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Normed Linear Space

Defⁿ: Let $V(F)$ be a linear space and let $\| \cdot \|$ be a function from V into \mathbb{R} such that for all $u, v \in V$ and $\alpha \in F$, (Whether real or complex), we have

$$[n_1]: \|u\| > 0$$

$$[n_2]: \|u\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow u = 0$$

$$[n_3]: \|\alpha u\| = |\alpha| \|u\|$$

$$[n_4]: \|u+v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\| \text{ (triangular inequality)}$$

Then the function $\| \cdot \|$ is called a norm on V and the pair $(V, \| \cdot \|)$ is called a normed linear space.

The real number $\|u\|$ is called the norm of the vector u .

By the first axiom $[I P_1]$ of an inner product, (u, u) is non-negative for any vector u . Thus its positive square root exists. We use the notation $\|u\| = \sqrt{(u, u)}$

Cauchy Schwarz's Inequality

Theorem: If u and v be two vectors in an inner product space, then $|(u, v)| \leq \|u\| \|v\|$

Proof: If $v=0$, then $\|v\|=0$ and $(u, v)=0$. Therefore in this case, both sides vanish and the result is clear.

Now, let $v \neq 0$. Then for any scalar λ , we have

$$(u + \lambda v, u + \lambda v) \geq 0; \text{ since } (w, w) = \|w\|^2 \geq 0 \quad \forall w \in V$$

$$\Rightarrow (u, u + \lambda v) + \lambda (v, u + \lambda v) \geq 0$$

by linearity of inner product.

$$\Rightarrow (u, u) + \bar{\lambda} (u, v) + \lambda (v, u) + \bar{\lambda} \lambda (v, v) \geq 0$$

since $(u, bv + cw)$

$$= \bar{b}(u, v) + \bar{c}(u, w)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|u\|^2 + \bar{\lambda} (u, v) + \lambda (v, u) + \lambda \bar{\lambda} (v, v) \geq 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Since } v \neq 0 \Rightarrow \|v\| \neq 0$$

therefore putting $\lambda = -\frac{(u, v)}{\|v\|^2}$ in (1), we get

$$\|u\|^2 - \frac{\overline{(u, v)}}{\|v\|^2} (u, v) - \frac{(u, v)}{\|v\|^2} (v, v) + \frac{|(u, v)|^2}{(\|v\|^2)^2} \cdot \|v\|^2$$

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$$\Rightarrow \|u\|^2 \|v\|^2 - |(u, v)|^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |(u, v)| \leq \|u\| \cdot \|v\| \quad \text{Hence the result.}$$

Theorem: Every inner product vector space is a normed vector space.

Proof: Let V be an inner product space. In order to prove that it is a normed vector space, we have to show that it satisfies the properties of normed vector space.

if $u \in V$, then by defⁿ $\|u\|^2 = (u, u)$

(i) $\|u\|^2 = (u, u) \geq 0$ by the property of inner product space.

Also, $(u, u) = 0$ iff $u = 0$

$\therefore \|u\|^2 = 0$ and $\|u\| = 0$ iff $u = 0$

(ii) $\|\alpha u\|^2 = (\alpha u, \alpha u)$

$= \alpha \bar{\alpha} (u, u)$

$\therefore \|\alpha u\|^2 = |\alpha|^2 \|u\|^2$

Taking square root of both sides, we get

$\|\alpha u\| = |\alpha| \|u\|$

(iii) $\|u+v\|^2 = (u+v, u+v)$

$= (u, u+v) + (v, u+v)$

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$= \|u\|^2 + (u, v) + (v, u) + \|v\|^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 + (u, v) + (v, u) \quad (4) \\
 &= \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 + (u, v) + \overline{(u, v)} \\
 &= \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 + 2 \text{ real part of } (u, v) \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, if $w = a + ib$ be a Complex number, then

$$|w| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \quad \text{and the real part of } w = a$$

$$\therefore \text{real part of } w \leq |w|$$

Hence from (1), we have

$$\|u+v\|^2 \leq \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 + 2|(u, v)|$$

By Cauchy Schwarz's inequality, we have

$$|(u, v)| \leq \|u\| \cdot \|v\|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Hence } \|u+v\|^2 &\leq \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 + 2\|u\| \cdot \|v\| \\
 &= [\|u\| + \|v\|]^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|u+v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$$

Thus all the properties of a normed vector space are satisfied.

Hence every inner product space is a normed vector space.