

Digression for Euclidean norm on $\mathbb{R}^n$ = Norm assoc'd with an inner product

Def: Let V be a (real) ^{v.s.} vector space. An inner product or scalar product on V is a map $V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $(v, w) \mapsto \langle v, w \rangle$

that is positive-definite, symmetric, and bilinear

means: $\langle v, v \rangle \geq 0 \ \forall v$,
 and $= 0$ iff $v = 0$
 $\swarrow$
 $0_{\mathbb{R}}$
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 0_V

means:
 $\langle v, w \rangle = \langle w, v \rangle$

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$$\langle cv, w \rangle = c \langle v, w \rangle = \langle v, cw \rangle$$

($\forall c \in \mathbb{R}, \forall v \in V, w \in V$)

and

$$\langle v_1 + v_2, w \rangle = \langle v_1, w \rangle + \langle v_2, w \rangle$$

$$\langle v, w_1 + w_2 \rangle = \langle v, w_1 \rangle + \langle v, w_2 \rangle.$$

Ex. $V = \mathbb{R}^n$, $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_i x_i y_i$ (where $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$, $y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$).

This is called the standard or Euclidean inner prod. on $\mathbb{R}^n$.
 (Hw? Check that this is an inner product.)

Lemma: Let $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ be an inner prod. on v.s. V . Then

$$\langle 0_V, w \rangle = 0_{\mathbb{R}} \quad \forall w \in V.$$

PF: Let $w \in V$. Then

$$\langle 0_V, w \rangle = \langle 0_{\mathbb{R}} 0_V, w \rangle = 0_{\mathbb{R}} \langle 0_V, w \rangle = 0_{\mathbb{R}} \quad \cdot \textcircled{2}$$

Usually, I won't put subscripts on different 0's. I'll only do it when you can't easily tell from context what "0" means.

Note: By symmetry of inner prod., the lemma implies $\langle w, 0_V \rangle = 0_{\mathbb{R}}$ as well.

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Given an inner prod. $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ on v.s. V , define

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

Prop: $\|\cdot\|$ is a norm on V .

Pf: (i) " $\|v\| \geq 0 \quad \forall v$ " is clear. ($\checkmark$)

(ii) $\|v\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow \langle v, v \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow v = 0$. ($\checkmark$)

(iii) $\|cv\| = \sqrt{\langle cv, cv \rangle}$

$$= \sqrt{c^2 \langle v, v \rangle}$$

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(Hw: show $\sqrt{AB} = \sqrt{A}\sqrt{B}$
for $A, B \geq 0$)

$$= |c| \|v\|$$

(Hw: show $\sqrt{c^2} = |c|$, $\forall c \in \mathbb{K}$.)

(iv) Triangle ineq.

Postponed; need Cauchy-Schwarz inequality,
discussed below.

(12.3)

Lemma (Cauchy-Schwarz inequality),
we have

~~For~~ For all $v, w \in V$,

$$|\langle v, w \rangle| \leq \|v\| \|w\|, \quad (*)$$

with equality iff. the set $\{v, w\}$ is linearly dependent.

Pf: ~~(12.3)~~ Let $v, w \in V$,

Case 1: Assume $\{v, w\}$ lin. indep. Then $v \neq 0 \neq w$, and, $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$, have $v + tw \neq 0$. From the latter,

$$f(t) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \|v + tw\|^2 > 0, \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Using ~~(12.3)~~ bilinearity ~~(12.3)~~ and symmetry, compute

$$\begin{aligned} \|v + tw\|^2 &\stackrel{(\text{by def.})}{=} \langle v + tw, v + tw \rangle = \langle v, v \rangle + \langle v, tw \rangle + \langle tw, v \rangle + \langle tw, tw \rangle \\ &= \langle v, v \rangle + 2t \langle v, w \rangle + t^2 \langle w, w \rangle \\ &= \|v\|^2 + 2t \langle v, w \rangle + t^2 \|w\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Let $t_1 = -\frac{\langle v, w \rangle}{\|w\|^2}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < f(t_1) &= \|v\|^2 - 2 \frac{\langle v, w \rangle^2}{\|w\|^2} + \frac{\langle v, w \rangle^2}{\|w\|^4} \|w\|^2 \\ &= \|v\|^2 - \frac{\langle v, w \rangle^2}{\|w\|^2}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle v, w \rangle^2 < \|v\|^2 \|w\|^2,$$

$$\Rightarrow |\langle v, w \rangle| < \|v\| \|w\|,$$

Case 2: Assume $\{v, w\}$ lin. dep. If $w = 0 (=0_V)$, then both sides of (*) are 0 ($=0_{\mathbb{R}}$) (by Lemma on p. 12.1). If $w \neq 0$, then $v = cw$ for some $c \in \mathbb{R}$. We then have

$$\|v\| = \|cw\| = |c| \|w\| \quad \text{[by (ii) on p. 12.2]}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle v, w \rangle| &= |\langle cw, w \rangle| = |c \langle w, w \rangle| = |c| |\langle w, w \rangle| = |c| \|w\|^2 \\ &= |c| \|w\| \|w\| \\ &= \|v\| \|w\|. \end{aligned}$$

Combining cases 1 and 2:

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle v, w \rangle| &< \|v\| \|w\| \quad \text{if } \{v, w\} \text{ lin. indep.} \\ \text{and} \quad |\langle v, w \rangle| &= \|v\| \|w\| \quad \text{if } \{v, w\} \text{ lin. dep.} \end{aligned}$$

~~Completing proof.~~

Return to proof of Prop. on p. 12.2. Only (iv), the Δ ineq., remains to be shown. Let $v, w \in V$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|v+w\|^2 &= \langle v+w, v+w \rangle \\ &= \langle v, v \rangle + 2\langle v, w \rangle + \langle w, w \rangle \quad (\text{expanding as in pf. of C-S ineq.}) \\ &= \|v\|^2 + 2\langle v, w \rangle + \|w\|^2 \\ &\leq \|v\|^2 + 2\|v\| \|w\| + \|w\|^2 \quad \text{by C-S ineq.} \\ &= (\|v\| + \|w\|)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\|v+w\| \leq \|v\| + \|w\|$. $\square$

We have now shown that the fcn $v \mapsto \|v\|$ def'd on p. 12.2 is a norm. We call it the norm associated with (or defined by) the inner product.

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Cor: The Euclidean norm $\|\cdot\|_2$ on $\mathbb{R}^n$ is, indeed, a norm.

Pf: The norm $\|\cdot\|_2$ is simply the norm associated with the standard inner prod. on $\mathbb{R}^n$. Hence ~~it is, indeed, a norm.~~

□

Some additional facts about metrics

(In general, not just on normed vector spaces.)

① Let (E, d) be a metric space. Then

$$\textcircled{1} \quad d(x, z) \leq d(x, y_1) + d(y_1, y_2) + \dots + d(y_{n-1}, y_n) + d(y_n, z)$$

for all $x, z, y_1, \dots, y_n \in E$.

Call this the iterated triangle inequality.

Pf: Δ ineq. + induction. (See Rosenlicht, p. 37). □

② For all $x, y, z \in E$,

$$|d(x, y) - d(x, z)| \leq d(y, z).$$

Pf: See Rosenlicht, p. 37. □