

This implies  $m_2$  divides  $o(G/K)$ . By induction hypothesis,  $G/K$  has a subgroup, say  $H/K$  of order  $m_2$  where  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  such that  $K \subseteq H$ . Now,

$$o(H) = o(H/K) \cdot o(K) = m_2 p = m$$

This completes the induction. Hence the theorem is proved.

We now state the fundamental theorem of finite abelian group without proof:

Theorem 3.1.4 (Fundamental theorem on finite abelian groups)

A finite abelian group is direct of cyclic groups of prime power order.

## Unit-2 Linear Algebra:

1. Inner Product Spaces: In the discussion of Inner Product Space, we assume that all vector spaces are over the field  $F$ , where denotes either  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$  (i.e., the field of real numbers or the field of complex numbers) unless otherwise mentioned.

Definition 4.1.1 Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ . An inner product on  $V$  is a function that assigns, to every ordered pair of vectors  $x$  and  $y$  in  $V$ , a scalar in  $F$ , denoted by  $\langle x, y \rangle$ , such that for all  $x, y$  and  $z$  in  $V$  and all  $c$  in  $F$ , the following hold:

(a)  $\langle x+z, y \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle + \langle z, y \rangle$

(b)  $\langle cx, y \rangle = c \langle x, y \rangle$

(c)  $\overline{\langle x, y \rangle} = \langle y, x \rangle$  where bar denotes the complex conjugation.

(d)  $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$  if  $x \neq 0$

Note that (c) reduces to  $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$  if  $F = \mathbb{R}$ . Conditions

(a) and (b) simply require that the inner product be linear in the first component. It can be easily shown that

$$\left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i, y \right\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \langle v_i, y \rangle \text{ if } a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in F \text{ and } y, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \in V$$

Examples 4.1.2 : 1. For  $x = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  and  $y = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$  in  $F^n$ , define

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \bar{b}_i$$

The verification that  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  satisfies conditions (a) through (d) is easy. Check it yourself (b), (c) and (d). For (a), if  $z = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)$

$$\langle x+z, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i + c_i) \bar{b}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \bar{b}_i + \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \bar{b}_i = \langle x, y \rangle + \langle z, y \rangle.$$

Then, for  $x = (1+i, 4)$  and  $y = (2-3i, 4+5i)$  in  $\mathbb{C}^2$

$$\langle x, y \rangle = (1+i)(2+3i) + 4(4-5i) = 15 - 15i$$

This inner product is called the standard inner product on  $F^n$  when  $F = \mathbb{R}$ , the conjugates are not needed, and in early courses this standard inner product is usually called the dot product or scalar product and is denoted by  $x \cdot y$  instead of  $\langle x, y \rangle$ .

2. If  $\langle x, y \rangle$  is any inner product on a vector space  $V$  and  $r > 0$ , we may define another inner product  $\langle x, y \rangle' = r \langle x, y \rangle$ . If  $r \leq 0$  (d) would not hold.

3. Let  $V = \mathcal{C}([0,1])$ , the vector space of real valued continuous functions on  $[0,1]$ . For  $f, g \in V$ , define  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(t)g(t) dt$

Then  $\langle f, g \rangle$  satisfies all the conditions of inner product (check it.)

Now, we know the definition of conjugate transpose of a matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  is a matrix  $A^* = [b_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  where  $b_{ij} = \bar{a}_{ji}$

$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} i & 1+3i \\ 2 & 3+4i \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } A^* = \begin{bmatrix} -i & 2 \\ 1-2i & 3-4i \end{bmatrix}$$

Notice that if  $x$  and  $y$  are viewed as column vectors in  $F^n$ , then  $\langle x, y \rangle = y^* x$ .

Example 4. Let  $V = M_{n \times n}(F)$  (the vector space of all  $n \times n$  matrices over  $F$ )

Define  $\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(B^*A)$  for  $A, B \in V$  (Recall that trace of a matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$ , denoted by  $\text{tr}(A)$ , is defined by  $\text{tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$ .)

We verify (a) and (d) of the definition of inner product. Leave (b) and (c) to you to verify. For this purpose, let  $A, B, C \in V$

$$\text{Then } \langle A+B, C \rangle = \text{tr}(C^*(A+B)) = \text{tr}(C^*A + C^*B) = \text{tr}(C^*A) + \text{tr}(C^*B) = \langle A, C \rangle + \langle B, C \rangle$$

$$\text{as } \text{tr}(A+B) = \text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(B)$$

Also, let  $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n} \in V$ . Then

$$\langle A, A \rangle = \text{tr}(A^*A) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii} \quad \text{where } A^*A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n c_{ik} a_{ki}, \quad \text{where } A^* = [c_{ij}]_{n \times n}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n \bar{a}_{ki} a_{ki} \quad \text{as } c_{ik} = \bar{a}_{ki}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n |a_{ki}|^2$$

Now if  $A \neq 0$ , then  $a_{ki} \neq 0$  for some  $k$  and  $i$ . So,  $\langle A, A \rangle > 0$

This inner product is called the ~~Frobenius~~ Frobenius inner product.

A vector space  $V$  over  $F$  endowed with a specific inner product is called an inner product space. If  $F = \mathbb{C}$ , we call  $V$  a complex inner product space, whereas if  $F = \mathbb{R}$ , we call  $V$  a real inner product space.

It is clear that if  $V$  has an inner product  $\langle x, y \rangle$  and  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ , then  $W$  is also an inner product space when the same function  $\langle x, y \rangle$  is restricted to the vectors  $x, y \in W$

So, Examples 1, 3 and 4 also provide examples of inner product spaces.

From now onward,  $F^n$  will denote the inner product space with the standard inner product as defined in example 1. Likewise,  $M_{n \times n}(F)$  will denote the inner product space with the Frobenius inner product as defined in example 4. Students are cautioned that two distinct inner products on a given vector space yield two distinct inner product spaces. For instance, it can be shown that both

$$\langle f(x), g(x) \rangle_1 = \int_0^1 f(t)g(t) dt \quad \text{and} \quad \langle f(x), g(x) \rangle_2 = \int_{-1}^1 f(t)g(t) dt$$

inner product on the vector space  $P(\mathbb{R})$  of polynomials with real coefficients. Even though the underlying vector space is the same, however, these two inner products yield two inner product spaces. For example, for the polynomials  $f(x) = x$  and  $g(x) = x^3$

$$\langle f(x), g(x) \rangle_2 = 0 \quad \text{but} \quad \langle f(x), g(x) \rangle_1 \neq 0$$

A very important inner product space that resembles  $C([0, 1])$  is the space  $H$  of continuous complex valued functions defined on the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$  with the inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(t) \overline{g(t)} dt$$

This inner product space ~~which~~ arises often in the context of physical situations, is ~~expressed~~

At this point, we mention a few facts about ~~complex~~ integration of complex valued functions. First, the imaginary number  $i$  can be treated as constant under the integral sign. Second, every complex valued function  $f$  may be written as  $f = f_1 + i f_2$  where  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are real valued functions. Thus we have

$$\int f = \int f_1 + i \int f_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \overline{\int f} = \int \overline{f}$$

From these properties, as well as the assumption of continuity, it follows that  $H$  is an inner product space.

Some properties that follow easily from the definition of inner product are contained in the next theorem.