

Defⁿ An inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ on a vector space

is a map. $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow F = \mathbb{R} \text{ or } \mathbb{C}$

$$(x, y) \mapsto \langle x, y \rangle$$

such that

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

$$i) \langle x+z, y \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle + \langle z, y \rangle$$

$$ii) \langle cx, y \rangle = c \langle x, y \rangle$$

$$iii) \langle x, y \rangle = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle}$$

(note if $F = \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$)

$$iv) \langle x, x \rangle > 0 \text{ if } x \neq \bar{0}$$

Example (Frobenious): $V = M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(B^t A)$$

$$(\text{tr}: M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R})$$

$$\text{is linear. } C \mapsto \sum_{j=1}^n C_{jj}$$

$$\text{check: } ii) \langle A+B, C \rangle = \text{tr}(C^t(A+B))$$

$$= \text{tr}(C^t A) + \text{tr}(C^t B)$$

$$= \langle A, C \rangle + \langle B, C \rangle.$$

$$(ii) \langle CA, B \rangle = \text{tr}(B^t(CA)) = \text{tr}(C B^t A) \\ = C \text{tr}(B^t A) = C \langle A, B \rangle.$$

$$(iii) \langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(B^t A) = \text{tr}[(B^t A)^t] \\ = \text{tr}(A^t B) = \langle B, A \rangle.$$

$$(iv) \langle A, A \rangle = \text{tr}(A^t A) = \sum_j (A^t A)_{jj}$$

$$(A^t A)_{jj} = \sum_k (A^t)_{jk} A_{kj} = \sum_k A_{kj}^2 > 0.$$

$$\text{unless } A_{1j}, \dots, A_{nj} = 0$$

$$\text{Example: } \langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \bar{b}_i, \quad x = (a_1, \dots, a_n), \quad y = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$$

Standard inner product.

Inner product space.

Defⁿ An inner product space is a vector space V with a fixed inner product.

Let V, \langle, \rangle be an inner product space.

Defⁿ The length (or norm) of $v \in V$ is

$$\|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}.$$

Defⁿ The distance between x, y in V is $\|x - y\|$.

Defⁿ The sphere of radius r and center $x \in V$

$$\text{is } \{y \in V \mid \|x-y\| = r\}$$

Theorem For any $x, y \in V$ and $c \in \mathbb{F}$.

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

$$(b) \|x\| = 0 \iff x = \bar{0}_V$$

$$(c) |\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\| \quad \text{Cauchy-Schwarz}$$

$$(d) \|x+y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|. \quad \text{triangle inequality.}$$