

- Goals
- Define inner product spaces
  - Norm & length in inner product spaces

Motivation Add notions of length & angles to  $\mathbb{R}$ - and  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector spaces.

Defn Let  $F = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $V$  an  $F$ -vs. An inner product on  $V$  is a function  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow F$   
 $(x, y) \mapsto \langle x, y \rangle \sim \|\text{angle } x, y\| \text{angle}$

such that

- ① linear in first variable:  $\langle x + \lambda y, z \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle + \lambda \langle y, z \rangle$
- ② conjugate symmetric:  $\overline{\langle x, y \rangle} = \langle y, x \rangle$
- ③ positive definite:  $\langle x, x \rangle \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  and  $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$  iff  $x = 0$ .

## Note

- $F = \mathbb{R}$  : nondegenerate positive definite symmetric bilinear form
- $F = \mathbb{C}$  : nondegenerate Hermitian form

E.g. (a) The ordinary dot product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  :

$$\langle (x_1, \dots, x_n), (y_1, \dots, y_n) \rangle = x \cdot y = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

e.g.  $\langle (1, 2), (3, 4) \rangle = 1 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 4 = 11$

$$(a+bi)(a-bi) = a^2 + b^2 = |a+bi|^2$$

(b) The ordinary inner product on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  :

$$\langle x, y \rangle = x \cdot \bar{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \bar{y}_i$$

Note:  $\langle x, x \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \bar{x}_i$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2 \geq 0$$

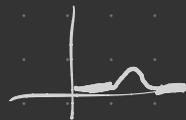
e.g.  $\langle (1+i, 1-i), (1+2i, 4) \rangle = (1+i)(1-2i) + (1-i) \cdot 4$   
 $= 7-5i$

(c) Let  $V = C_{\mathbb{R}}([0,1]) = \{f: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ ctr}\}$

$$\text{Define } \langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(t)g(t) dt$$

For positive definiteness, note  $f \neq 0 \Rightarrow f^2 \geq 0$  and  $f(t)^2 > 0$  on some open interval  $\Rightarrow \langle f, f \rangle = \int_0^1 f^2 \geq 0$ .

(d)  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$  and



$$\langle (x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2) \rangle = 3x_1y_1 + 2x_1y_2 + 2x_2y_1 + 4x_2y_2$$

For positive definiteness, note that

$$\langle (x_1, x_2), (x_1, x_2) \rangle = 3x_1^2 + 4x_1x_2 + 4x_2^2$$

$$= 3 \left( |x_1 + \frac{2}{3}x_2|^2 + \frac{8}{9}|x_2|^2 \right).$$

(e)  $V = F^{m \times n}$ . For  $A \in V$  define the conjugate transpose of  $A$  by  $A^* = \bar{A}^T$  with  $A^*_{ij} = \overline{A_{ji}}$ .

Then  $\langle A, B \rangle := \text{tr}(B^*A)$  is an inner product on  $V$ .

Check (1)  $m=1$  recovers ordinary inner products on  $\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{C}^n$ .

(2)  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is positive definite.

Prop For  $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  an inner product space over  $F$ ,

$$\begin{cases} \textcircled{1} \langle x, y+z \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x, z \rangle \\ \textcircled{2} \langle x, \lambda y \rangle = \bar{\lambda} \langle x, y \rangle \end{cases} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle \text{ conjugate linear in 2nd variable} \\ \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle \text{ is sesquilinearity} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \langle x, 0 \rangle = \langle 0, y \rangle = 0$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \text{If } \langle x, y \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle \quad \forall x \in V, \text{ then } y = z.$$

Pf  $\textcircled{1} \quad \langle x, y+z \rangle = \overline{\langle y+z, x \rangle} = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle} + \overline{\langle z, x \rangle}$   
 $= \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x, z \rangle.$

$\textcircled{2}, \textcircled{3}$  : Left to you  $\therefore$

$\textcircled{4}$  If  $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle$  for all  $x$  then

$$0 = \langle x, y \rangle - \langle x, z \rangle$$

$$= \langle x, y \rangle + \overline{\langle x, z \rangle}$$

$$= \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x, -z \rangle \quad [\text{by } \textcircled{2}]$$

$$= \langle x, y-z \rangle \text{ for all } x. \quad [\text{by } \textcircled{1}]$$

In particular, for  $x = y-z$  we get  $0 = \langle y-z, y-z \rangle$

$$\Rightarrow y-z=0 \Rightarrow y=z. \quad \square$$

[pos def]

Defn • Let  $V$  be an inner product space. The norm or length

of  $x \in V$  is  $\|x\| := \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$ .

- Two vectors  $v, w \in V$  are orthogonal or perpendicular when  $\langle v, w \rangle = 0$ .
- A unit vector is  $v \in V$  such that  $\|v\| = 1 \Leftrightarrow \langle v, v \rangle = 1$ .

E.g. (a)  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\langle x, y \rangle = x \cdot y$  then

$$\|x\| = \sqrt{x \cdot x} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$$



(b)  $V = \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $\langle x, y \rangle = x \cdot \bar{y}$  then

$$\|z\| = \sqrt{z \cdot \bar{z}} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n z_i \bar{z}_i} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |z_i|^2}$$

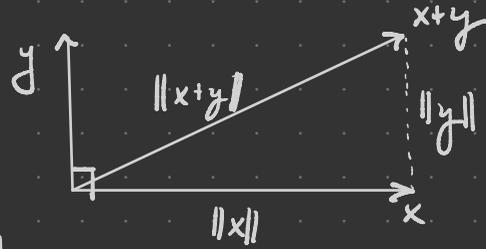
If we identify  $\mathbb{C}^n$  with  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$  via  $x + iy \mapsto (x, y)$   
then this matches the norm on  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ .

(c)  $V = C_{\mathbb{R}}[0, 1]$  then  $\|f\| = \sqrt{\int_0^1 f^2}$  ( $L_2$ -norm)

Then [Pythagoras redux] let  $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  be an inner product space and let  $x, y \in V$  be orthogonal. Then

$$\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 = \|x+y\|^2$$

Pf We know  $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$ , so  $\langle y, x \rangle = \overline{\langle x, y \rangle} = \overline{0} = 0$  too.



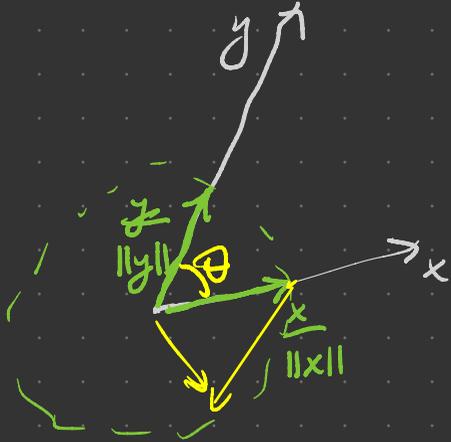
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } \|x+y\|^2 &= \langle x+y, x+y \rangle \\ &= \langle x, x \rangle + \cancel{\langle x, y \rangle} + \cancel{\langle y, x \rangle} + \langle y, y \rangle \quad [\text{sesquilinearity}] \\ &= \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Question Now know about "angle measurements of  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ ":

$$x \perp y \iff \langle x, y \rangle = 0$$

↑  
orthogonal

How should we define  $\langle x, y \rangle$  in general?  
(arbitrary  $x, y \in V$ )



$$\langle x, y \rangle = \|x\| \|y\| \cos \theta$$
$$x, y \neq 0 \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\| \|y\|}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \arccos \left( \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\| \|y\|} \right)$$

for  $F = \mathbb{R}$

$$A^{-1} A = I_{n+1}$$



$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} F & \dots \\ \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix} \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$