

n 阶行列式与 n 维向量的向量积、混合积

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内容提要

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向量积定义

定义1.1 设 $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_n$ 是n维欧氏空间V的标准正交基,

$$\alpha_j = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} \epsilon_i, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n-1. \quad \text{令}$$

$$A_j = (-1)^{j+1} \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1 \ n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{j-1 \ 1} & a_{j-1 \ 2} & \cdots & a_{j-1 \ n-1} \\ a_{j+1 \ 1} & a_{j+1 \ 2} & \cdots & a_{j+1 \ n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n \ 1} & a_{n \ 2} & \cdots & a_{n \ n-1} \end{vmatrix},$$

$$j = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

向量积定义

$n-1$ 个向量 $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}$ 的向量积定义为

$$\begin{vmatrix} \epsilon_1 & a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1\ n-1} \\ \epsilon_2 & a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2\ n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \epsilon_n & a_{n\ 1} & a_{n\ 2} & \cdots & a_{n\ n-1} \end{vmatrix} = A_1 \epsilon_1 + A_2 \epsilon_2 + \cdots + A_n \epsilon_n,$$

记作 $VP_\epsilon(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n-1})$, 其中 $\epsilon = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_n)^T$.

显然, $VP_\epsilon(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_{n-1}) = (-1)^{n+1} \epsilon_n$.

向量积性质

命题1.2 设 $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_n$ 和 $\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n$ 都是n维欧氏空间V的标准正交基,

$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}$ 是V的一个向量组,

则 $VP_\epsilon(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}) = \pm VP_\eta(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n-1})$.

证明: 设 $(\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n) = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_n)G$, 则 $\det(G) = \pm 1$.

设 $\alpha_j = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij}\epsilon_i = \sum_{i=1}^n b_{ij}\eta_i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$, 令

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n-1} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn-1} \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1n-1} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \cdots & b_{2n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & b_{n2} & \cdots & b_{nn-1} \end{pmatrix},$$

则 $A = GB$. 故

$$\begin{aligned} VP_\epsilon(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}) &= \det(\epsilon, A) = \det(G^T \eta, G^T B) \\ &= \det(G^T) \det(\eta, B) = \pm VP_\eta(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}). \end{aligned}$$

向量积性质

命题1.2说明向量积与标准正交基的选择最多差一个负号. 因此, 下面都取定n维欧氏空间V的一个标准正交基为 $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_n$, 并将 $n-1$ 个向量 $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}$ 的向量积记为 $VP(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n-1})$.

由行列式的性质, 我们有

命题1.3 若向量组 $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}$ 线性相关, 则 $VP(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}) = 0$.

命题1.4 对于向量组 $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}$, 若 $\alpha_j = \sum_{i=1}^m k_i \beta_i, 1 \leq j \leq n-1$, 则

$$VP(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_j, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}) = \sum_{i=1}^m k_i VP(\alpha_1, \dots, \beta_i, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}).$$

向量积性质

命题1.5 设 S_{n-1} 为 $n-1$ 元对称群, 则对于任意 $\sigma \in S_{n-1}$, 有

$$VP(\alpha_{\sigma(1)}, \alpha_{\sigma(2)}, \cdots, \alpha_{\sigma(n-1)}) = \begin{cases} -VP(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \cdots, \alpha_{n-1}), & \text{若}\sigma\text{奇置换,} \\ VP(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \cdots, \alpha_{n-1}), & \text{若}\sigma\text{偶置换.} \end{cases}$$

命题1.6 设 W 是由向量组 $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \cdots, \alpha_m$ 生成的子空间, $m < n-1$, $P_W(\alpha_j)$ 表示 α_j 在 W 上的正交投影, $P_{W^\perp}(\alpha_j)$ 表示 α_j 在 W 的正交补 W^\perp 上的正交投影, $j > m$, 则

$$VP(\alpha_1, \cdots, \alpha_m, \alpha_{m+1}, \cdots, \alpha_{n-1}) = VP(\alpha_1, \cdots, \alpha_m, P_{W^\perp}(\alpha_{m+1}), \cdots, P_{W^\perp}(\alpha_{n-1})).$$

向量积性质

设 $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m$ 是n维欧氏空间的一个线性无关组, 经过标准正交化过程, 可以得到m阶上三角矩阵

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} t_{11} & t_{12} & \cdots & t_{1m} \\ 0 & t_{22} & \cdots & t_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & t_{mm} \end{pmatrix}$$

和规范正交向量组 $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_m$ 使得 $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m) = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_m)T$, 其

中 $t_{ii} > 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, m$.

$$\text{命题1.7 } VP(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i-1}, \alpha_{i+1}, \dots, \alpha_m) = \left[(-1)^{i+1} \prod_{j=1, j \neq i}^m t_{jj} \right] \epsilon_j, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

混合积的定义

定义2.1 设 $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_n$ 是n维欧氏空间V的标准正交基, V的内积记为 $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$.

$\alpha_j = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} \epsilon_i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$. n个向量 $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$ 的混合积定义为

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11}A_{11} + a_{21}A_{21} + \cdots + a_{n1}A_{n1} = \langle \alpha_1, VP(\alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_n) \rangle,$$

记作 $MP_\epsilon(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n)$. 其中 $\epsilon = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_n)^T$.

显然, $MP_\epsilon(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_n) = 1$.

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命题2.2说明混合积与标准正交基的选择最多差一个负号. 因此, 下面都取定n维欧氏空间V的一个标准正交基为 $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_n$, 并将n个向量 $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$ 的混合积记为 $MP(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n)$.

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命题2.3 $MP(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n) = \langle \alpha_i, VP(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i-1}, \alpha_{i+1}, \dots, \alpha_n) \rangle$,

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结束

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