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**Worksheet 1-1: Q1**

For the  $L_p$  norm  $\|x\|_p = \sqrt[p]{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p}$ , we will check that the restriction  $p \geq 1$  is necessary because for  $0 \leq p < 1$  the function  $\|\cdot\|_p$  is not a norm. Let's investigate this using the case  $p = \frac{1}{2}$ , where

$$\|x\|_{\frac{1}{2}} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^2.$$

1. Write  $\|x\|_{\frac{1}{2}}$  for each of the following vectors  $x$ :

$$(a) e_1 \quad (b) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (c) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (d) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Let's see which of the norm properties (nonnegativity, positive homogeneity, triangle inequality) is violated for  $p = \frac{1}{2}$ .

(a) Show that the nonnegativity property is satisfied for an arbitrary  $x$ .

(b) Show that the homogeneity property is satisfied for an arbitrary  $\lambda$  and  $x$ .

(c) Show the triangle inequality is violated. Specifically, consider the two standard basis  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  and check whether  $\|e_1 + e_2\|_{0.5} \leq \|e_1\|_{0.5} + \|e_2\|_{0.5}$

### Worksheet 1-1: Q2

Let's look a visual representation of planar vectors whose  $L_p$  norm is equal to 1.

1. Start with  $L_1$  norm. Four vectors that satisfy  $\|x\| = 1$  include the vectors  $(-1, 0)$ ,  $(0, -1)$ ,  $(1, 0)$ , and  $(0, 1)$ . The points of the arrowhead for each of these vectors are labeled in part (a) of the figure below. For each of the following questions, find the missing  $x$  or  $y$  entry of the given vector that will make its  $L_1$  norm equal to 1.

(a)  $(0.1, y)$

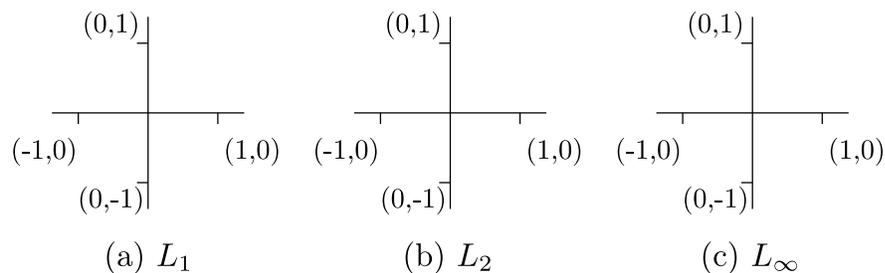
(b)  $(x, 0.5)$

(c)  $(0.75, y)$

2. Draw a geometric shape that shows all the possible end points of vectors that satisfy  $\|x\|_1 = 1$ .

3. Now, let's work the  $L_2$  norm. Write the  $L_2$  norm equation for two arbitrary, planar vectors  $x$  and  $y$  and set it to 1. Does the resulting equation remind you of the equation of a geometric shape? Draw the resulting geometric shape in part (b) of the figure below.

4. Finally, write the equation that describes  $\|x\|_\infty = 1$ . What is the requirement on the  $x$  and  $y$  components of a planar vector to satisfy this equation? Draw the geometric shape that represents the arrowheads of all the vectors for which  $\|x\|_\infty = 1$ .



**Worksheet 1-1: Q3**

Recall the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality: For any  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we have  $|\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{y}| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \cdot \|\mathbf{y}\|_2$ . Let's see when we get the equality.

1. The left hand side represents the dot product. Recall  $x \cdot y = \|x\| \|y\| \cos \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle between the two vectors. Based on this, when will the two sides of the inequality be equal?

2. Sketch two vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  for which the equality holds.