

7. Euclidean structure:

Goal: Abstract the concept of Euclidean distance.

Let's review basic Euclidean structure.

Let X be a real n -dimensional Euclidean space, and 0 the zero vector. The length of $x \in X$, denoted $\|x\|$, is the distance from x to 0 (the origin).

By the Pythagorean theorem, $\|x\| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2}$.

The dot product of $x, y \in X$ is $(x, y) = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j y_j$.

Clearly, $\|x\|^2 = (x, x)$.

Since the dot product is symmetric & bilinear,

$$(x-y, x-y) = (x, x) - 2(x, y) + (y, y)$$

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

Note that this is independent of choice of coordinate system.

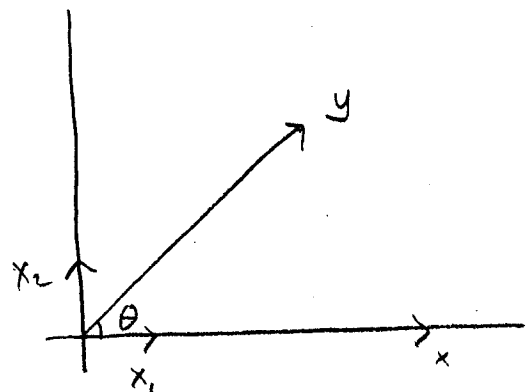
Pick x_1 so that $x = c x_1$, for some $c \geq 0$.

Pick x_2 so that $y \in \text{Span}(x_1, x_2)$

$$x = (\|x\|, 0, \dots, 0)$$

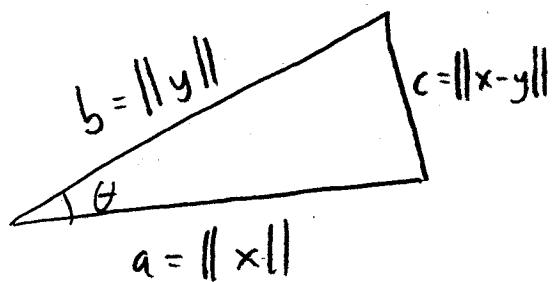
$$y = (\|y\| \cos \theta, \|y\| \sin \theta, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, y) = \|x\| \|y\| \cos \theta$$



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Now consider the following triangle:



We just derived the

law of cosines: $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos \theta$.

The dot product is what gives us this notion of geometry (i.e., lengths and angles). We can abstract this.

Def: A Euclidean structure in a real vector space is endowed by an inner product, which is a symmetric bilinear form with the additional property that $(x, x) \geq 0$ with equality holding iff $x = 0$ ("positivity.")

We'll show that all of Euclidean geometry follows from having an inner product.

Throughout, assume that X is an n -dimensional real inner product space.

Define the norm of $x \in X$ by $\|x\| = (x, x)^{1/2}$, and the distance between $x, y \in X$ by $\|x - y\|$.

Theorem 7.1: (Cauchy-Schwarz). For all $x, y \in X$,

$$|(x, y)| \leq \|x\| \cdot \|y\|.$$

Proof: Define a function $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g(t) = \|x + ty\|^2 \geq 0$.

We can write $g(t) = \|x\|^2 + 2t(x, y) + t^2\|y\|^2$.

Assume $y \neq 0$, put $t = \frac{-(x, y)}{\|y\|^2}$:

$$g(t) = \|x\|^2 - \frac{2(x, y)^2}{\|y\|^2} + \frac{(x, y)^2}{\|y\|^2} = \|x\|^2 - \frac{(x, y)^2}{\|y\|^2} \geq 0 \quad \checkmark$$

Note that the result is trivial if $y = 0$. □

Theorem 7.2: $\|x\| = \max \{ (x, y) : \|y\| = 1 \}$.

Proof: Exercise (HW).

Theorem 7.3: (Triangle inequality). For all $x, y \in X$, $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$.

Proof: Note that $\|x + y\|^2 = \|x\|^2 + 2(x, y) + \|y\|^2$

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

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

Def: Two vectors $x, y \in X$ are orthogonal if $(x, y) = 0$. We write this as $x \perp y$.

Remark: If $x \perp y$, then $\|x + y\|^2 = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2$ (Pythagorean theorem.)

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Def: A basis $\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n$ for X is orthonormal (wrt a Euclidean structure) if $(x^{(i)}, x^{(j)}) = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ 1 & i = j \end{cases}$

Theorem 7.4: (Gram-Schmidt) Given an arbitrary basis $\vec{y}_1, \dots, \vec{y}_n$ there is a related orthonormal basis $\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n$ for which $\vec{x}_k \in \text{Span}\{\vec{y}_1, \dots, \vec{y}_k\}$.

Proof: Just construct it.

If $\|e\|=1$, define $\text{proj}_e(y) = (y, e)e$.

$$\text{Put } \vec{x}_1 = \frac{\vec{y}_1}{\|\vec{y}_1\|}$$

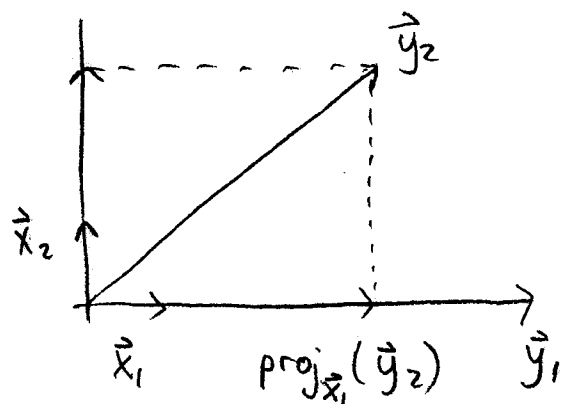
$$\vec{x}_2 = c_2 (\vec{y}_2 - \text{proj}_{\vec{x}_1}(\vec{y}_2))$$

\vdots

$$\vec{x}_k = c_k \left(\vec{y}_k - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \text{proj}_{\vec{x}_j}(\vec{y}_k) \right)$$

(we can pick c_k so that $\|\vec{x}_k\|=1$).

□



Note that the condition that $\vec{x}_k \in \text{Span}\{\vec{y}_1, \dots, \vec{y}_k\}$ means that the change of basis matrix is upper-triangular.

If $\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n$ is an orthonormal basis, then for any $x \in X$,

$$x = \sum_{j=1}^{\hat{n}} a_j \vec{x}_j \quad \text{where } a_j = (x, \vec{x}_j).$$

Moreover, if $y = \sum_{k=1}^{\hat{n}} b_k \vec{x}_k$, then

$$(x, y) = \sum_{k=1}^{\hat{n}} \sum_{j=1}^{\hat{n}} a_j b_k (\vec{x}_j, \vec{x}_k) = \sum_{j=1}^{\hat{n}} a_j b_j$$

In particular, if $y = x$, then $\|x\|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^{\hat{n}} a_j^2$.

Thus, the mapping $X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\hat{n}}$, $x \mapsto (a_1, \dots, a_n)$, $a_j = (x, \vec{x}_j)$ is an isomorphism that carries the inner product of X to the standard dot product of $\mathbb{R}^{\hat{n}}$.

Theorem 7.5: Every linear function $l \in X'$ can be written as

$$l(x) = (x, y) \quad \text{for some } y \in X.$$

Proof: Let $\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n$ be an orthonormal basis, and let

$$b_k = l(\vec{x}_k). \quad \text{Put } y = \sum_{k=1}^{\hat{n}} b_k \vec{x}_k.$$

Claim: This works. (Easy to check)

□

Corollary: The mapping $R_y: X \rightarrow X'$, $y \mapsto f(-, y)$ is an isomorphism.

Remark: There is an analogous map $L_x: X \rightarrow X'$, $x \mapsto f(x, -)$.

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Def: let Y be a subspace of X . The orthogonal complement of Y is the set $\{x \in X : (x, y) = 0, \forall y \in Y\}$.

Remark: In Section 2, we defined $Y^\perp = \{l \in X' : (l, y) = 0 \forall y \in Y\}$.

Under the natural identification $X \xrightarrow{L_X} (X, -)$, these two sets are the same, thus we will also denote the orthogonal complement of Y by Y^\perp .

Theorem 7.6: For any subspace Y of X , $X = Y \oplus Y^\perp$.

Proof: We must show that for any $x \in X$, we can uniquely write $x = y + y^\perp$, where $y \in Y$, $y^\perp \in Y^\perp$.

Uniqueness: Suppose $x = y + y^\perp = z + z^\perp$, $y, z \in Y$, $y^\perp, z^\perp \in Y^\perp$.

Then $y - z = y^\perp - z^\perp \in Y \cap Y^\perp \Rightarrow y - z \perp y - z$

$\Rightarrow 0 = (y - z, y - z) = \|y - z\|^2 \Rightarrow y = z$.

Existence: let $\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_k$ be an orthonormal basis of Y .

Extend to an orthonormal basis $\vec{x}_{k+1}, \dots, \vec{x}_n$ of X .

We get $x = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \vec{x}_j = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \vec{x}_i + \sum_{j=k+1}^n a_j \vec{x}_j = y + y^\perp$. □

Def: The map $P_Y : X \rightarrow X$, $x = y + y^\perp \mapsto y$ is called the orthogonal projection of x into Y .

Theorem 7.7: P_Y is linear, and idempotent (i.e., $P_Y^2 = P_Y$).

Proof: Exercise.

Theorem 7.8: Let $Y \subseteq X$ be a subspace. Then

$$P_Y(x) = z, \text{ where } \|x - z\| = \min\{\|x - y\| : y \in Y\}.$$

Proof: Write $x - z = (y - z) + y^\perp$, $y = P_Y(x)$.

By the Pythagorean theorem, $\|x - z\|^2 = \|y - z\|^2 + \|y^\perp\|^2$ is minimized

when $z = y$. □

Now, let X and U be Euclidean spaces, and $A: X \rightarrow U$ a linear map.

We can identify X and U with X' and U' , and under this identification, the transpose of A maps $U \rightarrow X$.

We call the transpose of A the adjoint of A , denoted A^* .

Full definition: Let $A: X \rightarrow U$ be a linear map between Euclidean spaces.

For any $u \in U$, $l(x) = (Ax, u)$ is a linear function $X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

By Theorem 7.5, for some $y \in X$, $l(x) = (x, y) = (Ax, u)$.

The vector $y \in X$ depends (linearly) on $u \in U$, i.e., for some

$$\text{function } A^*: U \rightarrow X, \quad y = A^*u.$$

Thus, we have $(x, A^*u) = (Ax, u)$

scalar product in X \nearrow

\nwarrow scalar product in U .

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Theorem 7.9.

- (i) If $A, B: X \rightarrow X$ are linear, then $(A+B)^* = A^* + B^*$.
- (ii) If $A: X \rightarrow U$, $B: U \rightarrow V$ linear, then $(CA)^* = A^*C^*$.
- (iii) If $A: X \rightarrow X$ is 1-1, then $(A^{-1})^* = (A^*)^{-1}$.
- (iv) $(A^*)^* = A$.

Proof: Let $x \in X$, $u \in U$, $v \in V$.

(i) $(A+B)x, u = (Ax, u) + (Bx, u) = (x, A^*u) + (x, B^*u) = (x, (A^* + B^*)u)$. ✓

(ii) $(CAx, v) = (Ax, C^*v) = (x, A^*C^*v)$. ✓

(iii) By (ii) and the easy fact that $I^* = I$: $I = (A^{-1}A)^* = A^*(A^*)^{-1}$. ✓

(iv) $(Ax, u) = (u, Ax) = (A^*u, x) = (u, A^{**}x) = (A^{**}x, u)$. ✓

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As before, the matrix representations of A & A^* are transposes of each other.

Application: ("Least squares" method from numerical analysis.)

In many situations, we need to solve an overdetermined system of equations, i.e., $Ax = b$, where A is an $m \times n$ matrix with $m > n$, $x, b \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

In general, there is no solution. The least squares method seeks to find the "best approximation" by minimizing $\|Ax - b\|^2$.

Remark: Such a solution is unique only if $Ay = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$,

because if x is a solution and $Ay = 0$, then $Ax = A(x + ky)$,

for any $k \in \mathbb{R}$. Call such a y a nullvector of A .

Theorem 7.10: Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix, $m > n$, whose only nullvector is 0 . The (unique) vector x that minimizes $\|Ax - b\|^2$ is the solution to $A^*Az = A^*b$.

Proof: Step 1: Show that $A^*Az = A^*b$ has a unique solution.

Recall (Section 3) that this holds iff the homogeneous equation $A^*Az = 0$ has a unique sol'n (i.e., only the trivial sol'n).

If $A^*Ay = 0$, then $0 = (A^*Ay, y) = (Ay, Ay) = \|Ay\|^2 = 0$

This implies that $Ay = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$. ✓

Step 2: Claim: If $z \in \mathbb{R}^n$ has the property that $Az - b \perp R_A$, then z minimizes $\|Ax - b\|$.

Proof: Pick $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and let $y = x - z$. (Goal: show that $\|Ax - b\|$ is minimized when $y = 0$).

$Ax - b = A(y + z) - b = (Az - b) + Ay$, and $Az - b \perp Ay$.

Pythagorean theorem $\Rightarrow \|Ax - b\|^2 = \|Az - b\|^2 + \|Ay\|^2$.

Clearly, this is minimized if $\|Ay\| = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0 \Rightarrow x = z$. ✓

Step 3: Show that such a vector z satisfies $A^*Az = A^*b$.

We showed that $(Az - b, Ay) = 0$ for all $y \in X$.

$\Rightarrow (A^*(Az - b), y) = 0$ for all $y \in X$.

By assumption, $\text{rank } A = n \Rightarrow \text{rank } A^* = n$.

$\Rightarrow A^*(Az - b) = 0 \Rightarrow A^*Az = A^*b$. ✓

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Theorem 7.11: If P_Y is the orthogonal projection onto Y , then $P_Y^* = P_Y$.

Proof: Exercise.

Def: A function $M: X \rightarrow X$ is an isometry if for all $x, y \in X$, $\|M(x) - M(y)\| = \|x - y\|$. ("Distance-preserving.")

Example: Any translation $M(x) = x + a$ is an isometry.

Remark: Given any isometry, one can compose it with a translation to get an isometry that fixes 0. Conversely, any isometry can be decomposed into one that fixes 0, followed by a translation.

Theorem 7.12: Let $M: X \rightarrow X$ be an isometry that fixes 0.

Then: (i) M is linear

(ii) $M^*M = I$ (And conversely, this implies M is an isometry)

(iii) M is invertible, and M^{-1} is an isometry.

(iv) $\det M = \pm 1$.

Proof: Pick $x, y, z \in X$ and say $M(x) = x'$, $M(y) = y'$, $M(z) = z'$.

Note that $\|M(x)\| = \|x\|$ (take $y = 0$).

(i) We have $\|x'\| = \|x\|$, $\|y'\| = \|y\|$, and $\|x' - y'\| = \|x - y\|$.

Thus, $\|x'\|^2 - 2(x', y') + \|y'\|^2 = \|x' - y'\|^2 = \|x - y\|^2 = \|x\|^2 - 2(x, y) + \|y\|^2$.

This shows that $(x, y) = (x', y')$, i.e., M preserves inner products. □

Next, suppose $z = x + y$. We'll show $z' = x' + y'$.

$$\|z' - x' - y'\|^2 = \|z'\|^2 + \|y'\|^2 + \|x'\|^2 - 2(z', x') - 2(z', y') + 2(x', y')$$

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

Since M preserves norms & inner products,

$$\|z' - x' - y'\|^2 = \|z - x - y\|^2 = 0 \Rightarrow z' - x' - y' = 0. \quad \checkmark$$

$$(ii) (x, y) = (Mx, My) = (x, M^*My)$$

Thus, $(x, M^*My - y) = 0$ holds for all $x \in X$,

and so $M^*My - y = 0$.

(Note: Reverse the steps for the converse.)

$$(iii) \text{ If } \|M(x)\| = 0 \text{ then } \|x\| = 0 \Rightarrow M \text{ is invertible } \checkmark$$

(M^{-1} is clearly an isometry.)

$$(iv) \text{ Since } M^*M = I, (\det M^*)(\det M) = 1.$$

Recall that $\det M^* = \det M$, and so $\det M = \pm 1$. □

The geometric meaning of Theorem 7.12 is that any map that preserves distances is linear (i), and preserves both angles (see proof of (i)) and volume (iv).

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Def: A matrix that maps \mathbb{R}^n to itself isometrically is orthogonal.

The orthogonal matrices (fixed n) form a group under multiplication, called the orthogonal group, denoted $O(n, \mathbb{K})$.

The subgroup of matrices with determinant 1 is called the special orthogonal group, denoted $SO(n, \mathbb{K})$.

Prop: A matrix M is orthogonal iff its columns vectors form an orthonormal set

Proof: Exercise.

Recall that the determinant is one way to measure the "size" of a linear map from a space X into itself.

But how do we measure the size of a map $X \rightarrow U$?

Def: If $A: X \rightarrow U$ is a linear map between Euclidean spaces,

then define the norm of A to be $\|A\| = \sup \{\|Ax\| : \|x\| = 1\}$

(Recall that sup is the supremum, or least upper bound of a set.)

Theorem 7.13: For any linear map $A: X \rightarrow U$,

$$(i) \|Az\| \leq \|A\| \|z\| \quad \text{for all } z \in X$$

$$(ii) \|A\| = \sup \{(Ax, v) : \|x\| = 1, \|v\| = 1\}.$$

Proof: (i) By definition of $\|A\|$, $\|Az\| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|z\|$ for all unit vectors $z \in X$. In general, write $z = ke$, $\|e\| = 1$.

$$\text{Now, } \|Az\| = \|Ake\| = \|kAe\| = |k| \cdot \|Ae\| \leq |k| \cdot \|A\| \cdot \|e\| = \|A\| \cdot \|z\|. \checkmark$$

(ii) By Theorem 7.2 ($u = Ax$), $\|Ax\| = \max\{(Ax, v) : \|v\| = 1\}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By definition, } \|A\| &= \sup\{\|Ax\| : \|x\| = 1\} \\ &= \sup\{\max\{(Ax, v) : \|v\| = 1, \|x\| = 1\}\} \\ &= \sup\{(Ax, v) : \|v\| = \|x\| = 1\}. \checkmark \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 7.14: Suppose we have linear maps $A, B: X \rightarrow U$, $C: U \rightarrow V$.

$$(i) \|kA\| = |k| \|A\|$$

$$(ii) \|A+B\| \leq \|A\| + \|B\|$$

$$(iii) \|CA\| \leq \|C\| \cdot \|A\|$$

$$(iv) \|A^*\| = \|A\|.$$

Proof: (i) $\|kA\| = \sup\{\|kAx\| : \|x\| = 1\} = |k| \cdot \sup\{\|Ax\| : \|x\| = 1\}. \checkmark$

(ii) $\|(A+B)x\| = \|Ax + Bx\| \leq \|Ax\| + \|Bx\|.$

$$\begin{aligned} \|A+B\| &= \sup\{\|(A+B)x\| : \|x\| = 1\} \leq \sup\{\|Ax\| + \|Bx\| : \|x\| = 1\} \\ &\leq \sup\{\|Ax\| : \|x\| = 1\} + \sup\{\|Bx\| : \|x\| = 1\} \\ &= \|A\| + \|B\|. \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

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(iii) By Theorem 7.13 (i), $\|CAx\| \leq \|C\| \cdot \|Ax\| \leq \|C\| \cdot \|A\| \cdot \|x\|$.

Now, take the supremum of both sides, over all unit vectors. ✓

(iv) $\|A\| = \sup(Ax, v) = \sup(x, A^*v) = \sup(A^*v, x) = \|A^*\|$,

where these suprema are taken over all unit vectors $x, v \in X$. ✓

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Theorem 7.15: Let $A: X \rightarrow X$ be invertible. Suppose $B: X \rightarrow X$ has the property that $\|A-B\| < \frac{1}{\|A^{-1}\|}$. Then B is invertible.

Proof: Let $C = A - B$.

$$B = A - C = A(I - A^{-1}C) = A(I - S), \quad \text{where } S = A^{-1}C.$$

It suffices to show that $I - S$ is invertible.

Suppose not, and pick $0 \neq x \in N_{I-S}$.

$$\text{Now, } (I-S)x = 0 \Rightarrow Sx = x. \Rightarrow \|S\| \geq 1 \quad (\text{since } x \neq 0).$$

$$\text{But } \|S\| = \|A^{-1}C\| \leq \|A^{-1}\| \cdot \|C\| < 1 \quad (\text{by assumption}). \quad \Leftarrow \quad \square$$

Remark: This proof assumes $\dim X < \infty$, but it also holds for $\dim X = \infty$.

Review some basic real analysis:

Def. A sequence of numbers $\{a_k\}$ converges to a if $|a_k - a| \rightarrow 0$.

We say $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = a$.

A Cauchy sequence is any sequence $\{a_k\}$ for which $|a_k - a_j| \rightarrow 0$

as $j, k \rightarrow \infty$.

The real numbers are complete, because every Cauchy sequence converges to a limit.

The real numbers are also sequentially compact, that is, every bounded sequence contains a convergent subsequence.

Goal: Extend these properties from numbers to vectors in a finite-dimensional Euclidean space.

Def: A sequence $\{x_k\}$ of vectors in a Euclidean space converges to a limit x , i.e., $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = x$, if $\|x_k - x\| \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$. A sequence $\{x_k\}$ is a Cauchy sequence if $\|x_k - x_j\| \rightarrow 0$ as $j, k \rightarrow \infty$. It is bounded if for some $R \geq 0$, $\|x_k\| \leq R$ for all k .

Theorem 7.16: Let X be a finite-dimensional Euclidean space.

- (i) Every Cauchy sequence converges (i.e., X is complete).
- (ii) Every bounded sequence contains a convergent subsequence (i.e., it is sequentially compact).

Proof: (i) Note that for any $x = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$, $y = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$, we

$$\text{have } |a_j - b_j| \leq \|x - y\|.$$

Let $\{x_k\}$ be a Cauchy sequence, $x_k = (a_{k,1}, \dots, a_{k,n})$.

Then each $\{a_{k,j}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ is a Cauchy sequence, say it

converges to $a_j \in \mathbb{R}$. Put $x = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$.

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By definition, $\|x_k - x\|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{k,j} - a_j|^2 \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow x_k \rightarrow x. \quad \square$

(ii) Let $\{x_k\}$ be bounded, with $\|x_k\| \leq R$.

Then $|a_{k,j}| \leq \|x_k\| \leq R$, for all k .

Since R is sequentially compact, there is a subsequence of $\{x_k\}$ for which $\{a_{k,1}\} \rightarrow a_1$.

This subsequence contains a subsequence for which $\{a_{k,2}\} \rightarrow a_2$, and so on.

Thus, we can continue to get a subsequence for which each $\{a_{k,j}\} \rightarrow a_j$. Let $x = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$.

$\|x_k - x\|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{k,j} - a_j|^2 \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow x_k \rightarrow x. \quad \square$

Remark: We defined $\|A\| = \sup \{ \|Ax\| : \|x\| = 1 \}$ but in this case, it's just $\max \{ \|Ax\| : \|x\| = 1 \}$: Take a sequence $\{x_k\}$ ($\|x_k\| = 1$) for which $\|Ax_k\| \rightarrow \|A\|$. By Theorem 7.16, this sequence has a subsequence $\{x_{k_i}\}$ that converges to some $x = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$. Now, $\|Ae\| \leq \|Ax\|$ for all unit vectors $e \in X. \quad \checkmark$

The converse of Theorem 7.16 holds:

Theorem 7.17: If a Euclidean space X is sequentially compact, then $\dim X < \infty$.

Proof: Suppose $\dim X = \infty$, and let y_1, y_2, \dots be an infinite set of linearly independent vectors.

For each k , we can construct a sequence x_1, \dots, x_n of orthonormal vectors. Thus we obtain an infinite sequence

$$x_1, x_2, \dots \text{ for which } \|x_i - x_j\|^2 = \|x_i\|^2 - 2(x_i, x_j) + \|x_j\|^2 = 2.$$

Thus $\{x_k\}$ contains no convergent subsequence. \square

Def: A sequence $\{A_n\}$ of maps $X \rightarrow U$ converges to a limit A

$$\text{if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|A_n - A\| = 0.$$

Prop: If $\dim X < \infty$, then $A_n \rightarrow A$ iff $A_n x \rightarrow Ax$ for all $x \in X$.

Proof: Exercise (HW).

Remark: This does not hold if $\dim X = \infty$.

Complex Euclidean structure:

Let X be a finite-dimensional space over \mathbb{C} .

Define the inner product as $(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \bar{y}_i$, where

$$x = (x_1, \dots, x_n), \quad y = (y_1, \dots, y_n), \quad \text{and } \bar{y}_i \text{ denotes complex conjugation.}$$

We want to define the adjoint of $A: X \rightarrow U$ so that

$$(Ax, u) = (x, A^*u). \quad \text{But it is no longer just the transpose of } A.$$

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Suppose $A = (a_{ij})$, so that $(Ax)_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } (Ax, u) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j \right) \bar{u}_i \\ &= (a_{11} x_1 + \dots + a_{1n} x_n) \bar{u}_1 \\ &\quad + (a_{21} x_1 + \dots + a_{2n} x_n) \bar{u}_2 \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\quad + (a_{n1} x_1 + \dots + a_{nn} x_n) \bar{u}_n = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \bar{a}_{ij} u_i \right) = (x, A^* u) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, } A^* u = \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{a}_{ij} u_i \Rightarrow (A^* u)_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \bar{a}_{ji} x_j.$$

So A^* in matrix form is the complex conjugate transpose of A .

Def: A complex Euclidean structure in a complex vector space is endowed by a complex scalar product, denoted (x, y)

such that: (i) (x, y) is a linear function of x (y fixed)

(ii) $\overline{(x, y)} = (y, x)$ (Conjugate symmetry)

(iii) $(x, x) > 0$ for all $x \neq 0$ (positivity).

Remark: The complex scalar product is not bilinear.

Rather, it is a shew-linear function of y :

$$(x, ky) = \bar{k}(x, y) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in X, k \in \mathbb{C}.$$