

Chapter 4

Inner Product Space

Definition 4.1.

Let L is a linear space over F . A mapping $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : L \times L \rightarrow F$ is called an **inner product on L** if the following axioms hold

$$(1) \langle x, x \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in L.$$

$$(2) \langle x, x \rangle = 0 \iff x = 0_L.$$

$$(3) \overline{\langle x, y \rangle} = \langle y, x \rangle \quad \forall x, y \in L, \text{ where } \overline{\langle x, y \rangle} = \text{conjugate of } \langle x, y \rangle.$$

$$(4) \langle \alpha x + \beta y, z \rangle = \alpha \langle x, z \rangle + \beta \langle y, z \rangle \quad \forall x, y, z \in L \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in F.$$

$(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is called **inner product space** (briefly, I.P.S) or **Pre-Hilbert space**.

Remark 4.2.

$$(1) \text{ If } F = \mathbb{R} \text{ then axiom (3) becomes } \langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle \quad \forall x, y \in L.$$

(2) Every subspace of inner product space is an inner product space.

4.1 Examples of Inner Product Space

Example 4.3.

Let $L = \mathbb{R}^2$ and let $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow F$ is defined as $\langle x, y \rangle = x_1y_1 + x_2y_2 \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^2$ where $x = (x_1, x_2), y = (y_1, y_2)$. Show that $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is an inner product on \mathbb{R}^2 .

Solution: (i) We check the I.P.S axioms

$$(1) \langle x, x \rangle = x_1^2 + x_2^2 \geq 0 \quad \forall x = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$(2) \langle x, x \rangle = 0 \iff x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 0 \iff x_1 = x_2 = 0 \iff x = (0, 0)$$

$$(3) \langle x, y \rangle = x_1y_1 + x_2y_2 = \overline{\langle x, y \rangle} \quad (\text{since } F = \mathbb{R})$$

$$(4) \text{ Let } \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and let } x = (x_1, x_2), y = (y_1, y_2), z = (z_1, z_2)$$

$$\langle \alpha x + \beta y, z \rangle = \langle (\alpha x_1 + \beta y_1, \alpha x_2 + \beta y_2), (z_1, z_2) \rangle$$

$$= (\alpha x_1 + \beta y_1)z_1 + (\alpha x_2 + \beta y_2)z_2$$

$$= (\alpha x_1 z_1 + \alpha x_2 z_2) + (\beta y_1 z_1 + \beta y_2 z_2)$$

$$= \alpha(x_1 z_1 + x_2 z_2) + \beta(y_1 z_1 + y_2 z_2)$$

$$= \alpha \langle x, z \rangle + \beta \langle y, z \rangle$$

Thus, $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is an inner product on \mathbb{R}^2 .

As an application to Example 4.3:

Let $x = (2, 1), y = (0, -3), z = (3, 4)$. Find $\langle x, z \rangle, \langle x, x \rangle, \langle x + y, z \rangle$.

Remark 4.4.

As a generalization of Example 4.3, let $L = \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow F$ is defined as $\langle x, y \rangle = x_1y_1 + x_2y_2 + \dots + x_ny_n \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ where $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n), y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$. Then, $(\mathbb{R}^n, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is an inner product space (**check!**). The space $(\mathbb{R}^n, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is called **usual inner space**.

Example 4.5.

Let $L = \mathbb{R}^2$, which of the following is an inner product on L .

(i) $\langle x, y \rangle = 3x_1y_1 + x_2y_2$ (**H.W.**)

(ii) $\langle x, y \rangle = x_1^2y_1^2 + x_2^2y_2^2$

where $x = (x_1, x_2), y = (y_1, y_2)$

Solution: (i) We check the I.P.S axioms

(ii) The first three axioms of the definition of inner product hold but the fourth condition does not satisfy.

If $\alpha = \beta = 1$ and let $x = (1, -1), y = (-1, 0), z = (-2, 2)$. Then

$$\langle \alpha x + \beta y, z \rangle = \langle (0, -1), (-2, 2) \rangle = 0^2(-2)^2 + (-1)^2 2^2 = 4$$

$$\text{and } \alpha \langle x, z \rangle + \beta \langle y, z \rangle = \langle (1, -1), (-2, 2) \rangle + \beta \langle (-1, 0), (-2, 2) \rangle$$

$$= 1^1 \cdot (-2)^2 + (-1)^2 \cdot 2^2 + (-1)^2 \cdot 2^2 + 0^2 \cdot 2^2 = 12$$

Thus, $\langle \alpha x + \beta y, z \rangle \neq \alpha \langle x, z \rangle + \beta \langle y, z \rangle$.

Example 4.6.

Let $L = F^n$ be a linear space and let $\langle , \rangle : F^n \times F^n \rightarrow F$ defined as

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \bar{y}_i = x_1 \bar{y}_1 + \dots + x_n \bar{y}_n \quad \forall x, y \in F^n \text{ where } x = (x_1, \dots, x_n), y = (y_1, \dots, y_n). \text{ Show that } \langle , \rangle \text{ is an inner product on } F^n.$$

Solution:

$$(1) \langle x, x \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \bar{x}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2 \geq 0$$

$$(2) \langle x, x \rangle = 0 \iff \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2 = 0 \iff x_i = 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n \\ \iff x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) = (0, \dots, 0) = 0_{F^n}$$

$$(3) \langle \bar{x}, y \rangle = \overline{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \bar{y}_i} = \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{x}_i y_i = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \bar{x}_i = \langle y, x \rangle$$

$$(4) \text{ Let } \alpha, \beta \in F \text{ and let } x, y, z \in F^n$$

$$\alpha x + \beta y = (\alpha x_1 + \beta y_1, \dots, \alpha x_n + \beta y_n)$$

$$\langle \alpha x + \beta y, z \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha x_i + \beta y_i) \bar{z}_i = \alpha \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \bar{z}_i + \beta \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \bar{z}_i = \alpha \langle x, z \rangle + \beta \langle y, z \rangle.$$

Thus, \langle , \rangle is an inner product on C^n .

As an application to Example 4.6:

Let $L = C^2$ and $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^2 x_i \bar{y}_i \quad \forall x, y \in C^2$ where $x = (x_1, x_2), y = (y_1, y_2)$. If $x = (2 + 3i, 1 + i), y = (1 + i, 1 - i), z = (2, 1 + i)$

Find $\langle x, x \rangle, \langle x + y, z \rangle, \langle x, y + z \rangle$

$$\text{Solution: } \langle x, x \rangle = (2 + 3i)(\overline{2 + 3i}) + (1 + i)(\overline{1 + i}) \\ = (2 + 3i)(2 - 3i) + (1 + i)(1 - i) \\ = (4 + 9) + (1 + 1) = 15$$

$$x + y = (3 + 4i, 2)$$

$$\langle x + y, z \rangle = (3 + 4i)2 + 2(\overline{1 + i}) = (6 + 8i) + 2(1 - i) = 8 + 6i$$

$$\langle x, y + z \rangle =$$

Example 4.7.

Let $L = C[0, 1]$ be a linear space over \mathbb{R} , and let $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : L \times L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(x)g(x) dx$. Prove that $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is an inner product on L .

Solution: (1) $\langle f, f \rangle = \int_0^1 f(x)f(x) dx = \int_0^1 [f(x)]^2 dx \geq 0$

$$(2) \langle f, f \rangle = 0 \iff \int_0^1 [f(x)]^2 dx = 0 \iff [f(x)]^2 = 0 \quad \forall x \in [0, 1]$$

$$\iff f(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in [0, 1] \iff f = \hat{0}$$

(3) Let $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f, g, h \in L$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \alpha f + \beta g, h \rangle &= \int_0^1 (\alpha f + \beta g)(x)h(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 (\alpha f(x) + \beta g(x)) h(x) dx \\ &= \alpha \int_0^1 f(x) h(x) dx + \beta \int_0^1 g(x) h(x) dx \\ &= \alpha \langle f, h \rangle + \beta \langle g, h \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$(4) \langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(x)g(x) dx = \int_0^1 g(x)f(x) dx = \langle g, f \rangle$$

As an application to Example 4.7:

Let $f(x) = x + 1$, $g(x) = x^2$, $h(x) = 3x + 2 \quad \forall x \in [0, 1]$

Find $\langle f, f \rangle, \langle f + g, h \rangle, \langle f, h \rangle, \langle 2f + 3g, h \rangle, \langle f - g, h - g \rangle$

Example 4.8.

Let $L = \mathbb{R}$ and $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $\langle x, y \rangle = |xy| \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. Is

$(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ I.P.S? (H.W.)

4.2 Some Properties of Inner Product Space

Theorem 4.9.

Let $(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an inner product space (I.P.S). Then, $\forall x, y, z \in L$ and $\alpha, \beta \in F$

$$(1) \langle x, 0_L \rangle = \langle 0_L, x \rangle = 0$$

$$(2) \langle x, \alpha y + \beta z \rangle = \bar{\alpha} \langle x, y \rangle + \bar{\beta} \langle x, z \rangle.$$

Proof. (1) $\langle 0_L, x \rangle = \langle 0_L + 0_L, x \rangle$

$$= \langle 0_L, x \rangle + \langle 0_L, x \rangle$$

Hence, $\langle 0_L, x \rangle + 0 = \langle 0_L, x \rangle + \langle 0_L, x \rangle$

Thus, $0 = \langle 0_L, x \rangle$ (I)

Now, $\langle \overline{0_L}, x \rangle = \langle x, 0_L \rangle$

$$\bar{0} = \langle x, 0_L \rangle$$

$$0 = \langle x, 0_L \rangle$$

(2) $\langle x, \alpha y + \beta z \rangle = \langle \overline{\alpha y + \beta z}, x \rangle$

$$= \overline{\alpha \langle y, x \rangle + \beta \langle z, x \rangle}$$

$$= \bar{\alpha} \overline{\langle y, x \rangle} + \bar{\beta} \overline{\langle z, x \rangle}$$

$$= \bar{\alpha} \langle x, y \rangle + \bar{\beta} \langle x, z \rangle$$

□

Corollary 4.10.

If $(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is an I.P.S. Then

$$(i) \langle \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \langle x_i, y \rangle \quad \text{where } x_1, \dots, x_n, y \in L$$

$$(ii) \langle x, \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i y_i \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\beta}_i \langle x, y_i \rangle \quad \text{where } x, y_1, \dots, y_n \in L$$

$$(iii) \langle \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i, \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \left(\sum_{j=1}^m \bar{\beta}_j \langle x_i, y_j \rangle \right)$$

where $x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_m \in L$

Proof. (i) We proof using induction.

If $n = 1$ then $\langle \alpha_1 x_1, y \rangle = \alpha_1 \langle x_1, y \rangle$ (by definition of norm)

If $n = 2$ then $\langle \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2, y \rangle = \alpha_1 \langle x_1, y \rangle + \alpha_2 \langle x_2, y \rangle$ (by definition of norm)

Suppose (i) hold when $n = k$

$$\langle \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i x_i, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \langle x_i, y \rangle \quad (\mathbf{I})$$

To prove (i) hold when $n = k + 1$

$$\text{T.p. } \langle \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \alpha_i x_i, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \alpha_i \langle x_i, y \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \alpha_i x_i, y \rangle &= \langle \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i x_i + \alpha_{k+1} x_{k+1}, y \rangle \\ &= \langle \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i x_i, y \rangle + \langle \alpha_{k+1} x_{k+1}, y \rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \langle x_i, y \rangle + \alpha_{k+1} \langle x_{k+1}, y \rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \alpha_i \langle x_i, y \rangle \end{aligned}$$

(ii) The proof is similar to the proof of (i).

(iii) Let $z = \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i, \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j \right\rangle &= \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i, z \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \langle x_i, z \rangle \quad (\text{by part (i)}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \langle x_i, \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j \rangle \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \left(\sum_{j=1}^m \bar{\beta}_j \langle x_i, y_j \rangle \right) \quad (\text{by part (ii)}) \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 4.11.

Let $(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is an I.P.S. such that $\langle v_1, w \rangle = \langle v_2, w \rangle \quad \forall w \in L$. Then $v_1 = v_2$. Also, if $\langle v_1, w \rangle = 0 \quad \forall w \in L$ then $v_1 = 0_L$.

Proof. By assumption, $\langle v_1 - v_2, w \rangle = \langle v_1, w \rangle - \langle v_2, w \rangle = 0, \quad \forall w \in L$.

Put $w = v_1 - v_2$, then $\langle v_1 - v_2, v_1 - v_2 \rangle = 0 \implies v_1 - v_2 = 0 \implies v_1 = v_2$.

Now, $\langle v_1, w \rangle = 0, \quad \forall w \in L \implies \langle v_1, v_1 \rangle = 0 \implies v_1 = 0_L. \quad \square$

Theorem 4.12. General Cauchy Schwarz's Inequality

Let $(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is an I.P.S. and let $\| \cdot \| : L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by $\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} \quad \forall x \in L$. Then,

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\| \quad \forall x, y \in L.$$

Proof. If $x = 0$ or $y = 0$ then $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$, and hence $\langle x, y \rangle = 0 \leq \|x\| \|y\|$

If $y \neq 0$, put $z = \frac{y}{\|y\|} \quad (\mathbf{I})$

$$\begin{aligned}
\|z\|^2 &= \langle z, z \rangle = \left\langle \frac{y}{\|y\|}, \frac{y}{\|y\|} \right\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{\|y\|^2} \langle y, y \rangle = \frac{1}{\|y\|^2} \|y\|^2 = 1 \quad (\mathbf{II})
\end{aligned}$$

Next, it is enough to show that $|\langle x, z \rangle| \leq \|x\|$

because if $|\langle x, z \rangle| \leq \|x\|$ then from **(I)**

$$|\langle x, z \rangle| = \left| \left\langle x, \frac{y}{\|y\|} \right\rangle \right| = \frac{1}{\|y\|} |\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\|$$

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

Let $\alpha \in F$ then $\langle x - \alpha z, x - \alpha z \rangle \geq 0$

$$\langle x, x \rangle - \alpha \langle z, x \rangle - \bar{\alpha} \langle x, z \rangle + \alpha \bar{\alpha} \langle z, z \rangle \geq 0$$

$$\|x\|^2 - \bar{\alpha} \langle x, z \rangle - \alpha \langle z, x \rangle + \alpha \bar{\alpha} \underbrace{\|z\|^2}_{=1 \text{ from (I)}} \geq 0$$

$$\|x\|^2 - \langle x, z \rangle \overline{\langle x, z \rangle} + \langle x, z \rangle \overline{\langle x, z \rangle} - \bar{\alpha} \langle x, z \rangle - \alpha \langle z, x \rangle + \alpha \bar{\alpha} \geq 0$$

$$\|x\|^2 - |\langle x, z \rangle|^2 + \langle x, z \rangle (\overline{\langle x, z \rangle} - \bar{\alpha}) - \alpha (\langle z, x \rangle - \bar{\alpha}) \geq 0$$

$$\|x\|^2 - |\langle x, z \rangle|^2 + \langle x, z \rangle (\overline{\langle x, z \rangle} - \bar{\alpha}) - \alpha (\overline{\langle x, z \rangle} - \bar{\alpha}) \geq 0$$

$$\|x\|^2 - |\langle x, z \rangle|^2 + (\langle x, z \rangle - \alpha) (\overline{\langle x, z \rangle} - \bar{\alpha}) \geq 0$$

$$\|x\|^2 - |\langle x, z \rangle|^2 + |\langle x, z \rangle - \alpha|^2 \geq 0 \quad \forall \alpha \in F \quad \text{(III)}$$

Put $\alpha = \langle x, z \rangle$, then (III) becomes

$$\|x\|^2 - |\langle x, z \rangle|^2 \geq 0 \implies |\langle x, z \rangle|^2 \leq \|x\|^2$$

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

$$\left| \left\langle x, \frac{y}{\|y\|} \right\rangle \right| \leq \|x\| \quad (\text{using (I)})$$

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

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|. \quad \square$$

As an application to Theorem 4.12:

If $L = \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$ for any $X = (x_1, \dots, x_n), Y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$.

Apply Cauchy Schwarz inequality.

Sloution: We have , $\|x\| = [\langle x, x \rangle]^{\frac{1}{2}} = [\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and $\|y\| = [\langle y, y \rangle]^{\frac{1}{2}} = [\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$

From Theorem 4.12, $|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$; that is

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \right| \leq \left[\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Theorem 4.13.

Every inner product space is a normed space and hence a metric space.

Proof. Let $(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is an I.P.S. and let the function $\| \cdot \| : L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by

$$\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} \quad \forall x \in L. \text{ To prove } \| \cdot \| \text{ is a norm on } L$$

$$(1) \text{ Since } \langle x, x \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in L \implies \|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in L$$

$$(2) \|x\| = 0 \iff \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} = 0 \iff \langle x, x \rangle = 0 \iff x = \mathbf{0}_X$$

(3) Let $\alpha \in F$ and $x \in L$

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

Thus, $\|\alpha x\| = |\alpha| \|x\|$

(4) T.P. $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\| \quad \forall x, y \in L$

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

$$= \langle x, x \rangle + \langle y, x \rangle + \langle x, y \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle$$

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

$$= \|x\|^2 + 2\operatorname{Re}\langle x, y \rangle + \|y\|^2$$

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

$$\leq \|x\|^2 + 2\|x\| \|y\| + \|y\|^2 \quad (\text{by Cauchy Schwarz})$$

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

Thus, $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$. □

Theorem 4.14.

Let $(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is an I.P.S. and $x, y \in L$. Then

- (1) $\|x + y\|^2 = \|x\|^2 + 2\operatorname{Re}\langle x, y \rangle + \|y\|^2$ (Polarization Identity)
- (2) $\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 = 2\|x\|^2 + 2\|y\|^2$ (Law of Parallelogram)
- (3) $\langle x, y \rangle = \frac{1}{4} [\|x + y\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2 + i\|x + iy\|^2 - i\|x - iy\|^2]$

Proof. (1) $\|x + y\|^2 = \langle x + y, x + y \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \langle x, x \rangle + \langle y, x \rangle + \langle x, y \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle \\ &= \|x\|^2 + \overline{\langle x, y \rangle} + \langle x, y \rangle + \|y\|^2 \\ &= \|x\|^2 + 2\operatorname{Re}\langle x, y \rangle + \|y\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

(2) T.P. $\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 = 2\|x\|^2 + 2\|y\|^2$

By part (1), $\|x + y\|^2 = \|x\|^2 + 2\operatorname{Re}\langle x, y \rangle + \|y\|^2$ (I)

$$\|x - y\|^2 = \langle x - y, x - y \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \langle x, x \rangle - \langle y, x \rangle - \langle x, y \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle \\ &= \|x\|^2 - \overline{\langle x, y \rangle} - \langle x, y \rangle + \|y\|^2 \\ &= \|x\|^2 - 2\operatorname{Re}\langle x, y \rangle + \|y\|^2 \quad \text{(II)} \end{aligned}$$

By summing up (I) and (II) we get $\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 = 2\|x\|^2 + 2\|y\|^2$

(3) By parts (1) and (2), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|x + y\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2 &= \|x\|^2 + 2\operatorname{Re}\langle x, y \rangle + \|y\|^2 - (\|x\|^2 - 2\operatorname{Re}\langle x, y \rangle + \|y\|^2) \\
&= 2\operatorname{Re}\langle x, y \rangle + 2\operatorname{Re}\langle x, y \rangle \\
&= \langle \overline{x}, y \rangle + \langle x, y \rangle + \langle \overline{x}, y \rangle + \langle x, y \rangle \\
&= 2\langle y, x \rangle + 2\langle x, y \rangle \quad (\mathbf{I})
\end{aligned}$$

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

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

Hence we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
i\|x + iy\|^2 - i\|x - iy\|^2 &= i[\|x\|^2 + i\langle y, x \rangle - i\langle x, y \rangle + \|y\|^2] - i[\|x\|^2 - \\
&i\langle y, x \rangle + i\langle x, y \rangle \\
&\quad + \|y\|^2] \\
&= i\|x\|^2 - \langle y, x \rangle + \langle x, y \rangle + i\|y\|^2 - i\|x\|^2 - \langle y, x \rangle + \\
&\langle x, y \rangle - i\|y\|^2 \\
&= 2\langle x, y \rangle - 2\langle y, x \rangle \quad (\mathbf{II})
\end{aligned}$$

By (I) and (II), we have

$$\|x + y\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2 + i \|x + iy\|^2 - i \|x - iy\|^2 = 2\langle y, x \rangle + 2\langle x, y \rangle + 2\langle x, y \rangle - 2\langle y, x \rangle$$

$$\|x + y\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2 + i \|x + iy\|^2 - i \|x - iy\|^2 = 4\langle x, y \rangle$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \|x + y\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2 + i \|x + iy\|^2 - i \|x - iy\|^2 = \langle x, y \rangle \quad \square$$

Remark 4.15.

Any normed linear space generated from inner product space must satisfies the three laws of Theorem 4.14.

Example 4.16.

Let $L = C[a, b]$ and let $\|f\| = \max\{|f(x)| : x \in [a, b]\}$. Then the converse of Theorem 4.13. i.e.,

(1) Show that $(L, \|\cdot\|)$ is a normed linear space (**H.W.**)

(2) Show that L is not generated by I.P.S (i.e, L is not I.P.S)

Solution: (2) To show that L is not I.P.S, we shall show that parallelogram law does not hold. i.e., $\|f + g\|^2 + \|f - g\|^2 \neq 2\|f\|^2 + 2\|g\|^2$ for some $f, g \in C[a, b]$.

$$\text{Let } f(x) = 1 \text{ and } g(x) = \frac{x - a}{b - a} \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$$

Note that f, g are continuous on $[a, b]$. Thus, $f, g \in C[a, b]$.

$$\|f\| = 1 \text{ and } \|g\| = 1$$

$$\|f + g\| = \left\| 1 + \frac{x - a}{b - a} \right\| = \max \left\{ \left| 1 + \frac{x - a}{b - a} \right| : x \in [a, b] \right\} = 2$$

$$\|f - g\| = \left\| 1 - \frac{x - a}{b - a} \right\| = \max \left\{ \left| 1 - \frac{x - a}{b - a} \right| : x \in [a, b] \right\} = 1$$

$$\|f + g\|^2 + \|f - g\|^2 = 4 + 1 = 5 \quad (\text{I})$$

$$2\|f\|^2 + 2\|g\|^2 = 2.1^2 + 2.1^2 = 4 \quad (\text{II})$$

By (I) and (II), we get $\|f + g\|^2 + \|f - g\|^2 \neq 2\|f\|^2 + 2\|g\|^2$

i.e., $5 \neq 4$

Example 4.17.

Let $L = \mathbb{R}^2$ and let $\|x\| = |x_1| + |x_2| \quad \forall x = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Then the converse of Theorem 4.13. i.e.,

(1) Show that $(\mathbb{R}^2, \|\cdot\|)$ is a normed linear space (**H.W.**)

(2) Show that \mathbb{R}^2 is not generated by I.P.S (i.e, \mathbb{R}^2 is not I.P.S)

Solution: (2) To show that L is not I.P.S, we shall show that parallelogram law does not hold. i.e., $\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 \neq 2\|x\|^2 + 2\|y\|^2$ for some $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^2$

Let $x = (2, 3)$ and $y = (-6, 1)$

$$\|x\| = |2| + |3| = 5 \implies 2\|x\|^2 = 50$$

$$\|y\| = |-6| + |1| = 7 \implies 2\|y\|^2 = 98$$

$$\|x + y\| = \|(-4, 4)\| = |-4| + |4| = 8$$

$$\|x + y\|^2 = 64$$

$$\|x - y\| = \|(8, 2)\| = |8| + |2| = 10$$

$$\|x - y\|^2 = 100$$

$$\text{Thus, } \|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 = 64 + 100 = 164$$

$$\text{and } 2\|x\|^2 + 2\|y\|^2 = 50 + 98 = 148$$

$$\text{Hence, } \|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 \neq 2\|x\|^2 + 2\|y\|^2$$

i.e., $\|\cdot\|$ does not satisfy parallelogram law.

Example 4.18.

Let $L = \mathbb{R}^2$ and let $\|x\| = \max\{|x_1|, |x_2|\} \quad \forall (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Then

- (1) Show that $(\mathbb{R}^2, \| \cdot \|)$ is a normed linear space (**H.W.**)
- (2) Is \mathbb{R}^2 generated by I.P.S? (**H.W.**)

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Theorem 4.19.

Let $(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is an I.P.S. Then

- (1) If $(x_n) \rightarrow x$ and $(y_n) \rightarrow y$ then $\langle x_n, y_n \rangle \rightarrow \langle x, y \rangle$
- (2) If (x_n) and (y_n) are Cauchy sequences in L then $\langle x_n, y_n \rangle$ is a Cauchy sequence in F .

Proof. (1) $\langle x_n, y_n \rangle = \langle x + (x_n - x), y + (y_n - y) \rangle$

$$= \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x, y_n - y \rangle + \langle x_n - x, y \rangle + \langle x_n - x, y_n - y \rangle$$

$$\langle x_n, y_n \rangle - \langle x, y \rangle = \langle x, y_n - y \rangle + \langle x_n - x, y \rangle + \langle x_n - x, y_n - y \rangle$$

$$|\langle x_n, y_n \rangle - \langle x, y \rangle| = |\langle x, y_n - y \rangle + \langle x_n - x, y \rangle + \langle x_n - x, y_n - y \rangle|$$

$$\leq |\langle x, y_n - y \rangle| + |\langle x_n - x, y \rangle| + |\langle x_n - x, y_n - y \rangle|$$

$$\leq \|x\| \|y_n - y\| + \|x_n - x\| \|y\| + \|x_n - x\| \|y_n - y\| \quad (\text{By}$$

Cauchy Schwarz)

But $(x_n) \rightarrow x$ and $(y_n) \rightarrow y$ then $\|x_n - x\| \rightarrow 0$ and $\|y_n - y\| \rightarrow 0$

Hence, $|\langle x_n, y_n \rangle - \langle x, y \rangle| \rightarrow 0$, and hence, $\langle x_n, y_n \rangle \rightarrow \langle x, y \rangle$.

(2) for any $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$

$$\langle x_n, y_n \rangle = \langle (x_n - x_m) + x_m, (y_n - y_m) + y_m \rangle$$

$$= \langle x_n - x_m, y_n - y_m \rangle + \langle x_m, y_m \rangle + \langle x_m, y_n - y_m \rangle + \langle x_n - x_m, y_m \rangle$$

$$\langle x_n, y_n \rangle - \langle x_m, y_m \rangle = \langle x_n - x_m, y_n - y_m \rangle + \langle x_m, y_n - y_m \rangle + \langle x_n - x_m, y_m \rangle$$

$$|\langle x_n, y_n \rangle - \langle x_m, y_m \rangle| = |\langle x_n - x_m, y_n - y_m \rangle + \langle x_m, y_n - y_m \rangle + \langle x_n - x_m, y_m \rangle|$$

$$\leq |\langle x_n - x_m, y_n - y_m \rangle| + |\langle x_m, y_n - y_m \rangle| + |\langle x_n - x_m, y_m \rangle|$$

$$\leq \|x_n - x_m\| \|y_n - y_m\| + \|x_m\| \|y_n - y_m\| + \|x_n - x_m\| \|y_m\| \quad (\text{By})$$

Cauchy Schwarz)

But (x_n) and (y_n) are Cauchy sequences, then $\|x_n - x_m\| \rightarrow 0$ and $\|y_n - y_m\| \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Also, (x_n) and (y_n) are bounded sequences, then as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$|\langle x_n, y_n \rangle - \langle x_m, y_m \rangle| \rightarrow 0 \quad \square$$

Corollary 4.20.

Let $(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is an I.P.S. Then

- (1) If $(x_n) \rightarrow x$ then $\|x_n\| \rightarrow \|x\|$
- (2) If (x_n) is a Cauchy sequences in L then $\langle \|x_n\| \rangle$ is a convergent sequence in \mathbb{R} .

Proof. (1) Since $(x_n) \rightarrow x$ then $\langle x_n, x_n \rangle \rightarrow \langle x, x \rangle$ (By Theorem 4.19)

Hence, $\|x_n\|^2 \rightarrow \|x\|^2$. i.e., $\|x_n\| \rightarrow \|x\|$

(2) Since (x_n) is a Cauchy sequences in L , then by Theorem 4.19(2), $\langle x_n, x_n \rangle$ is a Cauchy sequence in F . Since $F = \mathbb{R}$ or C then F is complete. Thus, $\langle \|x_n\|^2 \rangle$ is a convergent sequence in F . Thus, $\langle \|x_n\| \rangle$ is a convergent sequence in F □

4.3 Hilbert Space

Definition 4.21.

Hilbert space is an I.P.S. $(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ which is a Banach space with respect to $\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$.

Example 4.22.

Consider the I.P.S. $(\mathbb{R}^n, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ (or $(C^n, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$) such that $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \bar{y}_i$ where $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n), y = (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ (or C^n). (see Example 4.6)

Show that $(\mathbb{R}^n, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ (or $(C^n, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$) is Hilbert space.

Solution: Since $\sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \bar{x}_i \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = \|x\|$

From Example 3.2, \mathbb{R}^n (or C^n) is a Banach space w.r.t. $\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$, and thus, $(\mathbb{R}^n, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ (or $(C^n, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$) is a Hilbert space.

Example 4.23.

The space $C[-1, 1]$ with the inner product defined by $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(x) g(x) dx$ is not a Hilbert space.

Solution: Let

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 0 \\ nx & \text{if } 0 < x < \frac{1}{n} \\ 1 & \text{if } \frac{1}{n} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\|f_n - f_m\|^2 = \langle f_n - f_m, f_n - f_m \rangle$$

Suppose $n > m$, then $\frac{1}{n} < \frac{1}{m}$. We must find $f_n(x) - f_m(x)$

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 0 \\ nx & \text{if } 0 < x < \frac{1}{n} \\ 1 & \text{if } \frac{1}{n} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

and

$$f_m(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 0 \\ mx & \text{if } 0 < x < \frac{1}{m} \\ 1 & \text{if } \frac{1}{m} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Then

$$f_n(x) - f_m(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 0 \\ (n-m)x & \text{if } 0 < x < \frac{1}{n} \\ 1-mx & \text{if } \frac{1}{n} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{m} \\ 0 & \text{if } \frac{1}{m} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\|f_n - f_m\|^2 = \int_{-1}^1 (f_n(x) - f_m(x))^2 dx = \int_0^{\frac{1}{n}} (n-m)^2 x^2 dx + \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^{\frac{1}{m}} (1-mx)^2 dx$$

$$= \frac{(n-m)^2 x^3}{3} \Big|_0^{\frac{1}{n}} + \left(\frac{-1}{m} \right) \frac{(1-mx)^3}{3} \Big|_{\frac{1}{n}}^{\frac{1}{m}}$$

$$= \frac{(n-m)^2}{3} \frac{1}{n^3} - \frac{1}{m} \left[0 - \frac{1}{3} \left(1 - \frac{m}{n} \right)^3 \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{(n-m)^2}{3n^3} + \frac{1}{3m} \left(\frac{n-m}{n}\right)^3 \\
&= \frac{(n-m)^2}{3n^2m}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\|f_n - f_m\|^2 = \frac{(n-m)^2}{3n^2m}$

Since $n > m$, then $n = m + t$

$$\|f_n - f_m\|^2 = \frac{t^2}{3(m+t)^2m} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } m \rightarrow \infty$$

Hence, $\|f_n - f_m\| \rightarrow 0$. Thus, $\langle f_n \rangle$ is a Cauchy sequence.

But $f_n \rightarrow f$ where

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } 0 < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Thus, $f \notin C[-1, 1]$. Then, $\langle f_n \rangle$ is not convergent in $C[-1, 1]$. i.e., The space is not Hilbert space.

Remark 4.24.

Every Hilbert space is a Banach space but the converse is not true. For example, the space $C[a, b]$ with $\|f\| = \max\{|f(x)| : x \in [a, b]\}$ is a Banach space (see Example 3.5). However, $C[a, b]$ is not a Hilbert space since it does not satisfy parallelogram law; that is $\| \cdot \|$ can not be obtained from inner product (see Example 4.16).

4.4 Orthogonality and Orthonormality in Inner Product Space

Definition 4.25. *orthogonal Elements*

Let $(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an I.P.S and $x, y \in L$. Then x is said to be **orthogonal** on y (denoted by $x \perp y$) if and only if $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$.

Example 4.26.

Let $L = \mathbb{R}^2$ is I.P.S such that $\langle x, y \rangle = x_1y_1 + x_2y_2$ is usual inner product

$\forall x = (x_1, x_2), y = (y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Let $x = (-6, 3), y = (2, -1), z = (1, 2)$.

Show that $x \perp z, y \perp z$ and $y \not\perp x$.

Solution: $\langle x, z \rangle = \langle (-6, 3), (1, 2) \rangle = -6 + 6 = 0$. Hence, $x \perp z$.

$$\langle y, z \rangle =$$

$$\langle y, x \rangle =$$

Proposition 4.27.

Let $(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an I.P.S and $x, y \in L$. Then

(i) If $x \perp y$ then $y \perp x$.

(ii) $\mathbf{0}_L \perp x \quad \forall x \in L$. (H.W.)

(iii) if $x \perp x$ then $x = \mathbf{0}_L$. (H.W.)

Proof. (1) Let $x \perp y$ then $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$. From Definition 4.1(3), we have

$$\langle y, x \rangle = \overline{\langle x, y \rangle} = \overline{0} = 0. \text{ i.e., } y \perp x. \quad \square$$

Proposition 4.28.

Let $(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an I.P.S and $x, x_1, \dots, x_n \in L$ such that x is orthogonal on x_1, \dots, x_n . Prove that x is orthogonal on any linear combination of x_1, \dots, x_n .

Proof. Let w be a linear combination of x_1, \dots, x_n . i.e., there exists $\alpha_i \in F$ such that $w = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i$. We must show $\langle x, w \rangle = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, w \rangle &= \langle x, \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{\alpha_i} \langle x, x_i \rangle \quad (\text{by Corollary 4.9(ii)}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{\alpha_i} \cdot 0 \quad (\text{From the assumption}) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Example 4.29.

(1) Find the value of a that makes the vectors $X = (a, 2, -1), Y = (3, -5, 2)$ orthogonal vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 with usual inner product. (**H.W.**)

(2) Let $(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an I.P.S over \mathbb{R} and let $x, y \in L$ such that $\|x\| = \|y\| = 1$ (i.e., x and y are normal elements). Prove that $x + y \perp x - y$.

Answer: $\langle x + y, x - y \rangle = \langle x, x \rangle - \langle x, y \rangle + \langle y, x \rangle - \langle y, y \rangle = \|x\|^2 - \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x, y \rangle - \|y\|^2 = 0$. Hence, $x + y \perp x - y$.

(3) Let $(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an I.P.S and let $x, y \in L$ such that $x \perp y$. Prove that $\|x + y\|^2 = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 = \|x - y\|^2$.

Answer: $\|x + y\|^2 = \langle x + y, x + y \rangle = \langle x, x \rangle + \langle x, y \rangle + \langle y, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle$
 $= \|x\|^2 + 0 + 0 + \|y\|^2 = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2$

Similarly, $\|x - y\|^2 = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2$.

(4) Let $(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an I.P.S and let $x, y \in L$ such that $x \perp y$. Prove that $\|x + \lambda y\| = \|x - \lambda y\|$.

Answer: (H.W.)

(5) Let $(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an I.P.S and let $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X$ such that $x_i \perp x_j \ \forall i \neq j$. Prove that $\|\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^2$.

Answer: We prove using induction. If $n = 1$, the statement is true.

If $n = 2$. Since $x_1 \perp x_2$ then $\|x_1 + x_2\|^2 = \|x_1\|^2 + \|x_2\|^2$ (by part (3)).

Suppose the statement is true for $n = k$. i.e., $\|\sum_{i=1}^k x_i\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k \|x_i\|^2$

To prove the statement is true when $n = k + 1$. i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{T.P. } \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} x_i \right\|^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \|x_i\|^2 \\ \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} x_i \right\|^2 &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^k x_i + x_{k+1} \right\|^2 = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^k x_i \right\|^2 + \|x_{k+1}\|^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k \|x_i\|^2 + \|x_{k+1}\|^2 \quad (\text{by induction } n = k) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \|x_i\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Definition 4.30. Orthogonal to Set

Let $(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an I.P.S, $x \in L$, and $A \subseteq X$. Then, x is said to be orthogonal on A ($x \perp A$) if $x \perp a \ \forall a \in A$.

Example 4.31.

Consider the space \mathbb{R}^2 with usual product space and $A = \{(0, a) : a \in \mathbb{R}\}$.

Then $(2, 0) \perp A$ because $\langle (2, 0), (0, a) \rangle = 2 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot a = 0$.

Definition 4.32. Orthogonal Sets

Let $(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an I.P.S, and $A, B \subseteq L$. Then, A is said to be orthogonal to B ($A \perp B$) if $a \perp b, \forall a \in A, \forall b \in B$.

Example 4.33.

Consider the space \mathbb{R}^2 with usual inner product and $A = \{(0, a) : a \in \mathbb{R}\}$ and $B = \{(b, 0) : b \in \mathbb{R}\}$. Show that $A \perp B$.

Answer: for each $(0, a) \in A$ and for each $(b, 0) \in B$, then

$$\langle (a, 0), (0, b) \rangle = a \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot b = 0. \text{ Thus, } A \perp B.$$

Proposition 4.34.

Let $(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an I.P.S, and $A, B \subseteq L$ such that $A \perp B$ then $A \cap B = \{\mathbf{0}\}$.

Proof. Let $x \in A \cap B \Rightarrow x \in A$ and $x \in B$ (I)

Since $A \perp B \Rightarrow \langle a, b \rangle = 0, \forall a \in A, \forall b \in B$.

From (I), $\langle a, b \rangle = \langle x, x \rangle = 0$.

Using Definition 4.1(2), $x = \mathbf{0}$, then $A \cap B = \{\mathbf{0}\}$. □

Definition 4.35.

Let $(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an I.P.S. and $\phi \neq A \subseteq L$. Then, the set

$$A^\perp = \{x \in L : x \perp a, \forall a \in A\}$$

is called the orthogonal complement on A .

Proposition 4.36.

Let $(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an I.P.S. and $\phi \neq A, B \subseteq L$. Then,

$$(1) L^\perp = \{\mathbf{0}\}.$$

$$(2) \{\mathbf{0}\}^\perp = L. \text{ (H.W.)}$$

$$(3) A \cap A^\perp = \{\mathbf{0}\}.$$

$$(4) A \subseteq A^{\perp\perp}.$$

$$(5) \text{ If } A \subseteq B \text{ then } B^\perp \subseteq A^\perp. \text{ (H.W.)}$$

$$(6) \text{ If } A \subseteq B^\perp \text{ then } B \subseteq A^\perp.$$

Proof. (1) $L^\perp = \{x \in L : x \perp L\} = \{x \in L : \langle x, l \rangle = 0, \forall l \in L\} = \{\mathbf{0}\}.$

$$(3) \text{ Let } x \in A \cap A^\perp \Rightarrow x \in A \text{ and } x \in A^\perp \quad \text{(I)}$$

$$\text{Since } x \in A^\perp \text{ then } x \perp A \quad \text{(II)}$$

From (I) and (II), $x \perp x$. i.e., $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$, thus $x = \mathbf{0}$.

Then, $A \cap A^\perp = \{\mathbf{0}\}.$

$$(4) \text{ To prove } A \subseteq A^{\perp\perp}. \text{ Let } x \in A.$$

For any $y \in A^\perp \Rightarrow y \perp A$. In particular, $y \perp x$ ($x \in A$)

From Proposition 4.27(1), $x \perp y, \forall y \in A^\perp$. Thus, $x \in A^{\perp\perp}.$

$$(6) \text{ Let } A \subseteq B^\perp, \text{ then from part (5), } B^{\perp\perp} \subseteq A^\perp.$$

Now, from part (4), $B \subseteq B^{\perp\perp} \subseteq A^\perp$. Then, $B \subseteq A^\perp$. □

Theorem 4.37.

Let $(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an I.P.S. and $\phi \neq A \subseteq L$. Then, A^\perp is a closed subspace of L .

Proof. (1) To prove A^\perp is a subspace of L .

Let $x, y \in A^\perp$ and $\alpha, \beta \in F$. T.P. $\alpha x + \beta y \in A^\perp$

$$\text{T.P. } \langle \alpha x + \beta y, a \rangle = 0, \quad \forall a \in A.$$

$$\text{Since } x, y \in A^\perp \Rightarrow \langle x, a \rangle = \langle y, a \rangle = 0 \quad (\text{I})$$

$$\langle \alpha x + \beta y, a \rangle = \alpha \langle x, a \rangle + \bar{\beta} \langle y, a \rangle = \alpha \cdot 0 + \bar{\beta} \cdot 0 = 0 \quad [\text{from (I)}]$$

Thus, A^\perp is a subspace of L .

(2) T.P. A^\perp is a closed set (i.e., $A^\perp \subseteq \overline{A^\perp}$ and $\overline{A^\perp} \subseteq A^\perp$)

$$\text{It is clear that } A^\perp \subseteq \overline{A^\perp} \quad (\text{I})$$

T.P. $\overline{A^\perp} \subseteq A^\perp$. Let $x \in \overline{A^\perp}$ then $\exists (x_n) \in A^\perp$ such that $(x_n) \rightarrow x$.

Since $(x_n) \in A^\perp$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow x_n \perp A \Rightarrow x_n \perp a, \quad \forall a \in A$

$$\Rightarrow \langle x_n, a \rangle = 0, \quad \forall a \in A.$$

But $(x_n) \rightarrow x$ and $a \rightarrow a$. Thus, from Theorem 4.19(1), $\underbrace{\langle x_n, a \rangle}_{=0} \rightarrow \langle x, a \rangle$.

$$\langle x, a \rangle = 0 \quad \forall a \in A. \text{ Then, } x \in A^\perp. \text{ Thus, } \overline{A^\perp} \subseteq A^\perp \quad (\text{II}).$$

From (I) and (II), A^\perp is a closed set.

□

Definition 4.38. Orthonormal Set

Let $(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an I.P.S. and $A \subseteq L$. Then, A is called **orthonormal set** if

(1) A is said to be **orthogonal** if $x \perp y \quad \forall x, y \in A, \quad x \neq y$.

(2) Each element $x \in A$ is a normal element. i.e., $\langle x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} = \|x\| = 1 \quad \forall x \in A$.

Remark 4.39.

Orthonormal set has no zero element ($\mathbf{0} \notin A$) because $\|\mathbf{0}\| \neq 1$ ($\mathbf{0}$ is not normal element).

Example 4.40.

Let $L = \mathbb{R}^3$ with usual inner product and $A = \{(1, 2, 2), (2, 1, -2), (2, -2, 1)\} \subset L$. Show that A is orthogonal but not orthonormal.

Solution: T.P. A is orthogonal set (H.W.).

To show not every vector in A is normal. i.e.,

$$\|(1, 2, 2)\|^2 = \langle(1, 2, 2), (1, 2, 2)\rangle = 1 + 4 + 4 = 9 \neq 1 \Rightarrow \|(1, 2, 2)\| \neq 1.$$

Thus, A is not orthonormal.

Theorem 4.41.

Let L be an I.P.S. and x_1, \dots, x_n be orthonormal vectors in L . Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |\langle x, x_i \rangle|^2 \leq \|x\|^2 \quad \forall x \in L$$

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Example 4.42.

Let $L = \mathbb{R}^3$ and $x_1 = \frac{1}{3}(1, 2, 2), x_2 = \frac{1}{3}(2, 1, -2), x_3 = \frac{1}{3}(2, -2, 1)$.

Let $x = (2, 1, 3)$. Then

$$|\langle x, x_1 \rangle|^2 = \left[\frac{1}{3}(2 + 2 + 6)\right]^2 = \frac{100}{9}$$

$$|\langle x, x_2 \rangle|^2 = \left[\frac{1}{3}(4 + 1 - 6)\right]^2 = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$|\langle x, x_3 \rangle|^2 = \left[\frac{1}{3}(4 - 2 + 3)\right]^2 = \frac{25}{9}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 |\langle x, x_i \rangle|^2 = \frac{100}{9} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{25}{9} = 14.$$

on the other hand, $\|x\|^2 = \langle x, x \rangle = 4 + 1 + 9 = 14$.

As in Theorem 4.41, $\sum_{i=1}^3 |\langle x, x_i \rangle|^2 = \|x\|^2$

Take $x = (1, 1, 1)$ and apply Theorem 4.41. **(H.W.)**

Theorem 4.43.

Let $(L, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an I.P.S. Let (x_n) be an orthonormal sequence in L and (λ_n) be a sequence in F such that $\sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} |\lambda_i|^2 < +\infty$. Let $y_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i$. Then, (y_n) is a Cauchy sequence.

Proof. Let $y_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i$, $y_m = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i x_i$. Assume that $n < m$ then $m = n + k$ for some $k \in N$. We must prove $\|y_m - y_n\| \rightarrow 0$.

$$y_m - y_n = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i x_i - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^{n+k} \lambda_i x_i - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i = \sum_{i=n+1}^{n+k} \lambda_i x_i.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|y_m - y_n\|^2 &= \left\| \sum_{i=n+1}^{n+k} \lambda_i x_i \right\|^2 = \langle \sum_{i=n+1}^{n+k} \lambda_i x_i, \sum_{i=n+1}^{n+k} \lambda_i x_i \rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=n+1}^{n+k} \lambda_i \sum_{i=n+1}^{n+k} \bar{\lambda}_i \langle x_i, x_i \rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=n+1}^{n+k} \lambda_i \bar{\lambda}_i \langle x_i, x_i \rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=n+1}^{n+k} |\lambda_i|^2 \|x_i\|^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=n+1}^{n+k} |\lambda_i|^2 \quad (\|x_i\|^2 = 1 \quad \forall i) \end{aligned}$$

As $n \rightarrow +\infty$, $\sum_{i=n+1}^{n+k} |\lambda_i|^2 \rightarrow 0$ ($\sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} |\lambda_i|^2$ convergent)

Thus, $\|y_m - y_n\|^2 \rightarrow 0$ which means $\|y_m - y_n\| \rightarrow 0$. Hence, (y_n) is a Cauchy sequence. \square