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Vector Space

Def. Vector Space

A set of elements V is said to be a **vector space** over a scalar field S if:

1. An addition operation is defined between any two elements in V .
2. A scalar multiplication operation is defined between any elements of S and any vector in V .
3. For any $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in V$ and any $a, b \in S$, these 10 properties must hold.
 1. Closure Properties:
 1. $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \in V$.
 2. $a\mathbf{v} \in V$.
 2. Properties of addition:
 1. $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$.
 2. $\mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w}$.
 3. $\exists \theta \in V, s.t. \forall \mathbf{v} \in V, \mathbf{v} + \theta = \mathbf{v}$.
 4. $\forall \mathbf{v} \in V, \exists -\mathbf{v} \in V, s.t. \mathbf{v} + (-\mathbf{v}) = \theta$.
 3. Properties of scalar multiplication:
 1. $a(b\mathbf{v}) = (ab)\mathbf{v}$.
 2. $a(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = a\mathbf{u} + a\mathbf{v}$.
 3. $(a + b)\mathbf{v} = a\mathbf{v} + b\mathbf{v}$.
 4. $\forall \mathbf{v} \in V, 1\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$.

Note. When the set of scalars S is the set of real numbers, V is called a **real vector space**.

Th. Cancellation Laws for Vector Addition

Let V be a vector space, and let \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} be vectors in V :

1. If $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}$, then $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w}$.
2. If $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{u}$, then $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w}$.

Th. If V is a vector space, then:

1. The zero vector, θ , is unique.
2. For each \mathbf{v} , the additive inverse $-\mathbf{v}$ is unique.
3. $\forall \mathbf{v} \in V$, $0\mathbf{v} = \theta$, where 0 is the zero scalar.
4. $a\theta = \theta$ for every scalar a .
5. If $a\mathbf{v} = \theta$, then $a = 0$ or $\mathbf{v} = \theta$.
6. $(-1)\mathbf{v} = -\mathbf{v}$.

Subspace

Def. Subspace

Let W be a subset of a vector space V . Then W is a **subspace** of V if and only if:

1. The zero vector θ , of V is in W . (or W is not empty).
2. $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \in W$ if $\mathbf{u} \in W$ and $\mathbf{v} \in W$.
3. $\forall a \in S$ and $\forall \mathbf{u} \in W$ we have $a\mathbf{u} \in W$.

Def. Span

If $Q = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\}$ is a set of vectors in a vector space V , then the **span** of Q , denoted $Sp(Q)$, is the set of all linear combinations of vectors in Q , or:

$$Sp(Q) = \{\mathbf{v} | \mathbf{v} = a_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + a_m\mathbf{v}_m\} \quad (1)$$

Def. Spanning Set

Let V be a vector space, and let $Q = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\}$ be a set of vectors in V . If every vector $\mathbf{v} \in V$ is a linear combination of vectors in Q , i.e.:

$$\mathbf{v} = a_1\mathbf{v}_1 + a_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + a_m\mathbf{v}_m, \quad (2)$$

then we say that Q is a **spanning set** for V .

Th. If V is a vector space and $Q = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ is a set of vectors in V , then $Sp(Q)$ is a subspace of V . And $Sp(Q)$ is also called the **subspace spanned by Q** .

Def. Minimal Spanning Sets

A linearly independent spanning set is a minimal spanning set.

Def. Null Space of a Matrix

Let A be an $(m \times n)$ matrix. The **null space** of A [denoted $\mathcal{N}(A)$] is the set of vectors in R^n defined by:

$$\mathcal{N}(A) = \{\mathbf{x} | A\mathbf{x} = \theta, \mathbf{x} \in R^n\} \quad (3)$$

Th. If A is an $(m \times n)$ matrix, then $\mathcal{N}(A)$ is a subspace of R^n .

Def. Range of a Matrix (or Column Space of a Matrix)

Let A be an $(m \times n)$ matrix. The **range** of A [denoted $\mathcal{R}(A)$] is the set of vectors in R^m defined by:

$$\mathcal{R}(A) = \{\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{y} = A\mathbf{x} \text{ for some } \mathbf{x} \text{ in } R^n\} \quad (4)$$

In a words, the range of A consists of the set of all vectors $\mathbf{y} \in R^m$ s.t. the linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$ is consistent.

Note. $\mathcal{R}(A) = Sp(\{\mathbf{A}_1, \dots, \mathbf{A}_n\})$.

Th. If A is an $(m \times n)$ matrix and if $\mathcal{R}(A)$ is the range of A , then $\mathcal{R}(A)$ is a subspace of R^m .

Def. Row Space of a Matrix

Let A be an $(m \times n)$ matrix. The **row space** of A is defined to be $\mathcal{R}(A^T)$

Th. Let A be an $(m \times n)$ matrix, and suppose that A is row equivalent to the $(m \times n)$ matrix B . Then A and B have the same row space.

Th. If the nonzero matrix A is row equivalent to the matrix B in echelon form, then the nonzero rows of B form a basis for the row space of A .

Basis(Bases)

Def. Basis

Let V be a vector space, and let $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ be a spanning set for V . If B is linearly independent, then B is a **basis** for V .

i.e.: Basis is minimal spanning set.

Th. All bases of same vector space have same number of vectors.

Th. Let W be a vector space, and let $B = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_p\}$ be a spanning set for W containing p vectors. Then any set of $p + 1$ or more vectors in W is linearly dependent.

Def. Dimension

Let V be a vector space.

1. If V has a basis $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ of n vectors, then V has **dimension** n , and we write $\dim(V) = n$. If $V = \{\theta\}$, then $\dim(V) = 0$.
2. If V is nontrivial and does not have a basis containing a finite number of vectors, then V is an **infinite-dimensional** vector space.

Th. The V be a vector space, and let $Q = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ be a spanning set for V . Then there is a subset Q' of Q that is a basis of V .

Th. Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space with $\dim(V) = p$.

1. Any set of $p + 1$ or more vectors in V is linearly dependent.
2. Any spanning set for V must contain at least p vectors.
3. Any set of p linearly independent vectors in V is a basis for V .
4. Any set of p vectors that spans V is a basis for V .

Def. Coordinate

Given a vector space V and its basis $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$, for any vector $\mathbf{v} \in V$, we have

$$\mathbf{v} = w_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + w_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + w_p \mathbf{v}_p \quad (5)$$

or

$$[\mathbf{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_p \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

We will call the unique scalars w_1, w_2, \dots, w_p the **coordinates** of \mathbf{v} with respect to the basis B , and $[\mathbf{v}]_B$ the **coordinate vector** of \mathbf{v} with respect to B .

Lemma. Let V be a vector space with basis $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$. If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are vectors in V and if c is a scalar, then the following hold:

1. $[\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}]_B = [\mathbf{u}]_B + [\mathbf{v}]_B$.
2. $[c\mathbf{u}]_B = c[\mathbf{u}]_B$.

Th. Let V be a vector space with basis $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$. Let $S = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m\}$ be a subset of V , let $T = \{[\mathbf{u}_1]_B, [\mathbf{u}_2]_B, \dots, [\mathbf{u}_m]_B\}$.

1. A vector $\mathbf{u} \in V$ is in $Sp(S)$ if and only if $[\mathbf{u}]_B \in T$.
2. The set S is linearly independent in V if and only if the set T is linearly independent in \mathbb{R}^p .

Corollary. S is a basis for V if and only if T is a basis for \mathbb{R}^p .

Def. Nullity of a Matrix

For a $(m \times n)$ matrix A , the dimension of the null space is called the **nullity** of A .

Def. Rank of a Matrix

For a $(m \times n)$ matrix A , the dimension of the range of A is called the **rank** of A . i.e. the rank of matrix A is the dimension of column space of A :

$$\text{rank}(A) = \dim(Sp(\{\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_2, \dots, \mathbf{A}_n\})) = \dim(\mathcal{R}(A)) \quad (7)$$

Th. If A is an $(m \times n)$ matrix, we have $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T)$.

Corollary. If A is an $(m \times n)$ matrix, then the row space and the column space of A have the same dimension.

Th. If A is an $(m \times n)$ matrix, then $n = \text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A)$.

Th. An $(m \times n)$ system of linear equations, $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, is consistent if and only if $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}([A|\mathbf{b}])$.

Th. An $(n \times n)$ matrix A is nonsingular if and only if $\text{rank}(A) = n$.

Inner Product Space

Def. Inner Product

An **Inner Product** on a real vector space V is a function that assigns a real number, $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$, to each pair of vectors \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{u} in V , and that s.t. these properties:

1. $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle \geq 0$ and $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$.
2. $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle$.
3. $\langle a\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = a\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$.
4. $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle$.

Th. The operation $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \mathbf{u}^T A \mathbf{v}$ is a valid inner product for \mathcal{R}^n if and only if A is symmetric positive-definite matrix.

Def. Inner Product Space

We call a **vector space** with an inner product is an **inner-product space**.

Def. Norm

If V is an inner-product space, then for each $\mathbf{v} \in V$ we define $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle}$ the **norm** of \mathbf{v} .

Def. Orthogonal

If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are vectors in an inner-product space V , we say these two vectors are **orthogonal** if $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0$.

Def. Orthogonal Set

Vector set $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ is an **orthogonal set** in inner-product space V if $\forall i \neq j, \mathbf{v}_i \in B, \mathbf{v}_j \in B, \text{ s.t. } \langle \mathbf{v}_j, \mathbf{v}_i \rangle = 0$.

Def. Orthogonal Basis

If an orthogonal set of vectors B is a basis for inner-product space V , we call B an **orthogonal basis** for V .

Furthermore, if $\forall \mathbf{u} \in B, \|\mathbf{u}\| = 1$, then B is said to be an **orthonormal basis** for V .

Th. In \mathcal{R}^n , let $S = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ be a set of vectors in \mathcal{R}^n and $\forall i, \mathbf{u}_i \neq \theta$. If S is an orthogonal set of vectors, then S is a linearly independent set of vectors.

Proof.

Suppose $\sum_i c_i \mathbf{u}_i = \theta$, then for any j , we have $\sum_i c_i \mathbf{u}_j^T \mathbf{u}_i = c_j \mathbf{u}_j^T \mathbf{u}_j = \theta$. So $c_j = 0$ because $\mathbf{u}_j \neq \theta$.

Corollary. Let W be a subspace of \mathcal{R}^n , where $\dim(W) = p$. If S is an orthogonal set of p **nonzero** vectors and is also a subset of W , then S is an orthogonal basis for W .

Th. **Coordinate**

Let $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ be an orthogonal basis for an inner-product space V . If \mathbf{u} is any vector in V , we have:

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}_1 \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_1 \rangle} \mathbf{v}_1 + \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle} \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}_n \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{v}_n, \mathbf{v}_n \rangle} \mathbf{v}_n \quad (8)$$

Th. **Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization**

[Used for constructing an orthogonal basis]

Let V be an inner-product space, and let $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ be any basis for V . Let $\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{u}_1$, and other vectors defined by:

$$\mathbf{v}_k = \mathbf{u}_k - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}_k, \mathbf{v}_j \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{v}_j, \mathbf{v}_j \rangle} \mathbf{v}_j \quad (9)$$

Then $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ is an orthogonal basis for V .

Least-Squares Solutions to Inconsistent Systems

If $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is inconsistent. We want to find a approximating solution.

Def. **Overdetermined Systems**

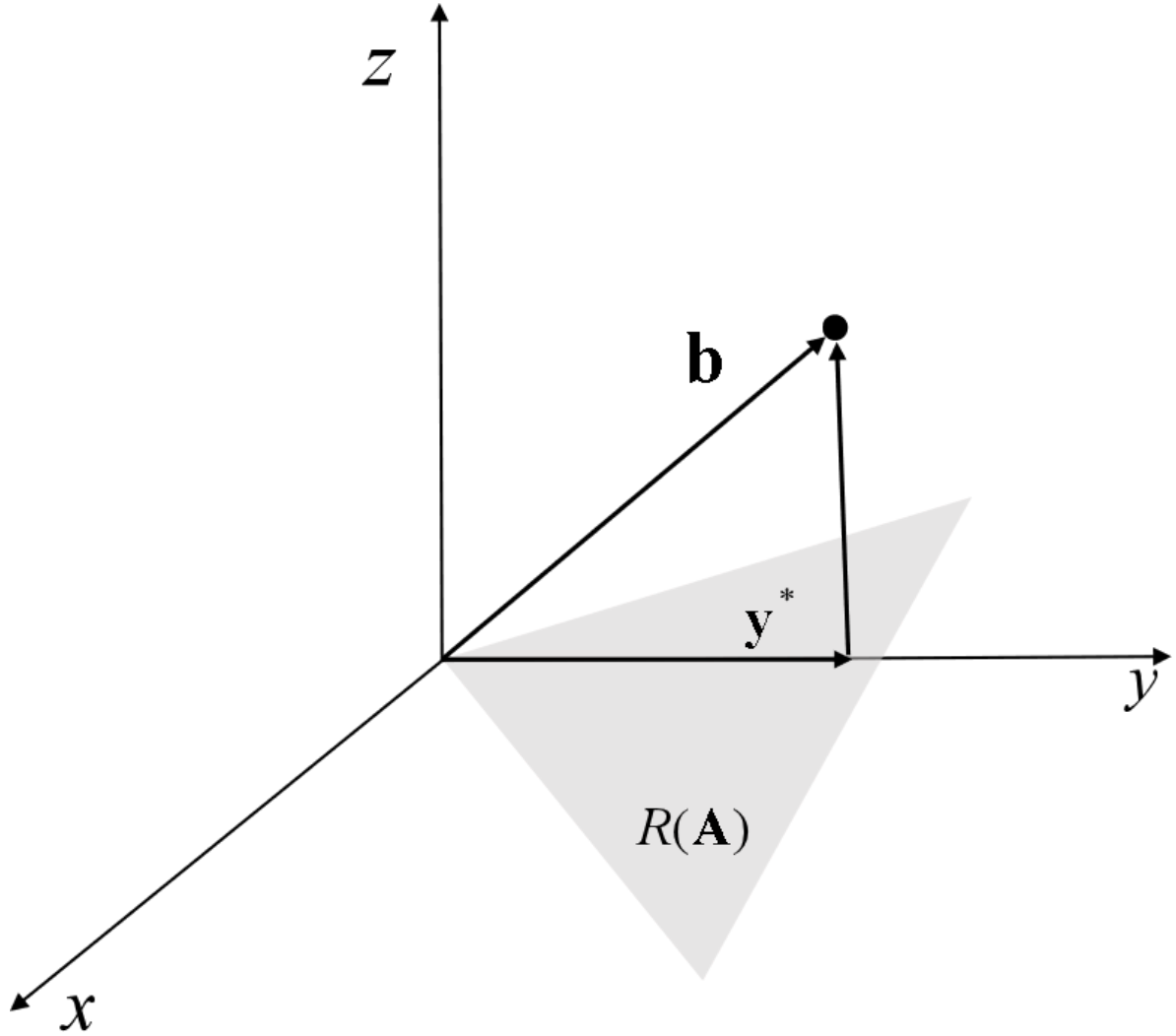
A linear system with more equations than unknowns is called **overdetermined systems**.

Def. **Residual Vector and Least-square Solution**

Consider the linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ where A is $(m \times n)$. If x is a vector in R^n , then the vector $\mathbf{r} = A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}$ is called a **residual vector**. A vector $\mathbf{x}^* \in R^n$ that yields the smallest possible residual vector is called a least-squares solution to $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$. Or \mathbf{x}^* is a **least-squares solution** to $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ if

$$\|A\mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{b}\| \leq \|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|, \text{ for all } \mathbf{x} \in R^n \quad (10)$$

Consider a special case of an inconsistent (3×2) system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ suggests how we can calculate least-squares solutions. In particular, consider figure below with illustrates a vector \mathbf{b} that is not in $\mathcal{R}(A)$.



Let the vector \mathbf{y}^* in $\mathcal{R}(A)$ be the closest vector in $\mathcal{R}(A)$ to \mathbf{b} , we have:

$$\|\mathbf{y}^* - \mathbf{b}\| \leq \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{b}\|, \text{ for all } \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{R}(A) \quad (11)$$

Geometry suggests that the vector $\mathbf{y}^* - \mathbf{b}$ is orthogonal to any vector in $\mathcal{R}(A)$. I.e.: for any column vector \mathbf{A}_i of A . we have:

$$\mathbf{A}_i^T (\mathbf{y}^* - \mathbf{b}) = 0 \quad (12)$$

Or in matrix-vector terms,

$$A^T (\mathbf{y}^* - \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{0} \quad (13)$$

Since $\mathbf{y}^* = A\mathbf{x}^*$, we have:

$$A^T A\mathbf{x}^* = A^T \mathbf{b} \quad (14)$$

Th. Consider the $(m \times n)$ system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$:

1. The associated system $A^T A \mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{b}$, which is called the **normal equations**, is always consistent.
2. The least-squares solutions of $A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ are precisely the solutions of $A^T A \mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{b}$.
3. The least-squares solution is unique if and only if A has rank n . If $\text{rank}(A) < n$, we say that A is **rank deficient** and may have infinitely many solutions.

Least-Squares Fits to Data

Def. Least-squares Criterion

1. **Best Least-squares Linear Fit:** Find m and c to minimize $\sum_{i=0}^n [(mt_i + c) - y_i]^2$.
2. **Best Least-squares Quadratic Fit:** Find a, b, c to minimize $\sum_{i=0}^n [(at_i^2 + bt_i + c) - y_i]^2$.

Consider the following table of data:

t	t_0	t_1	t_2	\dots	t_m
y	y_0	y_1	y_2	\dots	y_m

Suppose we decide to fit these data with an n -th degree polynomial:

$$p(t) = a_n t^n + a_{n-1} t^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 t + a_0 \quad (15)$$

We want to minimize

$$Q(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) = \sum_{i=0}^m [p(t_i) - y_i]^2 \quad (16)$$

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_0 & t_0^2 & \dots & t_0^n \\ 1 & t_1 & t_1^2 & \dots & t_1^n \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ 1 & t_m & t_m^2 & \dots & t_m^n \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{bmatrix}. \quad (17)$$

We have

$$Q(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) = \|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|^2 \quad (18)$$

As before, we can minimize this by solving $A^T A \mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{b}$.

Theory of Least Squares

Def. The Least-Squares Problem in R^n

Let W be a p -dim subspace of R^n . Given a vector $\mathbf{v} \in R^n$, find a vector $\mathbf{w}^* \in W$, *s.t.* :

$$\|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}^*\| \leq \|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}\|, \forall \mathbf{w} \in W. \quad (19)$$

The vector \mathbf{w}^* is called the **best least-squares approximation** of \mathbf{v} .

Th. Let W be a p -dim subspace of R^n , and let \mathbf{v} be a vector in R^n . Suppose there is a vector \mathbf{w}^* such that $(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}^*)^T \mathbf{w} = 0$ for every vector \mathbf{w} in W . Then \mathbf{w}^* is the best least-squares approximation of \mathbf{v} .

Th. Let W be a p -dim subspace of R^n , and let $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ be a basis for W . Let \mathbf{v} be a vector in R^n . Then $(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}^*)^T \mathbf{w} = 0$ for all $\mathbf{w} \in W$ if and only if:

$$(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}^*)^T \mathbf{u}_i = 0, \quad 1 \leq i \leq p. \quad (20)$$

Th. Let W be a p -dim subspace of R^n , and let \mathbf{v} be a vector in R^n . Then there is **one and only one** best least-squares approximation in W to \mathbf{v} . And if we have an orthogonal basis $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ for W , then:

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{u}_i}{\mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{u}_i} \mathbf{u}_i \quad (21)$$

Orthogonal Projections

Def. Projections

Let V be an inner-product space and let W be a subspace of V . Given a vector \mathbf{v} in V , if there exist a vector $\mathbf{w}^* \in W$ s. t. $\|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}^*\| \leq \|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}\| \quad \forall \mathbf{w} \in W$. We say that \mathbf{w}^* is the **projection** of \mathbf{v} onto W , or (frequently) **the best least-squares approximation** to \mathbf{v} .

Th. Let V be an inner-product space and let W be a subspace of V . Let \mathbf{v} be a vector in V , and suppose \mathbf{w}^* is a vector in W such that:

$$\langle \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}^*, \mathbf{w} \rangle = 0, \quad \forall \mathbf{w} \in W. \quad (22)$$

Then we have $\|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}^*\| \leq \|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}\| \quad \forall \mathbf{w} \in W$ with equality holding only for $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w}^*$.

Th. Let V be an inner-product space, and let \mathbf{v} be a vector in V . Let W be an n -dimensional subspace of V , and let $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$ be an **orthogonal** basis for W . Then

$$\|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}^*\| \leq \|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}\|, \quad \forall \mathbf{w} \in W. \quad (23)$$

hold if and only if

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}_1 \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_1 \rangle} \mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}_2 \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_2 \rangle} \mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}_n \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{u}_n, \mathbf{u}_n \rangle} \mathbf{u}_n \quad (25)$$