \dots + |x_n|)^2$$



$$\|x\|_2 = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} \Rightarrow \|x\|_2^2 = |x_1|^2 + |x_2|^2 + \dots + |x_n|^2$$

$$\|x\|_1^2 = \left| \sum_{i=1}^n 1 \cdot |x_i| \right|^2$$

Per Cauchy-Schwartz inequality,

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^n 1 \cdot |x_i| \right|^2 \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n 1 \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2 \right) \leq n \|x\|_2^2 \Rightarrow \|x\|_1 \leq \sqrt{n \|x\|_2^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x\|_1 \leq \sqrt{n} \|x\|_2 - \text{hence proved}$$

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(d) Question: Let's prove this by showing both sides are equal.

(e) Solution:

$$\|x\|_1 \geq \|x\|_2 \geq \|x\|_\infty$$

$\|x\|_\infty$ – **maximum norm or Chebyshev norm or Infinity norm** ℓ_∞ of x – the maximum value from the absolute values of each element in vector x or a matrix = $\|x\|_\infty = \max(|x_1|, |x_2|, \dots, |x_n|)$

From the proof in **c) solution** using Cauchy-Schwartz inequality,

$$\|x\|_1 \leq \sqrt{n} \|x\|_2, \text{ here } x \text{ is a vector with } n \text{ components where } n \geq 1$$

$$\therefore \|x\|_1 \geq \|x\|_2$$

Now let's prove $\|x\|_2 \geq \|x\|_\infty$.

For any value i such that $|x_i|$ is maximum in x , then we have:

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

Taking square root both sides:

$$|x_i| \leq \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2} = \|x\|_2 \Rightarrow \|x\|_\infty = \max(|x_i|) \leq \|x\|_2$$

Therefore, $\|x\|_2 \geq \|x\|_\infty$

$$\Rightarrow \|x\|_1 \geq \|x\|_2 \text{ and } \|x\|_2 \geq \|x\|_\infty$$

Hence, $\|x\|_1 \geq \|x\|_2 \geq \|x\|_\infty$ is proved

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2. Question: Prove the triangle inequality for matrices – $\|A + B\|_F \leq \|A\|_F + \|B\|_F$

Solution:

If A is a matrix, then $\|A\|_F$ is **Frobenius norm** is akin to Euclidean norm for vectors and is the square root of sum of the squares of all the elements of A .

If A is an $m \times n$ matrix,

$$\Rightarrow \|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|^2}, \text{ where } a_{ij} \text{ are elements of matrix } A.$$

$$\Rightarrow \|B\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |b_{ij}|^2}, \text{ where } b_{ij} \text{ are elements of matrix } B$$

$$\Rightarrow \|A + B\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |(a_{ij} + b_{ij})|^2}$$

Using Cauchy-Schwartz inequality for the inner product of two vectors,



$$|(a_{ij} + b_{ij})|^2 \leq (|a_{ij}| + |b_{ij}|)^2$$

Expanding right side,

$$(|a_{ij}| + |b_{ij}|)^2 \leq |a_{ij}|^2 + 2|a_{ij}||b_{ij}| + |b_{ij}|^2$$

Summing over i and j , we've:

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij} + b_{ij}|^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n (|a_{ij}|^2 + 2|a_{ij}||b_{ij}| + |b_{ij}|^2)$$

$$\therefore \|A + B\|_F^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n 2|a_{ij}||b_{ij}| + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |b_{ij}|^2$$

Notice that, from Cauchy-Schwartz inequality applied to the inner product of the matrices A and B,

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}||b_{ij}| \leq \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |b_{ij}|^2}$$

Therefore, we've:

$$\|A + B\|_F^2 \leq \|A\|_F^2 + 2\|A\|_F \cdot \|B\|_F + \|B\|_F^2$$

Taking square root both sides,

$$\|A + B\|_F \leq \|A\|_F + \|B\|_F$$

Hence, it is proved.

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3. Prove the following inequalities

(a). **Problem:** $2\langle x, y \rangle \leq \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2$

Solution:

$$2\langle x, y \rangle = x^T y = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

$$\|x\|^2 = \|x\|_2^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2$$

$$\|y\|^2 = \|y\|_2^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^2$$

From the given statement,

$$2\langle x, y \rangle \leq \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 \Rightarrow 2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^2$$

For any two real numbers x and y , we know that $2ab \leq a^2 + b^2$

\therefore Applying this inequality to $\|x\|, \|y\|$

$$2\langle x, y \rangle = \|x\|\|y\| \leq \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2$$

Hence proved.

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(b). **Problem:** $2\langle x, y \rangle \leq \epsilon \|x\|^2 + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \|y\|^2$ for any $\epsilon > 0$

Solution:

(c). **Problem:** $\|x + y\|^2 \leq (1 + \epsilon)\|x\|^2 + \left(1 + \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)\|y\|^2$ for any $\epsilon > 0$

Solution:

Using Cauchy-Schwartz inequality,

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



Applying AM-GM inequality (Arithmetic Mean-Geometric Mean),

$$\frac{\|x\| + \|y\|}{2} \geq \sqrt{\|x\|\|y\|} \Rightarrow \|x\| + \|y\| = 2\sqrt{\|x\|\|y\|} \Rightarrow \sqrt{\|x\|\|y\|} = \frac{1}{2}(\|x\| + \|y\|)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x\|\|y\| = \frac{1}{4}(\|x\| + \|y\|)^2$$

Substituting in above equation,

$$\|x + y\|^2 \leq \|x\|^2 + 2\|x\|\|y\| + \|y\|^2 \leq \|x\|^2 + 2 * \frac{1}{4}(\|x\| + \|y\|)^2 + \|y\|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x + y\|^2 \leq \|x\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} * (\|x\|^2 + 2\|x\|\|y\| + \|y\|^2) + \|y\|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x + y\|^2 \leq \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\|x\|^2 + \|x\|\|y\| + \left(\frac{1}{2} + 1\right)\|y\|^2 \leq (1 + \epsilon)\|x\|^2 + \left(1 + \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)\|y\|^2$$

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(d). **Problem:** $\|x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n\|^2 \leq n\|x_1\|^2 + n\|x_2\|^2 + \dots + n\|x_n\|^2$

Solution:

Expanding left side,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n\|^2 &= \langle x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n, x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n \rangle \\ &= \|x_1\|^2 + 2\langle x_1, x_2 \rangle + \dots + 2\langle x_1, x_n \rangle + 2\langle x_2, x_3 \rangle + \dots + \|x_n\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Using Cauchy-Schwarz inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_1\|^2 + 2\langle x_1, x_2 \rangle + \dots + 2\langle x_1, x_n \rangle + 2\langle x_2, x_3 \rangle + \dots + \|x_n\|^2 \\ \leq \|x_1\|^2 + 2\|x_1\| \cdot \|x_2\| + \dots + 2\|x_1\| \cdot \|x_n\| + 2\|x_2\| \cdot \|x_3\| + \dots + \|x_n\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \|x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n\|^2 \leq n\|x_1\|^2 + n\|x_2\|^2 + \dots + n\|x_n\|^2$$

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