

Linear Algebra

Lecture 18



Orthogonal Complement.

Definition: Let S be a nonempty subset of an inner product space V .

We define S^\perp ("S perp") to be set of all vectors in V that are orthogonal to every vector in S .

$$S^\perp = \{ u \in V; \langle x, u \rangle = 0 \text{ for } x \in S \}.$$

This set S^\perp is called as orthogonal complement of S in V .

Lemma: For any $S \subseteq V$, S^\perp is a subspace of V .

• $\{0\}^\perp = V$, $V^\perp = \{0\}$ for any inner product space V .

• Ex: \mathbb{R}^3 Let $S = \{e_3\}$, then

$$S^\perp = \text{span}\{e_1, e_2\}$$

Ex: $V = C([-1, 1])$: the inner product space of all continuous functions on $[-1, 1]$.

W_e : subspace of all even functions

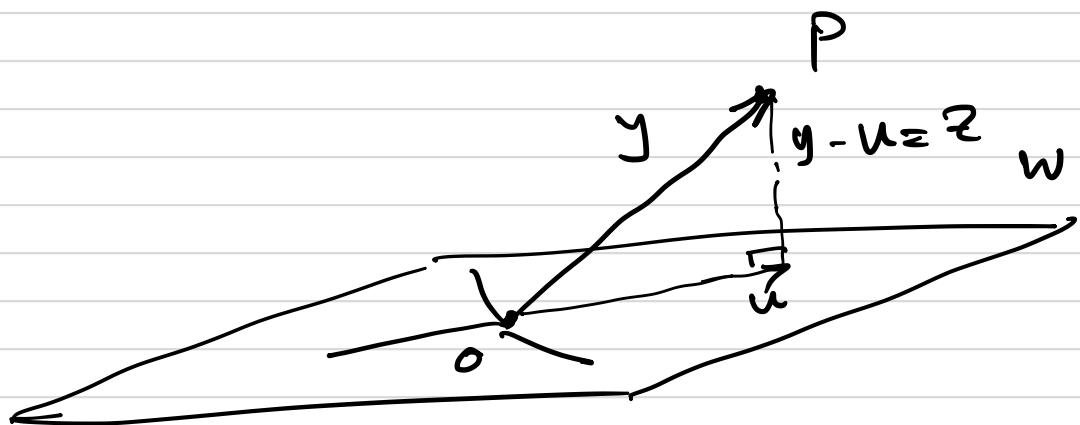
W_o : odd functions

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(t)g(t)dt$$

Then prove: $W_e = W_o$ *

Example:

Problem in \mathbb{R}^3 of computing distance of a point P from a plane W (subspace).



* u is an orthogonal projection of y onto W .

Theorem: Let W be a finite dimensional subspace of an inner product space V . Let $y \in V$. Then there exist unique vectors $u \in W$ and $z \in W^\perp$ such that $y = u + z$. Furthermore, if $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$ is an orthonormal basis of W , then

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

Proof: Let $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ be an orthonormal basis for W and

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

Then, let $z = y - u$

To show that $z \in W^\perp$.

For any $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle z, v_j \rangle &= \left\langle y - \sum_{i=1}^k \langle y, v_i \rangle v_i, v_j \right\rangle \\ &= \langle y, v_j \rangle - \sum_{i=1}^k \langle y, v_i \rangle \langle v_i, v_j \rangle \\ &= \langle y, v_j \rangle - \langle y, v_j \rangle = 0 \end{aligned}$$

To show uniqueness, let us assume

$$y = u + z = u' + z' \quad \text{where } u' \in W$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} u - u' &= z - z' \\ \uparrow & \uparrow \\ W & W^\perp \end{matrix}$$

$$\nexists \quad u - u' = z - z' \in W \cap W^\perp = \{0\}$$

$$\Rightarrow u = u' \quad \text{and} \quad z = z'. \quad \blacksquare$$

Corollary: In the notation of the above

theorem, the vector u is the unique vector in W that is "closest" to y .

In other words, for any $x \in W$,

$\|y - x\| \geq \|y - u\|$ and the equality holds if and only if $x = u$.

Proof: From the above theorem, $y = \underset{W}{u} + \underset{W^\perp}{z}$

Let $x \in W$.

$$u - x + z \quad (*)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|y - x\|^2 &= \|u + z - x\|^2 = \|(u - x) + z\|^2 \\ &= \|u - x\|^2 + \|z\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (*)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|y - x\|^2 \geq \|z\|^2 = \|y - u\|^2$$



Example:

Let $V = P_3(\mathbb{R})$ with inner product

$$\langle f(x), g(x) \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(t)g(t)dt \quad \forall f, g \in V.$$

Compute orthogonal projection of

$$f(x) = x^3 \text{ on } P_2(\mathbb{R}).$$

Remember,

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}x, \sqrt{\frac{5}{8}}(3x^2 - 1) \right\}$$

is an orthonormal basis for $P_2(\mathbb{R})$.

orthogonal projection of $f(x)$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^3 \langle f(x), q_i \rangle q_i$$

$$\langle f(x), q_1 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 t^3 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} dt = 0$$

$$\langle f(x), q_2 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} t^4 dt = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{5}$$

$$\langle f(x), q_3 \rangle = 0$$

Orthogonal projection of $f(x)$ onto $P_2(\mathbb{R})$

$$= \frac{3}{5} x$$

Computer simulation :

generate a uniform random sample
between -1 to 1.

$$\begin{matrix} x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ x_1^3, x_2^3, \dots, x_n^3 \\ \| \quad \| \quad \| \\ y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \end{matrix}$$

$$(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$$

Fit a linear model to this date.

Theorem: Let $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$ be an orthonormal set in an n -dimensional inner product space V . Then

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

Adjoint of a linear operator.

conjugate transpose of a matrix A is denoted as A^* .

For an inner product space V we want to define a similar transformation T^* called as adjoint of T .

Let V be an inner product space.

Let $y \in V$.

Define $g: V \rightarrow F$ as

$$g(x) = \langle x, y \rangle \quad \forall x \in V.$$

Then $g(x)$ is linear.

More interesting fact:

If V is finite dimensional, then every linear functional is of this form.



linear transformation from V to F .

Theorem: Let V be a finite dimensional inner product over \mathbb{F} , and $g : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ be a linear transformation. Then there exists a unique vector $y \in V$ such that $g(x) = \langle x, y \rangle \quad \forall x \in V$.

Proof:

Let $B = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be an orthonormal basis for V .

$$\text{let } y = \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{g(v_i)} v_i$$

Define $h : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ by $h(x) = \langle x, y \rangle$.

Clearly h is linear.

For $1 \leq j \leq n$,

$$\begin{aligned} h(v_j) &= \langle v_j, y \rangle = \left\langle v_j, \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{g(v_i)} v_i \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n g(v_i) \langle v_j, v_i \rangle \\ &= g(v_j) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = g.$$

To show: y is unique.

$$g(x) = \langle x, y' \rangle = x \cdot x$$

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \langle x, y' \rangle \neq x$$

$$\Rightarrow y = y'$$

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Definition: Let V be a vector space over \mathbb{F} . An inner product on V is a function that assigns to every ordered pair of vectors x & y in V a scalar in \mathbb{F} , denoted as $\langle x, y \rangle$ s.t.

a) $\langle x + z, y \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle + \langle z, y \rangle$

b) $\langle c x, y \rangle = c \langle x, y \rangle$

c) $\overline{\langle x, y \rangle} = \langle y, x \rangle$

d) $\langle x, x \rangle > 0$ if $x \neq 0$.

Ex: $x = (a_1, \dots, a_n), y = (b_1, \dots, b_n) \in \mathbb{F}^n$

define

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

Definition: Let $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$. We define conjugate transpose or adjoint of A as $n \times m$ matrix A^* such that

$$(A^*)_{ij} = \overline{A_{ji}} \quad \text{for } i, j.$$

Ex:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} i & 1+2i \\ 2 & 3-4i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^* = \begin{pmatrix} -i & 2 \\ 1-2i & 3+4i \end{pmatrix}$$