

Chapter Five

Inner Product Space

Definition : (Inner product space) or (pre- Hilbert space)

An inner product on a vector space X over a field F is a function of two variables $\langle ., . \rangle : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (or \mathbb{C}) such that :

- 1- $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in X$
- 2- $\langle x, x \rangle = 0 \iff x = 0$
- 3- $\langle x, y \rangle = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle} \quad \forall x, y \in X \text{ if } X = \mathbb{C}.$
 $\quad \quad \quad = \langle y, x \rangle \quad \forall x, y \in X \text{ if } X = \mathbb{R}.$
- 4- $\langle \alpha x + \beta y, z \rangle = \alpha \langle x, z \rangle + \beta \langle y, z \rangle \quad \forall x, y, z \in X \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in F.$

$(X, \langle ., . \rangle)$ is called inner products space or (pre- Hilbert space)

Same time we say that X is inner product space or (pre- Hilbert space) .

Note : The usual inner product on \mathbb{R}^n is define by $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$, $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Example 1:

Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^n is inner product space where $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$, $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Solution:

Example 2:

\mathbb{C}^n is complex inner product space where $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{C}^n$, $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{x_i} y_i$.

Solution:

H.W

1- Show that R^2 is pre- Hilbert space .

2- Is R^3 an inner product space ? why ?

Theorem 1: (The properties of inner product)

Let X be an inner product space if $x, y, z \in X$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ then :

$$(a) \quad \langle \alpha x - \beta y, z \rangle = \alpha \langle x, z \rangle - \beta \langle y, z \rangle$$

$$(b) \quad \langle x, \alpha y + \beta z \rangle = \bar{\alpha} \langle x, y \rangle + \bar{\beta} \langle x, z \rangle$$

$$(c) \quad \langle x, \alpha y - \beta z \rangle = \bar{\alpha} \langle x, y \rangle - \bar{\beta} \langle x, z \rangle$$

$$(d) \quad \langle x, 0 \rangle = \langle 0, x \rangle = 0 \quad \forall x \in X$$

$$(e) \quad \langle x, y + z \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x, z \rangle$$

Proof :

(a)

Remark : Every inner product is norm, and the norm induced by inner product is define by $\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$

Theorem 2: (The Cauchy Schwarz inequality)

Let x and y be two vectors in an inner product space X then,

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$$

Proof:

Let X be an inner product space and let $x, y \in X$

If $x = 0$ or $y = 0 \Rightarrow \|x\| = 0$ or $\|y\| = 0$ and $|\langle x, y \rangle| = 0$

Thus the inequality is hold.

Now, if $x \neq 0$ and $y \neq 0$, let λ be any scalar we have ,

$$\begin{aligned}\langle x + \lambda y, x + \lambda y \rangle &= \langle x, x + \lambda y \rangle + \langle \lambda y, x + \lambda y \rangle \\ &= \langle x, x \rangle + \langle x, \lambda y \rangle + \langle \lambda y, x \rangle + \langle \lambda y, \lambda y \rangle \\ &= \langle x, x \rangle + \overline{\lambda} \langle x, y \rangle + \lambda \langle y, x \rangle + \lambda \overline{\lambda} \langle y, y \rangle \\ &= \|x\|^2 + \overline{\lambda} \langle x, y \rangle + \lambda \overline{\langle x, y \rangle} + |\lambda|^2 \|y\|^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\because y \neq 0 \rightarrow \|y\| \neq 0$$

There for we can put $\lambda = -\frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|y\|^2}$, then we get

$$\begin{aligned}&= \|x\|^2 - \frac{\overline{\langle x, y \rangle}}{\|y\|^2} \langle x, y \rangle - \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|y\|^2} \overline{\langle x, y \rangle} + \left| \frac{-\langle x, y \rangle}{\|y\|^2} \right|^2 \|y\|^2 \\ &= \|x\|^2 - \frac{|\langle x, y \rangle|^2}{\|y\|^2} - \frac{|\langle x, y \rangle|^2}{\|y\|^2} + \frac{|\langle x, y \rangle|^2}{\|y\|^2} \\ &= \|x\|^2 - 2 \frac{|\langle x, y \rangle|^2}{\|y\|^2} + \frac{|\langle x, y \rangle|^2}{\|y\|^2} \\ &\therefore \langle x + \lambda y, x + \lambda y \rangle = \|x\|^2 - \frac{|\langle x, y \rangle|^2}{\|y\|^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\because \langle x + \lambda y, x + \lambda y \rangle \geq 0 \quad [\text{since } \langle x, x \rangle \geq 0]$$

$$\therefore \|x\|^2 - \frac{|\langle x, y \rangle|^2}{\|y\|^2} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{|\langle x, y \rangle|^2}{\|y\|^2} \leq \|x\|^2$$

$$|\langle x, y \rangle|^2 \leq \|x\|^2 \|y\|^2$$

$$\text{Therefor } |\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$$

Theorem3 : Every inner product space is norm space .

Proof : Let $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is an inner product space , we must prove that $(X, \|x\|)$ is normed space where $\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$.

$\because (X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is an inner product space , then we get the following

$$1- \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} \geq 0 \quad (\text{since } \langle x, x \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in X)$$

$$\therefore \|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$$

$$\therefore \|x\| \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in X$$

$$2- \|x\| = 0 \iff \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} = 0 \iff \langle x, x \rangle = 0 \iff x = 0 \quad (\text{since } \langle x, x \rangle = 0 \text{ iff } x=0)$$

$$\therefore \|x\| = 0 \text{ iff } x = 0$$

$$3- \|\alpha x\| = \sqrt{\langle \alpha x, \alpha x \rangle} = \sqrt{\alpha \bar{\alpha} \langle x, x \rangle} = \sqrt{|\alpha|^2 \langle x, x \rangle} = |\alpha| \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} = |\alpha| \|x\|$$

$$4- \therefore \|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$$

$$\therefore \|x + y\| = \sqrt{\langle x + y, x + y \rangle} \rightarrow \|x + y\|^2 = \langle x + y, x + y \rangle$$

$$\text{Now, } \|x + y\|^2 = \langle x + y, x + y \rangle =$$

Lemma: The inner product is a continuous function .

Proof :

Theorem 4: (The Parallelogram Law)

If x and y are two vectors in an inner product space , then

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

Proof : Let x and y are two vectors in an inner product space , then

$$\begin{aligned} \| x + y \|^2 + \| x - y \|^2 &= \langle x + y, x + y \rangle + \langle x - y, x - y \rangle \\ &= \langle x, x + y \rangle + \langle y, x + y \rangle + \langle x, x - y \rangle - \langle y, x - y \rangle \\ &= \langle x, x \rangle + \langle x, y \rangle + \langle y, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle + \langle x, x \rangle - \langle x, y \rangle - \langle y, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle \\ &= \langle x, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle + \langle x, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle \\ &= 2 \langle x, x \rangle + 2 \langle y, y \rangle \\ &= 2 \| x \|^2 + 2 \| y \|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 5: (Jordan – Von Neumann)

A normed space is an inner product space iff the norm of normed space satisfies the parallelogram law .

(Without proof)

Note : Every inner product is norm , but the convers is not true (i.e not necessary every norm is inner product) .

The norm is inner product if the norm satisfies the parallelogram law .

Example 3 : Show that a normed space $C[a, b]$ under the norm defined by

$$\|f\| = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} \{|f(x)|\}, \quad \forall f \in C[a, b] \text{ is not inner product space.}$$

Solution :

$C[a, b]$ is not inner product space because it does not satisfy the parallelogram law

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

Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x) = 1$ and $g: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $g(x) = \frac{x-a}{b-a}$

$\therefore f$ and g two continuous functions

$$\therefore f, g \in C[a, b]$$

$$\text{Now, } \|f\| = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} \{|f(x)|\} = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} \{|1|\} = 1$$

$$\|g\| = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} \{|g(x)|\} = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} \left\{ \left| \frac{x-a}{b-a} \right| \right\} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|f + g\| &= \sup_{x \in [a, b]} \{|(f + g)(x)|\} = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} \{|f(x) + g(x)|\} \\ &= \sup_{x \in [a, b]} \left\{ \left| 1 + \frac{x-a}{b-a} \right| \right\} = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|f - g\| &= \sup_{x \in [a, b]} \{|(f - g)(x)|\} = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} \{|f(x) - g(x)|\} \\ &= \sup_{x \in [a, b]} \left\{ \left| 1 - \frac{x-a}{b-a} \right| \right\} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \|f + g\|^2 + \|f - g\|^2 = 2^2 + 1^2 = 5$$

$$2 \|x\|^2 + 2 \|y\|^2 = 2(1) + 2(1) = 4$$

$$\therefore \|x+y\|^2 + \|x-y\|^2 \neq 2\|x\|^2 + 2\|y\|^2$$

$\therefore C[a, b]$ is not inner product space

H.W Show that a normed space $C[0,1]$ under the norm defined by
 $\|f\| = \sup_{x \in [0,1]} \{|f(x)|\}$, $\forall f \in C[0,1]$ is not inner product space.