

MATH 521 Lecture 10

INNER PRODUCT SPACE

Def An inner product space is a vector space V with a function $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

- $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$
- $\langle x_1 + x_2, y \rangle = \langle x_1, y \rangle + \langle x_2, y \rangle$
- $\langle \lambda x, y \rangle = \lambda \langle x, y \rangle \quad x, y \in V \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$
- $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$ and $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$ iff $x = 0$
(positive definite)

E.g.

• $V = \mathbb{R} \quad \langle x, y \rangle = xy \quad \langle v, v \rangle = \sum x_i^2 = \|v\|_2^2$

• $V = \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \langle v, w \rangle = v \cdot w = v^T w$
 $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \cdot (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n) = \sum \lambda_i \mu_i$

• $V = \text{functions } f: \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \mathbb{R}^{\{1, \dots, n\}} = \mathbb{R}^n$

I can define

$\langle f, g \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n f(i)g(i)$ Note: f can be written as $(f(1), f(2), \dots, f(n))$

• "e.g." $V = \text{functions } f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

~~$\langle f, g \rangle = \sum_{x \in [0, 1]} f(x)g(x)$~~ $\int_0^1 f(x)g(x)dx$



Thm If V is an inner product space, $\|v\| := \langle v, v \rangle^{1/2}$ is a norm
 i.e. every inner product space is a normed space

One would then want to say

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Pf We want to show

$$\|x+y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$$

\Leftrightarrow

$$\langle x+y, x+y \rangle \leq \|x\|^2 + 2\|x\|\|y\| + \|y\|^2$$

\Leftrightarrow

$$\langle x, x \rangle + 2\langle x, y \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle \leq \langle x, x \rangle + 2\|x\|\|y\| + \langle y, y \rangle$$

\Leftrightarrow

$$\langle x, y \rangle \leq \|x\|\|y\|$$

Cauchy-Schwartz Inequality

If $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^n$, C-S says

$$\frac{\langle v, w \rangle}{\|v\|\|w\|} \leq 1$$

\parallel

$\cos \theta$, where θ is the angle between v and w

This allows us to compute angles in any inner product space e.g.

$$V = \mathbb{R}^{[0,1]} \quad f(x) = x \quad g(x) = x^2$$

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(x)g(x) dx = \int_0^1 x^3 dx = \frac{x^4}{4} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\|f\| = \langle f, f \rangle^{1/2} = \left(\int_0^1 [f(x)]^2 dx \right)^{1/2} = \left(\int_0^1 x^2 dx \right)^{1/2} = \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^{1/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\|g\| = \dots$$

$$\text{so } \cos \theta = \frac{\langle f, g \rangle}{\|f\|\|g\|} = \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right)} = \frac{\sqrt{15}}{4}$$

$$V = \mathbb{R}^{[0,1]}$$

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

$$\|f\| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \|g\| = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\langle f, g \rangle}{\|f\|\|g\|} = \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}} = \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{\frac{2}{3}} = 1$$

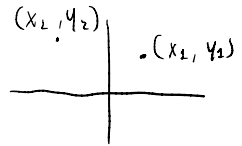
$$\theta = 0$$

$$\left(\int_0^1 (2x)^2 dx \right)^{1/2} = \left(\frac{4}{3} \right)^{1/2}$$

Suppose x = house price, y = interest rate

(x_i, y_i) are many measurements of these variables

CORRELATION coefficient ρ measures something about the relation between the variables



Fact: the correlation is the angle between

$\vec{x} (x_1, \dots, x_N)$ ← If everything is normalized to the mean 0

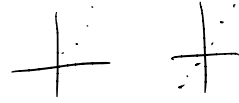
$\vec{y} (y_1, \dots, y_N)$

$$\rho = 1 \Leftrightarrow y_i = ax_i \quad \forall i \quad a > 0 \Leftrightarrow \theta = 0$$

$\rho > 0$ \vec{x}, \vec{y} are at an acute angle

$\rho < 0$... obtuse angle

$\rho = 0$... orthogonal/perpendicular



$$(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) - (3, 1, 3, 3, 3)$$

$$(2, 3, 4, 5, 6) - (4, 4, 4, 4, 4)$$

$$(-2, -1, 0, 1, 2)$$

If x is positively correlated with y ,
and y is positively correlated with z, \dots ?



PF of Cauchy-Schwartz " $\langle x, y \rangle \leq \|x\| \|y\|$ "

Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, and consider

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x - \lambda y, x - \lambda y \rangle &= \langle x, x \rangle - 2\lambda \langle x, y \rangle + \lambda^2 \langle y, y \rangle \\ &= \|x\|^2 - 2\lambda \langle x, y \rangle + \lambda^2 \|y\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Let's think of this as a function of λ

$$p(\lambda) = a\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c$$

By positive definitions,
 $p(\lambda) \geq 0$ for all λ

$$a = \|y\|^2$$

$$b = -2\langle x, y \rangle$$

$$c = \|x\|^2$$

$$x - \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|y\|^2} \cdot y$$

What does $P(\lambda) \geq 0 \quad \forall \lambda$ say about a, b, c ?

Calculus approach:

$$P(\lambda) \text{ is minimized when } P'(\lambda) = 2\lambda a + b = 0$$

$$\lambda = -\frac{b}{2a} = \frac{2\langle x, y \rangle}{2\|y\|^2} = \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|y\|^2}$$

Plug in this value:

$$P\left(-\frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|y\|^2}\right) = \|x\|^2 - \frac{2\langle x, y \rangle}{\|y\|^2} \cdot \langle x, y \rangle + \frac{\langle x, y \rangle^2}{\|y\|^4} \|y\|^2$$

$$= \|x\|^2 - \frac{2\langle x, y \rangle^2}{\|y\|^2} + \frac{\langle x, y \rangle^2}{\|y\|^2}$$

$$= \|x\|^2 - \frac{\langle x, y \rangle^2}{\|y\|^2} \geq 0$$

$$\|x\|^2 \geq \frac{\langle x, y \rangle^2}{\|y\|^2}$$

$$\frac{\langle x, y \rangle^2}{\|x\|^2 \|y\|^2} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\| \|y\|} \leq 1$$

A linear algebra approach:

$$a\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c \geq 0 \quad \forall \lambda \Leftrightarrow b^2 - 4ac \leq 0$$

\Rightarrow either

• roots are complex $b^2 - 4ac < 0$

• roots are double $b^2 - 4ac = 0$



Summary: we've proven C-S inequality

\Rightarrow for every IPS, $\|v\| = \langle v, v \rangle^{1/2}$ is a norm

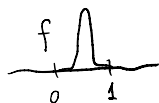
Now, on functions $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ we have two norms

$$\|f\|_2 = \left(\int_0^1 f(x)^2\right)^{1/2}$$

$$\|f\|_{\sup} = \sup_{x \in [0, 1]} |f(x)|$$

$\|f\|_{\sup}$ is small \Rightarrow f is always small

$\|f\|_2$ is small \Rightarrow f is usually small



$\|f\|_{\sup}$ big

$\|f\|_2$ small

