

# ORTHOGONALITY

One can supply a vector space with a "metric" to introduce the notions "length" and "angle". In 201, we put an inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to build the Euclidean geometry.

defn: • The (Euclidean) inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  takes a pair of vectors and gives out a real # as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{"}u\text{"} \\ \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{pmatrix} \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} \text{"}v\text{"} \\ \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \in \mathbb{R}^n \rightsquigarrow \textcolor{red}{u \cdot v} = \underset{\text{|| defn}}{u^T v} \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$u_1 v_1 + \dots + u_n v_n.$$

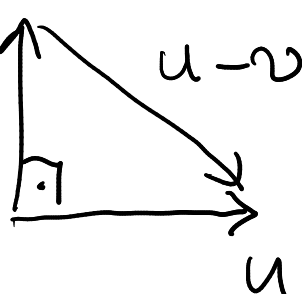
• The (Euclidean) norm of  $u$  is <sup>(length, magnitude, modulus)</sup>

$$\underset{\text{defn}}{\|u\|} = \sqrt{u^T u} = (u_1^2 + \dots + u_n^2)^{1/2}$$

## Observations

①  $\|u\| \geq 0$  &  $\|u\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow u = 0$ .

②  $u^T v = v^T u$ .

③   $\|u-v\|^2$

$$= (u-v)^T \cdot (u-v) \quad (\text{by defn})$$

$$= (u^T - v^T) \cdot (u-v)$$

$$= u^T u + v^T v - u^T v - v^T u$$

we fancy  $\searrow$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 - 2u^T v \\ &\geq \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds

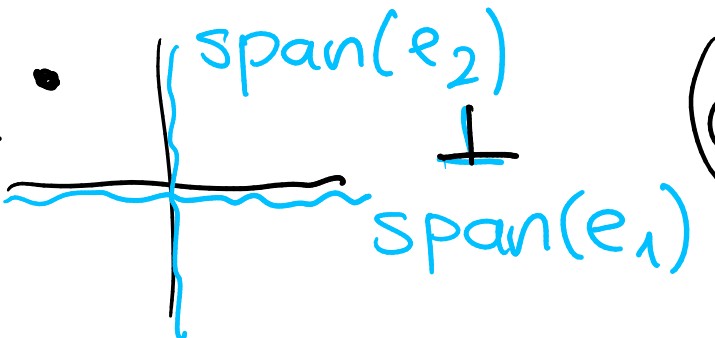
if & only if  $u^T v = 0$ .

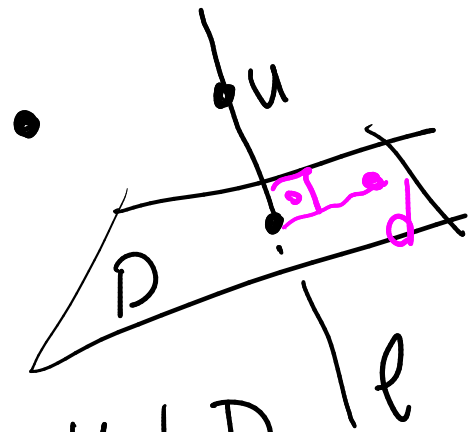
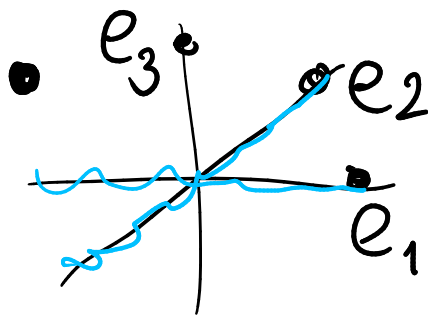
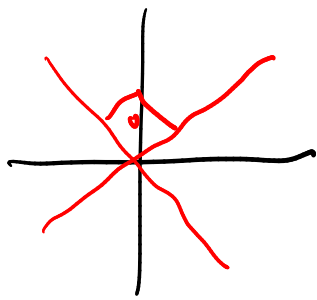
defn: If  $u, v \in V$  satisfy  $u^T v = 0$  then  $u, v$  are said to be orthogonal to each other. We write  $u \perp v$ .

Pythagorean thm: If  $u \perp v$  then

$$\|u-v\|^2 = \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2$$

- Let  $u \in V$  &  $W$  be a subspace of  $V$ . We say  $u$  is orthogonal to  $W$  if  $u \perp$  every  $w \in W$ . We write  $u \perp W$ .
- For  $U, W$  subspaces of  $V$ ,  $U$  is orthogonal to  $W$  if every  $u \in U \perp$  every  $w \in W$ :  $U \perp W$ .

ex: •   $(e_1 \perp e_2: \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0)$



$u \perp D$   
 $l = \text{span}(u) \perp D$

④  $u \in V \perp \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k) \subset V$   
 $\iff u \perp v_i, \text{ for every } i.$

proof:  $\Rightarrow$  : by defn

$\Leftarrow$  : Let  $v \in \text{span}$ , i.e.

$$v = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k \text{ for some } c_j \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\text{Then } u^T v = u^T (c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k)$$

$$\begin{aligned} u \perp v_i &= c_1 u^T v_1 + \dots + c_k u^T v_k \\ &\Rightarrow c_1 \cdot 0 + \dots + c_k \cdot 0 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $u \perp \text{span}$ .

⑤ Suppose  $u \perp W$ . If  $u \neq 0$  then  $u \notin W$ .

proof. Assume  $u \perp W$  &  $u \in W$ .

Then  $u \perp u$ . In that case

$$\|u\|^2 = u^T u = 0 \Rightarrow \|u\| = 0.$$

①

⑥ If  $v_1, \dots, v_k \in V$  is a pairwise orthogonal collection (i.e.  $v_i \perp v_j$   $\forall i, j, i \neq j$ ) of nonzero vectors

then that collection is linearly independent.

ex: Converse is :  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$   
[ not true ]

proof of ⑥: Assume  $v_i \perp v_j$  for  $\forall i, j$   
and  $c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k = \vec{0}$ .

$$v_1^T (c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k) = v_1^T \vec{0} = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow c_1 v_1^T v_1 + c_2 v_1^T v_2 + \dots + c_k v_1^T v_k = 0$$

By assumption  $v_1^T v_j = 0$   $j \neq 1$ .

$$\text{Then } c_1 \|v_1\|^2 \stackrel{\neq 0}{=} 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0.$$

Similarity :  $c_j = 0 \forall j$ .

⑦ claim:  $\text{row}(A) \perp \text{null}(A)$

proof: Take any  $x \in \text{null}(A)$ ; i.e.

$$Ax = 0; \text{ i.e. inner product of } x$$

and any row of  $A$  is zero.

Then by (4)  $\times \perp \text{span}(\text{rows}) = \text{row}(A)$

Hence  $\text{null}(A) \perp \text{row}(A)$ .

⑧ By (5),  $\text{null}(A) \cap \text{row}(A) = \{0\}$ .

defn:  $U, W \subset V$  are said to be orthogonal complements if  $U \perp W$  &  $\dim U + \dim W = \dim V$ .

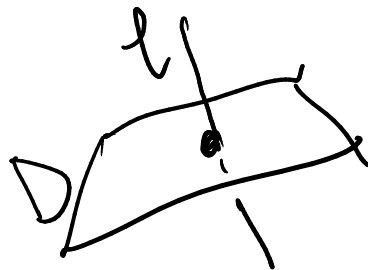
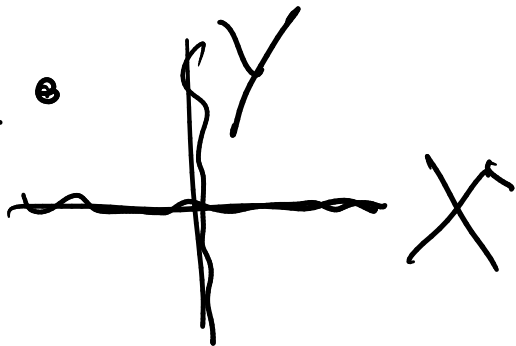
Rank-Nullity Thm part II. For  $A_{p \times q}$

•  $\text{null}(A)$  &  $\text{row}(A)$  are orthog.

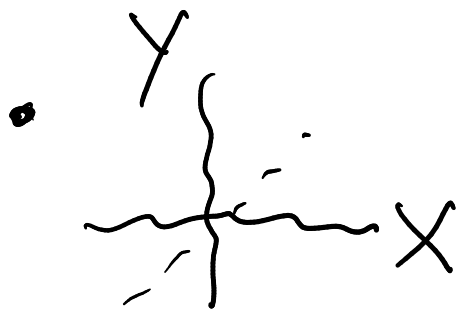
complements in  $\mathbb{R}^q$ .

•  $\text{leftnull}(A)$  &  $\text{col}(A)$  are orthog. complements in  $\mathbb{R}^p$ .

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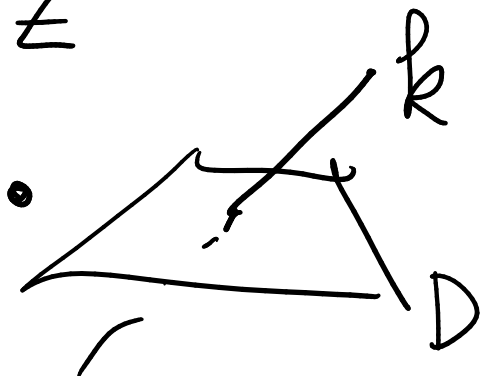
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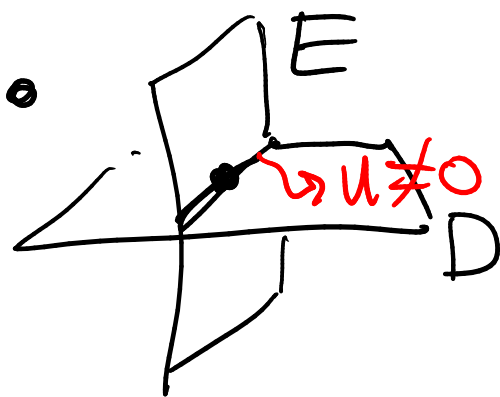
$X$  &  $Y$  are not

$X \perp Y$  but  $1+1=2 < 3$

$Z$



$1+2=3$  but  $k \not\perp D$ .



not.

$D \not\perp E$