

Inner Product Space

Def 2 Inner product space (Euclidean vector space). Let E be a vector space over a field F . Let to each pair of vectors $x, y \in E$

There be assigned a scalar $\langle x, y \rangle \in F$. The mapping is called an inner product in E if it satisfies the following axioms

$\forall x_1, x_2, x, y \in E$ and $\alpha \in F$;

(i) $\langle x, y \rangle = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle}$

(iii) $\langle x_1 + x_2, y \rangle = \langle x_1, y \rangle + \langle x_2, y \rangle$

(viii) $\langle \alpha x, y \rangle = \alpha \langle x, y \rangle$

(iv) $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$ and $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$ iff $x = 0$

The vector space E is called inner product space or Euclidean vector space.

2. Length (Norm) of Element: Let E be an inner product space and $x \in E$. Then length or norm of x is denoted by $\|x\|$ and is defined as $\sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$ i.e. $\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$.

$$\# \| \alpha x \|^2 = \langle \alpha x, \alpha x \rangle = \alpha \bar{\alpha} \langle x, x \rangle = |\alpha|^2 \|x\|^2$$

$$\text{Hence } \| \alpha x \| = |\alpha| \|x\| \quad \forall \alpha \in F \text{ and } x \in E.$$

1. Show that the following is an inner product in \mathbb{R}^2 :

$$\langle x, y \rangle = x_1 y_1 - x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1 + 3x_2 y_2$$

$$\text{where } x = (x_1, x_2), \quad y = (y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

Sol: Let $x = (x_1, x_2)$, $y = (y_1, y_2)$, $z = (z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(I) Then } \langle x, y \rangle &= x_1 y_1 - x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1 + 3x_2 y_2 \\ &= y_1 x_1 - y_1 x_2 - y_2 x_1 + 3y_2 x_2 \\ &= \langle y, x \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{ii. } \langle x+y, z \rangle &= \langle (x_1+y_1, x_2+y_2), (z_1, z_2) \rangle \\
 &= (x_1+y_1)z_1 - (x_1+y_1)z_2 - (x_2+y_2)z_1 + 3(x_2+y_2)z_2 \\
 &= (x_1z_1 + y_1z_1) - (x_1z_2 + y_1z_2) - (x_2z_1 + y_2z_1) + 3(x_2z_2 + y_2z_2) \\
 &= (x_1z_1 - x_1z_2 - x_2z_1 + 3x_2z_2) + (y_1z_1 - y_1z_2 - y_2z_1 + 3y_2z_2) \\
 &= \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{iii } \langle \alpha x, y \rangle &= \langle (\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2), (y_1, y_2) \rangle \\
 &= \alpha x_1 y_1 - \alpha x_1 y_2 - \alpha x_2 y_1 + 3 \alpha x_2 y_2 \\
 &= \alpha (x_1 y_1 - x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1 + 3 x_2 y_2) \\
 &= \alpha \langle x, y \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{iv } \langle x, x \rangle &= x_1^2 - 2x_1 x_2 + 3x_2^2 \\
 &= (x_1^2 - 2x_1 x_2 + x_2^2) + 2x_2^2 = (x_1 - x_2)^2 + 2x_2^2 \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Also $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$ iff $x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0$ i.e. $x = 0$

Hence the given product is an inner product in \mathbb{R}^2 .

(2) Let E be the inner product space of polynomials with inner product given by $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(t)g(t) dt$.

Let $f(t) = t+2$

and $g(t) = t^2 - 2t - 3$

find (i) $\langle f, g \rangle$ (ii) $\|f\|$.

$$\text{Sol. i. } \langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 (t+2)(t^2 - 2t - 3) dt = \left[\frac{t^4}{4} - \frac{7t^3}{2} - 6t \right]_0^1 = -\frac{37}{4}$$

$$\text{ii } \|f\| = \sqrt{\langle f, f \rangle} = \sqrt{\int_0^1 (t+2)(t+2) dt} = \sqrt{\int_0^1 (t+2)^2 dt} = \left| \frac{(t+2)^3}{3} \right|_0^1 = \frac{17}{3}$$

$$\therefore \|f\| = \sqrt{\langle f, f \rangle} = \sqrt{\frac{17}{3}}$$

Apply Gram Schmidt process to vectors $v_1 = (3, 0, 4)$, $v_2 = (-1, 0, 7)$, $v_3 = (2, 9, 11)$ of inner product space \mathbb{R}^3 with usual inner product to obtain an orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^3 .

Sol:- let $u_1 = (3, 0, 4)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Take } u_2 &= v_2 - \frac{\langle v_2, u_1 \rangle}{\|u_1\|^2} u_1 \\ &= (-1, 0, 7) - \frac{\langle (-1, 0, 7), (3, 0, 4) \rangle}{\|(3, 0, 4)\|^2} (3, 0, 4) \\ &= (-1, 0, 7) - \frac{(-3 + 0 + 28)}{9 + 16} (3, 0, 4) \\ &= (-1, 0, 7) - (3, 0, 4) = (-4, 0, 3). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again } u_3 &= v_3 - \frac{\langle v_3, u_1 \rangle}{\|u_1\|^2} u_1 - \frac{\langle v_3, u_2 \rangle}{\|u_2\|^2} u_2 \\ &= (2, 9, 11) - \frac{\langle (2, 9, 11), (3, 0, 4) \rangle}{\|(3, 0, 4)\|^2} (3, 0, 4) - \frac{\langle (2, 9, 11), (-4, 0, 3) \rangle}{\|(-4, 0, 3)\|^2} (-4, 0, 3) \\ &= (2, 9, 11) - \frac{(6 + 0 + 44)}{9 + 16} (3, 0, 4) - \frac{(-8 + 0 + 33)}{16 + 9} (-4, 0, 3) \\ &= (2, 9, 11) - 2(3, 0, 4) - (-4, 0, 3) = (0, 9, 0). \end{aligned}$$

The Required orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^3 is

$$e_1 = \frac{u_1}{\|u_1\|}, \quad e_2 = \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|}, \quad e_3 = \frac{u_3}{\|u_3\|}$$

$$\text{is } \{e_1, e_2, e_3\} = \left\{ \left(\frac{3}{5}, 0, \frac{4}{5} \right), \left(-\frac{4}{5}, 0, \frac{3}{5} \right), (0, 1, 0) \right\}$$

(4) Let E be the inner product space over K of polynomials in $R[x]$ of degree ≤ 2 with inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(t) g(t) dt, \quad f, g \in E$$

Apply Gram-Schmidt process to find orthonormal basis of V .

Sol: Let $\{1, t, t^2\}$ be the standard basis of E .

Take $u_1 = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{set } u_2 &= t - \frac{\langle t, u_1 \rangle}{\|u_1\|^2} u_1 = t - \frac{\langle t, 1 \rangle \cdot 1}{1} \\ &= t - \int_0^1 t dt = t - \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Again } u_3 = t^2 - \frac{\langle t^2, 1 \rangle}{\|u_1\|^2} u_1 - \frac{\langle t^2, t - \frac{1}{2} \rangle}{\|u_2\|^2} (t - \frac{1}{2})$$

$$= t^2 - \int_0^1 t^2 dt - \frac{\int_0^1 t^2 (t - \frac{1}{2}) dt}{\int_0^1 (t - \frac{1}{2}) dt} (t - \frac{1}{2})$$

$$= t^2 - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{6})}{(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2})} (t - \frac{1}{2}) = t^2 - t + \frac{1}{6}$$

Now

$$\|u_1\| = 1$$

$$\|u_2\| = \sqrt{\int_0^1 (t - \frac{1}{2})^2 dt} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{12}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\|u_3\| = \sqrt{\int_0^1 (t^2 - t + \frac{1}{6})^2 dt} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{180}} = \frac{1}{6\sqrt{5}}$$

Hence $\left\{ 1, \sqrt{3}(2x-1), \sqrt{5}(6x^2-6x+1) \right\}$ is the required

orthonormal basis of E .

find an orthonormal basis of the subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 spanned by $v_1 = (1, 1, 1, 1)$, $v_2 = (1, 2, 4, 5)$, $v_3 = (1, -3, -4, -2)$.

Sol. Here $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & -3 & -4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{matrix} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1 \end{matrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -4 & -5 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 4R_2$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

\therefore Rank of the matrix = 3

Thus $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ is L.I. set

We shall apply Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization process to find orthonormal basis.

Set $u_1 = v_1 = (1, 1, 1, 1)$

$$u_2 = v_2 - \frac{\langle v_2, u_1 \rangle}{\|u_1\|^2} u_1 = (1, 2, 4, 5) - \frac{\langle (1, 2, 4, 5), (1, 1, 1, 1) \rangle}{\|(1, 1, 1, 1)\|^2} (1, 1, 1, 1)$$

$$= (1, 2, 4, 5) - \frac{1+2+4+5}{1+1+1+1} (1, 1, 1, 1)$$

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

$$= (-2, -1, 1, 2)$$

$$u_3 = v_3 - \frac{\langle v_3, u_1 \rangle}{\|u_1\|^2} u_1 - \frac{\langle v_3, u_2 \rangle}{\|u_2\|^2} u_2$$

$$= (1, -3, -4, -2) - \frac{\langle (1, -3, -4, -2), (1, 1, 1, 1) \rangle}{\|(1, 1, 1, 1)\|^2} (1, 1, 1, 1) -$$

$$\frac{\langle (1, -3, -4, -2), (-2, -1, 1, 2) \rangle}{\|(-2, -1, 1, 2)\|^2} (-2, -1, 1, 2)$$

$$= (1, -3, -4, -2) - \frac{(-8)}{4}(1, 1, 1, 1) - \frac{(-7)}{10}(-2, -1, 1, 2)$$

$$= \left(\frac{8}{5}, \frac{-17}{10}, \frac{-18}{10}, \frac{7}{5} \right)$$

∴ Required orthonormal basis is $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ where

$$e_1 = \frac{u_1}{\|u_1\|}, \quad e_2 = \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|}, \quad e_3 = \frac{u_3}{\|u_3\|}$$

$$e_1 = \frac{1}{2}(1, 1, 1, 1), \quad e_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}(-2, -1, 1, 2), \quad e_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{910}}(16, -13, -13, 14)$$