

1. Let V be the subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 spanned by the vectors $\mathbf{v} = (1, 0, 2, 3)$ and $\mathbf{w} = (0, 1, -3, 4)$. Find a basis for V^\perp .
(Hint: Find a matrix A with row space V .)

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Then } V = C(A^T).$$

$$\text{So } V^\perp = C(A^T)^\perp = N(A).$$

Basis for V^\perp = special solutions to $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \quad \begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_3 + 3x_4 &= 0 \\ x_2 - 3x_3 + 4x_4 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{If } x_3 = 1, x_4 = 0, \quad x_1 = -2, x_2 = 3, \text{ so } \vec{s}_1 = (-2, 3, 1, 0)$$

$$\text{If } x_3 = 0, x_4 = 1, \quad x_1 = -3, x_2 = -4, \text{ so } \vec{s}_2 = (-3, -4, 0, 1)$$

$$V^\perp \text{ basis} = \{ (-2, 3, 1, 0), (-3, -4, 0, 1) \}$$

2. Find the projection matrix P onto the line through $\mathbf{a} = (2, -1, 1)$ (that is, the subspace spanned by \mathbf{a}).
Use P to find the projection \mathbf{p} of the vector $\mathbf{b} = (1, 2, 3)$ onto this subspace.

$$\|\vec{a}\|^2 = 2^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2 = 6$$

$$P = \frac{1}{\|\vec{a}\|^2} \vec{a} \vec{a}^T = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{p} = P\vec{b} &= \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$