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Lecture 8

Last time A fn $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a linear transformation i.f.f. its a matrix transformation. The matrix for T is given column-wise by

$$[T] = [T(\vec{e}_1) \dots T(\vec{e}_n)]$$

Standard basis vectors

Ex $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ (is linear)

$$T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \quad T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix of T is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

* easily determined the matrix because the given input vectors of T are $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. *

Standard basis vectors

Orthogonal Projection

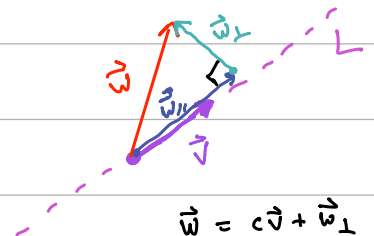
Theorem \rightarrow Given a non- $\vec{0}$ $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ let $L = \{c\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n : c \in \mathbb{R}\}$

this is the line through $\vec{0} + \vec{v}$.

If $\vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ then there are unique vectors $\vec{w}_{||}, \vec{w}_{\perp} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

such that:

- $\vec{w} = \vec{w}_{||} + \vec{w}_{\perp}$
- $\vec{w}_{||} \in L$
- \vec{w}_{\perp} is perpendicular to L



$$\vec{w} = c\vec{v} + \vec{w}_{\perp}$$

$$\text{proj}_L(\vec{w}) = \vec{w}_{||} = \text{orthogonal projection of } \vec{w} \text{ onto } L$$

$\text{proj}_L = \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a linear transformation.

Agenda (for this lecture and part of the next)

Step 0 : What's orthogonal?

Step 1 : Prove Thm + get a formula for $\text{proj}_L(\vec{w})$

Step 2 : Show proj_L is linear + find its matrix

Step 0:

Def - the length (or norm) of $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the quantity:

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{(v_1)^2 + \dots + (v_n)^2}$$

Ex $\vec{v} = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle \quad \|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (2)^2 + (3)^2} = \sqrt{14}$

Remark: we call $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ a unit vector if $\|\vec{v}\| = 1$

- Can scale any non-zero vector $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ to get a unit vector

example $\vec{u} = \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|}$

3 key properties of length:

- $\|\vec{v}\| \geq 0$ and $\{\|\vec{v}\| = 0 \text{ i.f.f. } \vec{v} = \vec{0}\}$
- $c \in \mathbb{R}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \|c\vec{v}\| = |c| \|\vec{v}\|$
- Triangle inequality $\|\vec{v} + \vec{w}\| \leq \|\vec{v}\| + \|\vec{w}\|$