

## 6. Inner product spaces.

$$\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R} \text{ or } \mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}.$$

Definition:  $V$ , an inner product is a map  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ , namely given  $v, w \in V$

then  $\langle v, w \rangle \in \mathbb{F}$ , satisfying:

1. linearity:  $\langle \alpha v, w \rangle = \alpha \langle v, w \rangle$  and  $\langle v + u, w \rangle = \langle v, w \rangle + \langle u, w \rangle$ .

2. conjugate symmetry:  $\langle v, w \rangle = \overline{\langle w, v \rangle}$

3. positive definite:  $\langle v, v \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $v \in V$  and  $\langle v, v \rangle = 0 \iff v = 0$ .

An inner product space is a vector space  $V$  equipped with an inner product

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}.$$

Example:  $V = \mathbb{C}^n$   $v = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$   $w = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_n \end{bmatrix}$   $\langle v, w \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \cdot \overline{w_i}$

If  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ , this is the usual dot product.

Example:  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $c_i > 0$   $\langle v, w \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \cdot v_i \cdot w_i$

Example:  $V = C([a, b])$  continuous functions on  $[a, b]$ .

$$\langle f, g \rangle := \int_a^b f(t) \cdot \overline{g(t)} dt$$

Definition:  $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$  the conjugate transpose  $A^* \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$  is the matrix

$$(A^*)_{ij} = \overline{A_{ji}}.$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1+i & -2+3i \\ 8 & 2-i \end{bmatrix} \quad A^* = \begin{bmatrix} 1-i & 8 \\ -2-3i & 2+i \end{bmatrix}$$

Given  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$ , the Frobenius inner product is:  $\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(B^* A)$

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \overline{y}^t \cdot x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \cdot \overline{y_i}$$

Definition:  $V$  inner product space, the norm of a vector  $v$  is  $\|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}$ .

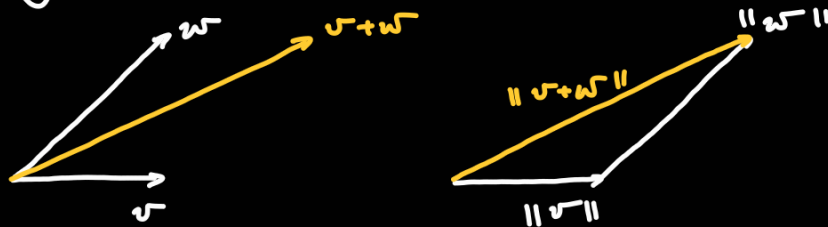
Example:  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$  then  $\|(v_1, \dots, v_n)\| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n v_i^2}$ .

Given a norm  $\|\cdot\|: V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ , we have:

1.  $\|c \cdot v\| = |c| \cdot \|v\|$  for all  $c \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $v \in V$ .

2.  $\|v\| \geq 0$  and  $\|v\| = 0$  iff  $v = 0$ .

3. Triangle inequality:  $\|v+w\| \leq \|v\| + \|w\|$ .



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We say that  $v, w \in V$  are orthonormal if  $\langle v, w \rangle = 0$  and  $\|v\| = 1 = \|w\|$ . We say that

$v$  is a unit vector if  $\|v\| = 1$ .

Note that, given  $v \in V$ , the vector  $w = \frac{v}{\|v\|}$  is a unit vector and  $w \in \text{span}(v)$ .

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Examples:  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\langle e_i, e_j \rangle = 0$  if  $i \neq j$  and  $\|e_i\| = 1$  for all  $i$ .

So  $\beta = \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  is an orthonormal basis with the standard inner product.

Example:  $V = \mathbb{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$  on  $[0, 1]$ ,  $\langle p, q \rangle = \int_0^1 p \cdot q$ .  
 $V \subseteq C([0, 1])$

$$\sigma = \{1, x, x^2\} \quad \langle 1, x \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \quad \langle x, x^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \quad \langle 1, x^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{3}$$

So  $\sigma$  is not orthogonal with respect to this inner product.

Define:  $\langle a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2, b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 \rangle = a_0b_0 + a_1b_1 + a_2b_2$

then  $\langle 1, x \rangle = 0$ ,  $\langle x, x^2 \rangle = 0$ ,  $\langle 1, x^2 \rangle = 0$ , and  $\|1\| = \|x\| = \|x^2\| = 1$

so  $\sigma$  is an orthonormal with respect to this inner product.

