

Lecture 17: Quick review from previous lecture

- Let V be an inner product space. Then the following **Cauchy-Schwarz inequality** holds:

$$|\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle| \leq \|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{w}\| \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in V.$$

- A vector space V equipped with a specific inner product is called an **inner product space**.
- $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle$ is an **inner product** on V if the following hold:

(1) Bilinearity:

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

(2) Symmetry: $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$,

(2) Positivity: $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle > 0$ whenever $\mathbf{v} \neq 0$. Moreover, $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0$ if and only if $\mathbf{v} = 0$.

EX: on \mathbb{R}^n , $\langle x, y \rangle = x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_n y_n$ is an inner product.

Today we will discuss some inequalities and Norms.

continuous functions on $[0, \pi]$.

Before showing Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, let's look at some examples.

Example 1. Consider $C^0[0, \pi]$, compute the inner product between $f(x) = \cos(x)$ and $g(x) = \sin(x)$. Also compute their angle θ .

$$\begin{aligned}\langle f, g \rangle &= \int_0^\pi f(x)g(x)dx = \int_0^\pi \cos x \sin x dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 x \Big|_0^\pi = 0.\end{aligned}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\langle f, g \rangle}{\|f\| \|g\|} = 0. \quad \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \#$$

On the other hand, consider $C^0[0, \pi/2]$, compute the inner product between $f(x) = \cos(x)$ and $g(x) = \sin(x)$. Also compute their angle θ .

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos x \sin x dx = \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 x \Big|_0^{\pi/2} = \frac{1}{2} (1 - 0) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\|f\|^2 &= \langle f, f \rangle = \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^2 x dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1 + \cos(2x)}{2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x \Big|_0^{\pi/2} = \frac{\pi}{4}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\|g\|^2 = \langle g, g \rangle = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2 x dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1 - \cos(2x)}{2} dx.$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\langle f, g \rangle}{\|f\| \|g\|} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{2}{\pi}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right) \quad \#$$

*Note how the choice of interval ($[0, \pi]$ versus $[0, \pi/2]$) changes the inner product between functions.

[Proof of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality:] $(|\langle v, w \rangle| \leq \|v\| \|w\|)$

If $y \neq 0$, consider

$$\begin{aligned}\|x - cy\|^2 &= \langle x - cy, x - cy \rangle \\ &= \langle x, x \rangle - \underbrace{c\langle x, y \rangle - c\langle y, x \rangle + c^2\langle y, y \rangle}_{\substack{\downarrow \text{symmetry}}} \\ &= \|x\|^2 - 2c\langle x, y \rangle + c^2\|y\|^2\end{aligned}$$

Taking $c = \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|y\|^2}$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned}0 \leq \|x - cy\|^2 &= \|x\|^2 - 2 \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|y\|^2} \langle x, y \rangle + \frac{\langle x, y \rangle^2}{\|y\|^4} \|y\|^2 \\ &= \|x\|^2 - \frac{\langle x, y \rangle^2}{\|y\|^2}\end{aligned}$$

Then $\frac{\langle x, y \rangle^2}{\|y\|^2} \leq \|x\|^2$, it implies $|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$.

When does equality hold in the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality?

$x = cy$ for some constant c .

Definition: Let V be an inner product space. We call $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$ are orthogonal (perpendicular) if $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = 0$.

In Example 1, we saw that

$$\int_0^\pi \cos(x) \sin(x) dx = 0$$

Thus, we say $f(x) = \cos(x)$ and $g(x) = \sin(x)$ are orthogonal to each other on the interval $[0, \pi]$.

A vector \mathbf{w} in \mathbb{R}^n is orthogonal to vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$ if and only if \mathbf{w} is in the cokernel of the matrix $A = [\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k]$ (i.e. in the kernel of A^T).

To see this: $\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v}_1 \rangle = 0, \dots, \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v}_k \rangle = 0$

So, $\mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{w} = 0, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k^T \mathbf{w} = 0.$

$$A^T \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1^T \\ \mathbf{v}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_k^T \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ Then } \mathbf{w} \in \ker(A^T) \text{ } \underset{\text{coker}(A)}{\parallel}$$

Example 2. Suppose we want to find a vector \mathbf{w} that is orthogonal to $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 1, 1)^T$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = (2, 1, -1)^T$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad w_3 = 1$$

② $\xrightarrow{-2 \times 1}$ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 2w_3 \\ -3w_3 \\ w_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad w_3 \in \mathbb{R}$$

§ The Triangle Inequality

Let V be an inner product space. Then the following **Triangle Inequality** holds:

$$\|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\| \leq \|\mathbf{v}\| + \|\mathbf{w}\| \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in V.$$

[Proof:]

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

$$= \langle v, v \rangle + 2\langle v, w \rangle + \langle w, w \rangle,$$

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

$$\leq \|v\|^2 + 2\|v\|\|w\| + \|w\|^2$$

$$= (\|v\| + \|w\|)^2.$$

$$\lceil (a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2 \rceil$$

By Cauchy-Schwarz inequality.

$$\text{Then } \|v+w\| \leq \|v\| + \|w\|.$$

* The equality holds in the triangle inequality iff $\mathbf{v} = c\mathbf{w}$ and $c \geq 0$.

3.3 Norms

Recall some properties satisfied by the norm $\|\mathbf{v}\|$ on an inner product space, where $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle}$, (induced by the inner product)

(1)

$$\|c\mathbf{v}\| = |c|\|\mathbf{v}\|$$

$$\left(\begin{aligned} \|c\mathbf{v}\|^2 &= \langle c\mathbf{v}, c\mathbf{v} \rangle \\ &= c^2 \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle \\ &= c^2 \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 \end{aligned} \right) \text{ Then } \|c\mathbf{v}\| = |c|\|\mathbf{v}\|. \#$$

(2) $\|\mathbf{v}\| \geq 0$, and $\|\mathbf{v}\| = 0$ iff $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$.

(3) the triangle inequality:

$$\|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\| \leq \|\mathbf{v}\| + \|\mathbf{w}\|$$

There are other natural measures of the “size” of a vector that satisfy these same three conditions, but that **cannot** be defined in terms of an inner product.

For example,

(1) on \mathbb{R}^n we can measure the size of a vector $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$ by the sum of absolute values of its entries:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |v_i| \quad (\text{satisfies (1)-(3), will check it later})$$

(2) On $C^0([a, b])$, we can measure the size of a continuous function f by the integral of its absolute value:

$$\int_a^b |f(x)| dx \quad (\text{satisfies (1)-(3), will check it later})$$

Neither of these quantities can be defined in terms of an inner product; but they are still useful notions of the “size of vectors”.

Definition: A **norm** on a vector space V assigns a non-negative real number $\|\mathbf{v}\|$ to each vector $\mathbf{v} \in V$, such that for every $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in V$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$, the following axioms holds:

- (1) Positivity: $\|\mathbf{v}\| \geq 0$; $\|\mathbf{v}\| = 0$ if and only if $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$.
- (2) Homogeneity: $\|c\mathbf{v}\| = |c|\|\mathbf{v}\|$.
- (3) Triangle inequality: $\|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\| \leq \|\mathbf{v}\| + \|\mathbf{w}\|$.

Remark: We checked that when "a norm is induced from an inner product" these three conditions are satisfied automatically". But in general, a norm need not arise from an inner product on V .

1. p norm on \mathbb{R}^n . We've already seen several on \mathbb{R}^n and $C^0([a, b])$.

Example. We have seen that $\|\mathbf{x}\| = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2\right)^{1/2}$ is the norm induced from the dot product on \mathbb{R}^n .

Example. $\|\mathbf{x}\| = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$. Let's check the three conditions to make sure this is a valid norm.

① $\|\mathbf{x}\| \geq 0$; $\|\mathbf{x}\| = 0$ implies $|x_i| = 0, i=1, \dots, n$.
 implies $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. and vice versa.

② $\|c\mathbf{x}\| = \sum_{i=1}^n |cx_i| = |c| \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|\right) = |c| \|\mathbf{x}\|$.

③ $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\| = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i + y_i| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| + |y_i| \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|\right) + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|\right)$

Thus $\|\mathbf{x}\| = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$ defines a norm on \mathbb{R}^n . \neq