

§ 6 Gram-Schmidt Process

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DEF | Inner Product

Let $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the inner product of \vec{x} with \vec{y}

$$\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = x_1y_1 + x_2y_2 + \dots + x_ny_n = \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}$$

DEF | Normalized

A vector $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is normalized if $\|\vec{x}\|_2 = 1$.

Example. Find $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle$ where $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. $\vec{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle &= x_1 \cdot x_1 + x_2 \cdot x_2 + \dots + x_n \cdot x_n = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2 \\ &= \|\vec{x}\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

*NOTE:

$$1. \|\vec{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle}$$

2. For any vector $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we can form the normalized vector \vec{y} of \vec{x} by $\vec{y} = \frac{1}{\|\vec{x}\|_2} \vec{x}$

i.e. any vector of the form $\vec{y} = \frac{1}{\|\vec{x}\|_2} \vec{x}$ is a normalized vector.

Example. Normalize $\vec{x} = [1, 1]^T$

$$\|\vec{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \vec{x}$$

$$= \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]^T$$

Verifying:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\vec{y}\|_2 &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{4} + \frac{2}{4}} \\ &= \sqrt{1} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Properties of Inner Product. Let $\vec{x}, \vec{y}, \vec{z} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

1. $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle \geq 0$
2. $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle = 0$ if and only if $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$
3. $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \langle \vec{y}, \vec{x} \rangle$
4. $\lambda \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \langle \lambda \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle$ Proof E.C.
5. $\langle \vec{x} + \vec{z}, \vec{y} \rangle = \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle + \langle \vec{z}, \vec{y} \rangle$ Proof E.C.
6. $\langle \vec{0}, \vec{y} \rangle = 0$

CLAIM. Let $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle = \|\vec{u}\|_2 \cdot \|\vec{v}\|_2 \cos \theta$$

Where θ is the angle between the vectors.

Proof. E.C. (Hint: Consider Law of Cosines)

Gram-Schmidt Process

DEF | Orthogonal

Let $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. We say \vec{x} is orthogonal to \vec{y} if $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = 0$ i.e. graphically $\vec{x} \perp \vec{y}$. A set of vectors is orthogonal if the vectors are orthogonal to each other.

Example. Determine if the set of vectors are orthogonal.

1. $M = [\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, [\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0]^T, [[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0]^T, [0, 0, 1]$
 $\langle \vec{m}_1, \vec{m}_2 \rangle = ([\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}])^2 - \frac{1}{2} + 0 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + 0 = 0$
 $\langle \vec{m}_1, \vec{m}_3 \rangle = 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$
 $\langle \vec{m}_2, \vec{m}_3 \rangle = 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$

\Rightarrow The vectors are orthogonal, the set is orthogonal

DEF | Orthonormal

A set of vectors in \mathbb{R}^n is orthonormal if the vectors are orthogonal and they are normalized. i.e. they have a magnitude of 1

Example. Determine if the set M from the previous example is orthonormal.

Ans:

1. The vectors are orthogonal
2. $\|\vec{m}_1\|_2 = \sqrt{([\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}])^2 + ([\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}])^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + 0} = 1 = \|\vec{m}_2\|_2$
 $\|\vec{m}_3\|_2 = \sqrt{0^2 + 0^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{1} = 1$

Hence, M is orthonormal.

DEF | Kronecker Delta

The Kronecker delta, d_{ij} , is a relation defined by

$d_{ij} = 1$ if $i = j$

$d_{ij} = 0$ if otherwise *Remarks:

1. The set $\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_n$ is orthonormal if
 - (a) $\langle \vec{x}_i, \vec{x}_j \rangle = d_{ij}$ for all $i, j \in [1, n]$
 - (b) $\|\vec{x}_i\| = 1$ $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$
 - (c) $\langle \vec{x}_i, \vec{x}_i \rangle = \|\vec{x}_i\|^2 = 1^2 = 1$ when $i = j$
 - (d) $\langle \vec{x}_i, \vec{x}_j \rangle = 0$ when $i \neq j$
 - (e) $= d_{ij}$

2. A set of orthogonal vectors can be made orthonormal by normalizing each vector $(\frac{1}{\|\vec{x}\|} \vec{x})$
3. Any orthogonal/orthonormal set that spans a vector space V is a bases for V .
Proof: E.C.

Motivation for Gram-Schmidt Process

- * The Grow Algorithm allows us to find a basis from a set of vectors T , for some vector space.
- * What if we want the basis to be orthonormal?
 - (a) i.e. $B = \vec{u}, \vec{x}$ is a basis for \mathbb{R}^2
 - (b) Notice, $\vec{x} = \vec{x}_{\parallel} + \vec{x}_{\perp}$ where $\vec{x}_{\parallel} = \alpha \vec{u}$ for $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$
 - (c) If we can find α , then $\vec{x}_{\perp} = \vec{x} - \vec{x}_{\parallel}$ and $\vec{x}_{\perp} = \vec{x} - \alpha \vec{u}$
 - (d) In such a case \vec{x}_{\perp}, \vec{u} would be an orthogonal basis
 - (e) and if we normalize the vectors, we obtain an orthonormal basis: $\frac{1}{\|\vec{x}_{\perp}\|} \vec{x}_{\perp}, \frac{1}{\|\vec{u}\|} \vec{u}$

Goal. Find α .

Notice:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle \vec{x}_{\perp}, \vec{x}_{\parallel} \rangle = 0 \\
 & \langle \vec{x} - \vec{x}_{\parallel}, \vec{x}_{\parallel} \rangle = 0 \\
 & \langle \vec{x} - \alpha \vec{u}, \alpha \vec{u} \rangle = 0 \\
 & \langle \vec{x} + (-\alpha \vec{u}), \alpha \vec{u} \rangle = 0 \\
 & \langle \vec{x}, \alpha \vec{u} \rangle + \langle (-\alpha \vec{u}), \alpha \vec{u} \rangle = 0 \\
 & \langle \vec{x}, \alpha \vec{u} \rangle + \langle (-\alpha \vec{u}), \alpha \vec{u} \rangle = 0 \\
 & \langle \vec{x}, \alpha \vec{u} \rangle - \alpha \langle \vec{u}, \alpha \vec{u} \rangle = 0 \\
 & \alpha \langle \vec{x}, \vec{u} \rangle - \alpha^2 \langle \vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle = 0 \\
 & \alpha [\langle \vec{x}, \vec{u} \rangle - \alpha \langle \vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle] = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Case: If $\alpha = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{x} &= \vec{x}_{\parallel} + \vec{x}_{\perp} = \alpha \vec{u} + \vec{x}_{\perp} \\
 \vec{x} &= \vec{x}_{\perp}
 \end{aligned}$$

\vec{x} is already to \vec{u}

Case: $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{u} \rangle - \alpha \langle \vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle = 0$

$$\alpha \langle \vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle = \langle \vec{x}, \vec{u} \rangle$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{u} \rangle}{\langle \vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle}$$

Hence, given \vec{x}, \vec{u}

$$\vec{x} = \vec{x}_{\parallel} + \vec{x}_{\perp}$$

$$\vec{x}_{\parallel} = \alpha \vec{u} = \frac{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{u} \rangle}{\langle \vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle} \vec{u} = \text{proj}_{\vec{u}} \vec{x}$$

$\frac{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{u} \rangle}{\langle \vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle} \vec{u}$ is also known as the projection of \vec{x} onto \vec{u}

Gram Schmidt Process in \mathbb{R}^2

* INPUT: Basis $B = \vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2$

* OUTPUT: orthonormal basis $N = \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2$

* Normalize the first vector

$$\vec{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\|\vec{b}_1\|} \vec{b}_1$$

* Form the vector

$$\vec{y} = \vec{b}_2 - \text{proj}_{\vec{b}_1} \vec{b}_2 \Rightarrow \vec{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\|\vec{y}\|} \vec{y}$$

Example. Find an orthonormal basis given the basis for \mathbb{R}^2 where $B = \{[2, 7], [-3, 4]\}$.

$$\|\vec{b}_1\| = \sqrt{-3^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{9 + 16} = 5$$

$$= \frac{1}{\|\vec{b}_1\|} \vec{b}_1 = \frac{1}{5}[-3, 4] = [\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}]$$

$$* \vec{y} = \vec{b}_2 - \text{proj}_{\vec{b}_1} \vec{b}_2$$

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{b}_1} \vec{b}_2 = \frac{\langle \vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2 \rangle}{\langle \vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_1 \rangle} \vec{b}_1 = \frac{-6 + 28}{9 + 16} \vec{b}_1$$

$$= \frac{22}{25}[3, 2] = [\frac{66}{25}, \frac{44}{25}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{y} = [2, 7] - [\frac{66}{25}, \frac{44}{25}] = [\frac{116}{25}, \frac{87}{25}]$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\|\vec{y}\|} \vec{y} = \frac{1}{\|\vec{y}\|} [\frac{116}{25}, \frac{87}{25}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Orthonormal basis } N = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\} = \{[\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}], \frac{1}{\|\vec{y}\|} [\frac{116}{25}, \frac{87}{25}]\}$$