

Last time We covered vector spaces, subspaces, linear (in)dependence, spanning, bases, and...

Dot / Scalar Product  $u = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$ ,  $v = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$

In  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :  $u \cdot v = u_1 v_1 + \dots + u_n v_n$

In  $\mathbb{C}^n$ :  $u \cdot v = u_1 \bar{v}_1 + \dots + u_n \bar{v}_n$

(These are actually the same, as  $z = \bar{z}$  if  $z$  is real!)

Properties of the dot/scalar product in  $\mathbb{R}^n / \mathbb{C}^n$ :

$$\underline{\text{In } \mathbb{R}^n} \leftarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u = (u_1, \dots, u_n) \\ v = (v_1, \dots, v_n) \\ w = (w_1, \dots, w_n) \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \underline{\text{In } \mathbb{C}^n}$$

(a)  $u \cdot v = v \cdot u$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } u \cdot v &= u_1 \bar{v}_1 + \dots + u_n \bar{v}_n \\ &= \overline{\bar{u}_1 v_1 + \dots + \bar{u}_n v_n} \\ &= \overline{\bar{u}_1 v_1 + \dots + \bar{u}_n v_n} \quad \uparrow \bar{u}_n \bar{v}_n \\ &= \overline{v \cdot u} \quad \leftarrow \bar{\bar{z} + \bar{w}} = \overline{z + w} \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $(u+v) \cdot w = u \cdot w + v \cdot w$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) } (u+v) \cdot w &= (u_1 + v_1) \bar{w}_1 + \dots + (u_n + v_n) \bar{w}_n \\ &= u_1 \bar{w}_1 + \dots + u_n \bar{w}_n \\ &\quad + v_1 \bar{w}_1 + \dots + v_n \bar{w}_n \\ &= u \cdot w + v \cdot w \end{aligned}$$

(c)  $(ku) \cdot v = k(u \cdot v)$

(Note  $u \cdot (kv) \stackrel{\text{by (a)}}{=} (kv) \cdot u$   
 $= k(v \cdot u) = k(u \cdot v)$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c) } (ku) \cdot v &= (ku_1) \bar{v}_1 + \dots + (ku_n) \bar{v}_n \\ &= k(u \cdot v) \end{aligned}$$

(Note  $u \cdot (kv) \stackrel{\text{(a)}}{=} \overline{(kv) \cdot u}$   
 $\stackrel{\text{(c)}}{=} \overline{k(v \cdot u)} = \bar{k} \overline{(v \cdot u)}$   
 $= \bar{k} (u \cdot v)$ )

(d)  $u \cdot u = u_1^2 + \dots + u_n^2 \geq 0$   
 and  $u \cdot u = 0$  exactly when  
 $u = 0$

The norm of  $u$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is  
 $\|u\| = \sqrt{u_1^2 + \dots + u_n^2} = \sqrt{u \cdot u}$

Once we have a norm, we can define the distance between two vectors:

$$d(u, v) = \|u - v\|$$

Finally:  $\theta$  angle between  $u$  and  $v$  is given by  $\cos \theta = \frac{u \cdot v}{\|u\| \|v\|}$ .

Sorry, I realised later that this is way more complicated, even just in  $\mathbb{C}$ . It's possible to show that if  $\theta$  is the difference in arguments of  $u$  and  $v$ , and  $\phi$  is the angle between them given by the complex dot products, then  $\text{Re}(\cos \phi) = \cos \theta$  - DO NOT WORRY

(d)  $u \cdot u = u_1 \bar{u}_1 + \dots + u_n \bar{u}_n$   
 $= |u_1|^2 + \dots + |u_n|^2$   
 $\geq 0$   
 and  $u \cdot u = 0$  exactly when  $u = 0$ .

The norm of  $u$  in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  is  
 $\|u\| = \sqrt{u \cdot u}$   
 $= \sqrt{|u_1|^2 + \dots + |u_n|^2}$

(Note: for  $n=1$  we get  
 $\|u\| = |u|$ .)

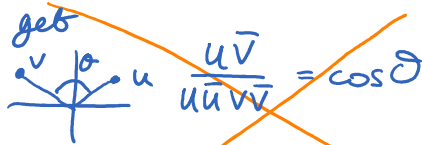
Here we define

$$d(u, v) = \|u - v\|$$

distance between vectors  $u$  and  $v$ ,

Same formula to define angles  $\theta$  between complex vectors  $\frac{u \cdot v}{\|u\| \|v\|} = \cos \theta$ .

If  $n=1$ ,  $u, v$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  we

get 

---> to be continued  
 (look in textbook for this example)

ABOUT THIS AT ALL!!! You may definitely ignore this geometric interpretation in  $\mathbb{C}$  point of view.

# Inner Product Spaces

An inner product is "dot/scalar product" for vector spaces  $V$  in general.

We define it by saying that it satisfies all those crucial properties that a dot/scalar product for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  or  $\mathbb{C}^n$  satisfies:

## Def<sup>n</sup>

An inner product on a real vector space is a function associating to each pair of vectors  $u, v$  a real #  $\langle u, v \rangle$  in such a way that the following are all true:

[Axioms for a real inner product:]

- ①  $\langle u, v \rangle = \langle v, u \rangle$  for all  $u, v$
- ②  $\langle u+v, w \rangle = \langle u, w \rangle + \langle v, w \rangle$   
for all  $u, v, w$
- ③  $\langle ku, w \rangle = k \langle u, w \rangle$  for all  $u, w$  vectors and  $k$  real #s
- ④  $\langle u, u \rangle$  is real for all  $u$  and  $\langle u, u \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $u$   
and  $\langle u, u \rangle = 0$  exactly when  $u = 0$

A real vector space  $V$  with a real inner product is called a real inner product space.

(It's a souped-up real vector space.)

A inner product on a complex vector space is a function associating to each pair of vectors  $u, v$  a complex #  $\langle u, v \rangle$  in such a way that the following are all true:

[Axioms for a complex inner product:]

- ①  $\langle u, v \rangle = \overline{\langle v, u \rangle}$  for all  $u, v$
- ②  $\langle u+v, w \rangle = \langle u, w \rangle + \langle v, w \rangle$   
for all  $u, v, w$
- ③  $\langle ku, w \rangle = k \langle u, w \rangle$  for all vectors  $u, w$  and all complex #s  $k$

(and notice, for the same reasons as before,

$$\langle u, kw \rangle = \overline{k} \langle u, w \rangle)$$

- ④  $\langle u, u \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $u$ ,  
and  $\langle u, u \rangle = 0$  exactly when  $u = 0$ .

A complex vector space with a complex inner product is called a complex inner product space.

## Examples

1. The usual dot product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a real inner product space (and the complex version is a complex " " " ).

2. We can "weight" the usual dot product to preference certain vectors.  $(u_1, u_2)$   $(v_1, v_2)$

$$\text{e.g. over } \mathbb{C}^2 : \langle u, v \rangle = (5i)u_1\bar{v}_1 + (6-i)u_2\bar{v}_2$$

$$\text{Then } \langle (3+2i, 4+i), (i, i-1) \rangle = (5i)(3+2i)(-i) + (6-i)(4+i)(-i-1) = \dots$$

Some complex #

3. We can define a real inner product on the real vector space  $M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  by

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(B^T A) \quad (= \text{tr}(A^T B) = \text{tr}(AB^T))$$

e.g.  $m=2, n=3$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B^T A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -1 & -5 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 15 \\ -11 & -20 & -10 \\ -4 & -8 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{tr}(B^T A) = 3 - 20 - 2 = \underline{\underline{-19}}$$

Let's check (2).  $\langle A+B, C \rangle = \text{tr}(C^T(A+B)) = \text{tr}(C^T A + C^T B)$   
 $= \text{tr}(C^T A) + \text{tr}(C^T B)$   
 $= \langle A, C \rangle + \langle B, C \rangle. \checkmark$

3. We can define a complex inner product on  $M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{C})$   
 by  $\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(\overline{B}^T A)$  where for a matrix  
 $C = [c_{ij}]$ ,  $\overline{C} = [\overline{c_{ij}}]$ .


4. There is a way to define a real inner product on the  
 vector space of all real-valued continuous functions  
 on some interval  $[a, b]$  using integration:

Take continuous functions  $f, g$  and define:

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx$$

Then (1)  $\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b g(x)f(x) dx$   
 $= \langle g, f \rangle \checkmark$

(4)  $\langle f, f \rangle = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)^2 dx \geq 0$



area  $\geq 0$

$\langle f, f \rangle = 0$  exactly when  $f(x)^2 = 0$  i.e.  $f(x) = 0$ , as  $f(x)^2 \geq 0$  everywhere.

This is a real inner product space.

(There's a complex version  $\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx$ .  
for  $\mathbb{C}$ -valued continuous functions on  $[a, b]$ )

5. The vector space of all complex polynomials of degree at most  $d$  (called  $P_d$ ) has an inner product for each choice of  $(d+1)$ -many distinct complex #s

$x_0, \dots, x_d$  : define  $\langle p, q \rangle = p(x_0) \overline{q(x_0)} + \dots + p(x_d) \overline{q(x_d)}$

check (the only tricky axiom):

④ For  $\langle p, p \rangle = |p(x_0)|^2 + \dots + |p(x_d)|^2 \geq 0$

But when does  $\langle p, p \rangle = 0$ . For sure when  $p = 0$ .

Anywhere else? When  $|p(x_0)|^2 + \dots + |p(x_d)|^2 = 0$

for sure  $|p(x_0)| = |p(x_1)| = \dots = |p(x_d)| = 0$

so  $p(x_0) = \dots = p(x_d) = 0$ .

The only polynomial of degree  $\leq d$  with  $(d+1)$ -many roots is  $p = 0$ .

### Magnitude / Modulus / Norm and Distance

Just as we used scalar/dot products to define a norm of a vector and distance/angle between vectors, in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  or  $\mathbb{C}^n$  we can use an inner product (if we have one) to define these concepts for a vector space  $V$ .

i.e. if  $V$  is an inner product space (real or complex) then the norm of a vector  $u$  in  $V$

$$\text{is } \|u\| = \sqrt{\langle u, u \rangle}$$

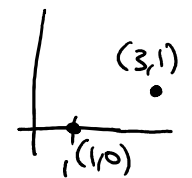
← We're OK since  $\langle u, u \rangle$  is real and positive, for any  $u$  in  $V$ .

and the distance between two vectors  $u$  and  $v$  is

$$d(u, v) = \|u - v\| \quad (= \sqrt{\langle u - v, u - v \rangle})$$

### Example

1. Let's define a weighted inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  by  $\langle u, v \rangle = 5u_1v_1 + 3u_2v_2$ .

What is  $\|(1, 0)\|$  and  $d((1, 0), (3, 1))$ ? 

Solution  $\|(1, 0)\|$

$$= \sqrt{\langle (1, 0), (1, 0) \rangle} = \sqrt{5 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 0 \cdot 0} = \sqrt{5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d((1, 0), (3, 1)) &= \|(-2, -1)\| = \sqrt{\langle (-2, -1), (-2, -1) \rangle} \\ &= \sqrt{5 \cdot (-2) \cdot (-2) + 3 \cdot (-1) \cdot (-1)} \\ &= \sqrt{23}. \end{aligned}$$