

Advanced Numerical Analysis for Chemical Engineering

Quiz and Solution Key

1. Describe geometrically the subspaces of R^3 **spanned** by following sets

(a) (1,0,1), (0,1,-1), (0,-2,0)

Solution: *The above 3 vectors are linearly independent and span the entire 3 dimensional space, i.e. R^3 .*

(b) (-1,0,0), (5,0,-8), (0,0,4)

Solution: *Only 2 out above 3 vectors are linearly independent and they span a 2 dimensional subspace in R^3 .*

(c) (2,-2,0), (-5,0,0), (0,3,0)

Solution: *Only 2 out above 3 vectors are linearly independent and they span a 2 dimensional subspace in R^3 .*

2. Determine whether following definition is valid as definitions for norm in $C^{(2)}[a, b]$

Solution: *Since we are dealing with real valued functions, for any function to qualify as inner product, it has to satisfy the following four axioms*

A1. $\|\mathbf{x}\| \geq 0$ for all $x \in X$; $\|\mathbf{x}\| = 0$ if and only if $x = \bar{0}$ (zero vector)

A2. $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| + \|\mathbf{y}\|$ for each $x, y \in X$. (triangle inequality).

A3. $\|\alpha\mathbf{x}\| = |\alpha| \cdot \|\mathbf{x}\|$ for all scalars α and each $x \in X$

(a) $\max |\mathbf{x}(t)| + \max |\mathbf{x}'(t)|$

For any non-zero function $x(t)$, axiom A1 is satisfied. Axiom A2 follows from the following inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{y}(t)\| &= \max |\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{y}(t)| + \max |\mathbf{x}'(t) + \mathbf{y}'(t)| \\ &\leq [\max |\mathbf{x}(t)| + \max |\mathbf{y}(t)|] + [\max |\mathbf{x}'(t)| + \max |\mathbf{y}'(t)|] \\ &\leq [\max |\mathbf{x}(t)| + \max |\mathbf{x}'(t)|] + [\max |\mathbf{y}(t)| + \max |\mathbf{y}'(t)|] \\ &\leq \|\mathbf{x}(t)\| + \|\mathbf{y}(t)\| \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to show that axiom A3 is also satisfied for all scalars α . Thus, given function defines a norm on $C^{(2)}[a, b]$.

(b) $|\mathbf{x}(a)| + \max |\mathbf{x}'(t)|$

For any non-zero function $x(t)$, axiom A1 is satisfied. Axiom A2 follows from the following inequality

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{y}(t)\| &= |\mathbf{x}(a) + \mathbf{y}(a)| + \max |\mathbf{x}'(t) + \mathbf{y}'(t)| \\ &\leq [|\mathbf{x}(a)| + |\mathbf{y}(a)|] + [\max |\mathbf{x}'(t)| + \max |\mathbf{y}'(t)|] \\ &\leq [|\mathbf{x}(a)| + \max |\mathbf{x}'(t)|] + [|\mathbf{y}(a)| + \max |\mathbf{y}'(t)|] \\ &\leq \|\mathbf{x}(t)\| + \|\mathbf{y}(t)\|\end{aligned}$$

Axiom A3 is also satisfied for any α as

$$\begin{aligned}\|\alpha\mathbf{x}(t)\| &= |\alpha\mathbf{x}(a)| + \max |\alpha\mathbf{x}'(t)| \\ &= |\alpha| [|\mathbf{x}(a)| + \max |\mathbf{x}'(t)|] \\ &= |\alpha| \cdot \|\mathbf{x}\|\end{aligned}$$

(c) $|\mathbf{x}(a)| \max |\mathbf{x}(t)|$

Consider a non-zero function $x(t)$ in $C^{(2)}[a, b]$ such that $x(a) = 0$ and $\max |\mathbf{x}(t)| \neq 0$. Then, axiom A1 is NOT satisfied for any vector $x(t)$ in $C^{(2)}[a, b]$ and the above function does not qualify to be a norm on $C^{(2)}[a, b]$.

3. Show that function $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle_W : R^n \times R^n \rightarrow R$ defined as

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle_W = \mathbf{x}^T W \mathbf{y}$$

defines an inner product on when W is a symmetric positive definite matrix.

Solution: For $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle_W = \mathbf{x}^T W \mathbf{y}$ to qualify as inner product, it must satisfy the following axioms

A1. $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle$

A2. $\langle \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \rangle$

A3. $\langle \lambda \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \lambda \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$ and $\langle \mathbf{x}, \lambda \mathbf{y} \rangle = \lambda \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$

A4. $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle \geq 0$ and $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle = 0$ if and only if $x = \bar{0}$.

We have, $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle_W = \mathbf{x}^T W \mathbf{y}$ and $\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle_W = \mathbf{y}^T W \mathbf{x}$. Since W is symmetric, i.e. $W^T = W$, $[\mathbf{x}^T W \mathbf{y}]^T = \mathbf{y}^T W^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}^T W \mathbf{x}$. Thus, axiom A1 holds for any $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in R^n$.

$\langle \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \rangle_W = (\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y})^T W \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x}^T W \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{y}^T W \mathbf{z} = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} \rangle_W + \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \rangle_W$. Thus, axiom A2 holds for any $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in R^n$.

$\langle \lambda \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = (\lambda \mathbf{x})^T W \mathbf{y} = \lambda (\mathbf{x}^T W \mathbf{y}) = \lambda \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$

$\langle \mathbf{x}, \lambda \mathbf{y} \rangle = \mathbf{x}^T W (\lambda \mathbf{y}) = \lambda (\mathbf{x}^T W \mathbf{y}) = \lambda \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$. Thus, axiom A3 holds for any $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in R^n$.

Since W is positive definite, it follows that $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle_W = \mathbf{x}^T W \mathbf{x} > 0$ if $x \neq \bar{\mathbf{0}}$ and $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle_W = \mathbf{x}^T W \mathbf{x} = 0$ if $x = \bar{\mathbf{0}}$. Thus, axiom A_4 holds for any $\mathbf{x} \in R^n$.

Since all four axioms are satisfied, $\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle_W = \mathbf{y}^T W \mathbf{x}$ is a valid definition of an inner product.

4. The triangle inequality asserts that, for any two vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} belonging to an inner product space

$$\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{y}\|_2 + \|\mathbf{x}\|_2$$

After squaring both the sides and expanding, reduce this to Schwartz inequality. Under what condition Schwartz inequality becomes an equality?

Solution: Squaring both the sides, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 &= \langle \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \rangle \leq [\|\mathbf{y}\|_2 + \|\mathbf{x}\|_2]^2 \\ \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y} \rangle + 2 \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle &\leq \|\mathbf{y}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 + 2\|\mathbf{y}\|_2 \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \\ \|\mathbf{y}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 + 2 \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle &\leq \|\mathbf{y}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 + 2\|\mathbf{y}\|_2 \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \end{aligned}$$

Since, $\|\mathbf{y}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \geq 0$ for any $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in X$, the above inequality reduces to

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle \leq \|\mathbf{y}\|_2 \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \quad (1)$$

The triangle inequality also implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 &= \langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \rangle \leq [\|\mathbf{y}\|_2 + \|\mathbf{x}\|_2]^2 \\ \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y} \rangle - 2 \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle &\leq \|\mathbf{y}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 + 2\|\mathbf{y}\|_2 \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \\ \|\mathbf{y}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 - 2 \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle &\leq \|\mathbf{y}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 + 2\|\mathbf{y}\|_2 \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \end{aligned}$$

Since, $\|\mathbf{y}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \geq 0$ for any $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in X$, the above inequality reduces to

$$- \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle \leq \|\mathbf{y}\|_2 \|\mathbf{x}\|_2$$

i.e.

$$-\|\mathbf{y}\|_2 \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle \quad (2)$$

Combining inequalities (1) and (2), we arrive at the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality

$$-\|\mathbf{y}\|_2 \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle \leq \|\mathbf{y}\|_2 \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \quad (3)$$

i.e.

$$|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle| \leq \|\mathbf{y}\|_2 \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \quad (4)$$

The Cauchy-Schwartz inequality reduces to equality when $\mathbf{y} = \alpha \mathbf{x}$.