

5.1 - Length and Dot Product in \mathbb{R}^n

Def: The length of a vector $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$ in \mathbb{R}^n is given by

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{(v_1)^2 + (v_2)^2 + \dots + (v_n)^2}$$

If $\|\vec{v}\| = 1$, then the vector \vec{v} is called a unit vector.

Let \vec{v} be a vector in \mathbb{R}^n and c is a scalar. Then $\|c\vec{v}\| = |c|\|\vec{v}\|$

If v is a nonzero vector in \mathbb{R}^n , the vector $\vec{u} = \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|}$ is a unit vector.

We call \vec{u} the unit vector in the direction of \vec{v}

*Proof: $\|\vec{u}\| = \left\| \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|} \right\| = \frac{1}{\|\vec{v}\|} \|\vec{v}\| = 1$

Example: Find the unit vector in the direction of the vector $\vec{v} = (1, 1, 1)$

$$\vec{u} = \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

The dot product of $\vec{u} = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$ and $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$ is the quantity
 $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + \dots + u_nv_n = \sum_{i=1}^n u_iv_i$

Theorem: If $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then

1. $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u}$
2. $\vec{u}(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}) = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}$
3. $c(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}) = (c\vec{u}) \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{u} \cdot (c\vec{v})$
4. $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{v}\|^2$
5. $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} \geq 0$ and $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \vec{v} = \vec{0}$

Example: Given that $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = 4$, $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = -1$, $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = 2$. Find $(\vec{u} + \vec{v})(3\vec{u} - \vec{v})$

$$(\vec{u} + \vec{v})(3\vec{u} - \vec{v}) = 3\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} - \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + 3\vec{v} \cdot \vec{u} - \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = 12 + 1 - 3 - 2 = 8$$

We define the angle between two vectors \vec{u} and \vec{v} in \mathbb{R}^n by $\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{u}\|\|\vec{v}\|}$ for
 $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$

Example: $\vec{u} = \langle 1, 2 \rangle$; $\vec{v} = \langle 2, 3 \rangle$

$$\arccos \frac{(1,2) \cdot (2,3)}{\sqrt{5}\sqrt{13}} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{65}}$$

$$-1 \leq \cos \theta \leq 1$$

$$-\|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\| \leq \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} \leq \|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\|$$

Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality: $|\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}| \leq \|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\|$

Case 1: Suppose $\vec{u} = \vec{0}$. Then $\|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\| = 0$ and $|\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}| = 0$.

Case 2: If $\vec{u} \neq 0$, let $t \in \mathbb{R}$: $(t\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \cdot (t\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \geq 0$

$$t^2(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}) + t\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + t\vec{v} \cdot \vec{u} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} \geq 0$$

$$t^2(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}) + 2t\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$$

However, if we have $at^2 + bt + c \geq 0$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$, then $b^2 - 4ac \leq 0$

$$\text{So } (2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v})^2 = 4(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u})(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}) \leq 0.$$

Therefore, $4(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v})^2 \leq 4(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u})(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v})$ and $|\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}| \leq \|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\|$

Two vectors \vec{u} and \vec{v} are orthogonal to each other if their dot product is zero.

Example: $\vec{u} = (1, 1, 1, -1)$; $\vec{v} = (-2, 0, 1, -1)$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$$

The triangle inequality: If \vec{u} and \vec{v} are vectors in \mathbb{R}^n , then $\|\vec{u} + \vec{v}\| \leq \|\vec{u}\| + \|\vec{v}\|$

$$\|\vec{u} + \vec{v}\|^2 = (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \cdot (\vec{u} + \vec{v})$$

$$= \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}$$

$$= \|\vec{u}\|^2 + 2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \|\vec{v}\|^2$$

$$\leq \|\vec{u}\|^2 + 2\|\vec{u}\|\|\vec{v}\| + \|\vec{v}\|^2$$

$$= (\|\vec{u}\| + \|\vec{v}\|)^2$$

$$\text{So } \|\vec{u} + \vec{v}\|^2 \leq (\|\vec{u}\| + \|\vec{v}\|)^2$$

$$\|\vec{u} + \vec{v}\|^2 = \|\vec{u}\|^2 + 2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \|\vec{v}\|^2$$

However, if $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$, then $\|\vec{u} + \vec{v}\|^2 = \|\vec{u}\|^2 + \|\vec{v}\|^2$ (Pythagorean theorem)

5.2 - Inner Product Spaces

Definition: Let u, v, w be vectors in a vector space V , and let c be any scalar.

An inner product on V is a function that associates a real number $\langle u, v \rangle$ with each pair of vectors u and v , and satisfies the following:

1. $\langle u, v \rangle = \langle v, u \rangle$
2. $\langle u, v + w \rangle = \langle u, v \rangle + \langle u, w \rangle$
3. $c\langle u, v \rangle = \langle cu, v \rangle$
4. $\langle v, v \rangle \geq 0$ and $\langle v, v \rangle = 0$ if and only if $v = 0$

A vector space V with an inner product is called an inner product space.

Example: Take $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ and $\langle u, v \rangle = u_1v_1 + 2u_2v_2$ where $u = \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle$; $v = \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$

Take $V = M_{2,2}$ and $\langle A, B \rangle = a_{11}b_{11} + a_{12}b_{12} + a_{21}b_{21} + a_{22}b_{22}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

Take $V = C[a, b]$ where $\langle f, g \rangle =$

$f(a) * g(a)$? No, $f(0) * g(0) = 0$, but a is not necessarily 0.

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(x) * g(x) dx$$

$$\langle f, f \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow \int_a^b [f(x)]^2 dx = 0$$

Definition: Let u and v be vectors in an inner product space V .

1. The norm (or length) of u is $\|u\| = \sqrt{\langle u, u \rangle}$

2. The angle between two nonzero vectors u, v is given by $\cos \theta = \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|u\| \|v\|}$ where

$$0 \leq \theta \leq \pi.$$

3. u, v are orthogonal if $\langle u, v \rangle = 0$

Examples:

$$\text{Let } V = M_{2,2}; A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}; B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

What is $\|A\|, \|B\|$, the angle between A and B ?

$$\langle A, B \rangle = a_{11}b_{11} + a_{12}b_{12} + a_{21}b_{21} + a_{22}b_{22}$$

$$\arccos \frac{\langle A, B \rangle}{\|A\| \|B\|} = \frac{(1*2)+(1*1)+(2*(-1))+(3*0)}{\sqrt{1+1+4+9} \sqrt{4+1+1+0}} = \frac{1}{90} \sqrt{6} \sqrt{15}$$

$$\arccos \frac{\sqrt{90}}{90} = \arccos \frac{1}{30} \sqrt{10}$$

$$\|u\| = \sqrt{\langle u, u \rangle} = \sqrt{\langle 1, 1 \rangle, \langle 1, 1 \rangle} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\overrightarrow{\text{proj}_{\vec{v}} \vec{u}} = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}} \vec{v}$$

For inner product space V :

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{v}} \vec{u} = \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\langle v, v \rangle} \vec{v}$$

Example: Let $f(x) = x$ and $g(x) = x^2$ be functions on $C[0, 1]$.

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{g}} \vec{f} = \frac{\langle f, g \rangle}{\langle g, g \rangle} \vec{g} = \frac{\int_0^1 f(x)g(x)dx}{\int_0^1 g(x)g(x)dx} = \frac{\int_0^1 x^3 dx}{\int_0^1 x^4 dx} \vec{g} = \frac{\frac{1}{4} x^2}{\frac{1}{5} x^2} \vec{g} = \frac{5}{4} x^2$$

Section 5.3 - Orthogonal Bases: Gram-Schmidt Process

Definition: A set S of vectors in an inner product space V is called orthogonal if every pair of vectors in S is orthogonal.

If, in addition, each vector in the set S is a unit vector, then S is called orthonormal.

Suppose $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$

1. $\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = 0$ if $i \neq j$ (orthogonal)

2. $\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = 0$ and $\|v_i\| = 1$ for all i , then it is orthonormal

If S is a basis, then it is called an orthogonal basis or an orthonormal basis, respectively.

In P_2 : $\langle p, q \rangle = a_0b_0 + a_1b_1 + a_2b_2$, where $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$ and $q(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2$.

In P_n : $\langle p, q \rangle = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i b_i$

For P_n (polynomials degree $\leq n$), a standard basis is $\{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^{n-1}, x^n\}$.

Show that this is an orthonormal basis:

1. Let $p_i(x) = x^i$ and $p_j(x) = x^j$ ($i \neq j$)

$P_i(x) = 0 + 0x + 0x^2 + \dots + 0x^{i-1} + 1x^i + 0x^{i+1} + \dots + 0x^n$

$P_j(x) = 0 + 0x + 0x^2 + \dots + 0x^{j-1} + 1x^j + 0x^{j+1} + \dots + 0x^n$

$\langle p_i, p_j \rangle = 0 * 0 + 0 * 0 + 0 * 0 + \dots + 0 * 0 = 0$

2. Let $P_i(x) = x^i$ then $\|p_i\| = \sqrt{\langle p_i, p_i \rangle} = \sqrt{1} = 1$ for every $i \in \{0, \dots, n\}$.

So B is an orthonormal basis.

In $C[0, 2\pi]$: $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^{2\pi} f(x)g(x)dx$

$S = \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sin(x), \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cos(x), \dots, \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sin(nx), \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cos(nx) \right\}$

is an orthogonal set.

Theorem: If $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is an orthogonal set of nonzero vectors in an inner product space V , then S is linearly independent.

*Proof: $c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + \dots + c_nv_n = 0$

$c_1\langle v_1, v_i \rangle + c_2\langle v_2, v_i \rangle + \dots + c_i\langle v_i, v_i \rangle + \dots + c_n\langle v_n, v_i \rangle = \langle 0, v_i \rangle$

$c_i\|v_i\|^2 = 0 \Rightarrow c_i = 0$ for every $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, so it is linearly independent.

If V is an inner product space of dimension n , then any orthogonal set of n nonzero vectors is a basis of V .

Theorem: If $B = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is an orthonormal basis for an inner product space V , then the coordinate representation of a vector w with respect to B is

$$w = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle w, v_i \rangle v_i$$

Proof: There exist uniquely c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n such that $w = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i v_i$.

$$\langle w, v_i \rangle = \langle \sum_{j=1}^n c_j v_j, v_i \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n \langle c_j v_j, v_i \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j \langle v_j, v_i \rangle$$

$$\langle w, v_i \rangle = c_i \|v_i\|^2 = c_i \cdot 1 = c_i \text{ because it is orthonormal.}$$

The c_i coefficients are called the Fourier coefficients.

Theorem: Gram-Schmidt Orthonormalization Process

1. Let $B = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be a basis for an inner product space V .

2. Let $B' = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$ where w_i is given by:

$$w_1 = v_1, w_2 = v_2 - \frac{\langle v_2, w_1 \rangle}{\langle w_1, w_1 \rangle} w_1, \dots, w_n = v_n - \frac{\langle v_n, w_1 \rangle}{\langle w_1, w_1 \rangle} w_1 - \frac{\langle v_n, w_2 \rangle}{\langle w_2, w_2 \rangle} w_2 - \dots - \frac{\langle v_n, w_{n-1} \rangle}{\langle w_{n-1}, w_{n-1} \rangle} w_{n-1}$$

3. Let $u_i = \frac{w_i}{\|w_i\|}$, then $B'' = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ is an orthonormal basis for V .

Example 1: $B = \{(1, 1), (0, 1)\}$

$$w_1 = (1, 1)$$

$$w_2 = v_2 - \frac{\langle w_1, v_2 \rangle}{\langle w_1, w_1 \rangle} w_1 = (0, 1) - \frac{\langle (1, 1), (0, 1) \rangle}{\langle (1, 1), (1, 1) \rangle} (1, 1) = (0, 1) - \frac{1}{2} (1, 1) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$u_1 = \frac{w_1}{\|w_1\|} = \frac{(1, 1)}{\sqrt{2}} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

$$u_2 = \frac{w_2}{\|w_2\|} = \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}} = \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

$\{u_1, u_2\}$ is an orthonormal basis.

Example 2: $B = \{1, x, x^2\}$ where $V = P_2$

$$\langle p, q \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 p(x)q(x)dx = \frac{2}{3}pq$$