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1.1 Basic Notations

\mathbb{R}		real numbers
(a, b)		ordered pair
(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)		ordered list
$\langle a, b \rangle$		inner product

We use \mathbb{R} to denote the real numbers.

1.2 Norm

We use $\|a\|$ to denote the norm of a , which usually means $\|a\|_2$ - the euclidean norm, defined as

$$\|a\|_2 \equiv \langle a, a \rangle^{1/2}.$$

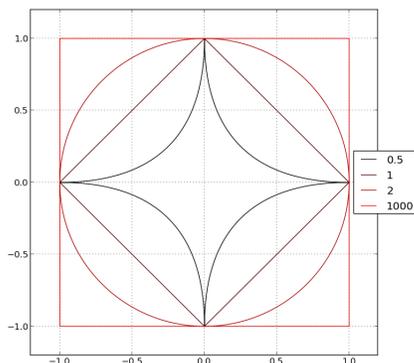
Here are some other norms:

$$\|a\|_1 \equiv \sum a_i$$

$$\|a\|_\infty \equiv \max\{|a_1|, |a_2|, \dots, |a_n|\}$$

Then, we can define the unit sphere by $\|x\|_2 = 1$, and defined the unit ball by $\|x\|_2 \leq 1$.

The image below demonstrate unit circle in different norms.



Generally, the p -norm is defined as

$$\|x\|_p \equiv \left(\sum_i |x_i^p| \right)^{1/p}.$$

Notice that, there may be other norm defined, but they usually follow rules below.

1. Triangle inequality: $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$
2. $\|x\| \geq 0$
3. $\|tx\| = |t| \|x\|$

1.3 Inequalities

Theorem 1.1 $|\langle v, w \rangle| \leq \|v\|_2 \cdot \|w\|_2$

This is called as **Cauchy's Inequality**

Proof: See next lectures' notes. ■

Theorem 1.2 $\|v + w\|_2 \leq (\|v\|_2 + \|w\|_2)^2$

This is called **Minkowski Inequality**.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \|v + w\|_2^2 &\leq (\|v\|_2 + \|w\|_2)^2 \\ \langle v + w, v + w \rangle &\leq (\|v\|_2 + \|w\|_2)^2 \\ \langle v, v \rangle + \langle w, w \rangle + 2\langle v, w \rangle &\leq \langle v, v \rangle + \langle w, w \rangle + 2\|v\|_2 \|w\|_2 \end{aligned}$$

Then by **Theorem 1.1**, we have $\|v + w\|_2 \leq (\|v\|_2 + \|w\|_2)^2$. ■