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Chapter 4 : Vector spaces

1 Maps on vector spaces

Definition 1.1 Let V be a vector space over a field K and let $f : V \times V \rightarrow K$ be a function. Suppose that the following two conditions hold, for $\alpha, \beta \in K$.

- a. $f(\alpha x + \beta x', y) = \alpha f(x, y) + \beta f(x', y)$, $x, x', y \in V$.
- b. $f(x, \alpha y + \beta y') = \alpha f(x, y) + \beta f(x, y')$, $x, y, y' \in V$.

Then, f is called a bilinear map on V .

Example 1.1 Consider the function $f : V \times V \rightarrow K$ where

$$f(x, y) = xAy^T, \quad (1)$$

with $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ and $K = \mathbb{R}$ and where A is an $n \times n$ matrix. Then, f represents a bilinear map.

Definition 1.2 Let V be a vector space over a field K and let f be a bilinear map on V . Take that $g : V \rightarrow K$ is a map, having

$$g(x) = f(x, x). \quad (2)$$

Then, g is called a quadratic map on V .

Example 1.2 Consider

$$f(x, y) = a_{11}x_1y_1 + a_{12}x_1y_2 + a_{21}x_2y_1 + a_{22}x_2y_2. \quad (3)$$

Then, we have

$$g(x) = a_{11}x_1^2 + (a_{12} + a_{21})x_1x_2 + a_{22}x_2^2, \quad (4)$$

this map represents a quadratic map.

Definition 1.3 Suppose that the quadratic map $g : V \rightarrow K$ satisfies, for $x \neq 0$,

$$g(x) = f(x, x) \succ 0, \quad (5)$$

where f is a bilinear map. Then, g and f are positive definite.

Definition 1.4 Let V be a vector space over K and let S be a subset of V . Suppose that x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n is a finite list of vectors with $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in S$. Then, S spans V iff $x = \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n$, for $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in K$.

Definition 1.5 Let V be a vector space and let $S \subseteq V$. Assume that S spans V and S must be linearly independent. Then, S is called a basis of V .

Definition 1.6 Suppose that V is a vector space and that (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) is an ordered basis for V . Take that

$$a_{ij} = f(x_i, x_j), \quad (6)$$

where f is a bilinear map on V . Then, $A = (a_{ij})$ is said to be the matrix for f with respect to (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) .

2 Inner product spaces

Definition 2.1 Suppose that $Y = \mathbb{R}$ or $Y = \mathbb{C}$ and that V is a vector space over Y . Take that $\langle, \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow Y$ is a function satisfies, for $x, y, z \in V$,

1. $\langle x, x \rangle \succ 0$ and $\langle x, x \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$.

2. .

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle} \text{ when } Y = \mathbb{C}.$$

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle \text{ when } Y = \mathbb{R}.$$

3. $\langle \alpha x + \beta y, z \rangle = \alpha \langle x, z \rangle + \beta \langle y, z \rangle$, for $\alpha, \beta \in Y$.

Then, the function $\langle, \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow Y$ is called an inner product on V .

Definition 2.2 Suppose that V is a vector space over Y . Take that $\langle, \rangle: V \times V \longrightarrow Y$ is an inner product on V .

1. When V is a real or complex vector space, V is said to be a real or complex inner product space.
2. When V is a real vector space, V is said to be a Euclidean space.
3. When V is a complex vector space, V is said to be a unitary space.

Definition 2.3 Let $d: X \times X \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function where X is a nonempty set and assume that, for $x, y, z \in X$,

1. $d(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$.
2. $0 \leq d(x, y) < \infty$.
3. $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$.
4. $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$.

Then, $d(x, y)$ is said to be the distance from x to y or a metric on X .

Definition 2.4 Suppose that X is a nonempty set and that $d: X \times X \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a metric on X . Then, X is said to be a metric space.

Remark 2.1 .

For $x \in V$, the norm of x can be represented as

$$\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}, \quad (7)$$

where V is an inner product space.

The polarization identities are presented in the following two theorems where V is a real or complex inner product space.

Theorem 2.1 Let V be a real inner product space and let $x, y \in V$. Then, we have

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \frac{1}{4}(\|x + y\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2). \quad (8)$$

Theorem 2.2 Let V be a complex inner product space and let $x, y \in V$. Then, we get

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \frac{1}{4}(\|x + y\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2) + \frac{1}{4}i(\|x + iy\|^2 - \|x - iy\|^2). \quad (9)$$

Definition 2.5 Suppose that X is a metric space and that $x \in X$. Let $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of points in X . Then, we can say that $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to x when

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x) = 0, \quad (10)$$

which means that for $\varepsilon > 0$ we find an integer $N > 0$ with $n \geq N \implies d(x_n, x) < \varepsilon$.

Definition 2.6 Assume that X is a metric space and that $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a sequence of points in X . Then, $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is called a Cauchy sequence when we have that for $\varepsilon > 0$ we find an integer $N > 0$ with $m, n \geq N \implies d(x_m, x_n) < \varepsilon$.

Theorem 2.3 Let $x, y, z \in V$. Then, we have

1. $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$, (The triangle inequality).
2. $\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 = 2\|x\|^2 + 2\|y\|^2$, (The parallelogram law).
3. $\|x - y\| \leq \|x - z\| + \|z - y\|$.
4. $|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$, (The Cauchy-Schwarz inequality).
5. $\|x\| \geq 0$ and $\|x\| = 0$ if and only if $x = 0$.

Lemma 2.1 Let X be a metric space and let $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a convergent sequence in X . Then, $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is said to be a Cauchy sequence.

Definition 2.7 Suppose that X is a metric space and that x is an element of X . Take that each Cauchy sequence in X converges to x . Then, X is said to be complete.

Remark 2.2 .

Let V be a real or complex vector space and let

$$\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}. \quad (11)$$

Then, a complete metric space $(V, \|x - y\|)$ is said to be a Hilbert space.

3 Orthogonal sets

Definition 3.1 Suppose that V is an inner product space and that x and y are vectors. Let $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$ for $x, y \in V$. Then, the vectors x and y are called orthogonal and denoted by $x \perp y$.

Definition 3.2 Suppose that V is an inner product space and that A_1 and A_2 are subsets with $A_1, A_2 \subseteq V$. Let $x \perp y$ for every $x \in A_1$ and $y \in A_2$. Then, A_1 and A_2 are said to be orthogonal.

Definition 3.3 Let V be an inner product space and let A be a nonempty set of vectors where

$$A = \{x_i \mid i \in K\}. \quad (12)$$

1. When we have $x_i \perp x_j$ for $i \neq j$, A is called orthogonal.
2. When we have

$$\langle x_i, x_j \rangle = \delta_{i,j}, \quad (13)$$

A is called orthonormal such that $\delta_{i,j}$ represents the Kronecker delta function with

$$\delta_{i,j} := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } i = j, \\ 0 & \text{when } i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

Theorem 3.1 (Pythagoras) Let V be a real or complex inner product space and let $x \perp y$. Then, we have

$$\|x + y\|^2 = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2. \quad (14)$$

Theorem 3.2 (Gram-Schmidt) Suppose that V is a real or complex inner product space and that $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is a basis for V . Then, we say that $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ represents an orthogonal basis for V where

$$u_1 = v_1, \quad (15)$$

and

$$u_j = v_j - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \frac{\langle v_j, u_i \rangle}{\langle u_i, u_i \rangle} u_i, \quad j = 2, \dots, n. \quad (16)$$

An orthonormal basis for V is given by

$$\left\{ \frac{u_1}{\|u_1\|}, \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|}, \dots, \frac{u_n}{\|u_n\|} \right\}. \quad (17)$$

4 Orthogonal matrices and their properties

Definition 4.1 Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix over \mathbb{R} and let

$$A^T A = A A^T = I_n. \quad (18)$$

Then, we say that A is an orthogonal matrix.

Theorem 4.1 Let A be an orthogonal matrix. Then, we have

- a. A^{-1} is an orthogonal matrix.
- b. A^T is an orthogonal matrix.

Theorem 4.2 Let A and B be two matrices of order n such that A and B are orthogonal matrices. Then, the product AB represents an orthogonal matrix, on the other hand, the product BA is also orthogonal.

Theorem 4.3 Let A be an orthogonal matrix. Then, the determinant of A is equal to ± 1 .

Remark 4.1 .

The group which is denoted by $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ is said to be the general linear group of degree n over \mathbb{R} if $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ is the group of $n \times n$ matrices that are real and nonsingular such that this group is the group under matrix multiplication. On the other hand, the general linear group of degree n over \mathbb{C} is denoted by $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$.

The group which is denoted by $O_n(\mathbb{R})$ is said to be the orthogonal group if $O_n(\mathbb{R})$ is the group of $n \times n$ orthogonal matrices over \mathbb{R} such that this group is the group under multiplication.

5 Unitary matrices and their properties

Definition 5.1 Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix over \mathbb{C} and let

$$A^*A = AA^* = I_n. \quad (19)$$

Then, we say that A is a unitary matrix such that A^* is the conjugate transpose of A .

Theorem 5.1 Let A be a unitary matrix. Then, we have that A^{-1} is a unitary matrix.

Theorem 5.2 Suppose that A and B are two matrices of the same order such that A and B are unitary. Then, AB is a unitary matrix.

Remark 5.1 .

The multiplicative group of $n \times n$ unitary matrices over \mathbb{C} is the so-called unitary group and is denoted by $U_n(\mathbb{C})$.

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