

CX1104: Linear Algebra for Computing

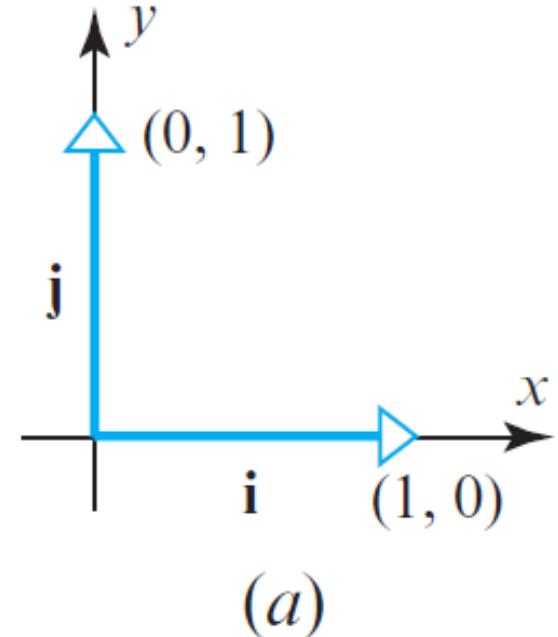
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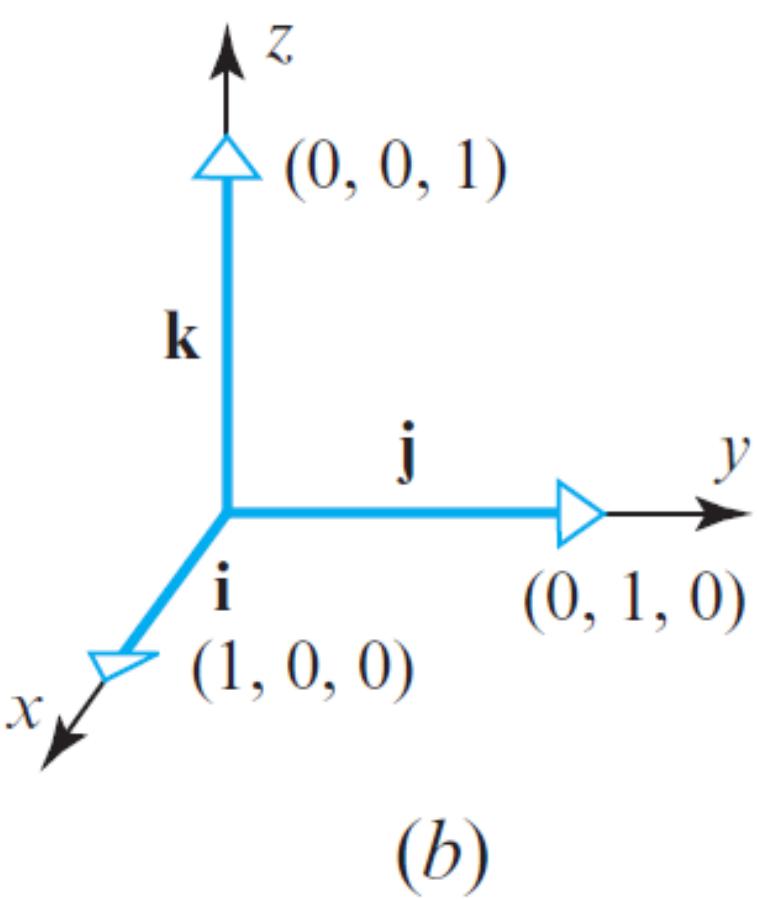
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Orthogonality Definition

The Standard Unit Vectors



(a)



(b)

▲ Figure 3.2.2

When a rectangular coordinate system is introduced in R^2 or R^3 , the unit vectors in the positive directions of the coordinate axes are called the **standard unit vectors**. In R^2 these vectors are denoted by

$$\mathbf{i} = (1, 0) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{j} = (0, 1)$$

and in R^3 by

$$\mathbf{i} = (1, 0, 0), \quad \mathbf{j} = (0, 1, 0), \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{k} = (0, 0, 1)$$

(Figure 3.2.2). Every vector $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$ in R^2 and every vector $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$ in R^3 can be expressed as a linear combination of standard unit vectors by writing

$$\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2) = v_1(1, 0) + v_2(0, 1) = v_1\mathbf{i} + v_2\mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3) = v_1(1, 0, 0) + v_2(0, 1, 0) + v_3(0, 0, 1) = v_1\mathbf{i} + v_2\mathbf{j} + v_3\mathbf{k}$$

DEFINITION 1 Two nonzero vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in R^n are said to be **orthogonal** (or **perpendicular**) if $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$. We will also agree that the zero vector in R^n is orthogonal to every vector in R^n .

Recall from Formula (20) in the previous section that the angle θ between two *nonzero* vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in R^n is defined by the formula

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|} \right)$$

It follows from this that $\theta = \pi/2$ if and only if $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$. Thus, we make the following definition.

► EXAMPLE 1 Orthogonal Vectors

- Show that $\mathbf{u} = (-2, 3, 1, 4)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (1, 2, 0, -1)$ are orthogonal vectors in R^4 .
- Let $S = \{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}\}$ be the set of standard unit vectors in R^3 . Show that each ordered pair of vectors in S is orthogonal.

Solution (a) The vectors are orthogonal since

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = (-2)(1) + (3)(2) + (1)(0) + (4)(-1) = 0$$

Solution (b) It suffices to show that

$$\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{j} = \mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{k} = 0$$

because it will follow automatically from the symmetry property of the dot product that

$$\mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{j} = 0$$

Although the orthogonality of the vectors in S is evident geometrically from Figure 3.2.2, it is confirmed algebraically by the computations

$$\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{j} = (1, 0, 0) \cdot (0, 1, 0) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{k} = (1, 0, 0) \cdot (0, 0, 1) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{k} = (0, 1, 0) \cdot (0, 0, 1) = 0$$



Lines and Planes Determined by Points and Normals

One learns in analytic geometry that a line in R^2 is determined uniquely by its slope and one of its points, and that a plane in R^3 is determined uniquely by its “inclination” and one of its points. One way of specifying slope and inclination is to use a *nonzero* vector \mathbf{n} , called a **normal**, that is orthogonal to the line or plane in question. For example, Figure 3.3.1 shows the line through the point $P_0(x_0, y_0)$ that has normal $\mathbf{n} = (a, b)$ and the plane through the point $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ that has normal $\mathbf{n} = (a, b, c)$. Both the line and the plane are represented by the vector equation

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot \overrightarrow{P_0P} = 0 \quad (1)$$

where P is either an arbitrary point (x, y) on the line or an arbitrary point (x, y, z) in the plane. The vector $\overrightarrow{P_0P}$ can be expressed in terms of components as

$$\overrightarrow{P_0P} = (x - x_0, y - y_0) \quad [\text{line}]$$

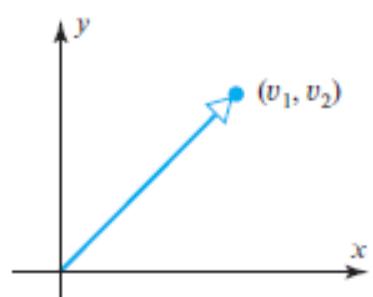
$$\overrightarrow{P_0P} = (x - x_0, y - y_0, z - z_0) \quad [\text{plane}]$$

Thus, Equation (1) can be written as

$$a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) = 0 \quad [\text{line}] \quad (2)$$

$$a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0 \quad [\text{plane}] \quad (3)$$

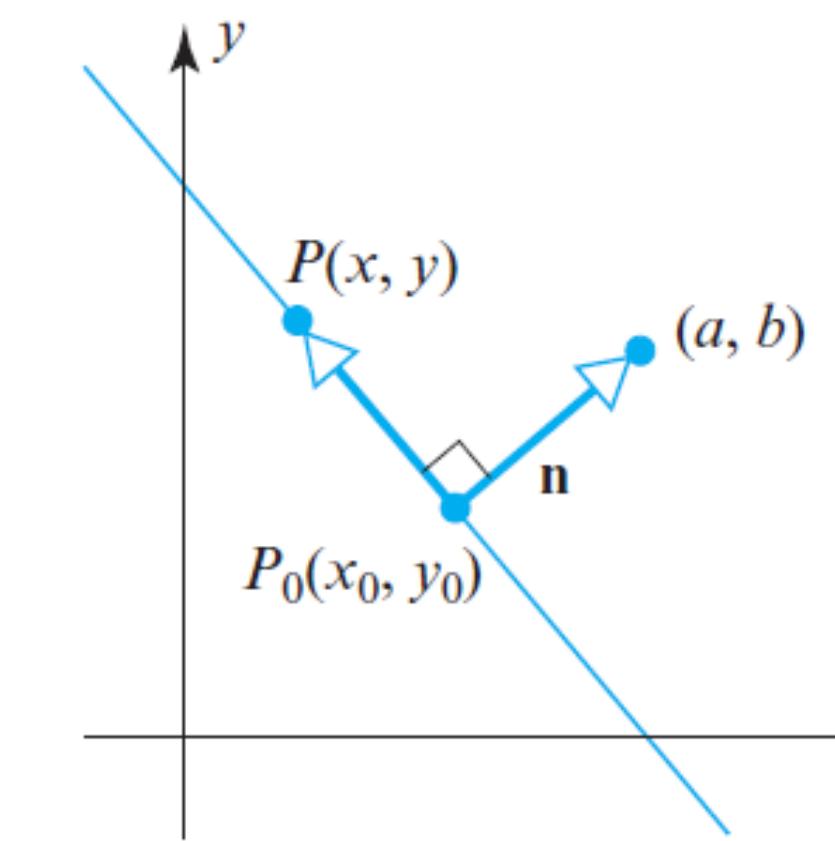
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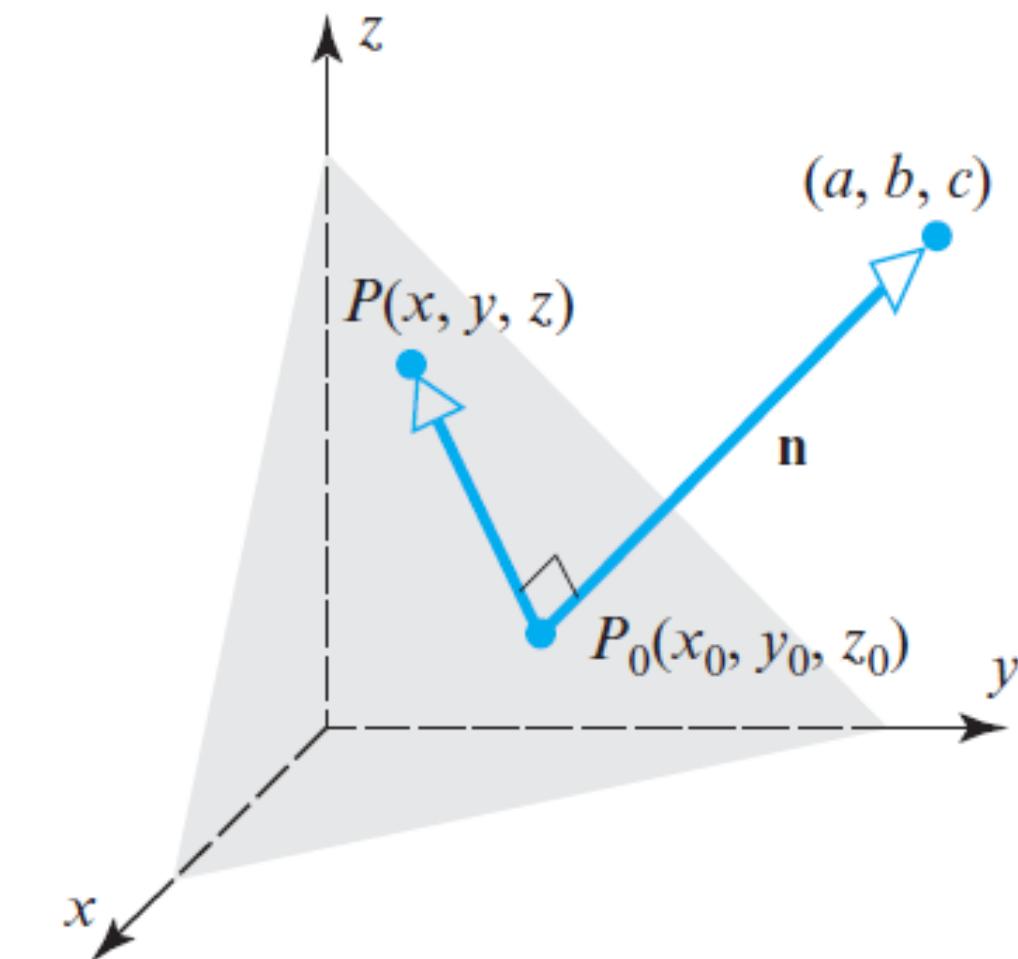
▲ Figure 3.1.11 The ordered pair (v_1, v_2) can represent a vector or a point.

Note, \mathbf{n} above represents components of the normal vector and not coordinates.

Remark It may have occurred to you that an ordered pair (v_1, v_2) can represent either a vector with *components* v_1 and v_2 or a point with *coordinates* v_1 and v_2 (and similarly for ordered triples). Both are valid geometric interpretations, so the appropriate choice will depend on the geometric viewpoint that we want to emphasize (Figure 3.1.11).



► Figure 3.3.1



► EXAMPLE 2 Point-Normal Equations

It follows from (2) that in R^2 the equation

$$6(x - 3) + (y + 7) = 0$$

represents the line through the point $(3, -7)$ with normal $\mathbf{n} = (6, 1)$; and it follows from (3) that in R^3 the equation

$$4(x - 3) + 2y - 5(z - 7) = 0$$

represents the plane through the point $(3, 0, 7)$ with normal $\mathbf{n} = (4, 2, -5)$. ◀

Lines and Planes Determined by Points and Normals

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These are called the **point-normal** equations of the line and plane.

THEOREM 3.3.1

- (a) If a and b are constants that are not both zero, then an equation of the form

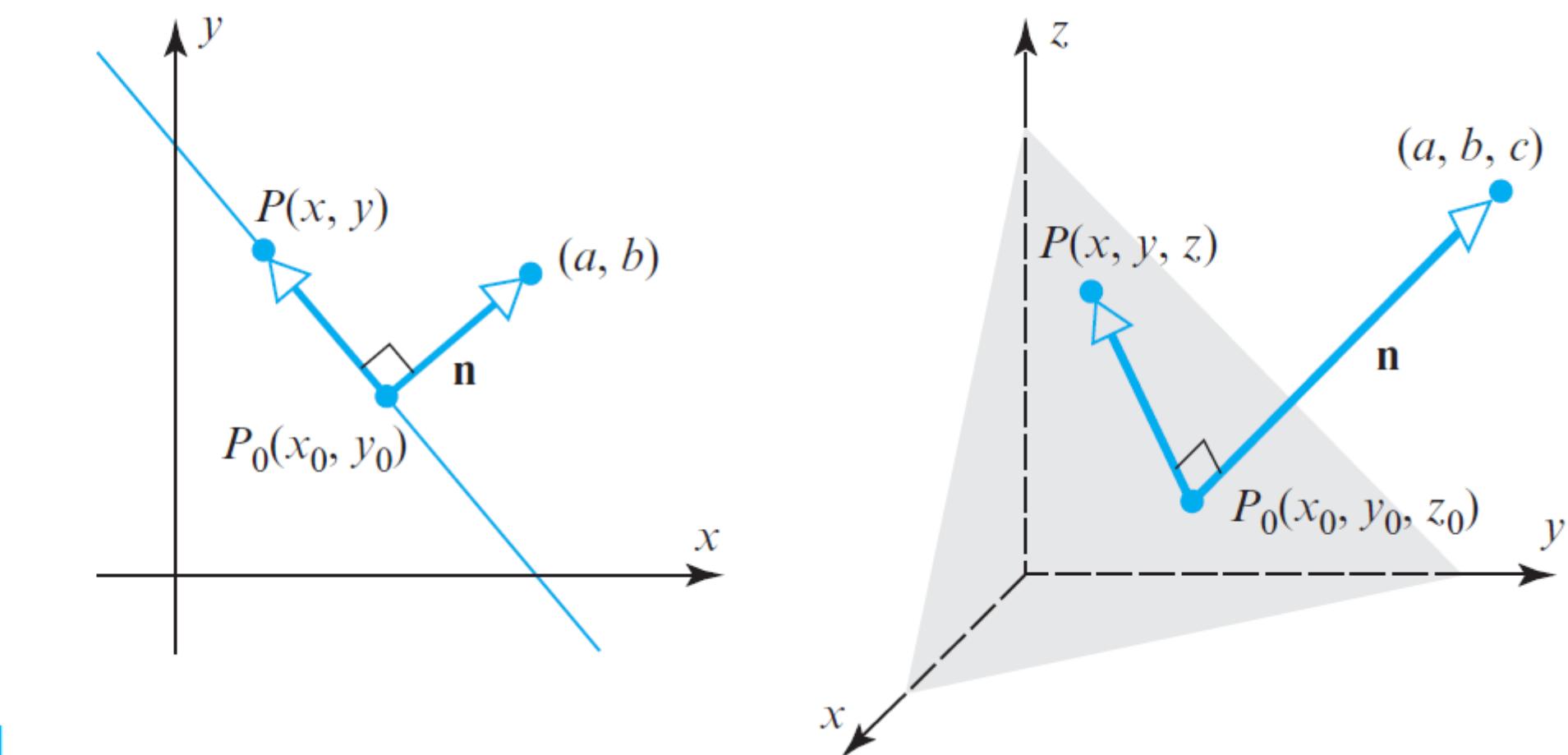
$$ax + by + c = 0 \quad (4)$$

represents a line in \mathbb{R}^2 with normal $\mathbf{n} = (a, b)$.

- (b) If a , b , and c are constants that are not all zero, then an equation of the form

$$ax + by + cz + d = 0 \quad (5)$$

represents a plane in \mathbb{R}^3 with normal $\mathbf{n} = (a, b, c)$.



► Figure 3.3.1

Lines and Planes Determined by Points and Normals

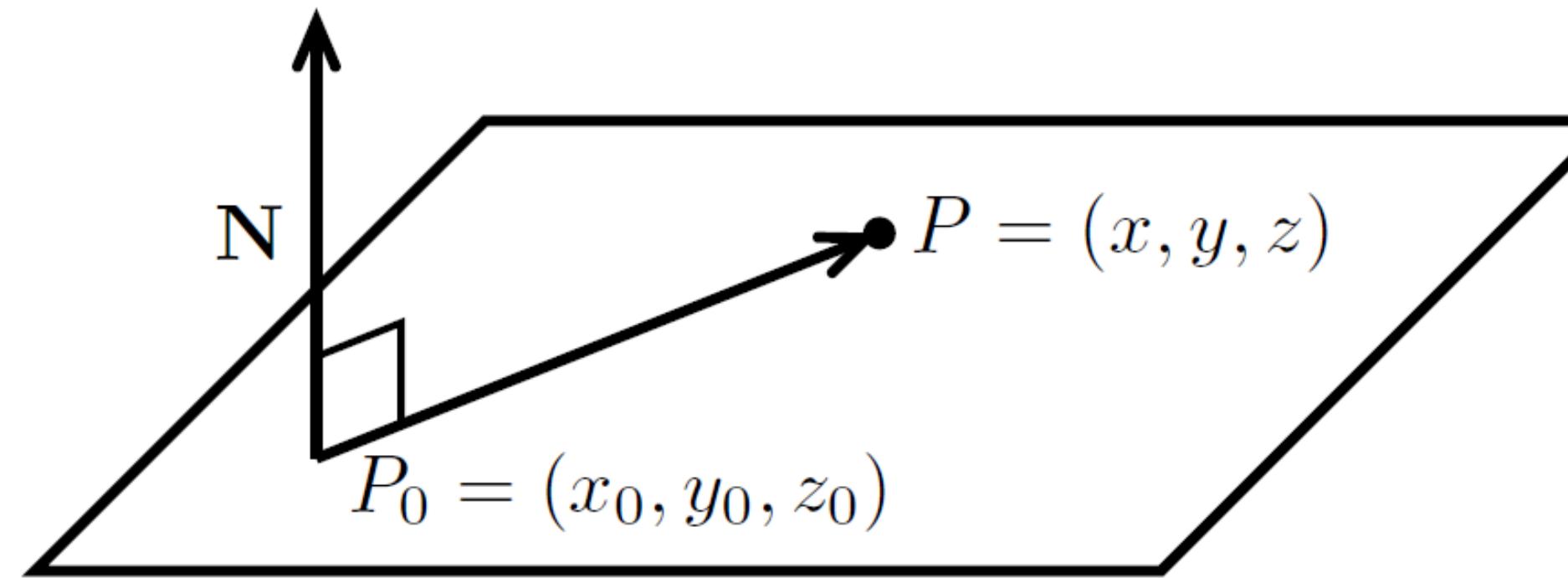
Let $P = (x, y, z)$ be an arbitrary point in the plane. Then the vector $\overrightarrow{P_0P}$ is in the plane and therefore orthogonal to \mathbf{N} . This means

$$\mathbf{N} \cdot \overrightarrow{P_0P} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \langle a, b, c \rangle \cdot \langle x - x_0, y - y_0, z - z_0 \rangle = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0$$

We call this last equation the point-normal form for the plane.



Example 1: Find the plane through the point $(1,4,9)$ with normal $\langle 2, 3, 4 \rangle$.

Answer: Point-normal form of the plane is $2(x - 1) + 3(y - 4) + 4(z - 9) = 0$. We can also write this as $2x + 3y + 4z = 50$.

Orthogonal Complements

If a vector \mathbf{z} is orthogonal to every vector in a subspace W of \mathbb{R}^n , then \mathbf{z} is said to be **orthogonal to W** . The set of all vectors \mathbf{z} that are orthogonal to W is called the **orthogonal complement** of W and is denoted by W^\perp (and read as “ W perpendicular” or simply “ W perp”).

1. A vector \mathbf{x} is in W^\perp if and only if \mathbf{x} is orthogonal to every vector in a set that spans W .
2. W^\perp is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

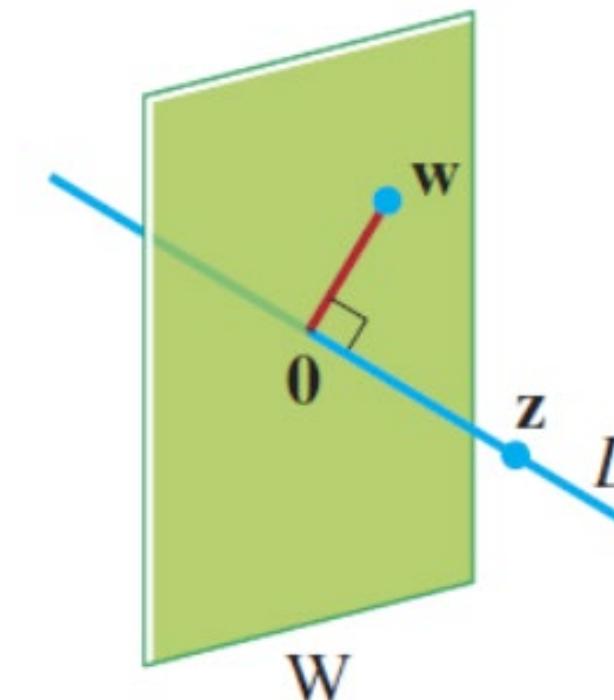


FIGURE 7

A plane and line through $\mathbf{0}$ as orthogonal complements.

EXAMPLE 6 Let W be a plane through the origin in \mathbb{R}^3 , and let L be the line through the origin and perpendicular to W . If \mathbf{z} and \mathbf{w} are nonzero, \mathbf{z} is on L , and \mathbf{w} is in W , then the line segment from $\mathbf{0}$ to \mathbf{z} is perpendicular to the line segment from $\mathbf{0}$ to \mathbf{w} ; that is, $\mathbf{z} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0$. See Figure 7. So each vector on L is orthogonal to every \mathbf{w} in W . In fact, L consists of *all* vectors that are orthogonal to the \mathbf{w} 's in W , and W consists of all vectors orthogonal to the \mathbf{z} 's in L . That is,

$$L = W^\perp \quad \text{and} \quad W = L^\perp$$

Orthogonal Complements

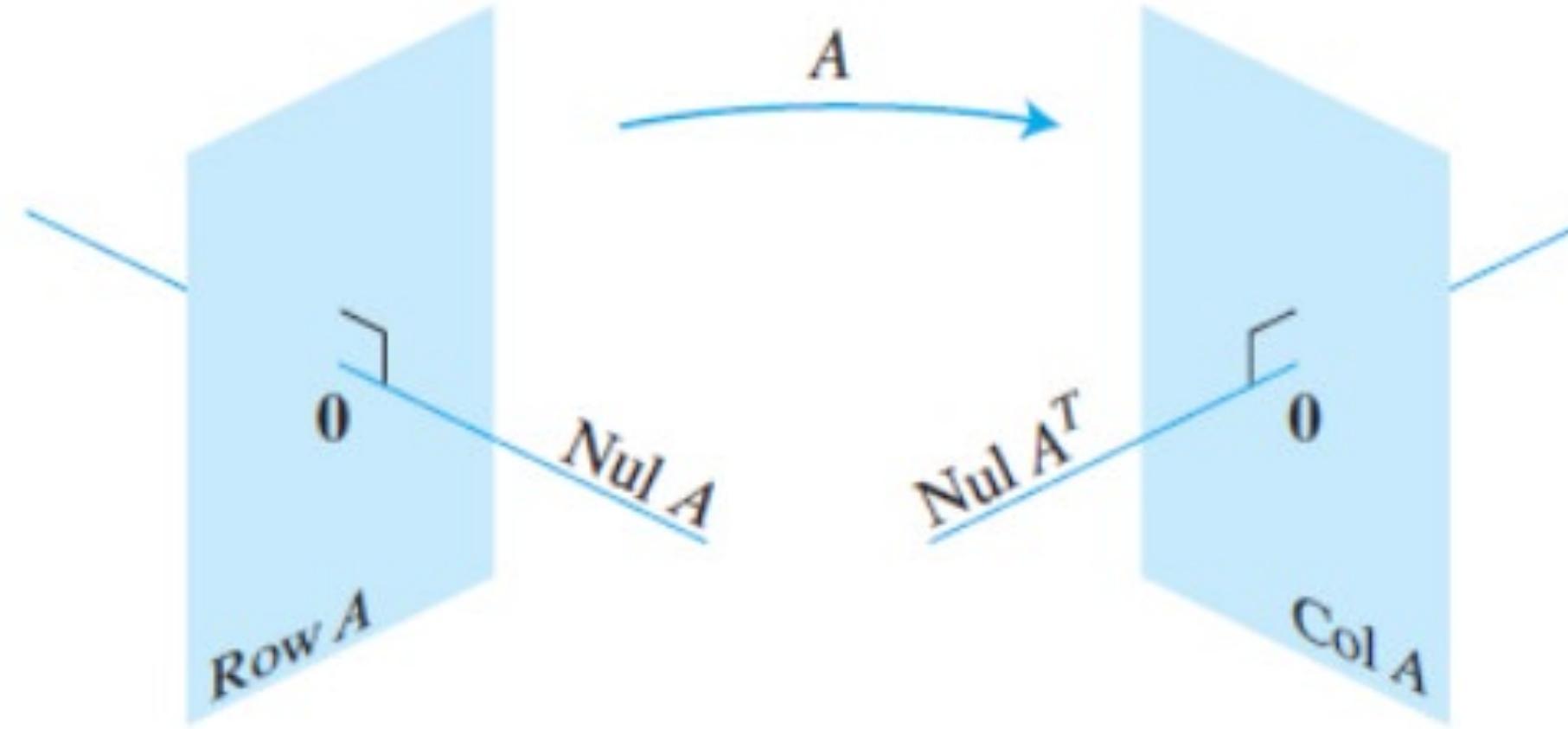


FIGURE 8 The fundamental subspaces determined by an $m \times n$ matrix A .

THEOREM 3

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. The orthogonal complement of the row space of A is the null space of A , and the orthogonal complement of the column space of A is the null space of A^T :

$$(\text{Row } A)^\perp = \text{Nul } A \quad \text{and} \quad (\text{Col } A)^\perp = \text{Nul } A^T$$

PROOF The row–column rule for computing $A\mathbf{x}$ shows that if \mathbf{x} is in $\text{Nul } A$, then \mathbf{x} is orthogonal to each row of A (with the rows treated as vectors in \mathbb{R}^n). Since the rows of A span the row space, \mathbf{x} is orthogonal to $\text{Row } A$. Conversely, if \mathbf{x} is orthogonal to $\text{Row } A$, then \mathbf{x} is certainly orthogonal to each row of A , and hence $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. This proves the first statement of the theorem. Since this statement is true for any matrix, it is true for A^T . That is, the orthogonal complement of the row space of A^T is the null space of A^T . This proves the second statement, because $\text{Row } A^T = \text{Col } A$. ■

Remark: A common way to prove that two sets, say S and T , are equal is to show that S is a subset of T and T is a subset of S . The proof of the next theorem that $\text{Nul } A = (\text{Row } A)^\perp$ is established by showing that $\text{Nul } A$ is a subset of $(\text{Row } A)^\perp$ and $(\text{Row } A)^\perp$ is a subset of $\text{Nul } A$. That is, an arbitrary element \mathbf{x} in $\text{Nul } A$ is shown to be in $(\text{Row } A)^\perp$, and then an arbitrary element \mathbf{x} in $(\text{Row } A)^\perp$ is shown to be in $\text{Nul } A$.

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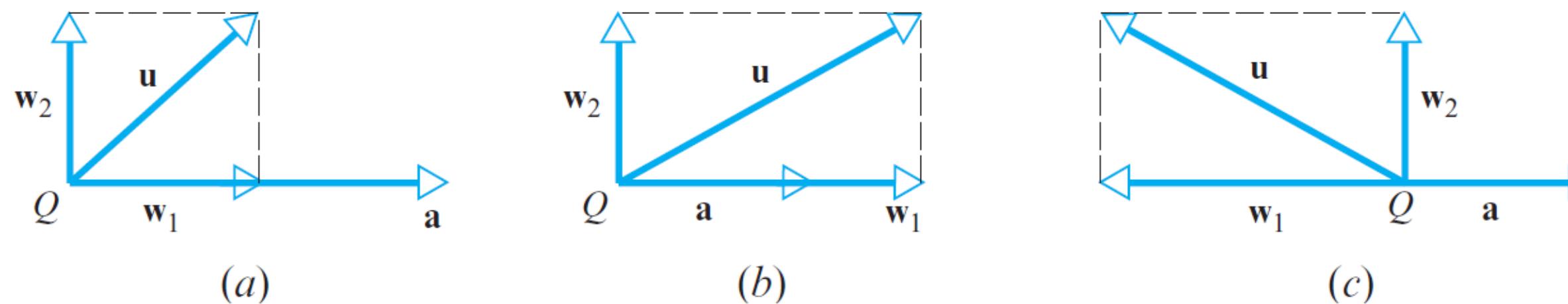
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Orthogonal Projections

Decomposition in R^2 space

In many applications it is necessary to “decompose” a vector \mathbf{u} into a sum of two terms, one term being a scalar multiple of a specified nonzero vector \mathbf{a} and the other term being orthogonal to \mathbf{a} . For example, if \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{a} are vectors in R^2 that are positioned so their initial points coincide at a point Q , then we can create such a decomposition as follows (Figure 3.3.2):



▲ Figure 3.3.2 Three possible cases.

- Drop a perpendicular from the tip of \mathbf{u} to the line through \mathbf{a} .
- Construct the vector \mathbf{w}_1 from Q to the foot of the perpendicular.
- Construct the vector $\mathbf{w}_2 = \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{w}_1$.

Since

$$\mathbf{w}_1 + \mathbf{w}_2 = \mathbf{w}_1 + (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{w}_1) = \mathbf{u}$$

we have decomposed \mathbf{u} into a sum of two orthogonal vectors, the first term being a scalar multiple of \mathbf{a} and the second being orthogonal to \mathbf{a} .

Decomposing vectors into orthogonal basis has many advantages!

The standard basis is an orthogonal basis.

Orthogonal basis is explained in 6.2.3.

► EXAMPLE 1 The Standard Basis for R^n

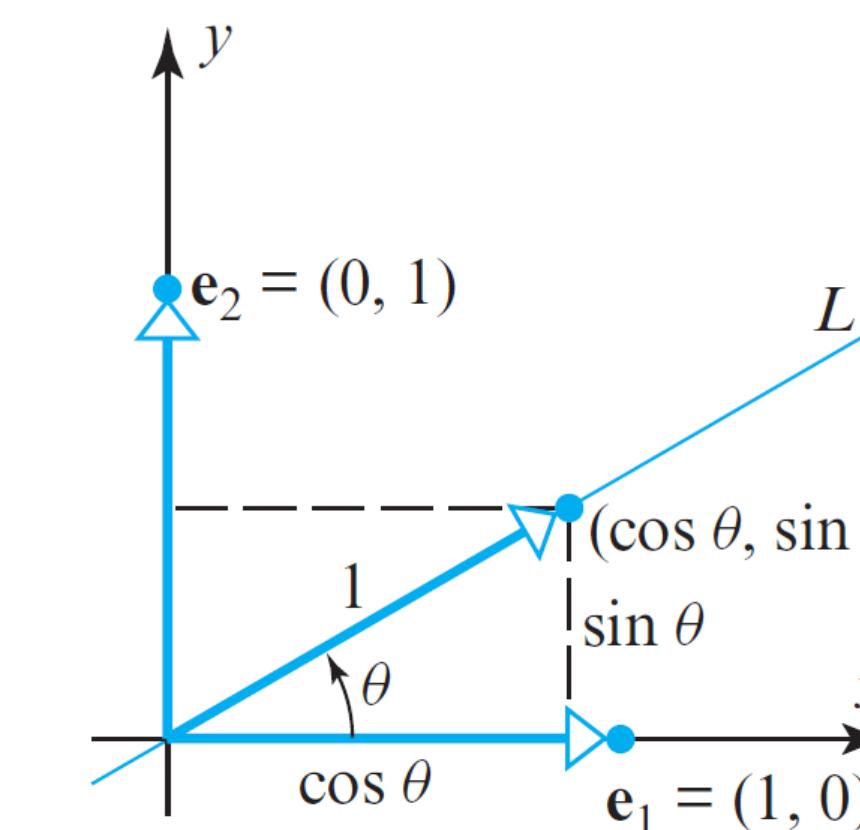
Recall from Example 11 of Section 4.2 that the standard unit vectors

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = (1, 0, 0, \dots, 0), \quad \mathbf{e}_2 = (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0), \dots, \quad \mathbf{e}_n = (0, 0, 0, \dots, 1)$$

span R^n and from Example 1 of Section 4.3 that they are linearly independent. Thus, they form a basis for R^n that we call the **standard basis for R^n** . In particular,

$$\mathbf{i} = (1, 0, 0), \quad \mathbf{j} = (0, 1, 0), \quad \mathbf{k} = (0, 0, 1)$$

is the standard basis for R^3 .



▲ Figure 3.3.3

A diagram illustrating the decomposition of a complex number $z = a + bi$ in the complex plane. The real part a is represented by a red vector along the positive x-axis, and the imaginary part b is represented by a red vector along the positive y-axis. The vector z is shown in the first quadrant. Dashed lines indicate the projections of z onto the x-axis and y-axis. The point (a, b) is marked on the x-axis, and the point $(0, b)$ is marked on the y-axis. The angle θ is indicated between the positive x-axis and the vector z . The vector z is also shown as the hypotenuse of a right triangle with legs a and b . The hypotenuse is labeled r , and the angle between the x-axis and the hypotenuse is labeled θ . The point $(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$ is marked on the hypotenuse.

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Example above:

Commonly found in complex number of unit circle.

Where e_1 is the real line, and e_2 is the imaginary line

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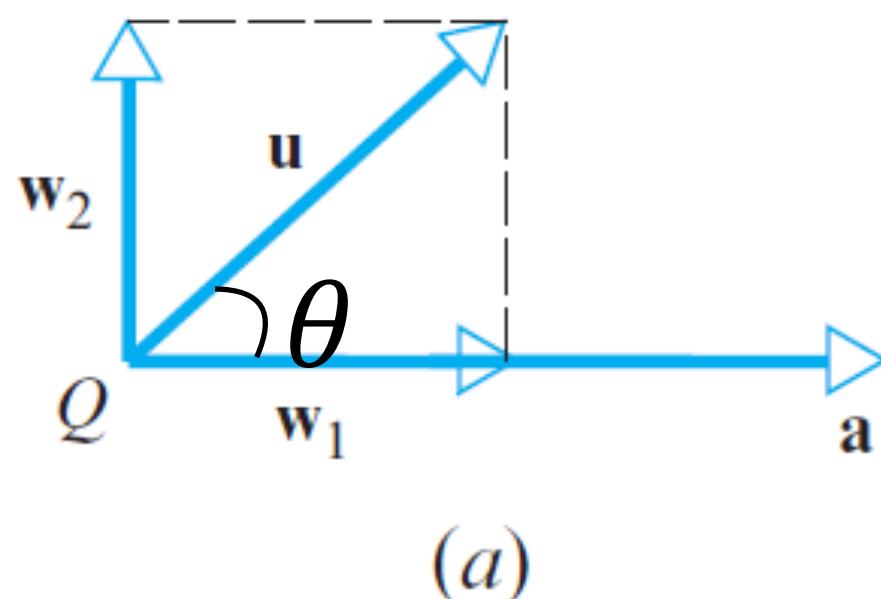
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Orthogonal Projections

THEOREM 3.3.2 Projection Theorem

If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{a} are vectors in R^n , and if $\mathbf{a} \neq 0$, then \mathbf{u} can be expressed in exactly one way in the form $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{w}_1 + \mathbf{w}_2$, where \mathbf{w}_1 is a scalar multiple of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{w}_2 is orthogonal to \mathbf{a} .



The vectors \mathbf{w}_1 and \mathbf{w}_2 in the Projection Theorem have associated names—the vector \mathbf{w}_1 is called the *orthogonal projection of \mathbf{u} on \mathbf{a}* or sometimes *the vector component of \mathbf{u} along \mathbf{a}* , and the vector \mathbf{w}_2 is called the vector *component of \mathbf{u} orthogonal to \mathbf{a}* . The vector \mathbf{w}_1 is commonly denoted by the symbol $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}}\mathbf{u}$, in which case it follows from (8) that $\mathbf{w}_2 = \mathbf{u} - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}}\mathbf{u}$. In summary,

$$\mathbf{w}_1 = \text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}}\mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|^2} \mathbf{a} \quad (\text{vector component of } \mathbf{u} \text{ along } \mathbf{a}) = \|\mathbf{u}\| \cos \theta \quad (10)$$

$$\mathbf{w}_2 = \mathbf{u} - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u} - \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|^2} \mathbf{a} \quad (\text{vector component of } \mathbf{u} \text{ orthogonal to } \mathbf{a}) \quad (11)$$

► EXAMPLE 5 Vector Component of \mathbf{u} Along \mathbf{a}

Let $\mathbf{u} = (2, -1, 3)$ and $\mathbf{a} = (4, -1, 2)$. Find the vector component of \mathbf{u} along \mathbf{a} and the vector component of \mathbf{u} orthogonal to \mathbf{a} .

Solution

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{a} = (2)(4) + (-1)(-1) + (3)(2) = 15$$

$$\|\mathbf{a}\|^2 = 4^2 + (-1)^2 + 2^2 = 21$$

Thus the vector component of \mathbf{u} along \mathbf{a} is

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}}\mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|^2} \mathbf{a} = \frac{15}{21}(4, -1, 2) = \left(\frac{20}{7}, -\frac{5}{7}, \frac{10}{7}\right)$$

and the vector component of \mathbf{u} orthogonal to \mathbf{a} is

$$\mathbf{u} - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}}\mathbf{u} = (2, -1, 3) - \left(\frac{20}{7}, -\frac{5}{7}, \frac{10}{7}\right) = \left(-\frac{6}{7}, -\frac{2}{7}, \frac{11}{7}\right)$$

As a check, you may wish to verify that the vectors $\mathbf{u} - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}}\mathbf{u}$ and \mathbf{a} are perpendicular by showing that their dot product is zero. ◀

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Orthogonal Projections

Fig. 2.5 shows two vectors \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} in R^2 space. The orthogonal projection of \mathbf{u} on \mathbf{v} , i.e. $Proj_{\mathbf{v}}\mathbf{u}$, can be thought of as the shadow formed by vector \mathbf{u} onto \mathbf{v} when an imaginary light is directed to \mathbf{u} along the normal of \mathbf{v} ; The vector $Proj_{\mathbf{v}}\mathbf{u}$ is the best approximation of \mathbf{u} using \mathbf{v} . The following are the definitions of orthogonal projection and the equation to find the orthogonal residual.

$$Proj_{\mathbf{v}}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v} \left(\frac{\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|^2} \right), \quad (2.34)$$

$$\mathbf{w}_{\mathbf{v}} = \mathbf{u} - Proj_{\mathbf{v}}\mathbf{u}, \quad (2.35)$$

where $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v}}$ is the Euclidean norm of \mathbf{v} and the vector $\mathbf{w}_{\mathbf{v}}$ is the residual when \mathbf{v} is used to approximate \mathbf{u} .

Why is the denominator $\|\mathbf{v}\|^2$? (eqn 2.34).

Ans: it is to normalize vector \mathbf{v} to have unit length.

Notice that \mathbf{v} occurs twice, to get a vector to have unit length,

We need to divide \mathbf{v} by $\|\mathbf{v}\|$

$$\left(\frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \right) * \mathbf{u}^T \left(\frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \right) = \mathbf{v} * \frac{\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}}{(\|\mathbf{v}\|^2)}$$

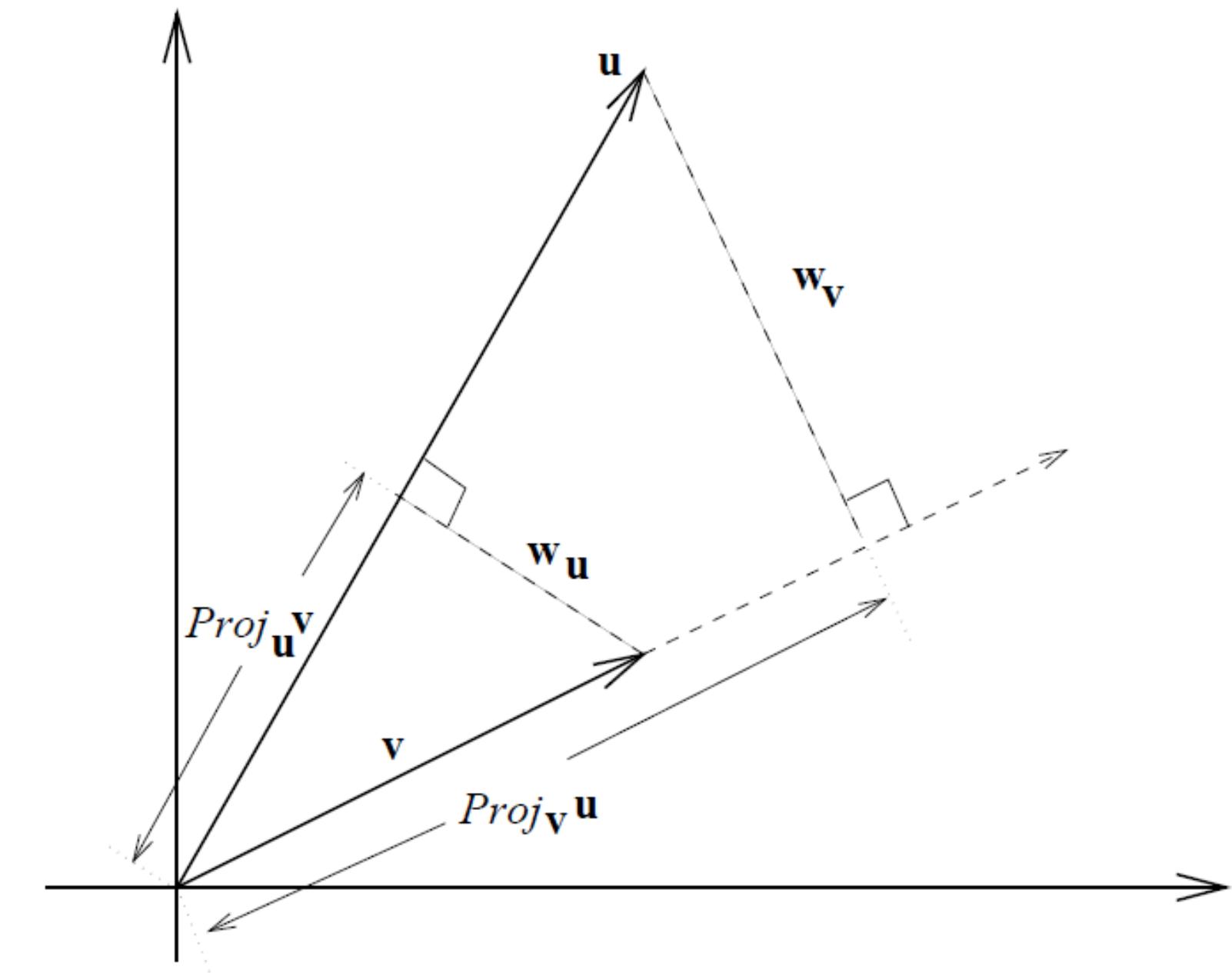
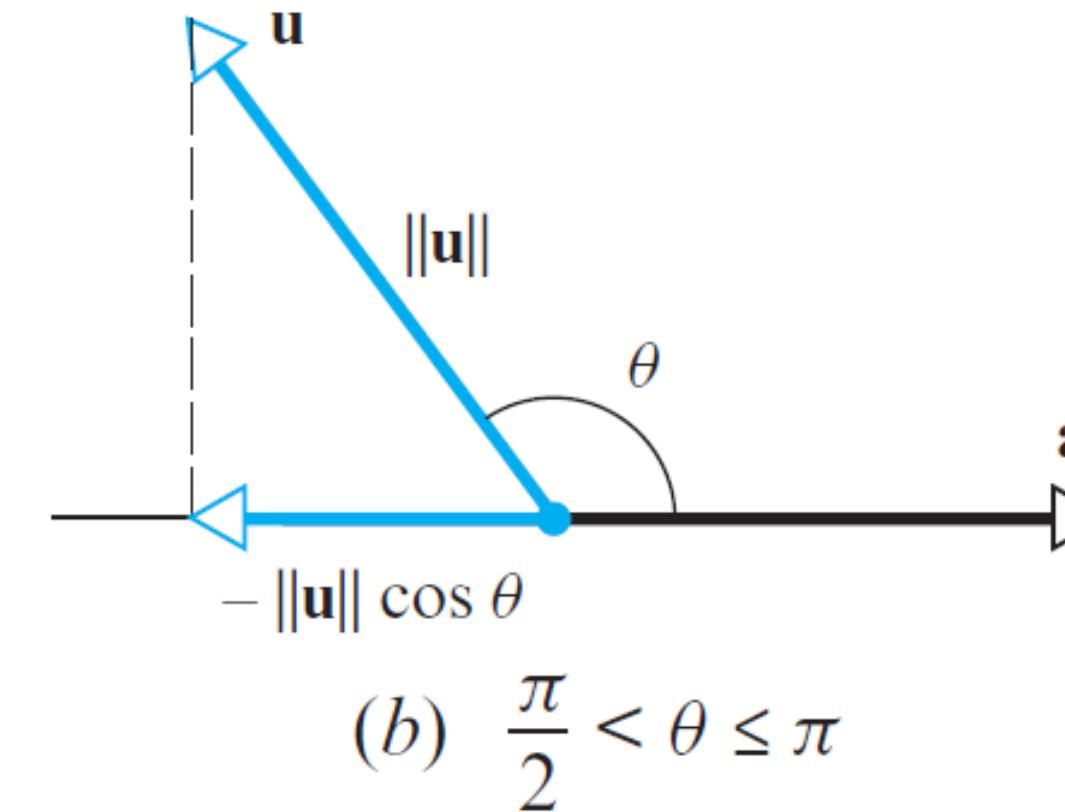
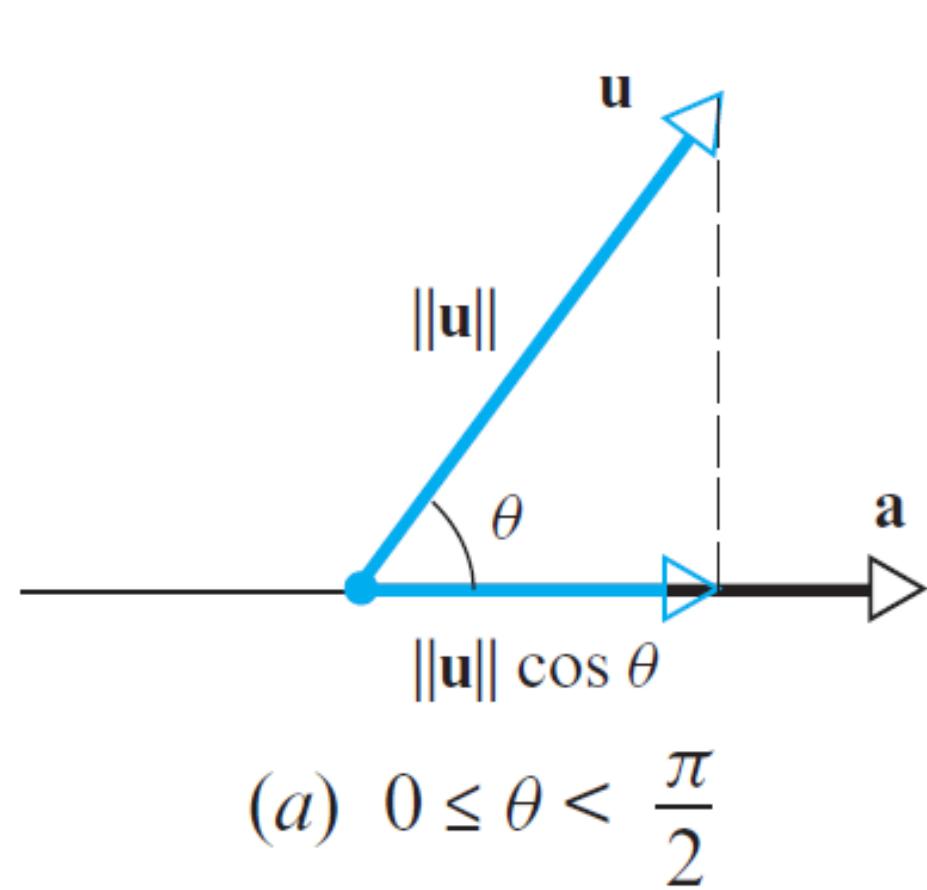


Figure 2.5: Orthogonal projections

Orthogonal Projections

Finding the norm of the projected component.



▲ Figure 3.3.4

Sometimes we will be more interested in the *norm* of the vector component of \mathbf{u} along \mathbf{a} than in the vector component itself. A formula for this norm can be derived as follows:

$$\|\text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{u}\| = \left\| \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|^2} \mathbf{a} \right\| = \left| \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|^2} \right| \|\mathbf{a}\| = \frac{|\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{a}|}{\|\mathbf{a}\|^2} \|\mathbf{a}\|$$

where the second equality follows from part (c) of Theorem 3.2.1 and the third from the fact that $\|\mathbf{a}\|^2 > 0$. Thus,

$$\|\text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{u}\| = \frac{|\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{a}|}{\|\mathbf{a}\|} \quad (12)$$

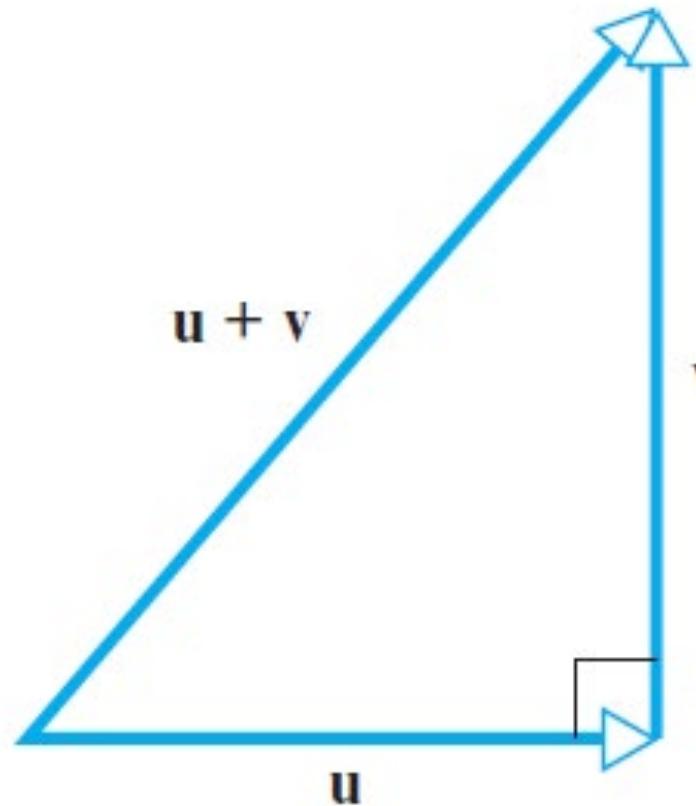
If θ denotes the angle between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{a} , then $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{a} = \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{a}\| \cos \theta$, so (12) can also be written as

$$\|\text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{u}\| = \|\mathbf{u}\| |\cos \theta| \quad (13)$$

(Verify.) A geometric interpretation of this result is given in Figure 3.3.4.

Pythagoras Theorem

The Theorem of Pythagoras



▲ Figure 3.3.5

THEOREM 3.3.3 Theorem of Pythagoras in R^n

If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are orthogonal vectors in R^n with the Euclidean inner product, then

$$\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 \quad (14)$$

Proof Since \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are orthogonal, we have $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$, from which it follows that

$$\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 = (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \cdot (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + 2(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 \quad \blacktriangleleft$$

► EXAMPLE 6 Theorem of Pythagoras in R^4

We showed in Example 1 that the vectors

$$\mathbf{u} = (-2, 3, 1, 4) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v} = (1, 2, 0, -1)$$

are orthogonal. Verify the Theorem of Pythagoras for these vectors.

Solution We leave it for you to confirm that

$$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = (-1, 5, 1, 3)$$

$$\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 = 36$$

$$\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = 30 + 6$$

Thus, $\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2$ ◀

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$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}}_x = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}}_b$$

Chap. No : 6.2.3 (mod By Tay KB)

Lecture : Orthogonality

Topic : Orthogonality

Concept : Orthogonal Sets & Orthogonal Basis

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Orthogonal Sets

A set of vectors $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ in \mathbb{R}^n is said to be an **orthogonal set** if each pair of distinct vectors from the set is orthogonal, that is, if $\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \mathbf{u}_j = 0$ whenever $i \neq j$.

EXAMPLE 1 Show that $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$ is an orthogonal set, where

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ -2 \\ 7/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

SOLUTION Consider the three possible pairs of distinct vectors, namely, $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$, $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_3\}$, and $\{\mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$.

$$\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 = 3(-1) + 1(2) + 1(1) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_3 = 3\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + 1(-2) + 1\left(\frac{7}{2}\right) = 0$$

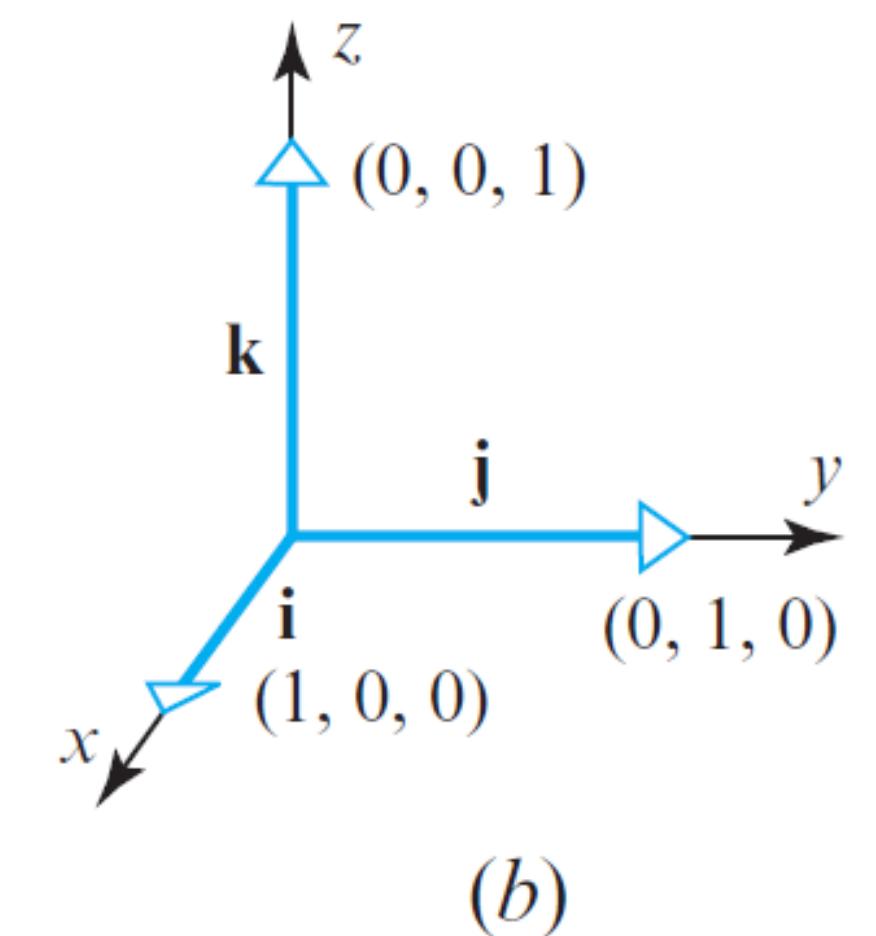
$$\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_3 = -1\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + 2(-2) + 1\left(\frac{7}{2}\right) = 0$$

Each pair of distinct vectors is orthogonal, and so $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$ is an orthogonal set. See Fig. 1; the three line segments there are mutually perpendicular. ■

Standard basis for \mathbb{R}^n is an orthogonal set

Standard Basis

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



▲ Figure 3.2.2

Ref: <https://mathworld.wolfram.com/StandardBasis.html>

Orthogonal Sets and Orthogonal Basis

THEOREM 4

Note: $p \leq n$

If $S = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ is an orthogonal set of nonzero vectors in \mathbb{R}^n , then S is linearly independent and hence is a basis for the subspace spanned by S .

PROOF If $\mathbf{0} = c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{u}_p$ for some scalars c_1, \dots, c_p , then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 = (c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + c_2\mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{u}_p) \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 \\ &= (c_1\mathbf{u}_1) \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 + (c_2\mathbf{u}_2) \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + (c_p\mathbf{u}_p) \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 \\ &= c_1(\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1) + c_2(\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1) + \dots + c_p(\mathbf{u}_p \cdot \mathbf{u}_1) \\ &= c_1(\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1) \end{aligned}$$

because \mathbf{u}_1 is orthogonal to $\mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p$. Since \mathbf{u}_1 is nonzero, $\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1$ is not zero and so $c_1 = 0$. Similarly, c_2, \dots, c_p must be zero. Thus S is linearly independent. ■

Examples of orthogonal set of vectors in \mathbb{R}^3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1/2 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 7/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y} &= -8/6; \\ \mathbf{s} &= [\boxed{1} \boxed{0}; \\ &\quad \boxed{2} \boxed{4}; \\ &\quad \boxed{6} \boxed{y}]; \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{s} \text{ checkOrthognality } = \mathbf{s}' * \mathbf{s}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{s} &= \\ &\quad 1.0000 \quad 0 \\ &\quad 2.0000 \quad 4.0000 \\ &\quad 6.0000 \quad -1.3333 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{checkOrthognality} &= \\ &\quad 41.0000 \quad 0.0000 \\ &\quad 0.0000 \quad 17.7778 \end{aligned}$$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ u_1 & u_2 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 2} \quad S^T = \begin{bmatrix} \leftarrow & u_1^T & \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow & u_2^T & \rightarrow \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3} \quad S^T \times S = \begin{bmatrix} ||u_1||^2 & u_1^T u_2 \\ u_2^T u_1 & ||u_2||^2 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2}$$

Dot product between vectors u_1 and u_2

Orthogonal Sets and Orthogonal Basis

THEOREM 4

Note: $p \leq n$

If $S = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ is an orthogonal set of nonzero vectors in \mathbb{R}^n , then S is linearly independent and hence is a basis for the subspace spanned by S .

PROOF If $\mathbf{0} = c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{u}_p$ for some scalars c_1, \dots, c_p , then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 = (c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + c_2\mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{u}_p) \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 \\ &= (c_1\mathbf{u}_1) \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 + (c_2\mathbf{u}_2) \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + (c_p\mathbf{u}_p) \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 \\ &= c_1(\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1) + c_2(\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1) + \dots + c_p(\mathbf{u}_p \cdot \mathbf{u}_1) \\ &= c_1(\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1) \end{aligned}$$

because \mathbf{u}_1 is orthogonal to $\mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p$. Since \mathbf{u}_1 is nonzero, $\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1$ is not zero and so $c_1 = 0$. Similarly, c_2, \dots, c_p must be zero. Thus S is linearly independent. ■

An **orthogonal basis** for a subspace W of \mathbb{R}^n is a basis for W that is also an orthogonal set.

THEOREM 5

The next theorem suggests why an orthogonal basis is much nicer than other bases. The weights in a linear combination can be computed easily.

Let $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ be an orthogonal basis for a subspace W of \mathbb{R}^n . For each \mathbf{y} in W , the weights in the linear combination

$$\mathbf{y} = c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{u}_p$$

are given by

$$c_j = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_j}{\mathbf{u}_j \cdot \mathbf{u}_j} \quad (j = 1, \dots, p)$$

PROOF As in the preceding proof, the orthogonality of $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ shows that

$$\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 = (c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + c_2\mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{u}_p) \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 = c_1(\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1)$$

Since $\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1$ is not zero, the equation above can be solved for c_1 . To find c_j for $j = 2, \dots, p$, compute $\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_j$ and solve for c_j . ■

Projecting a vector onto a subspace (span by an orthogonal basis)

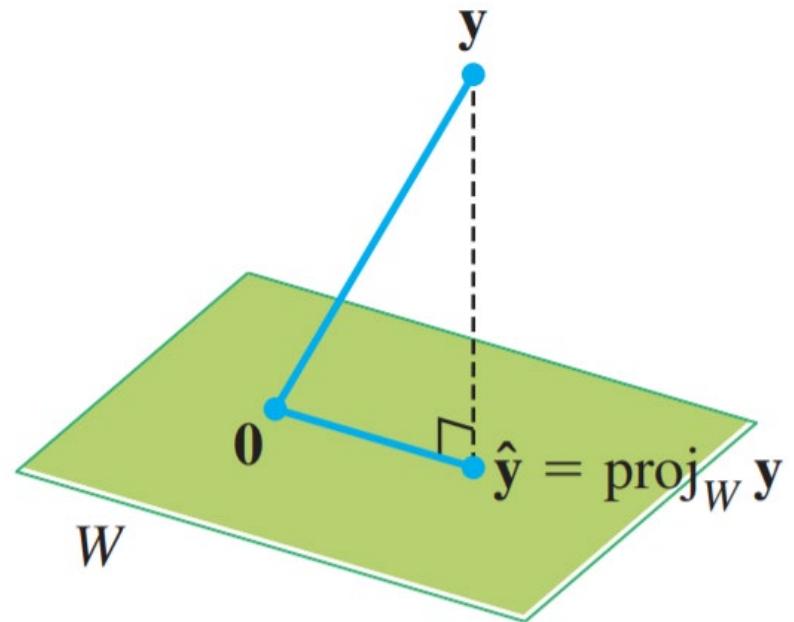


FIGURE 1

Given a vector \mathbf{y} and a subspace W in \mathbb{R}^n , there is a vector $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ in W such that (1) $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ is the unique vector in W for which $\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}$ is orthogonal to W , and (2) $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ is the unique vector in W closest to \mathbf{y} . See Figure 1. These two properties of $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ provide the key to finding least-squares solutions of linear systems, mentioned in the introductory example for this chapter.

To prepare for the first theorem, observe that whenever a vector \mathbf{y} is written as a linear combination of vectors $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n$ in \mathbb{R}^n , the terms in the sum for \mathbf{y} can be grouped into two parts so that \mathbf{y} can be written as

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{z}_1 + \mathbf{z}_2$$

where \mathbf{z}_1 is a linear combination of some of the \mathbf{u}_i and \mathbf{z}_2 is a linear combination of the rest of the \mathbf{u}_i . This idea is particularly useful when $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$ is an orthogonal basis.

EXAMPLE 1 Let $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_5\}$ be an orthogonal basis for \mathbb{R}^5 and let

$$\mathbf{y} = c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + \cdots + c_5\mathbf{u}_5$$

Consider the subspace $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$, and write \mathbf{y} as the sum of a vector \mathbf{z}_1 in W and a vector \mathbf{z}_2 in W^\perp .

SOLUTION Write

$$\mathbf{y} = \underbrace{c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + c_2\mathbf{u}_2}_{\mathbf{z}_1} + \underbrace{c_3\mathbf{u}_3 + c_4\mathbf{u}_4 + c_5\mathbf{u}_5}_{\mathbf{z}_2}$$

where $\mathbf{z}_1 = c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + c_2\mathbf{u}_2$ is in $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$

and $\mathbf{z}_2 = c_3\mathbf{u}_3 + c_4\mathbf{u}_4 + c_5\mathbf{u}_5$ is in $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4, \mathbf{u}_5\}$.

To show that \mathbf{z}_2 is in W^\perp , it suffices to show that \mathbf{z}_2 is orthogonal to the vectors in the basis $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$ for W . (See Section 6.1.) Using properties of the inner product, compute

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{z}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 &= (c_3\mathbf{u}_3 + c_4\mathbf{u}_4 + c_5\mathbf{u}_5) \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 \\ &= c_3\mathbf{u}_3 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 + c_4\mathbf{u}_4 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 + c_5\mathbf{u}_5 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

because \mathbf{u}_1 is orthogonal to $\mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4$, and \mathbf{u}_5 . A similar calculation shows that $\mathbf{z}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 = 0$. Thus \mathbf{z}_2 is in W^\perp . ■

Orthogonal Sets and Orthogonal Basis

The next theorem suggests why an orthogonal basis is much nicer than other bases. The weights in a linear combination can be computed easily.

THEOREM 5

Let $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ be an orthogonal basis for a subspace W of \mathbb{R}^n . For each \mathbf{y} in W , the weights in the linear combination

$$\mathbf{y} = c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + \cdots + c_p\mathbf{u}_p$$

are given by

$$c_j = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_j}{\mathbf{u}_j \cdot \mathbf{u}_j} \quad (j = 1, \dots, p)$$

PROOF As in the preceding proof, the orthogonality of $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ shows that

$$\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 = (c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + c_2\mathbf{u}_2 + \cdots + c_p\mathbf{u}_p) \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 = c_1(\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1)$$

Since $\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1$ is not zero, the equation above can be solved for c_1 . To find c_j for $j = 2, \dots, p$, compute $\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_j$ and solve for c_j . ■

THEOREM 8

The Orthogonal Decomposition Theorem

Let W be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . Then each \mathbf{y} in \mathbb{R}^n can be written uniquely in the form

$$\mathbf{y} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \mathbf{z} \quad (1)$$

where $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ is in W and \mathbf{z} is in W^\perp . In fact, if $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ is any orthogonal basis of W , then

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 + \cdots + \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_p}{\mathbf{u}_p \cdot \mathbf{u}_p} \mathbf{u}_p \quad (2)$$

and $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}$.

The vector $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ in (1) is called the **orthogonal projection of \mathbf{y} onto W** and often is written as $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y}$. See Figure 2. When W is a one-dimensional subspace, the formula for $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ matches the formula given in Section 6.2.

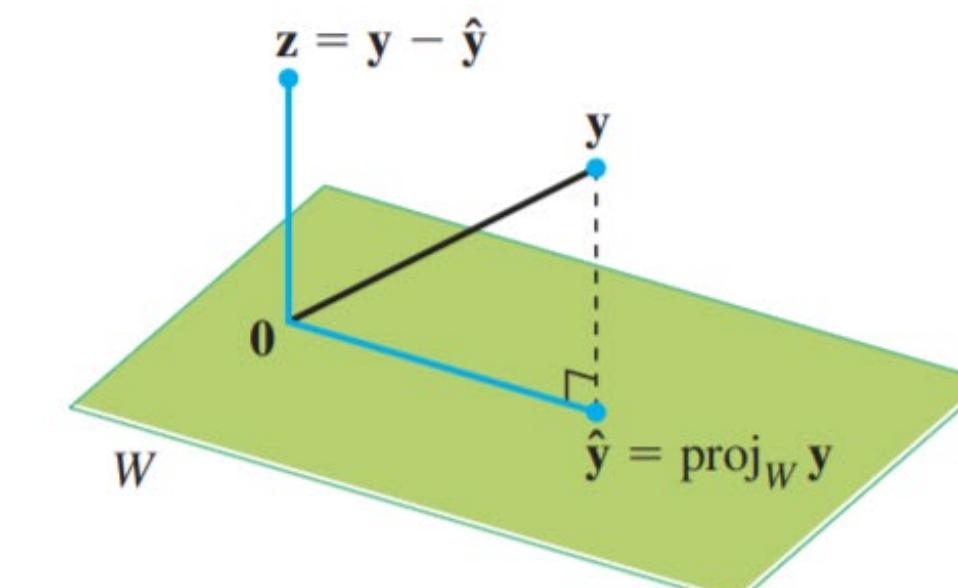


FIGURE 2 The orthogonal projection of \mathbf{y} onto W .

Proof later: ch 6.2.5

Example

Decompose $y = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}$ using the standard basis.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} = 6 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + (-8) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

EXAMPLE 1 Show that $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$ is an orthogonal set, where

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ -2 \\ 7/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

SOLUTION Consider the three possible pairs of distinct vectors, namely, $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$, $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_3\}$, and $\{\mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$.

$$\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 = 3(-1) + 1(2) + 1(1) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_3 = 3(-\frac{1}{2}) + 1(-2) + 1(\frac{7}{2}) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_3 = -1(-\frac{1}{2}) + 2(-2) + 1(\frac{7}{2}) = 0$$

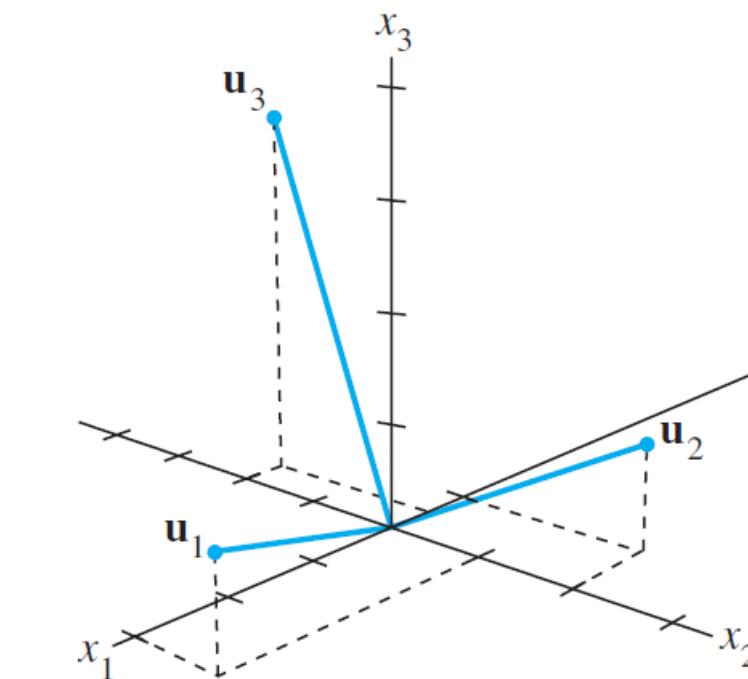


FIGURE 1

Each pair of distinct vectors is orthogonal, and so $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$ is an orthogonal set. See Figure 1; the three line segments there are mutually perpendicular. ■

EXAMPLE 2 The set $S = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$ in Example 1 is an orthogonal basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

Express the vector $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}$ as a linear combination of the vectors in S .

SOLUTION Compute

$$\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 = 11, \quad \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 = -12, \quad \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_3 = -33$$

$$\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 = 11, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 = 6, \quad \mathbf{u}_3 \cdot \mathbf{u}_3 = 33/2$$

By Theorem 5,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y} &= \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2}{\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2} \mathbf{u}_2 + \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_3}{\mathbf{u}_3 \cdot \mathbf{u}_3} \mathbf{u}_3 \\ &= \frac{11}{11} \mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{-12}{6} \mathbf{u}_2 + \frac{-33}{33/2} \mathbf{u}_3 \\ &= \mathbf{u}_1 - 2\mathbf{u}_2 - 2\mathbf{u}_3 \end{aligned}$$

Notice how easy it is to compute the weights needed to build \mathbf{y} from an orthogonal basis. If the basis were not orthogonal, it would be necessary to solve a system of linear equations in order to find the weights, as in Chapter 1.

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$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}}_x = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}}_b$$

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Orthonormal Sets-vectors within have length 1!

Orthonormal Sets

A set $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ is an **orthonormal set** if it is an orthogonal set of unit vectors. If W is the subspace spanned by such a set, then $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ is an **orthonormal basis** for W , since the set is automatically linearly independent, by Theorem 4.

The simplest example of an orthonormal set is the standard basis $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$ for \mathbb{R}^n . Any nonempty subset of $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$ is orthonormal, too. Here is a more complicated example.

THEOREM 4

If $S = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ is an orthogonal set of nonzero vectors in \mathbb{R}^n , then S is linearly independent and hence is a basis for the subspace spanned by S .

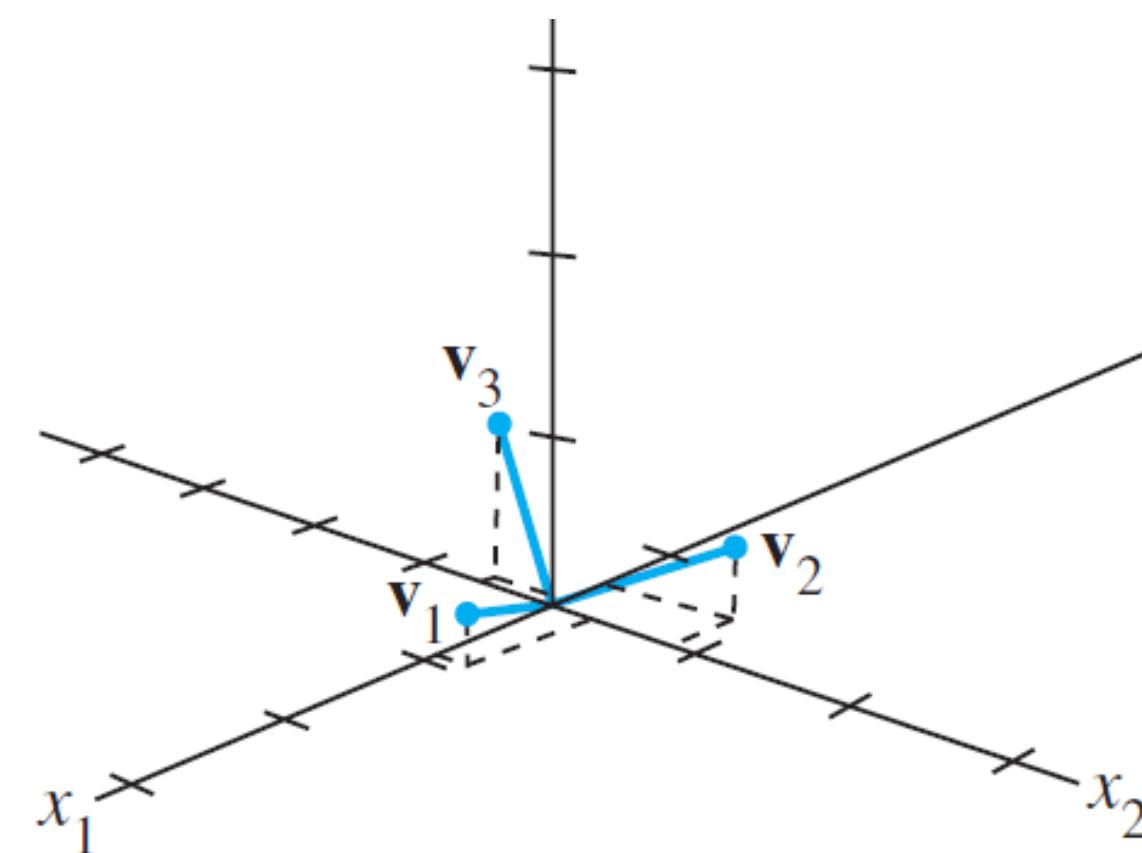


FIGURE 6

Ref: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJu26chXEiw>

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EXAMPLE 5 Show that $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ is an orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^3 , where

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3/\sqrt{11} \\ 1/\sqrt{11} \\ 1/\sqrt{11} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{6} \\ 2/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{66} \\ -4/\sqrt{66} \\ 7/\sqrt{66} \end{bmatrix}$$

SOLUTION Compute

$$\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 = -3/\sqrt{66} + 2/\sqrt{66} + 1/\sqrt{66} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3 = -3/\sqrt{726} - 4/\sqrt{726} + 7/\sqrt{726} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3 = 1/\sqrt{396} - 8/\sqrt{396} + 7/\sqrt{396} = 0$$

Thus $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ is an orthogonal set. Also,

$$\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 = 9/11 + 1/11 + 1/11 = 1$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 = 1/6 + 4/6 + 1/6 = 1$$

$$\mathbf{v}_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3 = 1/66 + 16/66 + 49/66 = 1$$

which shows that $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$, and \mathbf{v}_3 are unit vectors. Thus $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ is an orthonormal set. Since the set is linearly independent, its three vectors form a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 . See Fig. 6. ■

```
s3 = [ 3/sqrt(11) -1/sqrt(6) -1/sqrt(66);  
       1/sqrt(11) 2/sqrt(6) -4/sqrt(66);  
       1/sqrt(11) 1/sqrt(6) 7/sqrt(66)];
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```
s3  
checkOrthogtnlty = s3'*s3
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checkOrthogtnlty =  
1.0000 0.0000 0.0000  
0.0000 1.0000 0.0000  
0.0000 0.0000 1.0000
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NOTE: The 0's correspond to dot products of orthogonal vectors.
See next slide for explanation of result!

Orthonormal Sets and Orthogonal Matrices

THEOREM 6

An $m \times n$ matrix U has orthonormal columns if and only if $U^T U = I$.

PROOF To simplify notation, we suppose that U has only three columns, each a vector in \mathbb{R}^m . The proof of the general case is essentially the same. Let $U = [\mathbf{u}_1 \ \mathbf{u}_2 \ \mathbf{u}_3]$ and compute

$$U^T U = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1^T \\ \mathbf{u}_2^T \\ \mathbf{u}_3^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_2 & \mathbf{u}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1^T \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_1^T \mathbf{u}_2 & \mathbf{u}_1^T \mathbf{u}_3 \\ \mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{u}_2 & \mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{u}_3 \\ \mathbf{u}_3^T \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_3^T \mathbf{u}_2 & \mathbf{u}_3^T \mathbf{u}_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

The entries in the matrix at the right are inner products, using transpose notation. The columns of U are orthogonal if and only if

$$\mathbf{u}_1^T \mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{u}_1 = 0, \quad \mathbf{u}_1^T \mathbf{u}_3 = \mathbf{u}_3^T \mathbf{u}_1 = 0, \quad \mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{u}_3 = \mathbf{u}_3^T \mathbf{u}_2 = 0 \quad (5)$$

The columns of U all have unit length if and only if

$$\mathbf{u}_1^T \mathbf{u}_1 = 1, \quad \mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{u}_2 = 1, \quad \mathbf{u}_3^T \mathbf{u}_3 = 1 \quad (6)$$

The theorem follows immediately from (4)–(6). ■

Orthogonal matrices.

- ▶ A matrix $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is called orthogonal if $Q^T Q = I_n$, i.e., if its columns are orthogonal and have 2-norm one.
- ▶ If $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is orthogonal, then $Q^T Q = I$ implies that $Q^{-1} = Q^T$.
- ▶ If $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is an orthogonal matrix, then Q^T is an orthogonal matrix.

Ref: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orthogonal_matrix Important!

Matlab Example:

```
s3 = [ 3/sqrt(11) -1/sqrt(6) -1/sqrt(66);  
      1/sqrt(11) 2/sqrt(6) -4/sqrt(66);  
      1/sqrt(11) 1/sqrt(6) 7/sqrt(66)];
```

```
s3  
checkOrthognality = s3'*s3
```

```
s3 =  
  
      0.9045 -0.4082 -0.1231  
      0.3015  0.8165 -0.4924  
      0.3015  0.4082  0.8616
```

```
checkOrthognality =  
  
      1.0000  0.0000  0.0000  
      0.0000  1.0000  0.0000  
      0.0000  0.0000  1.0000
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Orthonormal Sets-Nice Properties

THEOREM 7

Let U be an $m \times n$ matrix with orthonormal columns, and let \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} be in \mathbb{R}^n . Then

- $\|U\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{x}\|$
- $(U\mathbf{x}) \cdot (U\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}$
- $(U\mathbf{x}) \cdot (U\mathbf{y}) = 0$ if and only if $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = 0$

Properties (a) and (c) say that the linear mapping $\mathbf{x} \mapsto U\mathbf{x}$ preserves lengths and orthogonality. These properties are crucial for many computer algorithms.

EXAMPLE 6 Let $U = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 2/3 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & -2/3 \\ 0 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$. Notice that U has orthonormal columns and

$$U^T U = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 2/3 & -2/3 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 2/3 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & -2/3 \\ 0 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Verify that $\|U\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{x}\|$.

SOLUTION

$$U\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 2/3 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & -2/3 \\ 0 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|U\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{9 + 1 + 1} = \sqrt{11}$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{2 + 9} = \sqrt{11}$$

Theorems 6 and 7 are particularly useful when applied to *square* matrices. An **orthogonal matrix** is a square invertible matrix U such that $U^{-1} = U^T$. By Theorem 6, such a matrix has orthonormal columns.¹ It is easy to see that any *square* matrix with orthonormal columns is an orthogonal matrix. Surprisingly, such a matrix must have orthonormal *rows*, too.

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$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}}_x = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}}_b$$

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Orthogonal Decomposition

THEOREM 8

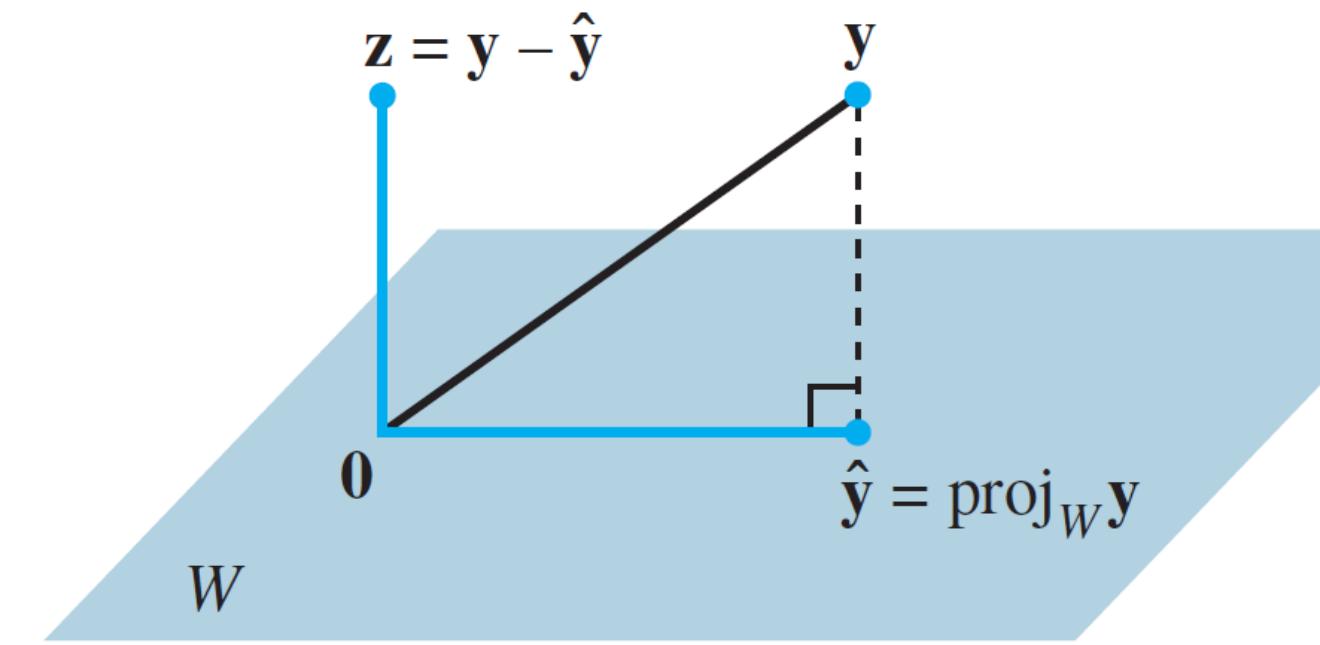


FIGURE 2 The orthogonal projection of \mathbf{y} onto W .

The vector $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ in (1) is called the **orthogonal projection of \mathbf{y} onto W** and often is written as $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y}$. See Fig. 2.

The Orthogonal Decomposition Theorem

Let W be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . Then each \mathbf{y} in \mathbb{R}^n can be written uniquely in the form

$$\mathbf{y} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \mathbf{z} \quad (1)$$

where $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ is in W and \mathbf{z} is in W^\perp . In fact, if $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ is any orthogonal basis of W , then

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_p}{\mathbf{u}_p \cdot \mathbf{u}_p} \mathbf{u}_p \quad (2)$$

and $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}$.

Note: W^\perp is the set of all vectors orthogonal to the subspace W .

¹We may assume that W is not the zero subspace, for otherwise $W^\perp = \mathbb{R}^n$ and (1) is simply $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{y}$.

PROOF Let $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ be any orthogonal basis for W , and define $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ by (2).¹ Then $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ is in W because $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ is a linear combination of the basis $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p$. Let $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}$. Since \mathbf{u}_1 is orthogonal to $\mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p$, it follows from (2) that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{z} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 &= (\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}) \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 - \left(\frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \right) \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 - 0 - \dots - 0 \\ &= \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 - \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 = 0\end{aligned}$$

Thus \mathbf{z} is orthogonal to \mathbf{u}_1 . Similarly, \mathbf{z} is orthogonal to each \mathbf{u}_j in the basis for W . Hence \mathbf{z} is orthogonal to every vector in W . That is, \mathbf{z} is in W^\perp .

To show that the decomposition in (1) is unique, suppose \mathbf{y} can also be written as $\mathbf{y} = \hat{\mathbf{y}}_1 + \mathbf{z}_1$, with $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_1$ in W and \mathbf{z}_1 in W^\perp . Then $\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \mathbf{z} = \hat{\mathbf{y}}_1 + \mathbf{z}_1$ (since both sides equal \mathbf{y}), and so

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_1 = \mathbf{z}_1 - \mathbf{z}$$

This equality shows that the vector $\mathbf{v} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_1$ is in W and in W^\perp (because \mathbf{z}_1 and \mathbf{z} are both in W^\perp , and W^\perp is a subspace). Hence $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$, which shows that $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$. This proves that $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \hat{\mathbf{y}}_1$ and also $\mathbf{z}_1 = \mathbf{z}$. ■

Example

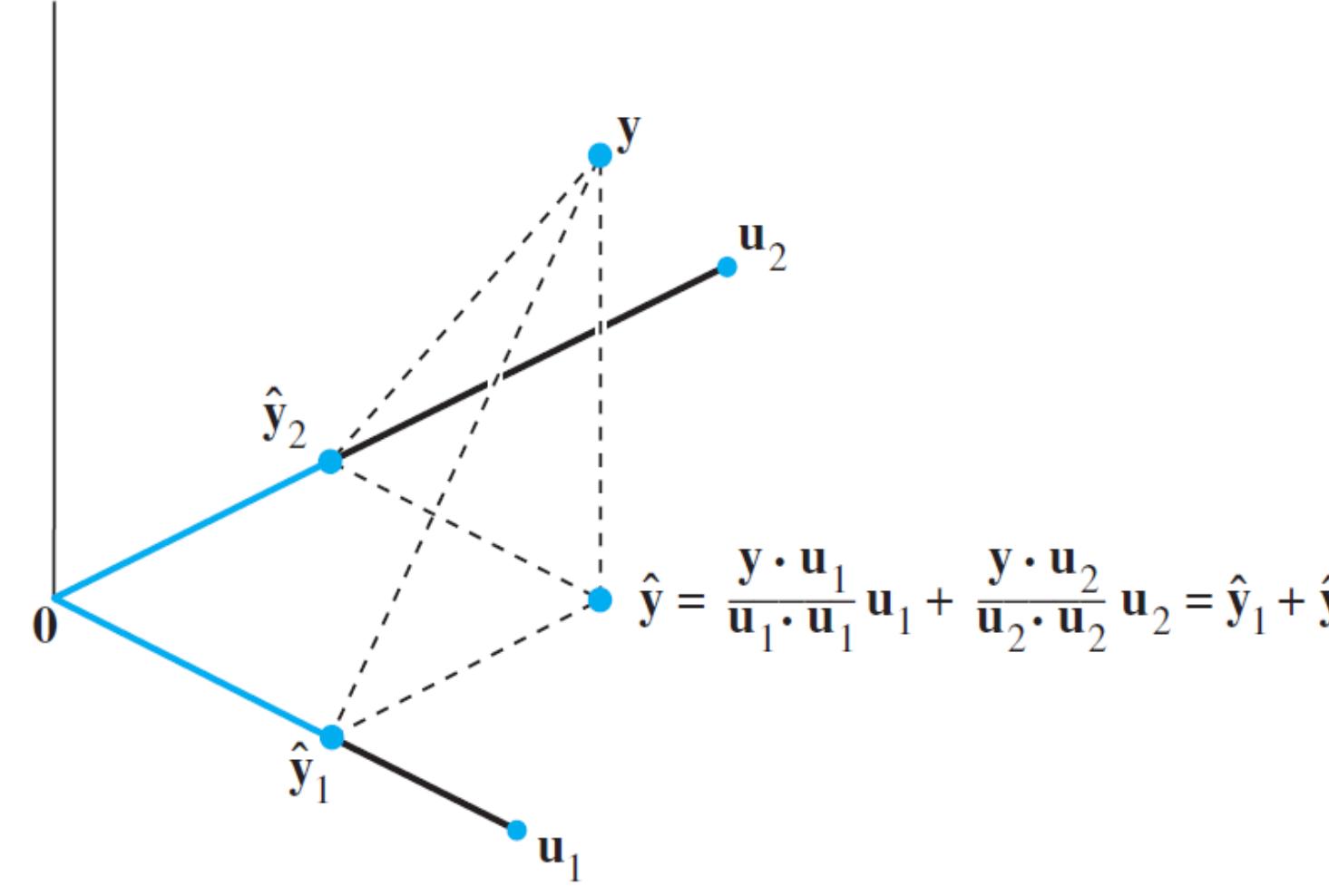


FIGURE 3 The orthogonal projection of \mathbf{y} is the sum of its projections onto one-dimensional subspaces that are mutually orthogonal.

Figure 3 W is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 spanned by \mathbf{u}_1 and \mathbf{u}_2 . Here $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_1$ and $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_2$ denote the projections of \mathbf{y} onto the lines spanned by \mathbf{u}_1 and \mathbf{u}_2 , respectively. The orthogonal projection $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ of \mathbf{y} onto W is the sum of the projections of \mathbf{y} onto one-dimensional subspaces that are orthogonal to each other.

EXAMPLE 2 Let $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$. Observe that $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$ is an orthogonal basis for $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$. Write \mathbf{y} as the sum of a vector in W and a vector orthogonal to W .

SOLUTION The orthogonal projection of \mathbf{y} onto W is

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\mathbf{y}} &= \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2}{\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2} \mathbf{u}_2 \\ &= \frac{9}{30} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{3}{6} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{9}{30} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{15}{30} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2/5 \\ 2 \\ 1/5 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -2/5 \\ 2 \\ 1/5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7/5 \\ 0 \\ 14/5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem 8 ensures that $\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}$ is in W^\perp . To check the calculations, however, it is a good idea to verify that $\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}$ is orthogonal to both \mathbf{u}_1 and \mathbf{u}_2 and hence to all of W . The desired decomposition of \mathbf{y} is

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2/5 \\ 2 \\ 1/5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 7/5 \\ 0 \\ 14/5 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Best Approximation Theorem

THEOREM 9

The Best Approximation Theorem

Let W be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n , let \mathbf{y} be any vector in \mathbb{R}^n , and let $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ be the orthogonal projection of \mathbf{y} onto W . Then $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ is the closest point in W to \mathbf{y} , in the sense that

$$\|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}\| < \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{v}\| \quad (3)$$

for all \mathbf{v} in W distinct from $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$.

Properties of Orthogonal Projections

If $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ is an orthogonal basis for W and if \mathbf{y} happens to be in W , then the formula for $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y}$ is exactly the same as the representation of \mathbf{y} given in Theorem 5 in Section 6.2. In this case, $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}$.

If \mathbf{y} is in $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$, then $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}$.

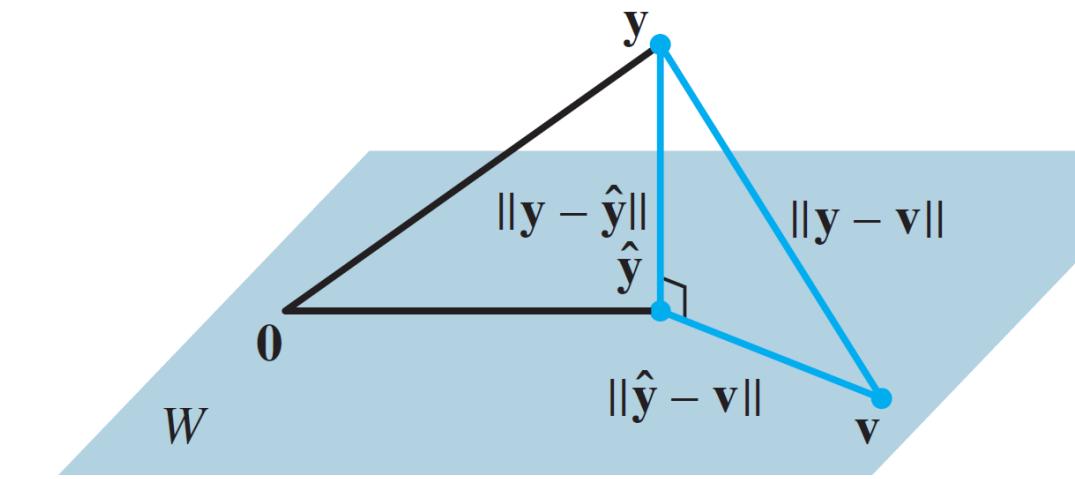


FIGURE 4 The orthogonal projection of \mathbf{y} onto W is the closest point in W to \mathbf{y} .

The vector $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ in Theorem 9 is called **the best approximation to \mathbf{y} by elements of W** .

PROOF Take \mathbf{v} in W distinct from $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$. See Fig. 4. Then $\hat{\mathbf{y}} - \mathbf{v}$ is in W . By the Orthogonal Decomposition Theorem, $\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}$ is orthogonal to W . In particular, $\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}$ is orthogonal to $\hat{\mathbf{y}} - \mathbf{v}$ (which is in W). Since

$$\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{v} = (\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}) + (\hat{\mathbf{y}} - \mathbf{v})$$

the Pythagorean Theorem gives

$$\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{v}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}\|^2 + \|\hat{\mathbf{y}} - \mathbf{v}\|^2$$

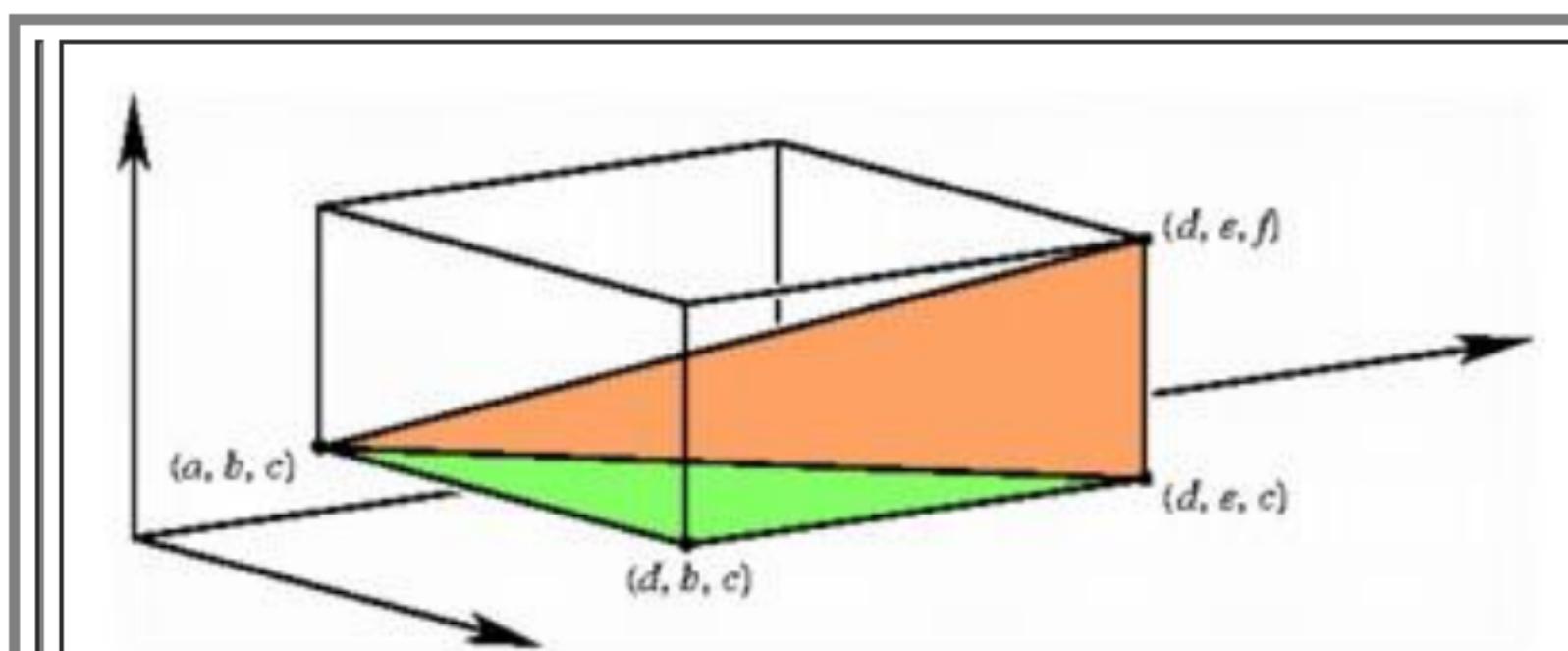
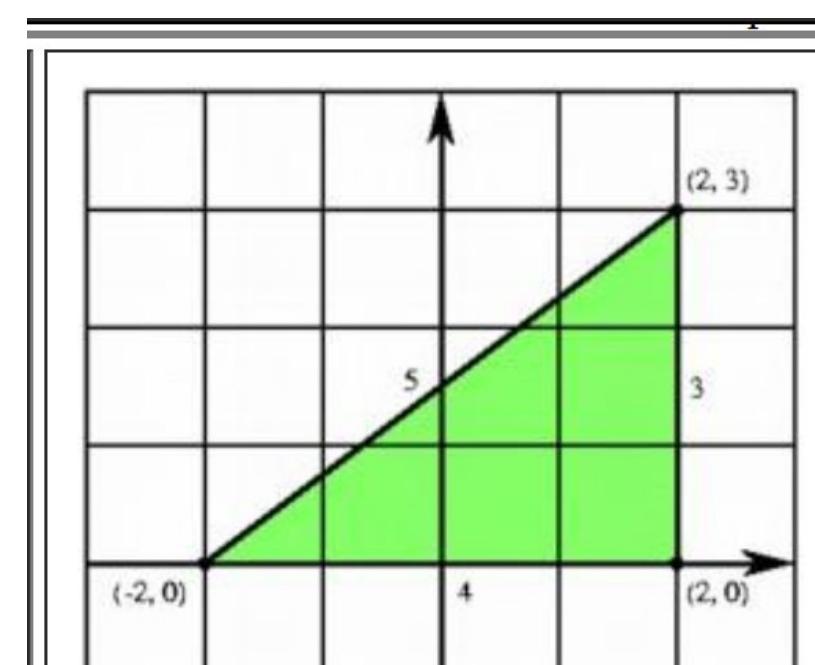
(See the colored right triangle in Fig. 4. The length of each side is labeled.) Now $\|\hat{\mathbf{y}} - \mathbf{v}\|^2 > 0$ because $\hat{\mathbf{y}} - \mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$, and so inequality (3) follows immediately. ■

Conclusion: if y is in the space of W , then we can show
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 \hat{y} to be equal to y using theorem 8. Else, it's the best approximation according to theorem 9.

Using Pythagoras Theorem in Higher Dimensions

Ref:

- i) <https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/1510549/what-makes-us-say-that-pythagoras-theorem-can-be-used-in-higher-dimensions-too>
- ii) <http://www.math.brown.edu/~banchoff/Beyond3d/chapter8/section02.html>



To find the distance formula in three-space, we apply the planar distance formula twice, once to find the length of the diagonal of one of the faces, and then to find the hypotenuse of a right triangle having this diagonal and an edge of the cube as its sides.

What makes us say that Pythagoras theorem can be used in higher dimensions too?

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3 Pythagoras theorem seems to be a geometric property of our Universe. It's a property that helps us find the distances between two points in coordinate geometry in one dimension, two dimensions and three dimensions. But what makes us comment that this geometrical property can too be used in higher dimensions too.

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2 When we write the Pythagorean theorem in higher dimensions, we're actually still working in 2 dimensions, it's just a 2 dimensional subspace of a higher dimensional space. It would be pretty weird if 2D subspaces of higher dimensional spaces didn't behave like 2D space itself, no? – Ian Nov 3 '15 at 3:37

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Example

EXAMPLE 3 If $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$, and $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$, as in Example 2, then the closest point in W to \mathbf{y} is

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2}{\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2} \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2/5 \\ 2 \\ 1/5 \end{bmatrix}$$

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EXAMPLE 4 The distance from a point \mathbf{y} in \mathbb{R}^n to a subspace W is defined as the distance from \mathbf{y} to the nearest point in W . Find the distance from \mathbf{y} to $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$, where

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

SOLUTION By the Best Approximation Theorem, the distance from \mathbf{y} to W is $\|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}\|$, where $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \text{proj}_W \mathbf{y}$. Since $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$ is an orthogonal basis for W ,

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{15}{30} \mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{-21}{6} \mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{7}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}\|^2 = 3^2 + 6^2 = 45$$

The distance from \mathbf{y} to W is $\sqrt{45} = 3\sqrt{5}$.

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Best Approximation Theorem

THEOREM 10

If $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ is an orthonormal basis for a subspace W of \mathbb{R}^n , then

$$\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1)\mathbf{u}_1 + (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2)\mathbf{u}_2 + \cdots + (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_p)\mathbf{u}_p \quad (4)$$

If $U = [\mathbf{u}_1 \ \mathbf{u}_2 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{u}_p]$, then

$$\text{Note : } p < n \quad \text{proj}_W \mathbf{y} = UU^T \mathbf{y} \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{y} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \quad (5)$$

PROOF Formula (4) follows immediately from (2) in Theorem 8. Also, (4) shows that $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y}$ is a linear combination of the columns of U using the weights $\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_p$. The weights can be written as $\mathbf{u}_1^T \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{y}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p^T \mathbf{y}$, showing that they are the entries in $U^T \mathbf{y}$ and justifying (5). ■

Suppose U is an $n \times p$ matrix with orthonormal columns, and let W be the column space of U . Then

$$U^T U \mathbf{x} = I_p \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{x} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^p \quad \text{Theorem 6}$$

$$UU^T \mathbf{y} = \text{proj}_W \mathbf{y} \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{y} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \quad \text{Theorem 10}$$

If U is an $n \times n$ (square) matrix with orthonormal columns, then U is an *orthogonal* matrix, the column space W is all of \mathbb{R}^n , and $UU^T \mathbf{y} = I \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}$ for all \mathbf{y} in \mathbb{R}^n .

Although formula (4) is important for theoretical purposes, in practice it usually involves calculations with square roots of numbers (in the entries of the \mathbf{u}_i). Formula (2) is recommended for hand calculations.

PRACTICE PROBLEM

Let $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$, and $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$. Use the fact that \mathbf{u}_1 and \mathbf{u}_2 are orthogonal to compute $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y}$.

Note: above \mathbf{u}_1 , and \mathbf{u}_2 are orthogonal, but their norm is not 1. You need to convert them to norm 1 and use Theorem 10 (orthonormality is needed). Else Use theorem 8 (only orthogonality is needed).

Example

PRACTICE PROBLEM

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example4_Walsh.m x example5_orthogonalSet.m x example6_Lay_pg352.m +  
1 % Lay Pg 352, orthogonality, projecting y onto U  
2 U = [- 7 -1; 1 1; 4 -2];  
3 y = [-9 1 6]';  
4  
5 U % sanity check  
6 y % to see the values  
7  
8 orthogonalityCheck = U'*U % quick way to find transpose column of U  
9 % and dot producing its other column  
10  
11 u1 = U(:,1) % extracting u1 and u2 from the column of U  
12 u2 = U(:,2)  
13  
14 u1'*u2 % checking u1 is orthogonal to u2 using dot product  
15  
16 Proj_y_onto_u1 = y'*u1/(u1'*u1) % remember to normalize using denominator  
17 Proj_y_onto_u2 = y'*u2/(u2'*u2) % to make it unit vector  
18  
19 est_y = Proj_y_onto_u1*u1 + Proj_y_onto_u2*u2  
20 est_y = y  
21
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```
21 % Using projection matrix to find est_y2  
22 U_norm(:,1) = u1/sqrt((u1'*u1))  
23 U_norm(:,2) = u2/sqrt((u2'*u2))  
24  
25 est_y = U_norm*U_norm'*y  
26  
27  
28  
29 y2 = [-8.5, 1, 6]'  
30 est_y2 = U_norm*U_norm'*y2  
31 error = y2 - est_y2  
32
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Screen shot showing the answer:

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U =  
-7 -1  
1 1  
4 -2  
Proj_y_onto_u1 = 1.3333  
U_norm =  
-0.8616 -0.4082  
0.1231 0.4082  
0.4924 -0.8165  
y2 =  
-8.5000  
1.0000  
6.0000  
est_y2 =  
-8.5455  
0.8636  
5.9545  
error =  
0.0455  
0.1364  
0.0455  
est_y =  
-9.0000  
1.0000  
6.0000  
orthogonalityCheck =  
66 0  
0 6  
ans =  
1.0e-14 *  
0.1776  
0|  
0
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