

Exercise 1.1. (a) Show that the inner product satisfies the following properties: for all $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $a \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle, \quad \langle x + y, z \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle, \quad \langle ax, y \rangle = a \langle x, y \rangle.$$

(b) For $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, show that:

$$\|x + ty\|^2 = \|x\|^2 + 2t \langle x, y \rangle + t^2 \|y\|^2 \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

(c) By thinking of (1) as a quadratic in t , and considering its possible roots, deduce the *Cauchy-Schwartz* inequality:

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|. \quad (2)$$

When does equality hold?

(d) Deduce the triangle inequality for the norm on \mathbb{R}^n .

(e) Show the reverse triangle inequality:

$$|\|x\| - \|y\|| \leq \|x - y\|$$

Exercise 1.2. Suppose $x = (x^1, \dots, x^n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

(i) Show that:

$$\max_{k=1, \dots, n} |x^k| \leq \|x\|.$$

(ii) Show that:

$$\|x\| \leq \sqrt{n} \max_{k=1, \dots, n} |x^k|.$$

Exercise 1.3. Suppose that $(x_i)_{i=0}^\infty$ and $(y_i)_{i=0}^\infty$ are two sequences in \mathbb{R}^n with

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_i = x, \quad \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} y_i = y.$$

(a) Show that

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} (x_i + y_i) = x + y.$$

(b) Show that

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \langle x_i, y_i \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle,$$

and deduce that

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \|x_i\| = \|x\|.$$

(c) Suppose that $(a_i)_{i=0}^\infty$ is a sequence of real numbers with $a_i \rightarrow a$ as $i \rightarrow \infty$. Show that

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} (a_i x_i) = ax.$$

Exercise 1.4. Which of the following subsets of \mathbb{R}^n is open:

- (a) \mathbb{R}^n ?
- (b) \emptyset ?
- (c) $\{x = (x^1, \dots, x^n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : x^1 > 0\}$?
- (d) $\{x = (x^1, \dots, x^n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : x^i \in [0, 1]\}$?
- (e) $\mathbb{Q}^n := \{x = (x^1, \dots, x^n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : x^i \in \mathbb{Q}\}$?

Exercise 1.5. Let $(x_i)_{i=0}^\infty$ be a sequence of vectors $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with $x_i \rightarrow x$. Suppose that the x_i satisfy $\|x_i\| < r$ for all i and some $r > 0$. Show that:

$$\|x\| \leq r.$$

Exercise 1.6. (a) Show that if U_1, U_2 are open in \mathbb{R}^n , then so are the sets

$$i) U_1 \cup U_2 \qquad ii) U_1 \cap U_2$$

(b) Suppose U_α , for α in an index set I , is a collection of open sets in \mathbb{R}^n .

- (i) Show that $\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} U_\alpha$ is open in \mathbb{R}^n .
- (ii) Give an example showing that $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} U_\alpha$ need not be open.

Exercise 1.7. Suppose $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is an open set and $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$. Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x) = F$ if and only if for any sequence $(x_i)_{i=0}^\infty$ in $A \setminus \{p\}$ which converges to p we have

$$f(x_i) \rightarrow F, \quad \text{as } i \rightarrow \infty.$$

Exercise 1.8. (a) Show that the map $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ defined as $f(x) = (x, 0, \dots, 0)$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} .

(b) Let $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and suppose we are given a map $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ where

$$f(x^1, \dots, x^n) \mapsto (f^1((x^1, \dots, x^n)), \dots, f^m((x^1, \dots, x^n))).$$

Show that f is continuous at $p \in A$ if and only if each map $f^k : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous at p , for $k = 1, \dots, m$.

(c) Show that the map $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined as $f((x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n)) = 3x^1(x^2)^5 + 4x^2(x^n)^7$ is continuous on \mathbb{R}^n ,¹

Exercise 1.9.*

(a) Suppose $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is continuous on \mathbb{R}^n , and suppose $U \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is open. Show that:

$$f^{-1}(U) := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : f(x) \in U\}$$

is open.

(b) Suppose that $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ has the property that $f^{-1}(U) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is open for every open $U \subset \mathbb{R}^m$. Show that f is continuous on \mathbb{R}^n .

¹Here, $(x^j)^m$ denotes the coordinate x^j raised to power m .