

Recall: Let V be a vector space over $\mathbb{F}$

An inner product is a function

$V \times V \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}, (u, v) \mapsto \langle u, v \rangle$ that satisfies the following properties:

- (Positivity) $\langle v, v \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in V$
- (Definiteness) $\langle v, v \rangle = 0 \iff v = 0$
- (Additivity in the first entry)
 $\langle u + v, w \rangle = \langle u, w \rangle + \langle v, w \rangle \quad \forall u, v, w \in V$
- (Homogeneity in the first entry)
 $\langle \lambda u, v \rangle = \lambda \langle u, v \rangle \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{F}, u, v \in V$
- (Conjugate symmetry)
 $\langle u, v \rangle = \overline{\langle v, u \rangle} \quad \forall u, v \in V$

Ex: • The dot product on $\mathbb{R}^n$.

For x, y def $x \cdot y := x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_n y_n \in \mathbb{R}$.

This is an inner product.

- Let $w, z \in \mathbb{C}^n$. Then

$\langle w, z \rangle = w_1 \bar{z}_1 + \dots + w_n \bar{z}_n$ is an inner product.

- On $\mathbb{C}^2$, $\langle w, z \rangle = 2w_1 \bar{z}_1 + w_2 \bar{z}_2$ is an inner product.

- For any $c_1, \dots, c_n \geq 0$

$\langle w, z \rangle = c_1 w_1 \bar{z}_1 + \dots + c_n w_n \bar{z}_n$ is an inner product.

- $\langle w, z \rangle = w_1 \bar{z}_1 - w_2 \bar{z}_2$ is not an inner product. Positivity fails.

e.g. $w = z = (0, 1)$, then

$$\langle w, z \rangle = 0 \cdot 0 - 1 \cdot 1 = -1.$$

- If $C^0([-1, 1])$ is the vector space of continuous real-valued functions on $[-1, 1]$, then $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 fg \, dx$ is an inner product.

- If $p, q \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$ then

$$\langle p, q \rangle = p(0)q(0) + \int_{-1}^1 p'(x)q(x)dx$$

is an inner product

• If $p, q \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$,

$$\langle p, q \rangle = \int_0^{\infty} p(x)q(x)e^{-x}dx$$

is an inner product.

Def: An inner product space is a vector space V equipped w/ an inner product.

From now on all vector spaces will be inner product spaces. Let's show some basic properties.

Prop: (a) For each $v \in V$, the map $V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, u \mapsto \langle u, v \rangle$ is linear.

(b) $\langle 0, v \rangle = 0 \quad \forall v \in V$

(c) $\langle v, 0 \rangle = 0 \quad \forall v \in V$

(d) $\langle u, v+w \rangle = \langle u, v \rangle + \langle u, w \rangle \quad \forall u, v, w \in V$

$$(e) \langle u, \lambda v \rangle = \overline{\lambda} \langle u, v \rangle \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{F}, u, v \in V.$$

Proof: (a) This is a consequence of the additivity & homogeneity in the first entry.

(b) Any linear map maps 0 to 0
so this follows from (a).

(c) By symmetry $\overline{0} = \overline{\langle 0, v \rangle} = \langle v, 0 \rangle$ and $\overline{0} = 0$.

(d) By symmetry again:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u, v+w \rangle &= \overline{\langle v+w, u \rangle} = \overline{\langle v, u \rangle + \langle w, u \rangle} \\ &= \overline{\langle v, u \rangle} + \overline{\langle w, u \rangle} = \langle u, v \rangle + \langle u, w \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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Now, to measure "lengths" in a general inner product sp, we define the notion of a norm in

a general inner product sp.

Def: Given $v \in V$, def

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

Ex: (a) $\mathbb{R}^n$ (equipped w/ the Euclidean inner product) then

$\|z\| = \sqrt{|z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2}$ is its associated norm.

(b) Let $f \in C^0([-1, 1])$ (v. sp. of continuous functions, $[-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$) w/ inner prod

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

$$\|f\| = \sqrt{\int_{-1}^1 f(x)^2 dx}.$$

Prop: Let $v \in V$.

$$(a) \|v\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow v = 0$$

$$(b) \|\lambda v\| = |\lambda| \cdot \|v\| \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{F}.$$

Proof (a) $\|v\|^2 = \langle v, v \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow v = 0$

by definiteness of inner product. And $\|v\|^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \|v\| = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad \| \lambda v \|^2 &= \langle \lambda v, \lambda v \rangle = \lambda \langle v, \lambda v \rangle \\ &= \lambda \cdot \bar{\lambda} \langle v, v \rangle = |\lambda|^2 \langle v, v \rangle \\ &\Rightarrow \| \lambda v \| = |\lambda| \cdot \|v\|. \end{aligned}$$

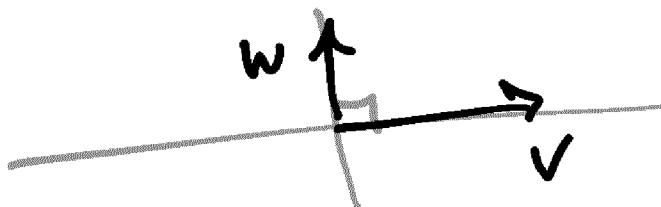
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Inner products can be used to measure angles.

Def: We say that $u, v \in V$ are orthogonal if $\langle u, v \rangle = 0$.

Prop: $\langle u, v \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow \langle v, u \rangle = 0$, so two vectors being orthogonal is a symmetric relation.

Ex: In $\mathbb{R}^2$ two vectors are orthogonal iff the vectors span perpendicular lines



$$\langle v, w \rangle = 0$$

Def: (a) 0 is orthogonal to every $v \in V$.

(b) 0 is the only vector that's orthogonal to itself.

Proof: This is just a rephrasing of the definitions & properties

$$\langle 0, v \rangle = 0 \text{ and } \langle v, v \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow v = 0. \quad \square$$

Prop (Pythagorean theorem)

If $u, v \in V$ are orthogonal, then

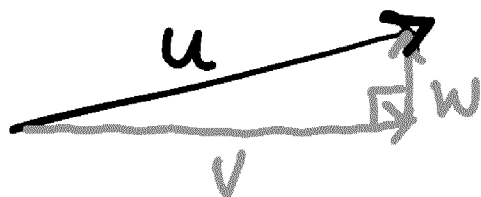
$$\|u+v\|^2 = \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2.$$

Proof: $\|u+v\|^2 = \langle u+v, u+v \rangle$

$$= \langle u, u+v \rangle + \langle v, u+v \rangle = \langle u, u \rangle + \overbrace{\langle u, v \rangle}^{=0} + \underbrace{\langle v, u \rangle}_{=0} + \langle v, v \rangle = \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2.$$

$\square$

Given $u \in V$ we'd now like to decompose u as the sum of two orthogonal vectors:



Prop: Suppose $u, v \in V$. Then set $c = \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2}$, and $w = u - \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2} v$.

Then (a) w is orthogonal to v

(b) $u = cv + w$

Thm (Cauchy-Schwarz inequality)

Let $u, v \in V$. Then

$$|\langle u, v \rangle| \leq \|u\| \|v\|.$$

It's an equality iff $u = \lambda v$ for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$.

Proof: Assume $v \neq 0$ (else the inequality clearly holds). Write $u = cv + w$ as in the previous prop (orthogonal decomp)

$$c = \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2}.$$
 Then Pythagorean theorem

gives

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{|\langle u, v \rangle|^2}{\|v\|^4} \|v\|^2 + \|w\|^2 = \frac{|\langle u, v \rangle|^2}{\|v\|^2} + \underbrace{\|w\|^2}_{\geq 0} \\
 &\geq \frac{|\langle u, v \rangle|^2}{\|v\|^2} \Leftrightarrow |\langle u, v \rangle|^2 \leq \|u\|^2 \|v\|^2 \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex: (a) Let $\mathbb{R}^n$ be equipped w/ the Euclidean inner product. Then Cauchy-Schwarz says

$$(x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_n y_n)^2 \leq (x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2)(y_1^2 + \dots + y_n^2).$$

(b) If $f, g \in C^0([-1, 1])$ w/ the inner product from before, then

$$\left(\int_{-1}^1 fg \, dx \right)^2 \leq \left(\int_{-1}^1 f^2 \, dx \right) \left(\int_{-1}^1 g^2 \, dx \right).$$

Thm (Triangle inequality)

Let $u, v \in V$. Then $\|u+v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$ w/ equality iff $u = \lambda v$ for some $\lambda \geq 0$.

Proof: $\|u+v\|^2 = \langle u+v, u+v \rangle$

$$= \langle u, u \rangle + \langle u, v \rangle + \langle v, u \rangle + \langle v, v \rangle$$

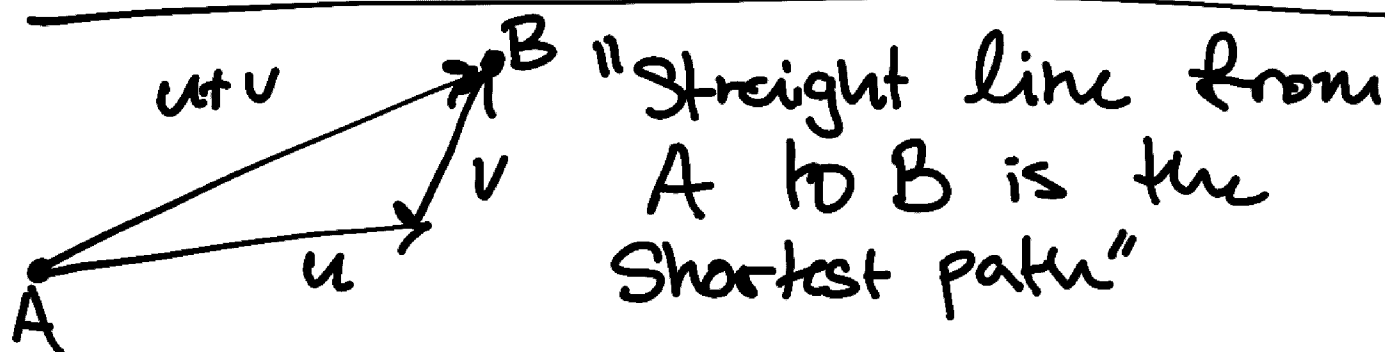
$$= \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 + \langle u, v \rangle + \langle v, u \rangle$$

$$= \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 + \langle u, v \rangle + \overline{\langle u, v \rangle}$$

$$= \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 + 2 \operatorname{Re} \langle u, v \rangle$$

$$\leq \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 + 2 |\langle u, v \rangle|$$

$$\stackrel{\text{C-S}}{\leq} \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 + 2 \|u\| \|v\| = (\|u\| + \|v\|)^2 \quad \square$$



Prop (Parallelogram identity)

If $u, v \in V$ then

$$\|u+v\|^2 + \|u-v\|^2 = 2(\|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2)$$

Proof: Exercise. Write out

$\|u+v\|^2 + \|u-v\|^2$ using the def & simplify. □