

1. Given the Banach space $(C[0, 1], \|\cdot\|)$, where $\|\cdot\|$ is defined as

$$\|x\| = \max_{t \in [0, 1]} |x(t)| ,$$

prove that this Banach space cannot be an inner product space (with the above defined norm induced by the inner product as $\|x\| = \langle x, x \rangle$).

Hint: Just need to show that the parallelogram equality/identity does not hold for the above defined norm of $C[0, 1]$. In other words, just need to find $x, y \in C[0, 1]$, such that

$$\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 \neq 2(\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2) .$$

2. If an inner product space X is real (in other words, X is over \mathbb{R}), prove that

$$\|x\| = \|y\| \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \langle x + y, x - y \rangle = 0 .$$

What does that mean if $X = \mathbb{R}^n$ with $n \geq 2$? In other words, try giving a geometric explanation of the fact you just proved for the case $X = \mathbb{R}^n$ with $n \geq 2$.