



EE 501 Linear Systems Theory

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Definition

A field is a set F , together with two mappings of $F \times F \rightarrow F$, called addition and multiplication, written as $(a, b) \rightarrow a + b$ and $(a, b) \rightarrow ab$ respectively with the following properties:

Addition:

- (A1) $a + b = b + a$ for all $a, b \in F$ (commutativity)
- (A2) $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$ for all $a, b, c \in F$ (associativity)
- (A3) There is an element in F , denoted by 0_F , such that $a + 0_F = a$ $\forall a \in F$ (additive identity)
- (A4) For each $a \in F$ there is an element in F , denoted by $-a$, such that $a + (-a) = 0_F$ (additive inverse)



Multiplication:

- (M1) $ab = ba$ for all $a, b \in F$ (commutativity)
- (M2) $a(bc) = (ab)c$ for all $a, b, c \in F$ (associativity)
- (M3) There is an element in F , denoted by 1_F , such that $a1_F = a$ $\forall a \in F$ (multiplicative identity)
- (M4) For each $a \neq 0_F$ there is an element in F , denoted by a^{-1} , such that $aa^{-1} = 1_F$ (multiplicative inverse)

(D1) $a(b + c) = ab + ac \quad \forall a, b, c$ (distributive law).



Example

Set of real numbers \mathbb{R} with standard addition and multiplication.

Example

Set of binary numbers with modulo 2 addition and multiplication.

$$F = \{0, 1\}$$

+	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

·	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1



Example

Let $F = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$. Let us define $+$ and \cdot as:

$$x + y := (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2),$$

$$x \cdot y := (x_1 y_1 - x_2 y_2, x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1),$$

where $x = (x_1, x_2) \in F, y = (y_1, y_2) \in F$.

Note that this is nothing but complex number field \mathbb{C} . Then $0_F = (0, 0)$ and $1_F = (1, 0)$.

Exercise

Let $F = (0, \infty) = \mathbb{R}_+$ (positive real numbers) Given $x + y := xy$, $x \cdot y := e^{\ln(x) \ln(y)}$, show that F satisfies the axioms of field. Find 1_F and 0_F .

Question

Are polynomials a field? Are matrices a field?



Definition

A linear space V is a set, whose elements are called vectors associated with a field F , whose elements are called scalars. Vectors can be added and they can be multiplied by scalars. These operations satisfy the following properties:

Vector addition: $x + y, \quad + : V \times V \rightarrow V$

(A1) $x + y = y + x \quad \forall x, y \in V$ (commutativity)

(A2) $x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z \quad \forall x, y, z \in V$ (associativity)

(A3) $x + 0 = x \quad \forall x \in V$ (additive identity)

(A4) $x + (-x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in V$ (additive inverse)



Scalar multiplication: $ax, \quad \cdot : F \times V \rightarrow V$

- (M1) $a(bx) = (ab)x$ for all $a, b \in F, x \in V$ (associativity)
- (M2) $a(x + y) = ax + ay$ for all $a \in F, x, y \in V$ (distributive)
- (M3) $(a + b)x = ax + bx$ for all $a, b \in F, x \in V$ (distributive)
- (M4) $1x = x$ (unit rule)

Example

Show that $0x = 0$



Example

Set of all vectors (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) with $a_i \in F$. Addition, multiplication are defined componentwise. This space is denoted as F^n . Let $x, y \in F^n$

$$x = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n), y = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$$

$$\text{Addition: } x + y := (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, \dots, a_n + b_n)$$

$$\text{Multiplication: } cx := (ca_1, ca_2, \dots, ca_n)$$

Most common examples are \mathbb{R}^n and \mathbb{C}^n .



Example

Set of all real valued functions $t \rightarrow f(t)$ defined on the real line $F = \mathbb{R}$.

Example

Set of all polynomials with degree n with coefficients in F .

Example

Set of all polynomials with degree less than n with coefficients in F . Note that this linear space is a subset of the previous one for $F = \mathbb{R}$.



Definition

Let V be a linear space defined over field F , denoted by (V, F) . A subset W of V is called a subspace if sums and scalar multiples of elements of W belong to W . That is,

$$(S1) \quad w_1 + w_2 \in W \quad \forall w_1, w_2 \in W$$

$$(S2) \quad aw \in W \quad \forall w \in W \text{ and } \forall a \in F$$

Remark

Subset has to be closed under addition and scalar multiplication. All other properties are inherited from the original linear space.



Example

linear space $V = \mathbb{R}^2$;

subspace $W = [a \ 0]^T : a \in \mathbb{R}$

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Example

linear space $V =$ set of all real valued functions $t \rightarrow f(t)$;

subspace $W_1 =$ set of all continuous functions,

subspace $W_2 =$ set of all functions periodic with π .



Remark

0 vector itself is a subspace and it is the smallest subspace.

Definition

The sum of two subsets Y and Z of a linear space X , denoted as $Y + Z$, is the set of all vectors of form $y + z$, $y \in Y$, $z \in Z$.

Example

Show that $Y + Z$ is a linear subspace of X if Y and Z are



Example

Prove that if Y and Z are subspaces of linear space X , so is their intersection $Y \cap Z$.

Example

If Y and Z are subspaces of linear space X , is their union $Y \cup Z$ a subspace?



Definition

Let (V, F) and (W, F) be two linear spaces defined over the same scalar field F . The product space of (V, F) and (W, F) is defined as

- $V \times W = \{(v, w) : v \in V, w \in W\}$
- $(v, w) + (x, y) := (v + x, w + y)$ (vector addition)
- $a(v, w) := (av, aw)$ (scalar multiplication)



Definition

A linear combination of n vectors x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n of a linear space C is a vector of the form $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n$, where a_i 's are scalars in F .

Definition

The set of all linear combinations of x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n is called the span of $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$; denoted by $sp\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$.

Definition

Vectors x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n in X are said to be linearly independent if $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = 0$ implies $a_i = 0, \forall i$. Otherwise, they are linearly dependent.



Example

$$\text{i) } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{ii) } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Example

Consider the linear space of polynomials with degree $n \leq 2$. Let subset $S = \{P_1, P_2, P_3\}$ be such that $p_1(t) = 1$, $p_2(t) = t$, $p_3(t) = t^2$, $\forall t$. Is this set linearly independent?



Example

$$S = \{\cos(t), \sin(t), \cos(t - \pi/3)\}$$

Definition

Let V be a linear space and (finite) set of vectors $S = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ be a subset of V . S is said to be a basis for V iff

- $\text{Span}(S) = V$
- S is a linearly independent set.

Definition

A (finite dimensional) linear space V has many bases. All these bases must have the same number of vectors. That number is called the dimension of V .



Example

$$\text{i) } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \quad \text{ii) } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Definition

Ordered basis is a basis (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) , where basis vectors are given in a specific ordering.

If (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) is an ordered basis of V and $y \in V$, then there is a unique n -tuple of scalars (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) such that $y = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$. Scalars (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) are called the components of y with respect to the ordered basis (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) .



Example

With respect to some ordered basis $B_1 = (x_1, x_2)$ of \mathbb{R}^2 , let the vectors y_1, y_2, y_3 be presented by $[y_1]_{B_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $[y_2]_{B_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $[y_3]_{B_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$. That is, $y_1 = 1x_1 + 1x_2$, $y_2 = 1x_1 + 0x_2$, $y_3 = 2x_1 + 3x_2$. Let our new basis be $B_2 = (y_1, y_2)$. Express y_3 w.r.t. this new basis.

Remark: For a given ordered basis, the representation of a vector is unique.



Definition

Consider a linear space V over F , where F is either \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} . Let there be a function $x \rightarrow \|x\|$ that assigns to each $x \in V$, a nonnegative real number $\|x\| \in \mathbb{R} \geq 0$. Such function is called a **norm** if it satisfies the following properties.

$$(P1) \quad \|x_1 + x_2\| \leq \|x_1\| + \|x_2\|$$

$$(P2) \quad \|\alpha x\| = |\alpha| \|x\| \quad \forall x \in V \text{ and } \alpha \in F$$

$$(P3) \quad \|x\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$$

The expression " $\|x\|$ " is read "the norm of x " and the function $\|\cdot\|$ is said to be a norm on V .

The triplex $(V, F, \|\cdot\|)$ is called a **normed space**.



Norms can quantify **distance** between two points in our linear space.

The distance between $x_1, x_2 \in V$ is the norm of the vector $x_1 - x_2$ or $x_2 - x_1$: $\|(x_1 - x_2)\|$.

The norm of x , $\|x\|$ is the distance of x to the origin 0.

Now that we have a proper tool for measuring distance (norm), we can begin studying the “geometry” of the space (parallelism, orthogonality, area, volume, shape in general).



Example

Let $V = \mathbb{R}^2$, $F = \mathbb{R}$,

- i) $\|x\|_1 := |\alpha_1| + |\alpha_2|$. Is $\|\cdot\|_1$ a norm?
- ii) $\|x\|_2 := (\alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$. Is $\|\cdot\|_2$ a norm?
- iii) $\|x\|_\infty := \max(|\alpha_1|, |\alpha_2|)$. Is $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ a norm?



All these norms can be generalized into what we call a '**p-norm**'.

$$\|x\| := (|\alpha_1|^p + |\alpha_2|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

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Note that $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \|x\|_p = \|x\|_\infty$.



p-norm:



Examples: On lecture notes...



Example

Let $V = \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$, and $A = [a_{ij}]$,

$$\|A\| = \max_{i,j} |a_{ij}| \text{ is a norm.}$$

Example

Let $V = \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$, and $A = [a_{ij}]$,

$$\|A\| = \max_i \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}| \text{ (abs sum of rows)}$$

Exercise

Show that this is a norm.



Definition

$A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be an $m \times n$ matrix. Let $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^n}$ and $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}$ denote the norms (vector norms) in \mathbb{R}^n and \mathbb{R}^m respectively. The **induced norm** of a matrix is defined as

$$\|A\| := \max_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|_{\mathbb{R}^m}}{\|x\|_{\mathbb{R}^n}}.$$

Remark:

The induced matrix norm is defined in terms of vector norms. An equivalent definition is:

$$\|A\| := \max_{\|x\|=1} \|Ax\|.$$



Remark:

$$\begin{aligned}\|Ax\| &= \frac{\|Ax\|}{\|x\|} \|x\| \quad (\text{suppose } \|x\| \neq 0) \\ &\leq \left(\max_y \frac{\|Ay\|}{\|y\|} \right) \|x\| \\ &= \|A\| \|x\| \Rightarrow \|Ax\| \leq \|A\| \|x\|\end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, there exists a vector x^* such that $\|Ax^*\| = \|A\| \|x^*\|$ which may not be unique.



Example

Choose $\|\cdot\|_2$ in \mathbb{R}^n and \mathbb{R}^m ,

$$\|A\| = \max_{\|x\|=1} \|Ax\| = \max_{\|x\|=1} \sqrt{(Ax)^T Ax} = \max_{\|x\|=1} \sqrt{x^T A^T A x}$$



Definition

Let $(V, F, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed space. Let $\{v_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of vectors in V . $v_n \in V$ $n = 1, 2, \dots$. The sequence is said to be **convergent** to the limit $\bar{v} \in V$ iff $\|v_n - \bar{v}\| \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Equivalently, given any $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists N$ (N depends on ϵ) such that $n > N$ implies $\|v_n - \bar{v}\| \leq \epsilon$.

Remark:

A sequence that is not convergent is called **divergent**.



Example

Given $V = \mathbb{R}$ and $\|v\| = |v|$, consider the sequence $\left\{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$.
The sequence is convergent to $v = 0$.

Example

Consider the sequence $\{(-1)^n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$



In most engineering applications, we are interested in the convergence of an iterative algorithm.

In general, we do not know where!

The given definition of the convergence requires the limiting element $\bar{v} \in V$, an element we may not know, to verify convergence.

There are ways to exclude “ \bar{v} – dependence”.



Definition

Let $(V, F, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed space. A sequence $\{v_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ in V is said to be a **Cauchy sequence** if $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N$ (depending on ϵ) such that $\|v_n - v_m\| < \epsilon$ for all $n, m > N$.

Remark:

Every convergent sequence is a Cauchy sequence. The converse, in general, is not true.

Example

Consider the normed space $(\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{Q}, |\cdot|)$, (i.e., set of rational numbers over the field rational numbers with norm being the absolute value). Is the sequence $\{1 + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i!}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ convergent?



Definition

A normed space is said to be **complete** if every Cauchy sequence is convergent. A complete normed space is called a **Banach Space**.

Example

”‘A normed space that is not complete’”

Let $V = \{f | f : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f \text{ is continuous and } \int_{-1}^1 |f(t)| dt < \infty\}$.

Define $\|f\|_1 := \int_{-1}^1 |f(t)| dt$.

Now consider the sequence $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ defined as follows:



An inner product space is a linear space with an additional structure called inner product.

Definition

Let V be a linear space over field F . An inner product is a map of the form $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow F$ that satisfies the following three axioms for all vectors $x, y, z \in V$ and all scalars $\alpha \in F$.

- 1) $\langle x, y \rangle = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle}$ (conjugate symmetry)
- 2a) $\langle \alpha x, y \rangle = \alpha \langle x, y \rangle$ (linearity in the first argument)
- 2b) $\langle x + y, z \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle$ (linearity in the first argument)
- 3) $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$ with equality only for $x = 0$ (positive definiteness)



Notice that

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

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



Example

$$V = \mathbb{C}^n, \langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \overline{y_i}$$

Example

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Theorem

Cauchy-Schwarz inequality:

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



We have studied

- Sets
- Linear Spaces
- Normed Linear Spaces
- Inner Product Spaces

Sets

Very general concept. We can perform:

- Define subsets
- Take unions, intersections, complements, set subtraction



Linear Spaces

We defined members of our sets as **vectors** and defined

- Vector addition
- Scalar multiplication

We obtained an **algebraic structure**, where we can

- perform algebraic operations,
- define linear combinations,
- define span, basis, etc. Find representation of vectors wrt to basis,
- define **linear transformations** between vector spaces.



Normed Linear Spaces

We defined **norms** to incorporate a **geometric structure** on top of the algebraic structure. We can calculate the **distance** between two members of the vector space: $\|x - y\|$ In a normed space we can,

- Define (measure) distance
- Analyse convergence of sequences

Normed spaces have a major shortcoming. The direction cannot be characterized. The direction, or rather **relative direction**, can be studied by the help of a tool we call the **inner product**.



Inner Product Spaces

Enhancement of the geometric structure of a normed space

Example

Let u and v be two unit vectors in \mathbb{R}^n

- $\langle u, v \rangle = 0$ if they are orthogonal
- $\langle u, v \rangle$ is maximum when u and v point in the same direction
- $\langle u, v \rangle$ is minimum when u and v point in the opposite direction



Definition

Let V and W be linear spaces over the same field F . A linear transformation T is a mapping $T : V \rightarrow W$ satisfying

$$T(a_1x_1 + a_2x_2) = a_1T(x_1) + a_2T(x_2) \quad \forall a_1, a_2 \in F \quad \text{and} \quad \forall x_1, x_2 \in V$$

Example

- $V = W$ polynomials of degree less than n in S ; $T = \frac{d}{ds}$
- $V = W = \{\text{continuous functions of type } f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\};$
 $T_f = \int_0^1 f(s)ds$



Definition

Given linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$, the **null space** of T is the set of all $x \in V$ satisfying $Tx = 0_w$. That is,

$$\mathcal{N}(T) := \{x \in V : Tx = 0\}$$

Definition

Given linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$, the **range space** of T the set of all $w \in W$ satisfying $Tv = w$. That is

$$\mathcal{R}(T) := \{w \in W : w = Tv \text{ for some } v \in V\}$$



Remark

For a linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$, $\mathcal{N}(T)$ is a linear subspace of V .

Remark

$\mathcal{R}(T)$ is a subspace of W .



Definition

A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is one-to-one if $x_1 \neq x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$

Theorem

Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation. Then mapping T is one-to-one if and only if $\mathcal{N}(T) = \{0\}$.