

Module – 2.1

FINITE DIMENSIONAL VECTOR SPACES: AN OVERVIEW

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FINITE DIMENSIONAL VECTOR SPACE

- \mathbb{R} – Set of all real numbers – also called real scalars
- \mathbb{C} – Set of all complex numbers – also called complex scalars
- \mathbb{R}^n – Set of all real vectors of size n
- \mathbb{C}^n – Set of all complex vectors of size n

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \quad x_i \in \mathbb{R} \quad 0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \text{ null vector} \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} 3.2 \\ 1.5 \\ 9.9 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$x \in \mathbb{C}^n \Rightarrow x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + iy_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_i + iy_i \\ \vdots \\ x_n + iy_n \end{pmatrix} \quad x_i, y_i \in \mathbb{R}, i = \sqrt{-1} \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + i \\ 1 - i \\ 1 - 2i \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^3$$

- We will largely deal with \mathbb{R}^n

OPERATIONS VECTORS

- $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$$

- $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)^T$$

$$z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)^T$$

- $z = x \pm y \Rightarrow z_i = x_i \pm y_i$

$1 \leq i \leq n$ – Vector addition /subtraction

- $y = ax \Rightarrow y_i = ax_i$

$1 \leq i \leq n$ – Scalar multiplication of a vector

- $z = ax + y \Rightarrow z_i = ax_i + y_i$

$1 \leq i \leq n$ – Scalar times a vector + a vector - Saxpy

LINEAR VECTOR SPACE

- Let V – denote a set or collection of real vectors of size n
- V is called a **(linear) vector space** if it satisfies the following three conditions:
 - C1). V is a group under addition**
 - 1) $x + y \in V$ if $x, y \in V$ – Closed under addition
 - 2) $x + y + z = x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$ – Associative property of addition
 - 3) V contains a zero vector 0 : $x + 0 = 0 + x = x \forall x \in V$
 - 4) For every $x \in V$, there is a unique $y \in V$: $x + y = y + x = 0$. y is called the additive inverse of x and $y = -x$
 - C2). Scalar multiplication**
 - 1) $ax \in V$ if $x \in V$ – Closed under scalar multiplication
 - 2) $a(bx) = (ab)x$ – for all $x \in V$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$
 - 3) $1x = x$ – for all $x \in V$, 1 is the real number one
 - C3). Distributivity**
 - 1) $a(x + y) = ax + ay$ – for all $x, y \in V$ and $a \in \mathbb{R}$
 - 2) $(a + b)x = ax + bx$ – for all $x \in V$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

EXAMPLE OF VECTOR SPACES

- 1) \mathbb{R} is a real vector space of real scalars
- 2) \mathbb{R}^n is a real vector space of n -vector, ($n \geq 1$)
- 3) \mathbb{C}^n is a complex vector space of n – complex vector, ($n \geq 1$)
- 4) The set of all $n \times n$ real matrices is a vector space
- 5) The set of all polynomials of degree n is a vector space
- 6) Let $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots)$ be an infinite sequence, with $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i^2 < \infty$ is a vector space – square summable sequences
- 7) The set of all continuous function over the interval $[a, b]$ is a vector space

OPERATION ON VECTORS IN \mathbb{R}^n

• Let $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$, $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

• Inner/scalar product of x and y is a scalar

$$\langle x, y \rangle = x^T y = \sum x_i y_i = \sum y_i x_i = y^T x = \langle y, x \rangle - \text{symmetry}$$

• Properties of $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$

1) $\langle x, y \rangle > 0 \quad \forall x \neq 0$ – Positive definite
= 0 only if $x = 0$

2) $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$ - symmetry

3) $\langle x + y, z \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle$ - additive

4) $\langle ax, y \rangle = a \langle x, y \rangle = \langle x, ay \rangle$ - homogeneity

5) $\langle x, z \rangle = \langle y, z \rangle$ for all $z \rightarrow x = y$

Note: For $x, y \in \mathbb{C}^n$,

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum x_i \bar{y}_i, \bar{y}_i \text{ is the complex conjugate of } y_i$$

OPERATION ON VECTORS IN \mathbb{R}^n

- Outer product of two vectors is a matrix:

$$xy^T = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 y_1 & x_1 y_2 & \cdots & x_1 y_n \\ x_2 y_1 & x_2 y_2 & \cdots & x_2 y_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_n y_1 & x_n y_2 & \cdots & x_n y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

outer product: $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} = [xy_1 \ xy_2 \ \dots \ xy_n]$ - multiples of column x

$$= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 y^T \\ x_2 y^T \\ \vdots \\ x_n y^T \end{bmatrix} \text{ - multiples of row } y$$

NORM AND DISTANCE

- **Norm of x denoted by $\|x\|$ is a scalar associated with x – denotes a measure of the size of x**

1) Euclidean/ 2 – norm: $\|x\|_2 = (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2)^{1/2} = \langle x, x \rangle^{1/2}$

2) Manhattan/ 1 – norm: $\|x\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$

3) Chebyshev/ ∞ – norm: $\|x\|_\infty = \max_i \{|x_i|\}$

4) Minkowski/ p – norm: $\|x\|_p = [\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p]^{1/p}$

5) Energy norm: $\|x\|_A = (x^T A x)^{1/2}$ - A symmetric positive definite matrix

- **Distance: $d(x, y)$ between $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$**

$d(x, y) = \|x - y\|$ – depends on the choice of the norm

GENERAL PROPERTY OF A NORM

- Let $N: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ then $N(x)$ is a norm if it satisfies the following:
 - 1) $N(x) > 0$ when $x \neq 0$ – positive definite
 $= 0$ when $x = 0$
 - 2) $N(ax) = |a| N(x)$ – homogenous.
 - 3) $N(x + y) \leq N(x) + N(y)$ – Triangle inequality

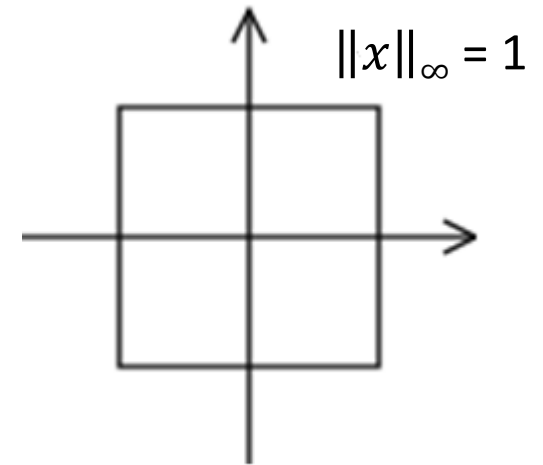
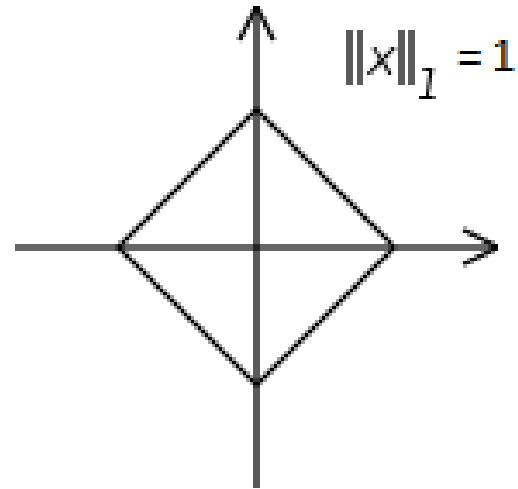
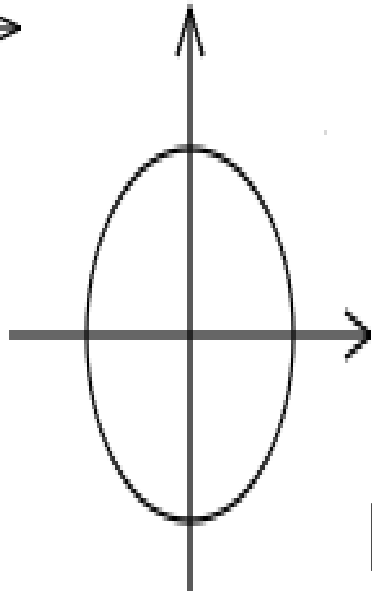
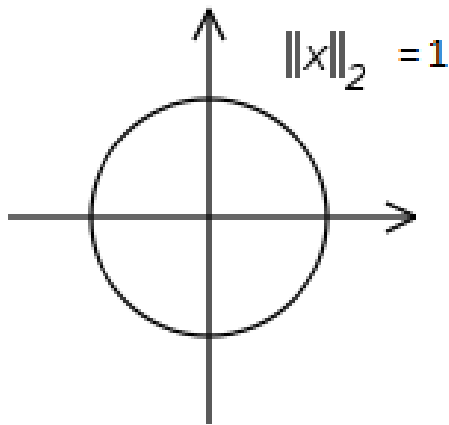
Note:

- $\|x\|_2$ is derivable from inner product
- Verify $\|x + y\|_2^2 + \|x - y\|_2^2 = 2(\|x\|_2^2 + \|y\|_2^2)$ called the parallelogram law

UNIT SPHERE

$$S = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x\| = 1\}$$

Variation of the shape of unit sphere under the norm.



$$\|x\|_A = 1, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|x\|_A^2 = x^T A x = 5x_1^2 + x_2^2 = \frac{x_1^2}{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right)^2} + \frac{x_2^2}{1} = 1$$

UNIT VECTOR

$$\hat{x} = \frac{x}{\|x\|_2} = (\hat{x}_1, \hat{x}_2, \dots, \hat{x}_n)^T$$

- Cauchy Schwarz inequality (CS)

- $\langle x, y \rangle = x^T y = \|x\|_2 \|y\|_2 \cos\theta \leq \|x\|_2 \|y\|_2$
- Verify that x and y are parallel if $x^T y = \|x\|_2 \|y\|_2$

- Minkowski inequality: let p, q be integers: $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$

$$\langle x, y \rangle = x^T y \leq \|x\|_p \|y\|_q$$

NORMS ARE EQUIVALENT

$$\|x\|_2 \leq \|x\|_1 \leq \sqrt{n} \|x\|_2$$

$$\|x\|_\infty \leq \|x\|_2 \leq \sqrt{n} \|x\|_\infty$$

$$\|x\|_\infty \leq \|x\|_1 \leq n \|x\|_\infty$$

- Hence, in analysis one can pick any norm

FUNCTIONALS

- Let V be a vector space
- Any function that maps V into \mathbb{R} : $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called a functional
- f is called linear functional if

$$f(x_1 + x_2) = f(x_1) + f(x_2) - \text{additive}$$

$$f(ax) = af(x) - \text{homogenous}$$

- Example:

1) $\|x\|$ is a nonlinear functional

2) Let a be a fixed vector. $f_a: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f_a(x) = \langle a, x \rangle$ is a linear functional

3) $f_A(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^T A x$ is a nonlinear functional

ORTHOGONALITY AND CONJUGACY

- x, y are orthogonal denoted by $x \perp y$ if $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$
- x, y are A -conjugate if $x^T A y = 0$
- Let $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$ $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$
 - S is said to be mutually orthogonal if
$$\begin{aligned} \langle x_i, x_j \rangle &= 0 \text{ for } i \neq j \\ &\neq 0 \text{ for } i = j \end{aligned}$$
 - S is said to be orthonormal if
$$\begin{aligned} \langle x_i, x_j \rangle &= 0 \text{ for } i \neq j \\ &= 1 \text{ for } i = j \end{aligned}$$
 - S is said to be A -conjugate if
$$\begin{aligned} x_i^T A x_j &= 0 \text{ for } i \neq j \\ &= \|x\|_A^2 \text{ for } i = j \end{aligned}$$

LINEAR COMBINATION

- Let $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$ be a set of k vector in R^n , where $x_i = (x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{in})^T$
- Let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k are real scalar
- Then y which is the sum of scalar multiples of vector in S is called linear combination

$$y = a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_kx_k$$

- When $a_i = \frac{1}{k}$, $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k x_i$ is the centroid of S

LINEAR INDEPENDENCE

- Let $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$ $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- The vector in S are linear dependent if there exists a linear combination

$$y = a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_kx_k = 0$$

when not all the scalars a_i are zero

- The set S is linearly independent if it is not linearly dependent

SPAN OF A SET OF VECTORS

- Let $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\} \subset R^n$ (a finite subset)

$$\text{SPAN}(S) = \{ y \mid y = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i x_i, a_i \in R, x_i \in R^n \}$$

= set of all linear combination of vectors in S

- Clearly $\text{SPAN}(S)$ = vector space which is a subset of R^n
- $\text{SPAN}(S)$ is called a subspace generated by S

BASIS AND DIMENSION

- Let B be a finite subset of a vector space V
- If every vector x in V can be obtained as a linear combination of those in B , then B is called the generator for V
- If the set of vector in B are linearly independent, then B is the basis for $\text{SPAN}(S) = V$
- Let $e_i = i^{\text{th}}$ unit vector with 1 as the i^{th} element and zero else where
- Then $B_n = \{ e_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n \}$ is the basis for \mathbb{R}^n
- The number of elements in B is called the dimension of $\text{SPAN}(B)$

EXERCISES

2.1) Verify the parallelogram law:

$$\|x + y\|_2^2 + \|x - y\|_2^2 = 2(\|x\|_2^2 + \|y\|_2^2)$$

2.2) Verify the triangle inequality for 2 -Norm, 1-Norm and the ∞ - norm

2.3) Prove that if $x^T y = \|x\|_2 \|y\|_2$, then x and y are parallel vectors

2.4) Using MATLAB, plot the Contours of $f(x) = x^T A x$ when $x = (x_1, x_2)^T$ and

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2.5) Verify that $(x_1 + x_2)$, $(x_2 + x_3)$, $(x_3 + x_1)$ are also linearly independent when $\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ are linearly independent

2.6) Let $x = (1, 2, 3)^T$. Verify the relations between the 1, 2 and ∞ - norms given in slide 12, Module - 2

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