

1. Prove the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality: $|\langle u, v \rangle| \leq \|u\| \|v\|$ for elements u, v in an inner product space.

Solution

Let $F = \mathbb{C}$.

If $v = \underline{0}$ ie if $\|v\| = 0$ we have $|\langle u, v \rangle| = 0 \leq 0 = \|u\| \|v\|$

Assume $v \neq \underline{0}$ and let $w = u - \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2} v$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|w\|^2 \\
 &= \langle w, w \rangle \\
 &= \langle u - \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2} v, u - \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2} v \rangle \\
 &= \langle u, u \rangle - \langle u, \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2} v \rangle - \langle \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2} v, u \rangle + \langle \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2} v, \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2} v \rangle \\
 &= \|u\|^2 - \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2} \langle u, v \rangle - \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2} \langle v, u \rangle + \frac{\langle u, v \rangle \overline{\langle u, v \rangle}}{\|v\|^2 \|v\|^2} \langle v, v \rangle \text{ since } \langle ax, by \rangle = a \bar{b} \langle x, y \rangle \\
 &= \|u\|^2 - \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2} \langle u, v \rangle - \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2} \overline{\langle u, v \rangle} + \frac{\langle u, v \rangle \overline{\langle u, v \rangle}}{\|v\|^2 \|v\|^2} \|v\|^2 \text{ since } \langle x, y \rangle = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle} \\
 &= \|u\|^2 - \frac{|\langle u, v \rangle|^2}{\|v\|^2} - \frac{|\langle u, v \rangle|^2}{\|v\|^2} + \frac{|\langle u, v \rangle|^2}{\|v\|^2} \\
 &= \|u\|^2 - \frac{|\langle u, v \rangle|^2}{\|v\|^2} \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $|\langle u, v \rangle|^2 \leq \|u\|^2 \|v\|^2$ and $|\langle u, v \rangle| \leq \|u\| \|v\|$ (why?)

2. Let $f, g \in \mathcal{C}[a, b]$ and $F = \mathbb{R}$. Show that $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx$ is an inner product. What does Cauchy-Schwarz inequality look like?

Solution

Let $\mathcal{C}[a, b]$ be the set of Continuous Real Valued Functions on $[a, b]$ and $f, g, h \in \mathcal{C}[a, b]$ and $a \in F = \mathbb{R}$.

- Now $f, g, f, g \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ ie Riemann Integrable on $[a, b]$ (Theorem, why?) hence $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle: \mathcal{C}[a, b] \times \mathcal{C}[a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given above is a Function.
- $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx = \int_a^b g(x)f(x)dx = \langle g, f \rangle$
- $\langle f + g, h \rangle = \int_a^b (f + g)(x)h(x)dx = \int_a^b (f(x) + g(x))h(x)dx = \int_a^b (f(x)h(x) + g(x)h(x))dx$
 $= \int_a^b f(x)h(x)dx + \int_a^b g(x)h(x)dx = \langle f, h \rangle + \langle g, h \rangle$
- $\langle cf, g \rangle = \int_a^b (cf)(x)g(x)dx = \int_a^b cf(x)g(x)dx = c \int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx = c\langle f, g \rangle$
- $\langle f, f \rangle = \int_a^b f(x)f(x)dx = \int_a^b (f(x))^2 dx \geq 0$ and
 $\langle f, f \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow \int_a^b (f(x))^2 dx = 0 \Leftrightarrow \forall x \in [a, b], f(x) = 0 = O(x) \Leftrightarrow f = O = \underline{0}$ the Zero Function
 (upto a set of *measure 0*?, why?)

Now $|\langle f, g \rangle| \leq \|f\| \|g\|$ reads as

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx \right| \leq \sqrt{\int_a^b (f(x))^2 dx} \sqrt{\int_a^b (g(x))^2 dx} \text{ or}$$

$$\left(\int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx \right)^2 \leq \int_a^b (f(x))^2 dx \int_a^b (g(x))^2 dx$$