

Lecture 5 - Euclidean Geometry & Applications

Note Title

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Last time: finished with distance, getting last notion needed for ordinary geometry. Today we'll get some big geometry results.

Thm (Cauchy-Schwarz): $|\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}| \leq \|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\|$ ← book writes this as $\|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\|$

In $\mathbb{R}^1 = \mathbb{R}$, $\|\vec{v}\| = |\vec{v}|$, so Cauchy-Schwarz is obvious: $|\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}| = |\vec{u}| \cdot |\vec{v}|$.

Just have to remember that vectors are a little badly behaved.

Thm 1) $\|\vec{u} + \vec{v}\| \leq \|\vec{u}\| + \|\vec{v}\|$ (Triangle Inequality)

2) If $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$, then $\|\vec{u} + \vec{v}\|^2 = \|\vec{u}\|^2 + \|\vec{v}\|^2$

Pf: Look at $\|\vec{u} + \vec{v}\|^2 = (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \cdot (\vec{u} + \vec{v})$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{F.O.I.L. the RHS:} &= \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} \\ &= \|\vec{u}\|^2 + 2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \|\vec{v}\|^2 \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For part 1) take } |\cdot|: &\leq \|\vec{u}\|^2 + 2|\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}| + \|\vec{v}\|^2 \\ \text{(CS)} &\leq \|\vec{u}\|^2 + 2\|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\| + \|\vec{v}\|^2 \\ &= (\|\vec{u}\| + \|\vec{v}\|)^2 \end{aligned}$$

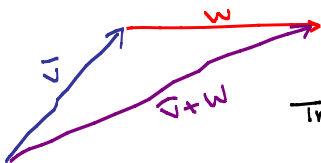
Take $\sqrt{\cdot}$: $\|\vec{u} + \vec{v}\| \leq \|\vec{u}\| + \|\vec{v}\|$

For part 2) If $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$, then the RHS of (*) is $\|\vec{u}\|^2 + \|\vec{v}\|^2$, so

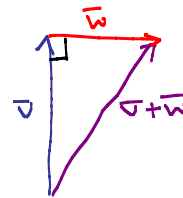
(*) becomes $\|\vec{u} + \vec{v}\|^2 = \|\vec{u}\|^2 + \|\vec{v}\|^2$

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Pictures



Triangle inequality says every side is at most the sum of the other sides



A few properties of $\|\cdot\|$ and $d(\cdot, \cdot)$:

$$\|\vec{u}\| \geq 0, \quad = 0 \leftrightarrow \vec{u} = 0$$

$$\|c\vec{u}\| = |c| \cdot \|\vec{u}\|$$

$$d(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) \geq 0, \quad = 0 \leftrightarrow \vec{x} = \vec{y}$$

$$d(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = d(\vec{y}, \vec{x})$$

So our notion of distance does capture our intuition, and we see how $\| \cdot \|$ works with the vector operations.



Applications!

I. Curve Fitting

II. Electrical Circuits

III. Traffic Flow

Basically the same idea

I. Know that given 2 points, there is a unique line between them. Can force this to have a coef of 1 for $y \Rightarrow$ unique equation.

This generalizes: If we have n points, there is a unique curve of the form

$$y = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1}$$

passing through them.

Find them using a linear systems:

$(-1, 2), (1, 2), (2, 4)$

$$2 = a_0 + a_1(-1) + a_2(-1)^2$$

$$2 = a_0 + a_1(1) + a_2(1)^2$$

$$4 = a_0 + a_1(2) + a_2(2)^2$$

$$\leftrightarrow \begin{array}{c} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-1} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & 2 \end{array} \right] \div 2 \end{array}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2/3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-1} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2/3 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow y = 4/3 + (2/3)x^2$$

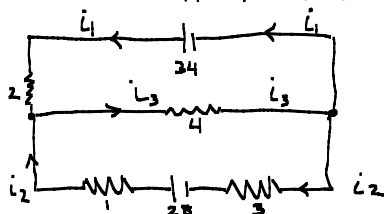
Moral Plug in every point!

II. Electrical Networks Circuit analysis

Kerchof's Laws

1) Junctions: "Conservation of current" - Current flowing in must flow out.

2) Paths: "Conservation of momentum" - Sum of IR along any path is the voltage.



$$i_1 + i_2 = i_3$$

$$2i_1 + 4i_3 = 34$$

$$4i_2 + 4i_3 = 28$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 & 34 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 28 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \div 2 \\ \div 4 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 17 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \downarrow - \\ \uparrow \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 17 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \div -1 \\ \downarrow - \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -17 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 24 \end{bmatrix} \div 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -17 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \uparrow 3 \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ \uparrow \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

III. Traffic flow

1 rule: "rate of cars" is preserved, so cars go in and out at the same rate:



$$\Rightarrow r_3 = r_1 + r_2.$$