

Exercise Session, February 29, 2016

1. **A property of the Euclidean norm.** Let $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\|\cdot\|_2$ be the Euclidean norm, i.e.

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle} = \left(\sum_{k=1}^n x_k^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

for all $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Calculate

$$\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 - 2\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 - 2\|\mathbf{y}\|_2^2.$$

2. **Cauchy-Schwarz's inequality in the Euclidean space.** Let $(E, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be a Euclidean space. Show that for all $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in E$:

$$|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle| \leq \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle} \cdot \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y} \rangle}.$$

3. **Hölder's inequality and norms on \mathbb{R}^n .**¹ For $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $p \geq 1$ let

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_p = \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Moreover, let

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |x_k|.$$

- (a) Show Hölder's inequality: for all $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$ (with the convention that if $p = 1$, then $p' = \infty$ and vice versa):

$$|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_p \|\mathbf{y}\|_{p'}.$$

(Hint: use Young's inequality: for p and p' satisfying $1/p + 1/p' = 1$

$$ab \leq \frac{a^p}{p} + \frac{b^{p'}}{p'}, \quad \text{for all } a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

to show that for all $t > 0$:

$$|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle| \leq \frac{t^p \|\mathbf{x}\|_p^p}{p} + \frac{t^{-p'} \|\mathbf{y}\|_{p'}^{p'}}{p'}$$

and deduce Hölder's inequality from it.)

- (b) Show that $\|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty$ defines a norm on \mathbb{R}^n .
(c) Show that $\|\mathbf{x}\|_1$ defines a norm on \mathbb{R}^n .

¹This is a challenging exercise were you prove a cornerstone result.

- (d) Let $1 < p < \infty$. Show that $\|\mathbf{x}\|_p$ defines a norm on \mathbb{R}^n . To show the triangular inequality use the convexity of the following function $u \mapsto |u|^p$. First show that for all $t \in]0, 1[$ and all $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|_p^p \leq t^{1-p} \|\mathbf{x}\|_p^p + (1-t)^{1-p} \|\mathbf{y}\|_p^p.$$

Deduce from it the triangular inequality by finding the optimal t .

- (e) Second proof of the triangular inequality. Let $1 < p < \infty$. Show that

$$\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|_p^p \leq \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k| |x_k + y_k|^{p-1} + |y_k| |x_k + y_k|^{p-1}$$

and use Hölder's inequality.

- (f) For all $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, give $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \|\mathbf{x}\|_p$.

4. Subsets of \mathbb{R}^n

- (a) Let $S = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 < y < (1 + x^2)e^{-|x|}\}$. Give $\overset{\circ}{S}, \bar{S}$ and ∂S . Then calculate the area of S .
- (b) Let $T = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 1 < x^2 + 4y^2 < 4\}$. Give $\overset{\circ}{T}, \bar{T}$ and ∂T . Then calculate the area of T .
- (c) Consider the set of rational numbers $\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}$. Give $\overset{\circ}{\mathbb{Q}}, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}$ and $\partial \mathbb{Q}$.

Useful formulas.

$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt, \quad \Gamma(n+1) = n!$$

$$\int^x \sqrt{1-t^2} dt = \frac{x\sqrt{1-x^2} + \arcsin x}{2}$$

$$E_{a,b} = \{(x, y) : \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} \leq 1\}, \quad a, b > 0 \quad \text{Area}(E_{a,b}) = \pi ab.$$

5. Let $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function on a metric space (X, d_X) . Show that for all $c \in \mathbb{R}$:
- (a) $E = \{\mathbf{x} \in X : f(\mathbf{x}) = c\}$ is closed.
- (b) $F = \{\mathbf{x} \in X : f(\mathbf{x}) \leq c\}$ is closed.
- (c) $G = \{\mathbf{x} \in X : f(\mathbf{x}) < c\}$ is open.
6. Let $(E, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be a Euclidean space. Let $\mathbf{v} \in E, \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 1$. Then

$$P\mathbf{x} = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{x} \rangle \mathbf{v} \tag{1}$$

defines an orthogonal projector (it is the orthogonal projection on \mathbf{v}). Show that P is continuous.