

Advanced Topics in Geometry E1 (MTH.B505)

Inner products

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Inner products



V : an n -dimensional vector space over \mathbb{R}

Definition

An inner product on V is a map

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle: V \times V \ni (x, y) \mapsto \langle x, y \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$$

which is

- ▶ bilinear
- ▶ symmetric, and
- ▶ positive definite.

$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bilinear (双线性)

\Leftrightarrow ① $\langle \alpha, \cdot \rangle: V \ni y \mapsto \langle \alpha, y \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$ is linear

• $\langle \cdot, \alpha \rangle: V \ni y \mapsto \langle y, \alpha \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$ is linear

\Leftrightarrow ② $\begin{cases} \langle \alpha, y+z \rangle = \langle \alpha, y \rangle + \langle \alpha, z \rangle \\ \langle \alpha, \lambda y \rangle = \lambda \langle \alpha, y \rangle \end{cases}$

③ $\begin{cases} \langle y+z, \alpha \rangle = \dots \\ \dots \end{cases}$

• symmetric

$\Leftrightarrow \langle \alpha, y \rangle = \langle y, \alpha \rangle$

positivity $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ symm. bilinear form

$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ positive definite

$\Leftrightarrow \langle x, x \rangle > 0$ whenever $x \neq 0$

Example $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$ $y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\langle x, y \rangle := x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2$$

$\Rightarrow \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is an inner product.

(canonical inner product on \mathbb{R}^2)

Inner products on \mathbb{R}^n

$$\begin{pmatrix} x^1 \\ \vdots \\ x^n \end{pmatrix}$$

index: super script

Example

- ▶ \mathbb{R}^n : the set of n -dim. column vectors
- ▶ $A = (a_{ij})$: a symmetric $n \times n$ -matrix of real components.

Set

$$\langle , \rangle : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \ni (x, y) \mapsto {}^t x A y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\frac{{}^t x = x^T}{\text{transposition}}$$

- ▶ \langle , \rangle is a symmetric bilinear form.
- ▶ \langle , \rangle is an inner product iff A is positive definite.

Fact

$$\text{pos. def} \Leftrightarrow \langle x, x \rangle > 0 \text{ for } \forall x \neq 0.$$

An arbitrary inner product of \mathbb{R}^n is expressed in this way.

$$\langle x, y \rangle := x^T \overset{\text{symm}}{A} y \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} x^1 \\ \vdots \\ x^n \end{pmatrix} \quad y = \begin{pmatrix} y^1 \\ \vdots \\ y^n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (x^1 \dots x^n) \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots \\ a_{21} & \ddots & \\ \vdots & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y^1 \\ \vdots \\ y^n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} x^i y^j$$

• bilinear

• symmetric

linear homogeneous in x^i
 y^j

$$a_{ij} = a_{ji}$$

Positivity of symmetric matrices

$A = (a_{ij})$: an $n \times n$ -matrix of real components.

Definition

(A^T)

(对称)

- ▶ A is symmetric $\Leftrightarrow {}^tA = A \Leftrightarrow a_{ij} = a_{ji}$ for all indices i and j .
- ▶ a symmetric matrix A is positive definite $\Leftrightarrow {}^txAx > 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$.
def. -----

Fact

- ▶ The eigenvalues of a real symmetric matrix are real numbers.
- ▶ A real symmetric matrix A is positive definite if and only if the eigenvalues of A are all positive.

cf. Textbook of linear algebra
二次形式 (spect. of "quadratic forms")

• $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$: an inner product on \mathbb{R}^n

$$e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \dots$$

$$e_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

the canonical basis

$$a_{ij} := \langle e_i, e_j \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle x, y \rangle = \sum a_{ij} x^i y^j$$

Example

Example

on \mathbb{R}^2

$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$: bilinear
symmetric

Let $A := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ a & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\langle x, y \rangle := \underline{t x A y}$ for $a \in \mathbb{R}$

► $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is an inner product if and only if $|a| < 1$

positivity \Leftrightarrow all eigenvalues of $A > 0$

\Leftrightarrow $(\det A > 0 \quad \text{tr } A > 0)$
(2 dim) $\begin{matrix} \lambda \mu \\ \lambda + \mu \end{matrix}$

$\Leftrightarrow 1 - a^2 > 0, 2 > 0 \Leftrightarrow \underline{1 - a^2 > 0}$

Orthonormal basis

$(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$: an n -dimensional \mathbb{R} -vector space with inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$.

Definition

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An orthonormal basis of $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is an n -tuple $[e_1, \dots, e_n]$ of elements of V

such that

$$\langle e_i, e_j \rangle = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & (i = j) \\ 0 & (i \neq j) \end{cases}$$

$$\langle e_i, e_i \rangle = 1$$

$$e_i \perp e_j$$

Kronecker's delta

$V = \mathbb{R}^2$, $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$: the canonical inner product

$$\langle x, y \rangle = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 = (x_1 \ x_2) \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= x^T y = x^T I y$$

↑
the identity

$$\text{Set } \begin{cases} v_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ v_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow [v_1, v_2]$: an orthonormal basis

Orthonormal basis

Fact (linear algebra)

► An orthonormal basis of $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is a basis of V .

► For two orthonormal bases $[e_j]$ and $[f_j]$, there exists an orthogonal matrix P with

$$\underline{[f_1, \dots, f_n]} = \underline{[e_1, \dots, e_n]} P$$

orthogonal
matrix
正交矩阵

Existence of orthonormal basis

Theorem (Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization)

There exists an orthonormal basis for any finite dimensional vector space V over \mathbb{R} with inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$.

The dual basis

V : an n -dimensional \mathbb{R} -vector space.

$V^* := \{\alpha: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; \text{linear}\}$ (the dual space)

- $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$: an inner product;
 - $[e_1, \dots, e_n]$: an orthonormal basis
- Set

双对空间
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$$\underbrace{\omega^j}_{V^*} \in V^* \ni x \mapsto \omega^j(x) := \langle e_j, x \rangle \in \mathbb{R} \quad j=1 \dots n$$

Fact

- $[\omega^1, \dots, \omega^n]$ is a basis of V^* called the dual basis of $[e_1, \dots, e_n]$.

Expression of inner products

- ▶ $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$: an n -dimensional vector space with inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$
- ▶ $[e_1, \dots, e_n]$: an orthonormal basis.
- ▶ $[\omega^1, \dots, \omega^n]$: the dual of $[e_j]$; $\omega^k = \langle e_k, \cdot \rangle$.

Fact

$$\checkmark \quad \left. \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n (\omega^j)^2 \right\} \quad \underline{\text{used later}}$$

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n \omega^j(x) \omega^j(y)$$

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∴

$$x = x^1 \theta_1 + \dots + x^n \theta_n.$$

$$y = y^1 \theta_1 + \dots + y^n \theta_n.$$

$$\Rightarrow x^i = \omega^i(x), \quad y^i = \omega^i(y)$$

$$\hookrightarrow \langle x, y \rangle = x^1 y^1 + \dots + x^n y^n \quad \square$$

The Euclidean vector space .

- ▶ \mathbb{R}^n : the vector space consisting of n -dim. column vectors
- ▶ $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle := \mathbf{x}^t \mathbf{y} = \sum_{j=1}^n x^j y^j$: The canonical inner product,
($\mathbf{x} = {}^t(x^1, \dots, x^n)$, $\mathbf{y} = {}^t(y^1, \dots, y^n)$).

Definition

$\mathbb{E}^n := (\mathbb{R}^n, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$: the Euclidean vector space.

The Lorentz-Minkowski vector space \Rightarrow definition of Hyperbolic space

▶ \mathbb{R}^{n+1} the vector space of $(n+1)$ -dim. column vectors

▶ $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle_L := x^0 y^0 + \sum_{j=1}^n x^j y^j$:

$$(\mathbf{x} = {}^t(x^0, x^1, \dots, x^n), \mathbf{y} = {}^t(y^0, y^1, \dots, y^n)).$$

The canonical Lorentzian "inner product".

Definition

$\mathbb{L}^{n+1} = (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_L)$: the Lorentz-Minkowski vector space.

Note $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle_L = 0$ for $\forall \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$
 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ non degeneracy

Exercise 1-1

Problem (Ex. 1-1)

Let $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ be an inner product of \mathbb{R}^2 defined by

$$\underline{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle := {}^t \mathbf{x} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{y}} \quad \underline{\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ a & 1 \end{pmatrix}},$$

where a is a real number with $|a| < 1$.

- ▶ Find an orthonormal basis $[e_1, e_2]$ with respect to $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$.
- ▶ Find row vectors $\hat{\omega}^j$ ($j = 1, 2$) such that the dual basis $[\underline{\omega}^j]$ of $[e_j]$ is expressed as

$$\omega^j(\mathbf{x}) = \hat{\omega}^j \mathbf{x} \quad (j = 1, 2)$$

$\hat{\omega}^j: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ linear
 \downarrow
(1, 2)-matrix

Exercise 1-2

$$\langle x, y \rangle_L = (-x^0 y^0 + x^1 y^1 + x^2 y^2)$$

Problem (Ex. 1-2)

Let \mathbb{L}^3 be the 3-dimensional Lorentz-Minkowski vector space, and fix $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{L}^3$ with $\langle \underline{x}, \underline{x} \rangle_L = -1$. Take the "orthogonal complement"

$$W := \underline{x}^\perp = \{ \underline{y} \in \mathbb{L}^3; \langle \underline{x}, \underline{y} \rangle_L = 0 \}$$

(a)

$$\langle \underline{x}, \underline{y} \rangle_L = 0$$

- ▶ Show that W is a 2-dimensional linear subspace of \mathbb{L}^3 .
- ▶ Show that the restriction of $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_L$ to $W \times W$ is a (positive definite) inner product of W .

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \boxed{\langle x, x \rangle = -1}$$

$$W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} y^0 \\ y^1 \\ y^2 \end{pmatrix}; -y^0 x^0 + y^1 x^1 + y^2 x^2 = 0 \right\}$$

$$\text{If } y \in W \rightarrow \boxed{\langle y, y \rangle_L > 0} \text{ if } y \neq 0$$

$(\Leftrightarrow \langle x, y \rangle_L = 0)$ | conclusion