

## Chapter 6 Inner Product Spaces

### 6.1 Inner Products and Norms

**Definition. Inner Product** Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ . An inner product on  $V$  is a function that assigns, to every ordered pair of vectors  $x$  and  $y$  in  $V$ , a scalar in  $F$ , denoted  $\langle x, y \rangle$ , such that for all  $x, y, z \in V$  and all  $c \in F$ ,

1.  $\langle x + z, y \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle + \langle z, y \rangle$
2.  $\langle cx, y \rangle = c\langle x, y \rangle$
3.  $\overline{\langle x, y \rangle} = \langle y, x \rangle$
4.  $\langle x, x \rangle > 0$  if  $x \neq 0$

First two condition requires inner product be linear in the first component. Also

$$\langle \sum_i a_i v_i, y \rangle = \sum_i a_i \langle v_i, y \rangle$$

**Definition. Conjugate Transpose or Adjoint of a Matrix** Let  $A \in M_{m \times n}(F)$ , the conjugate transpose or adjoint of  $A$  is an  $n \times m$  matrix  $A^*$  such that  $(A^*)_{ij} = \overline{A_{ji}}$  for all  $i, j$ . For  $F = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $A^* = A^T$

**Definition. Inner Product Definition Example**

1. **Standard Inner Product on  $F^n$**  For  $x = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  and  $y = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$  in  $F^n$ , the standard inner product on  $F^n$  is given by

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \bar{b}_i$$

2. **Inner Product for Real-valued Continuous Functions on  $[0, 1]$ .** Let  $V = C([0, 1])$ ,  $f, g \in V$ , define

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(t)g(t)dt$$

3. **Frobenius Inner Product for Matrices** Let  $V = M_{n \times n}(F)$ ,  $A, B \in V$ , then

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(B^* A) = \sum_{i=1}^n (B^* A)_{ii}$$

**Definition. Inner Product Space** A vector space over  $F$  endowed with a specific inner product is called an inner product space. If  $F = \mathbb{C}$ ,  $V$  is a complex inner product space; if  $F = \mathbb{R}$ , then  $V$  is a real inner product space

**Theorem. 6.1 Properties From Inner Product Conditions** Let  $V$  be an inner product space. Then for  $x, y, z \in V$  and  $c \in F$ , the following statements are true

1.  $\langle x, y + z \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x, z \rangle$
2.  $\langle x, cy \rangle = \bar{c}\langle x, y \rangle$
3.  $\langle x, 0 \rangle = \langle 0, x \rangle = 0$
4.  $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$
5. If  $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle$  for all  $x \in V$ , then  $y = z$

The inner product is conjugate linear in the second argument

**Definition. Norm/Length** Let  $V$  be an inner product space. For  $x \in V$ , define norm or length of  $x$  by

$$\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$$

**Definition. 6.2 Properties of Norm** Let  $V$  be an inner product space over  $F$ . Then for all  $x, y \in V$  and  $c \in F$ , the following statements are true

1.  $\|cx\| = |c| \cdot \|x\|$
2.  $\|x\| = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ . In any case,  $\|x\| \geq 0$
3. **Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality**  $|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \cdot \|y\|$
4. **Triangular Inequality**  $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$

**Definition. Angle** For  $F = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x, y \neq 0$ , and  $\theta$  be angle between  $x$  and  $y$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\| \|y\|} \quad \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\| \|y\|} \right)$$

Note

$$\left| \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\| \|y\|} \right| \leq 1$$

So valid input to arccos function

**Definition. Orthogonal Vectors** Let  $V$  be an inner product space. Vectors  $x$  and  $y$  in  $V$  are orthogonal (perpendicular) if  $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$ .

**Definition. Orthogonal Sets and Orthonormal Sets** A subset  $S$  of  $V$  is orthogonal if any two distinct vectors in  $S$  are orthogonal. A vector  $x$  in  $V$  is a unit vector if  $\|x\| = 1$ . A subset  $S$  of  $V$  is orthonormal if  $S$  is orthogonal and consists entirely of unit vectors.

1.  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots\}$ , then  $S$  is orthonormal if and only if  $\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$

2. We can **normalize** an orthogonal set  $S$ , by multiplying  $1/\|x\|$  for each  $x \in S$

**Definition. Orthonormal Set Property** Let  $V$  be inner product space and  $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots\} \subseteq V$  be an orthonormal set. Let  $v \in \text{span}(S)$ , then  $v = a_1 s_1 + \dots + a_k s_k$ . Then

$$\langle v, s_j \rangle = a_j$$

by

$$\langle v, s_j \rangle = \langle \sum_i a_i s_i, s_j \rangle = \sum_i a_i \langle s_i, s_j \rangle = \sum_i a_i \delta_{ij} = a_j$$

## Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization Process and Orthogonal Complements

**Definition. Orthonormal Basis** Let  $V$  be an inner product space. A subset of  $V$  is an orthonormal basis for  $V$  if it is an ordered basis that is orthonormal

**Definition. Every Inner Product Space has  $n$  Orthogonal Basis** Let  $V$  be an inner product space and  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$  be an orthogonal subset of  $V$  consisting of nonzero vectors. If  $y \in \text{span}(S)$ , then

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\langle y, v_i \rangle}{\|v_i\|^2} v_i$$

**Corollary. Special case for Orthonormal Set** If, in addition to hypotheses of previous theorem,  $S$  is orthonormal and  $y \in \text{span}(S)$ , then

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^k \langle y, v_i \rangle v_i$$

**Corollary. Nonzero Orthonormal Set is Linearly Independent** Let  $V$  be an inner product space, and let  $S$  be an orthogonal subset of  $V$  consisting of nonzero vectors. Then  $S$  is linearly independent

**Theorem. 6.4 Gram-Schmidt Process** Let  $V$  be an inner product space and  $S = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$  be a linearly independent subset of  $V$ . Define  $S' = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ , where  $v_1 = w_1$  and

$$v_k = w_k - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{\langle w_k, v_j \rangle}{\|v_j\|^2} v_j \quad 2 \leq k \leq n$$

Then  $S'$  is an orthogonal set of nonzero vectors such that  $\text{span}(S') = \text{span}(S)$

**Theorem. 6.5 Every Finite Dimensional I.P.S has an Orthonormal Basis** Let  $V$  be a nonzero finite-dimensional inner product space. Then  $V$  has an orthonormal basis  $\beta$ . Furthermore, if  $\beta = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $x \in V$ , then

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle x, v_i \rangle v_i$$

**Corollary. Expression for Matrix Representation of Transformation on Orthonormal Basis** Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional inner product space with an orthonormal basis  $\beta = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . Let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $V$ , and let  $A = [T]_\beta$ . Then for any  $i$  and  $j$ ,  $A_{ij} = \langle T(v_j), v_i \rangle$ , i.e.

$$T(v_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle T(v_j), v_i \rangle v_i$$

**Definition. Fourier Coefficients** Let  $\beta$  be an orthonormal subset (possibly infinite) of an inner product space  $V$ , and let  $x \in V$ . We define the Fourier coefficients of  $x$  relative to  $\beta$  to be the scalars  $\langle x, y \rangle$ , where  $y \in \beta$

**Definition. Example of infinite dimension vector space** Define inner product on vector space  $H$  as

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(t) \overline{g(t)} dt$$

Let  $f_n(t) = e^{int}$  where  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$  ( $e^{int} = \cos nt + i \sin nt$ ). Let  $S = \{f_n : n \text{ is an integer}\}$ .  $S \subseteq H$ . For  $m \neq n$ , we have  $\langle f_m, f_n \rangle = \delta_{mn}$ , therefore an orthonormal subset of  $H$

6.2 Example 7 showed that

**Definition. Another example of infinite dimension vector space** 1.2 example 5 Define a vector space of sequences  $\sigma(n) = \{a_n\} = a_1, a_2, \dots$  where  $\sigma(n) \neq 0$  for finitely many elements. Define inner product as

$$\langle \sigma, \mu \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma(n) \overline{\mu(n)}$$

6.2.23 As an example, define  $e_k(n) = \delta_{nk}$ . We can prove that  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots\}$  are orthonormal basis for  $V$ .

6.5.16 shows that  $W = \text{span}(e_2, e_4, \dots)$  and some unitary  $U$  such that  $W^\perp$  is not  $U$ -invariant

## Orthogonal Complements

**Definition. Orthogonal Complements** Let  $S$  be a nonempty subset of an inner product space  $V$ . We define  $S^\perp = \{x \in V : \langle x, y \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } y \in S\}$ . The set  $S^\perp$  is called the orthogonal complement of  $S$

1.  $\{0\}^\perp = V$  and  $V^\perp = \{0\}$

**Theorem. 6.6 Finding Projection of a Vector onto a Subspace** Let  $W$  be a finite-dimensional subspace of an inner product space  $V$ , and let  $y \in V$ . Then there exist unique

vectors  $u \in W$  and  $z \in W^\perp$  such that  $y = u + z$ . Furthermore, if  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $W$ , then

$$u = \sum_{i=1}^k \langle y, v_i \rangle v_i$$

where  $u$  is the orthogonal projection of  $y$  on  $W$ .

**Corollary. Orthogonal Projection is Unique and Closest to Projected Vector** In the notation of previous theorem, the vector  $u$  the unique vector in  $W$  that is closest to  $y$ ; that is, for any  $x \in W$ ,  $\|y - x\| \geq \|y - u\|$ , and this inequality is an equality if and only if  $x = u$

**Theorem. 6.7 Orthonormal Basis and Subspaces** Suppose that  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$  is an orthonormal set in an  $n$ -dimensional inner product space  $V$ . Then

1.  $S$  can be extended to an orthonormal basis  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k, v_{k+1}, \dots, v_n\}$  for  $V$ .
2. If  $W = \text{span}(S)$ , then  $S_1 = \{v_{k+1}, \dots, v_n\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $W^\perp$
3. If  $W$  is any subspace of  $V$ , then  $\dim(V) = \dim(W) + \dim(W^\perp)$

### 6.3 The Adjoint of a Linear Operator

**Definition. Dual Space** is a space of all linear transformations from a vector space  $V$  to its field  $F$ .

**Theorem. 6.8 Every Linear Transformation from  $V$  to  $F$  Can Be Written as a Inner Product** Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional inner product space over  $F$ , and let  $g : V \rightarrow F$  be a linear transformation. Then there exists a unique vector  $y \in V$  such that  $g(x) = \langle x, y \rangle$  for all  $x \in V$ , where

$$y = \sum_i \overline{g(v_i)} v_i \quad \beta = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \text{ is orthonormal basis}$$

**Definition. Adjoint Linear Operator** Given inner product space  $V$ , let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $V$ . The adjoint of operator  $T$ ,  $T^*$ , is the unique operator on  $V$  satisfying

$$\langle T(x), y \rangle = \langle x, T^*(y) \rangle \quad \text{for all } x, y \in V$$

**Theorem. 6.9 Adjoint of an Linear Operator Exist for f.d. Inner Product Space** Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional inner product space, and let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $V$ . Then there exists a unique function, called the adjoint of  $T$ ,  $T^* : V \rightarrow V$  such that

$$\langle T(x), y \rangle = \langle x, T^*(y) \rangle$$

for all  $x, y \in V$ . Furthermore,  $T^*$  is linear. We can view the equation symbolically as adding an asterik  $*$  to  $T$  when shifting position inside the inner product symbol

**Theorem. 6.10 Adjoint of a Linear Operator in Matrix Form is the Adjoint of Matrix Form of that Linear Operator** Let  $v$  be a finite-dimensional inner product space. Let  $\beta$  be an orthonormal basis for  $V$ . If  $T$  is a linear operator on  $V$ , then

$$[T^*]_{\beta} = [T]_{\beta}^*$$

**Corollary. For Left-Matrix Transformation** Let  $A$  be  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $L_{A^*} = (L_A)^*$ . (theorem 2.16)

**Theorem. 6.11 Properties of Adjoint of Linear Operators**

Let  $V$  be an inner product space, and let  $T, U$  be linear operators on  $V$ , then

1.  $(T + U)^* = T^* + U^*$
2.  $(cT)^* = \bar{c}T^*$  for any  $c \in F$
3.  $(TU)^* = U^*T^*$
4.  $T^{**} = T$
5.  $I^* = I$

assuming adjoints always exists.

**Corollary. For Matrix**

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  matrix, then

1.  $(A + B)^* = A^* + B^*$
2.  $(cA)^* = \bar{c}A^*$  for all  $c \in F$
3.  $(AB)^* = B^*A^*$
4.  $A^{**} = A$
5.  $I^* = I$

## Least Squares Approximation

**Definition. Some notation** For  $x, y \in F^n$

1.  $\langle x, y \rangle_n$  is the standard inner product of  $x$  and  $y$  in  $F^n$
2. If  $x$  and  $y$  are column vectors, then  $\langle x, y \rangle_n = y^*x$

**Lemma.** Let  $A \in M_{m \times n}(F)$ ,  $x \in F^n$  and  $y \in F^m$ , then

$$\langle Ax, y \rangle_m = \langle x, A^*y \rangle_n$$

**Lemma.** Let  $A \in M_{m \times n}(F)$ . Then  $\text{rank}(A^*A) = \text{rank}(A)$

**Corollary.** If  $A$  is  $m \times n$  matrix such that  $\text{rank}(A) = n$ , then  $A^*A$  is invertible

**Theorem. 6.12 Close Form Solution for Least Squared Problem** Let  $A \in M_{m \times n}(F)$  and  $y \in F^m$ . Then there exists  $x_0 \in F^n$  such that  $(A^*A)x_0 = A^*y$  and  $\|Ax_0 - y\| \leq \|Ax - y\|$  for all  $x \in F^n$ . Furthermore, if  $\text{rank}(A) = n$ , then  $x_0 = (A^*A)^{-1}A^*y$

## 6.4 Normal and Self-Adjoint Operators

**Definition. Motivation** Condition for orthonormal basis of eigenvectors in

1.  $F = \mathbb{C}$ ,  $T$  normal
2.  $F = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $T$  self-adjoint

**Lemma. Condition on Existence of Eigenvector for Adjoint Linear Operators**

Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional inner product space  $V$ . If  $T$  has an eigenvector, then so does  $T^*$ . If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$ , then  $\bar{\lambda}$  is an eigenvalue of  $T^*$

*Proof.* Let  $v$  be eigenvector of  $T$  with corresponding eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , then for any  $x \in V$ ,

$$0 = \langle 0, x \rangle = \langle (T - \lambda I)(v), x \rangle = \langle v, (T - \lambda I)^*(x) \rangle = \langle v, (T^* - \bar{\lambda}I)(x) \rangle$$

Let  $W = \text{span}(\{v\})$ , so  $R(T^* - \bar{\lambda}I) \subseteq W^\perp$ . Note  $\text{rank}(T^* - \bar{\lambda}I) \leq \dim(W^\perp) = n - 1$ , then  $N(T^* - \bar{\lambda}I) \neq \{0\}$ . So exists  $u \in N(T^* - \bar{\lambda}I)$  such that  $T^*(u) = \bar{\lambda}u$   $\square$

**Theorem. 6.14 (Schur's Theorem)**

$P_T(t)$  Splits Implies Exists O.N. Basis st.  $[T]_\beta$  is Upper Triangular

Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional inner product space  $V$ . Suppose that the characteristic polynomial of  $T$  splits. Then there exists an orthonormal basis  $\beta$  for  $V$  such that the matrix  $[T]_\beta$  is upper triangular

*Proof.* With induction, idea is to construct an orthonormal basis  $\beta = \gamma \cup \{z\}$ , where  $\gamma$  is an orthonormal basis for  $W^\perp$  and  $z \in W = \text{span}(z)$ , where  $z$  is unit eigenvector for  $T^*$  whose existence ensured by previous lemma. The induction hypothesis mandates

1.  $W^\perp$  is a  $T$ -invariant subspace as an assumption, i.e. if  $y \in W^\perp, x \in W$ , then  $\langle T(y), x \rangle = 0$
2.  $P_{T_{W^\perp}}(t) | P_T(t)$ , so characteristic polynomial of  $T_{W^\perp}$  splits

to get the orthonormal basis  $\gamma$ , for which  $[T_{W^\perp}]_\gamma$  is upper triangular.  $\square$

**Definition. Normal Linear Operator** Let  $V$  be an inner product space, and let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $V$ . We say that  $T$  is normal if  $TT^* = T^*T$ . An  $n \times n$  real or complex matrix  $A$  is normal if  $AA^* = A^*A$  (Commutativity).

1. Motivation is that if  $[T]_\beta$  is diagonal, then  $T^*$  also diagonal, hence  $T$  and  $T^*$  commutes
2.  $T$  is normal if and only if  $[T]_\beta$  is normal, where  $\beta$  is an orthonormal basis
3. Skew-symmetric matrix ( $A^t = -A$ ) is normal by  $A^t A = -A^2 = AA^t$

4. Normality not sufficient to guarantee an orthonormal basis of eigenvectors. However, normality suffices if  $V$  is a complex inner product space

**Theorem. 6.15 Properties of Normal Operator**

Let  $V$  be an inner product space, and let  $T$  be a normal operator on  $V$ . Then the following are true

1.  $\|T(x)\| = \|T^*(x)\|$  for all  $x \in V$
2.  $T - cI$  is normal for every  $c \in F$
3. If  $x$  is an eigenvector of  $T$ , then  $x$  is also an eigenvector of  $T^*$ . In fact, if  $T(x) = \lambda x$ , then  $T^*(x) = \bar{\lambda}x$
4. If  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are distinct eigenvalues of  $T$  with corresponding eigenvectors  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , then  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are orthogonal, i.e.  $\langle x_1, x_2 \rangle = 0$

**Theorem. 6.16 Normal Operator iff Diagonalizable ( $F = \mathbb{C}$ )**

Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional **complex** inner product space  $V$ . Then  $T$  is normal if and only if there exists an orthonormal basis for  $V$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $T$ .

*Proof.* Idea is the orthonormal basis that makes  $T$  an upper triangular matrix (using Schur's Theorem) happens to be a set of eigenvectors □

1. *example showing theorem does not work on infinite dimension vector spaces* with problem definition [here](#). Specifically an example where  $T$  is normal and that  $T$  has no eigenvectors
2. Normality not sufficient for existence of orthonormal basis of eigenvectors for real inner product spaces

**Definition. Self-Adjoint (Hermitian)** Let  $T$  be a linear operator on an inner product space  $V$ . We say that  $T$  is self-adjoint (Hermitian) if  $T = T^*$ . An  $n \times n$  real or complex matrix  $A$  is self-adjoint (Hermitian) if  $A = A^*$

1. If  $\beta$  is orthonormal basis, then  $T$  is self-adjoint if and only if  $[T]_\beta$  is self-adjoint (symmetric matrix for  $F = \mathbb{R}$ )
2. If  $T$  is self-adjoint, then  $T$  is normal

**Lemma. Properties of Self-Adjoint**

Let  $T$  be a self-adjoint operator on a finite-dimensional inner product space  $V$ . Then

1. Every eigenvalue of  $T$  is real
2. Suppose that  $V$  is a real inner product space ( $F = \mathbb{R}$ ). Then the characteristic polynomial of  $T$  splits



**Theorem. 6.17 Self-Adjoint iff Diagonalizable ( $F = \mathbb{R}$ )**

Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional real inner product space  $V$ . Then  $T$  is self-adjoint if and only if there exists an orthonormal basis  $\beta$  for  $V$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $T$ .

**Definition. Computing Squared Root of Imaginary Number**

Relies on Euler's formula

$$e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x$$

Therefore we have

$$e^{i\pi} = -1 \quad i = \sqrt{-1} = e^{i\pi/2} \quad \sqrt{i} = e^{i\pi/4} = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

**Definition. Positive Definite/Semidefinite**

A linear operator  $T$  on a finite-dimensional inner product space is called positive definite (positive semidefinite) if  $T$  is

1. self-adjoint, and
2.  $\langle T(x), x \rangle > 0$  ( $\langle T(x), x \rangle \geq 0$ ) for all  $x \neq 0$

An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  with entries from  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$  is positive definite (positive semidefinite) if  $L_A$  is positive definite (positive semidefinite)

**6.4 Unitary and Orthogonal Operators**

**Definition. Unitary Operator and Orthogonal Operator** Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional inner product space  $V$  (over  $F$ ). If  $\|T(x)\| = \|x\|$  for all  $x \in V$ , we call  $T$  a unitary operator if  $F = \mathbb{C}$  and an orthogonal operator if  $F = \mathbb{R}$

1. **Isometry** for infinite-dimensional case
2. **Motivation** Linear operator that preserves length

**Theorem. 6.18 Property of Unitary/Orthogonal Operator** Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional inner product space  $V$ . Then the following statements are equivalent

1.  $TT^* = T^*T = I$  (unitary/orthogonal operators are **normal**)
2.  $\langle T(x), T(y) \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle$  for all  $x, y \in V$
3. If  $\beta$  is an orthonormal basis for  $V$ , then  $T(\beta)$  is an orthonormal basis for  $V$
4. There exists an orthonormal basis  $\beta$  for  $V$  such that  $T(\beta)$  is an orthonormal basis for  $V$
5.  $\|T(x)\| = \|x\|$  for all  $x \in V$  ( $T$  is a **unitary/orthogonal**)

**Lemma.** Let  $U$  be a self-adjoint operator on a finite-dimensional inner product space  $V$ . If  $\langle x, U(x) \rangle = 0$  for all  $x \in V$ , then  $U = T_0$

1. **Interpretation** All vectors are orthogonal to  $\{0\}$ , the range of  $T_0$

**Corollary.**  $F = \mathbb{R}$  **Orthogonal Operator has All Eigenvalues  $\pm 1$**  Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional real inner product space  $V$ . Then  $V$  has an orthonormal basis of eigenvectors of  $T$  with corresponding eigenvalues of **absolute value 1** if and only if  $T$  is both **self-adjoint** and **orthogonal**

1. **Interpretation** Length-preserving operator has eigenvalue of  $\pm 1$

**Corollary.**  $F = \mathbb{C}$  **Unitary Operator has All Eigenvalues  $\pm 1$**  Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional complex inner product space  $V$ . Then  $V$  has an orthonormal basis of eigenvectors of  $T$  with corresponding eigenvalues of absolute value 1 if and only if  $T$  is unitary

**Definition. Reflection** Let  $L$  be a one-dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We may view  $L$  as a line in the plane through the origin. A linear operator  $T$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is called a reflection of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  about  $L$  if  $T(x) = x$  for all  $x \in L$  and  $T(x) = -x$  for all  $x \in L^\perp$

1. Reflection transformation is an orthogonal operator

**Definition. Orthogonal/Unitary Matrix** A square matrix  $A$  is called an orthogonal matrix if  $A^T A = A A^T = I$  and unitary if  $A^* A = A A^* = I$

1. **Inverse** of unitary matrix  $A^{-1} = A^*$

2.  $AA^* = I$  if and only if rows of  $A$  form orthonormal basis for  $F^n$ , similarly for columns of  $A$  (prove  $\langle r_i, r_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$ )

3. For  $F = \mathbb{R}$ , if columns of  $A$  consists of orthonormal basis of eigenvectors  $\beta$ , then rows of  $A^T$  are  $\beta$ , so then  $A$  is orthogonal

4.  $T$  unitary/orthogonal if and only if  $[T]_\beta$  is unitary/orthogonal for some orthonormal basis  $\beta$  for  $V$

**Definition. Unitarily Equivalent Matrices**  $A$  and  $B$  are unitarily equivalent (orthogonally equivalent) if and only if there exists a unitary (orthogonal) matrix  $P$  such that  $A = P^* B P$

**Theorem. 6.19 Condition for Normal ( $F = \mathbb{C}$ ) Matrix** Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ . Then  $A$  is normal if and only if  $A$  is unitarily equivalent to a diagonal matrix

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Since  $A$  complex normal, exists orthonormal basis  $\beta$  consisting of eigenvectors for  $V$ . So  $D = Q^{-1} A Q$  where  $D$  is diagonal and  $Q$  has columns consisting of vectors in  $\beta$ ,

therefore  $Q$  unitary/orthogonal. Therefore  $A$  and  $D$  is unitarily equivalent  
 $(\Leftarrow)$  Let  $A = P^*DP$  for some unitary  $P$  and diagonal  $D$ , therefore,

$$AA^* = (P^*DP)(P^*DP)^* = P^*DPP^*D^*P = P^*DD^*P = P^*D^*DP = (P^*D^*P)(P^*DP) = A^*A$$

□

**Theorem. 6.20 Condition for Symmetric ( $F = \mathbb{R}$ ) Matrix** Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ . Then  $A$  is symmetric if and only if  $A$  is orthogonally equivalent to a real diagonal matrix.

## 5.2 Direct Sums

**Definition. Sum** Let  $W_1, W_2, \dots, W_k$  be subspaces of a vector space  $V$ . The sum of these subspaces is the set

$$\{v_1 + \dots + v_k : v_i \in W_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq k\}$$

which we denote by  $W_1 + \dots + W_k$  or  $\sum_{i=1}^k W_i$

**Definition. Direct Sum** Let  $W_1, W_2, \dots, W_k$  be subspaces of a vector space  $V$ . We call  $V$  the direct sum of the subspaces  $W_1, W_2, \dots, W_k$  and write  $V = W_1 \oplus W_2 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$  if

$$V = \sum_{i=1}^k W_i \quad \text{and} \quad W_j \cap \sum_{i \neq j} W_i = \{0\} \text{ for each } 1 \leq j \leq k$$

1. dimension of direct sum is sum of dimension of the subspaces in the sum

$$\dim(V) = \dim(W_1) + \dots + \dim(W_k)$$

**Theorem. 5.10 Equivalence Condition for Direct Sum**

Let  $W_1, \dots, W_k$  be subspaces of finite-dimensional vector space  $V$ . The following results are equivalent

1.  $V = W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$
2.  $V = \sum_{i=1}^k W_i$  and, for any vector  $v_1, \dots, v_k$  such that  $v_i \in W_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ), if  $v_1 + \dots + v_k = 0$ , then  $v_i = 0$  for all  $i$ .
3. Each vector  $v \in V$  can be uniquely written as  $v = v_1 + v_2 + \dots + v_k$  where  $v_i \in W_i$
4. If  $\gamma_i$  is an ordered basis for  $W_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ), then  $\gamma_1 \cup \gamma_2 \cup \dots \cup \gamma_k$  is an ordered basis for  $V$
5. For each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , there exists an ordered basis  $\gamma_i$  for  $W_i$  such that  $\gamma_1 \cup \gamma_2 \cup \dots \cup \gamma_k$  is an ordered basis for  $V$

**Theorem. 5.11** A linear operator  $T$  on a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$  is diagonalizable if and only if  $V$  is the direct sum of the eigenspaces of  $T$

## 6.6 Orthogonal Projection and the Spectral Theorem

### Definition. *Projection on a Subspace*

Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be subspaces of  $V$  such that  $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$ . A function  $T : V \rightarrow V$  is called the projection on  $W_1$  along  $W_2$  if, for  $x = x_1 + x_2$  with  $x_1 \in W_1$  and  $x_2 \in W_2$ , we have  $T(x) = x_1$

1.  $R(T) = W_1 = \{x \in V : T(x) = x\}$  and  $N(T) = W_2$
2.  $V = R(T) \oplus N(T)$ , i.e.
  - (a) every projection uniquely determined by its range and nullspace
  - (b)  $W_1$  does not uniquely determine  $T$
3.  $T$  is a projection if and only if  $T = T^2$

*Proof.* Proving  $T$  is a projection iff  $T^2 = T$ . Forward direction,

$$T^2(x) = T(T(x)) = T(x_1) = x_1 = T(x)$$

For reverse direction, assume  $T^2 = T$ , then  $T(I - T) = 0_V$ . Let  $W_1 = R(T)$  and  $W_2 = N(T)$ , now claim  $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$ . We first prove  $N(T) = R(I - T)$ . Since  $T(I - T) = 0$ , then  $R(I - T) \subseteq N(T)$ . Conversely, if  $x \in N(T)$ , then  $(I - T)(x) = x - T(x) = x$ , i.e.  $x \in R(I - T)$ . Now write  $I = T + I - T$ , then  $x = T(x) + (I - T)(x)$  for any  $x \in V$ . Then  $v = w_1 + w_2$  where  $w_1 \in W_1$  and  $w_2 \in W_2$ . Now we prove uniqueness, i.e.  $\{0\} = R(T) \cap N(T)$ . Let  $T(x) \in R(T) \cap N(T)$  as  $T(x) \in R(T)$  by default and let  $T(x) \in N(T)$ . Then  $T(x) = 0$ . Proved  $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$ . Then we can write  $x = x_1 + x_2$  where  $x_1 \in R(T)$  and  $x_2 \in N(T)$ , hence

$$T(x) = T(x_1 + x_2) = T(x_1) + T(x_2) = T(x_1) = x_1$$

where the last equality given by letting  $x_1 = T(y)$ , then  $T(x_1) = T^2(y) = T(y) = x_1$   $\square$

**Definition. Orthogonal Projection** Let  $V$  be an inner product space, and let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear operator. We say that  $T$  is an orthogonal projection if

1.  $T$  is a projection, and
2.  $R(T)^\perp = N(T)$  and  $N(T)^\perp = R(T)$

*Note*

1. If  $V$  finite-dimensional, need to assume either condition in 2. hold.
2. Orthogonal projection  $T$  is uniquely determined by its range  $W$ , so instead call  $T$  the orthogonal projection of  $V$  on  $W$

**Proposition. Projection of Vector to a Subspace is an Orthogonal Projection** Let  $W$  be subspace of  $V$ . there exists  $u \in W$  and  $z \in W^\perp$  and  $y \in V$  such that  $y = u + z$ . If we define linear operator  $T : V \rightarrow V$  by

$$T(y) = u = \sum_{i=1}^k \langle y, v_i \rangle v_i$$

where  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $W$ . Then  $T$  is an orthogonal projection.

*Proof.* Prove that  $T^2 = T = T^*$ . For any  $v_j \in \beta$ , we have

$$T(T(v_j)) = T\left(\sum_{i=1}^k \langle v_j, v_i \rangle v_i\right) = T(v_j)$$

therefore  $T^2 = T$  since linear operator characterized by basis entirely. Let  $x, y \in V$ ,

$$\langle T(x), y \rangle = \left\langle \sum_i \langle x, v_i \rangle v_i, y \right\rangle = \sum_i \langle x, v_i \rangle \langle v_i, y \rangle = \sum_i \overline{\langle y, v_i \rangle} \langle x, v_i \rangle = \langle x, \sum_i \langle y, v_i \rangle v_i \rangle = \langle x, T(y) \rangle$$

therefore  $T = T^*$  by theorem 6.24,  $T$  is orthogonal projection.  $\square$

*Proof.* Alternatively we can prove that  $N(T)$  and  $R(T)$  are reciprocally orthogonal sets. Since  $T$  is a projection, we have  $V = R(T) \oplus N(T)$ , where  $N(T) = \{x \in V : \langle x, v_i \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } i\} = W^\perp$  and  $R(T) = W$ . Therefore  $N(T) = R(T)^\perp$  and  $N(T)^\perp = (R(T)^\perp)^\perp \supseteq R(T)$ . Now we show if  $x \in N(T)^\perp$ , then  $x \in R(T) = W$ . Now by direct sum, we can write  $x = y + w$  where  $y \in N(T)$  and  $w \in R(T) = W$ , then

$$0 = \langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, y \rangle + \langle w, y \rangle \rightarrow \langle y, y \rangle = 0 \rightarrow y = 0$$

therefore  $x = w \in W$ .  $\square$

**Theorem. 6.24**  $T^2 = T = T^*$  **iff Orthogonal Projection**

Let  $V$  be an inner product space, and let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $V$ . Then  $T$  is an orthogonal projection if and only if  $T$  has an adjoint  $T^*$  and  $T^2 = T = T^*$

1. Let  $T$  be orthogonal projection of  $V$  on  $W$ , and  $\beta = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $V$ , and  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  is a basis for  $W$ , then

$$[T]_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} I_k & O \\ O & O \end{pmatrix}$$

2. Let  $U$  be any projection on  $W$ , then exists  $\gamma$  such that  $[U]_\gamma$  has same form as above, but  $\gamma$  need not be orthonormal

**Theorem. 6.25 The Spectral Theorem**

Suppose  $T$  a linear operator on a finite-dimensional inner product space  $V$  over  $F$  with distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ . Assume  $T$  is normal if  $F = \mathbb{C}$  and that  $T$  is self-adjoint if  $F = \mathbb{R}$ . (i.e. guarantees orthonormal basis of eigenvectors). For each  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ), let  $W_i$  be the eigenspace of  $T$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ , and let  $T_i$  be the orthogonal projection of  $V$  on  $W_i$ . Then the following statements are true

1.  $V = W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$
2. If  $W_i'$  denotes the direct sum of subspaces  $W_j$  for  $j \neq i$ , then  $W_i^\perp = W_i'$
3.  $T_i T_j = \delta_{ij} T_i$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq k$
4.  $I = T_1 + T_2 + \dots + T_k$  (**resolution of identity operator induced by  $T$** )
5.  $T = \lambda_1 T_1 + \lambda_2 T_2 + \dots + \lambda_k T_k$  (**spectral decomposition**)

note

1. Note since  $T_i$  orthogonal projection, we have  $N(T_i) = R(T_i)^\perp = W_i^\perp = W_i'$
2. **Spectrum** The set  $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k\}$  is called spectrum of  $T$
3. Let  $\beta$  be union of orthonormal basis of  $W_i$ 's and let  $m_i = \dim(W_i)$ , then

$$[T]_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 I_{m_1} & O & \dots & O \\ O & \lambda_2 I_{m_2} & \dots & O \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ O & O & \dots & \lambda_k I_{m_k} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Corollary. Condition for Normal** If  $F = \mathbb{C}$ , then  $T$  is normal if and only if  $T^* = g(T)$  for some polynomial

**Corollary. Condition of Unitary** If  $F = \mathbb{C}$ , then  $T$  is unitary if and only if  $T$  is normal and  $|\lambda| = 1$  for every eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $T$

**Corollary. Condition for Self-Adjoint** If  $F = \mathbb{C}$  and  $T$  is normal, then  $T$  is self-adjoint if and only if every eigenvalue of  $T$  is real