

## Sec 5.4 Inner product spaces.

- Recall the definitions of scalar product and length on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

For  $\vec{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^T$ ,  $\vec{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  
 inner (scalar) product  $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \vec{x}^T \vec{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$

length :  $\|\vec{x}\| = \sqrt{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$

Sometimes, we also call the above length **2-norm of  $\vec{x}$** , and write it as  **$\|\vec{x}\|_2$**

Remark. Later we will see there are several other "norms" on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . 2-norm is the most commonly used norm on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

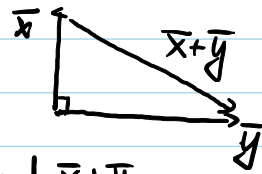
- $\theta$  between  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{y}$  satisfies:  $\cos \theta = \frac{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle}{\|\vec{x}\| \cdot \|\vec{y}\|}$
- scalar projection of  $\vec{x}$  onto  $\vec{y}$ :  $\alpha = \|\vec{x}\| \cdot \cos \theta = \frac{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle}{\|\vec{y}\|}$
- vector projection of  $\vec{x}$  onto  $\vec{y}$ :  $\vec{p} = \alpha \left( \frac{1}{\|\vec{y}\|} \vec{y} \right) = \frac{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle}{\|\vec{y}\|^2} \cdot \vec{y}$
- $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{y}$  are orthogonal if  $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = 0$  and we write  $\vec{x} \perp \vec{y}$ .

Theorem (The Pythagorean law)

If  $\vec{x} \perp \vec{y}$ , then  $\|\vec{x} + \vec{y}\|^2 = \|\vec{x}\|^2 + \|\vec{y}\|^2$ .

- Geometrically, the Pythagorean law means

eg let  $\vec{x} = (1, 1, 0, 3)^T$  and  $\vec{y} = (1, -1, 2, 0)^T$   
 verify the Pythagorean law on  $\vec{x}$ ,  $\vec{y}$  and  $\vec{x} + \vec{y}$ .



$$\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = 1 \cdot 1 + 0 + 0 = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{x} \perp \vec{y} \quad (\vec{x} \text{ and } \vec{y} \text{ are orthogonal in } \mathbb{R}^4)$$

$$\|\vec{x}\|^2 = 1^2 + 1^2 + 0^2 + 3^2 = 11, \quad \|\vec{y}\|^2 = 1^2 + (-1)^2 + 2^2 + 0^2 = 6$$

$$\vec{x} + \vec{y} = (2, 0, 2, 3)^T$$

$$\|\vec{x} + \vec{y}\|^2 = 2^2 + 0^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 = 4 + 0 + 4 + 9 = 17$$

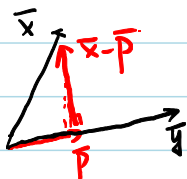
$$\|\vec{x}\|^2 + \|\vec{y}\|^2 = 11 + 6 = 17 = \|\vec{x} + \vec{y}\|^2$$

Theorem. If  $\bar{p}$  is the vector projection of  $\bar{x}$  onto  $\bar{y}$ , then.

(1)  $\bar{x} - \bar{p} \perp \bar{p}$  and

(2)  $\|\bar{x} - \bar{p}\|^2 + \|\bar{p}\|^2 = \|\bar{x}\|^2$

• Geometrically, it means:



The vector projection  $\bar{p}$  is also called orthogonal projection.

eg. (Example in SS.7)

Let  $\bar{x} = (2, -5, 4)^T$ ,  $\bar{y} = (1, 2, -1)^T$

We have computed in SS.1 that the vector projection of  $\bar{x}$  onto  $\bar{y}$  is:

$\bar{p} = (-2, -4, 2)^T$ .

We can verify the above theorem using these vectors.

$\bar{x} - \bar{p} = (4, -1, 2)^T$ .

$\Rightarrow \langle \bar{x} - \bar{p}, \bar{p} \rangle = (4, -1, 2) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = -8 + 4 + 4 = 0$ .

$\Rightarrow \bar{x} - \bar{p} \perp \bar{p}$ .

$\|\bar{x} - \bar{p}\|^2 = 4^2 + (-1)^2 + 2^2 = 21$ ,  $\|\bar{p}\|^2 = (-2)^2 + (-4)^2 + 2^2 = 24$ .

$\|\bar{x}\|^2 = 2^2 + (-5)^2 + 4^2 = 4 + 25 + 16 = 45$ .

Indeed,  $\|\bar{x} - \bar{p}\|^2 + \|\bar{p}\|^2 = 21 + 24 = 45 = \|\bar{x}\|^2$ .

• Order "norms" on  $\mathbb{R}^n$

2-norm:  $\|\bar{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$

1-norm:  $\|\bar{x}\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| = |x_1| + \dots + |x_n|$

$\infty$ -norm:  $\|\bar{x}\|_{\infty} = \max_{k \in \{1, \dots, n\}} |x_k|$

eg.  $\bar{x} = (4, 5, 3)^T$ . Find  $\|\bar{x}\|_2$ ,  $\|\bar{x}\|_1$ ,  $\|\bar{x}\|_{\infty}$

$\|\bar{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{4^2 + 5^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{50} = 5\sqrt{2}$ .

$\|\bar{x}\|_1 = |4| + |5| + |3| = 12$ .

$\|\bar{x}\|_{\infty} = \max\{|4|, |5|, |3|\} = 5$ .

• 2-norm is induced by the inner product  $\|\bar{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{\langle \bar{x}, \bar{x} \rangle}$ , 1-norm and  $\infty$ -norm are not (induced by any inner product).

• The Pythagorean law holds true for norms induced by inner product, 1-norm and  $\infty$ -norm do not satisfy the Pythagorean law.



- Consider the previous example

$$\bar{x} = (1, 1, 0, 3)^T, \quad \bar{y} = (1, -1, 2, 0)^T$$

$$\bar{x} + \bar{y} = (2, 0, 2, 3)$$

$$\|\bar{x}\|_\infty = 3, \quad \|\bar{y}\|_\infty = 2, \quad \|\bar{x} + \bar{y}\|_\infty = 3$$

$$3^2 + 2^2 \neq 3^2$$

$$\|\bar{x}\|_1 = 1+1+3=5, \quad \|\bar{y}\|_1 = 1+1+2=4, \quad \|\bar{x} + \bar{y}\|_1 = 2+2+3=7$$

$$5^2 + 4^2 \neq 7^2$$

- Let  $V$  be a vector space

An inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is a map from  $V \times V$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ ,

A norm  $\|\cdot\|$  is a map from  $V$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

There are certain conditions on  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and  $\|\cdot\|$  which generalize those properties of scalar product and length on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

- Conditions on inner product.

I.  $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$  with equality iff  $x=0$ .

II.  $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$

III.  $\langle \alpha x + \beta y, z \rangle = \alpha \langle x, z \rangle + \beta \langle y, z \rangle$

- Conditions on norm

I.  $\|x\| \geq 0$  with equality iff  $x=0$ .

II.  $\|\alpha x\| = |\alpha| \cdot \|x\|$

III.  $\|x+y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$

- A vector space  $V$  equipped with an inner product is called an inner product space
- A vector space  $V$  equipped with a norm is called a norm space.
- eg.  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with the usual scalar product (as inner product) is an inner product space

The proof of triangle inequality follows from the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$|\langle \bar{x}, \bar{y} \rangle| \leq \|\bar{x}\| \cdot \|\bar{y}\|$$