

## Sect 6.2 (Cont...)

Recall, we defined an orthogonal basis for a subspace as a basis where the vectors form an orthogonal set.

We also looked at orthogonal projection, the idea that for a vector  $\underline{y}$ , we could split it into the sum of two vectors

$$\underline{y} = \hat{\underline{y}} + \underline{z}$$

such that  $\hat{\underline{y}} \cdot \underline{z} = 0$  and  $\hat{\underline{y}} = \alpha \underline{u}$  is the <sup>orthogonal</sup> projection of  $\underline{y}$  onto  $\underline{u}$ . Here,  $\alpha = \left( \frac{\underline{y} \cdot \underline{u}}{\underline{u} \cdot \underline{u}} \right)$

Recall that for  $\underline{y}$  in a subspace  $W$  with orthogonal basis  $\{\underline{u}_1, \dots, \underline{u}_p\}$ , we could write

$$(*) \quad \underline{y} = \left( \frac{\underline{y} \cdot \underline{u}_1}{\underline{u}_1 \cdot \underline{u}_1} \right) \underline{u}_1 + \left( \frac{\underline{y} \cdot \underline{u}_2}{\underline{u}_2 \cdot \underline{u}_2} \right) \underline{u}_2 + \dots + \left( \frac{\underline{y} \cdot \underline{u}_p}{\underline{u}_p \cdot \underline{u}_p} \right) \underline{u}_p$$

Note, the expressions  $\frac{\underline{y} \cdot \underline{u}}{\underline{u} \cdot \underline{u}}$  for orth. proj and

$\frac{\underline{y} \cdot \underline{u}_j}{\underline{u}_j \cdot \underline{u}_j}$  for expansion in terms of an orth. basis are very similar. In fact, the formula  $(*)$  for writing  $\underline{y}$  in terms of an orth. basis is the decomposition of  $\underline{y}$  into a sum of orthogonal projections.

Consider  $W = \mathbb{R}^2 = \text{span} \{ \underline{u}_1, \underline{u}_2 \}$  for an orthogonal set  $\{ \underline{u}_1, \underline{u}_2 \}$ , then we can write any  $\underline{y}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  as

$$\underline{y} = \left( \frac{\underline{y} \cdot \underline{u}_1}{\underline{u}_1 \cdot \underline{u}_1} \right) \underline{u}_1 + \left( \frac{\underline{y} \cdot \underline{u}_2}{\underline{u}_2 \cdot \underline{u}_2} \right) \underline{u}_2$$

Ex (standard basis)

Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{ \underline{e}_1, \underline{e}_2 \}$  where  $\underline{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\underline{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
(Note,  $\mathcal{B}$  is an orthogonal basis)

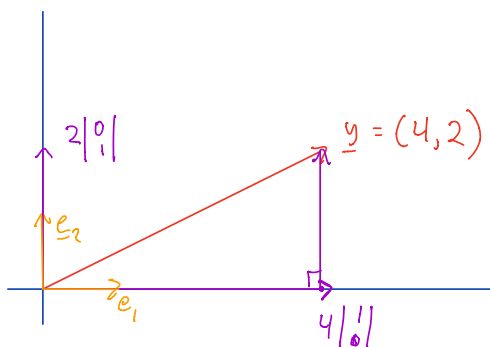
Express  $\underline{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  in terms of  $\mathcal{B}$

$$\underline{y} \cdot \underline{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 4 \quad \underline{e}_1 \cdot \underline{e}_1 = 1$$

$$\underline{y} \cdot \underline{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \quad \underline{e}_2 \cdot \underline{e}_2 = 1$$

Thus, we have

$$\underline{y} = \frac{4}{1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{2}{1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



Ex

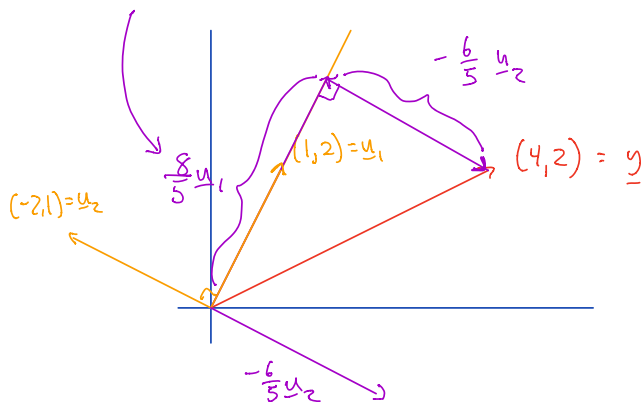
Let  $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{vmatrix} \right\}$ , express  $\underline{y} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{vmatrix}$  in terms of the orthogonal basis.

$$\underline{y} \cdot \underline{u}_1 = 8 \quad \underline{u}_1 \cdot \underline{u}_1 = 5$$

$$\underline{y} \cdot \underline{u}_2 = -6 \quad \underline{u}_2 \cdot \underline{u}_2 = 5$$

Plugging in, this gives

$$\underline{y} = \frac{8}{5} \underline{u}_1 + \frac{-6}{5} \underline{u}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 8/5 \\ 16/5 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 12/5 \\ -6/5 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 20/5 \\ 10/5 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{vmatrix}$$



## Orthonormal Sets

In Sect. 6.1, we defined normalization as taking a vector  $\underline{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and making a unit vector

$$\underline{u} = \frac{\underline{v}}{\|\underline{v}\|}$$

such  $\|\underline{u}\| = 1$ . The direction of  $\underline{u}$  is identical to that

of  $\underline{u}$ , i.e., we scaled the length but didn't change direction.

We now combine the idea of normalization with orthogonal sets.

Def

An orthonormal set is an orthogonal set  $\{\underline{u}_1, \dots, \underline{u}_p\}$  with each  $\underline{u}_j$  normalized, i.e.,  $\|\underline{u}_j\|=1$

This gives

$$\underline{u}_i \cdot \underline{u}_j = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 1 & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$

Def

If the orthonormal set  $\{\underline{u}_1, \dots, \underline{u}_p\}$  is a basis for a subspace  $W$ , we call it an orthonormal basis.

Ex

The standard basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  given by  $\{\underline{e}_1, \dots, \underline{e}_n\}$  where

$$\underline{e}_j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \leftarrow j\text{th index}$$

is an orthonormal basis. To see this, we note

$$e_j \cdot e_j = |0 \cdots 0 \underset{j\text{th entry}}{1} 0 \cdots 0| \begin{vmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \cdot 0 \cdots 0 \cdot 0 + \underset{i\text{th entry}}{1 \cdot 1} + 0 \cdot 0 + \cdots + 0 \cdot 0$$

$$e_j \cdot e_j = 1$$

and

$$e_j \cdot e_i = |0 \cdots \underset{j\text{th entry}}{0} \underset{i\text{th entry}}{1} 0 \cdots 0| \begin{vmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \cdot 0 \cdots 0 \cdot 1 + \cdots + \underset{i\text{th entry}}{1 \cdot 0} + \cdots + 0 \cdot 0$$

$$e_j \cdot e_i = 0$$

So, the standard basis is an orthonormal basis.

Ex Show that  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$$v_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 3/\sqrt{11} \\ 1/\sqrt{11} \\ 1/\sqrt{11} \end{vmatrix} \quad v_2 = \begin{vmatrix} -1/\sqrt{6} \\ 2/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{6} \end{vmatrix} \quad v_3 = \begin{vmatrix} -1/\sqrt{66} \\ -4/\sqrt{66} \\ 7/\sqrt{66} \end{vmatrix}$$

First, show the set is orthogonal

$$v_1 \cdot v_2 = \frac{-3}{\sqrt{11}\sqrt{6}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{11}\sqrt{6}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{11}\sqrt{6}} = 0$$

$$v_1 \cdot v_3 = \frac{-3}{\sqrt{11}\sqrt{66}} - \frac{4}{\sqrt{11}\sqrt{66}} + \frac{7}{\sqrt{11}\sqrt{66}} = 0$$

$$v_2 \cdot v_3 = \frac{+1}{\sqrt{6}\sqrt{66}} - \frac{8}{\sqrt{6}\sqrt{66}} + \frac{7}{\sqrt{6}\sqrt{66}} = 0$$

The set is orthogonal. Now, show that each  $v_j$  is normalized

$$\underline{v}_1 \cdot \underline{v}_1 = \frac{9}{11} + \frac{1}{11} + \frac{1}{11} = 1$$

$$\underline{v}_2 \cdot \underline{v}_2 = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{4}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = 1$$

$$\underline{v}_2 \cdot \underline{v}_3 = \frac{1}{66} + \frac{16}{66} + \frac{49}{66} = 1$$

This shows  $\underline{v}_j$  are unit vectors (i.e., normalized)  
 so  $\{\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \underline{v}_3\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$

Def

A matrix  $U$  is an orthogonal matrix if its columns form an orthonormal set

↳ These matrices have nice theoretical and practical properties.

Thm

An  $n \times n$  matrix  $U$  is orthogonal if and only if  $U^T U = I$  ( $n \times n$ )

Pf

$$U = [\underline{u}_1 \ \dots \ \underline{u}_n] \text{ where } \underline{u}_j \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Then

$$U^T U = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{u}_1^T \\ \underline{u}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \underline{u}_n^T \end{bmatrix} [\underline{u}_1 \ \underline{u}_2 \ \dots \ \underline{u}_n] = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{u}_1^T \underline{u}_1 & \underline{u}_1^T \underline{u}_2 & \dots & \underline{u}_1^T \underline{u}_n \\ \underline{u}_2^T \underline{u}_1 & \underline{u}_2^T \underline{u}_2 & \dots & \underline{u}_2^T \underline{u}_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \underline{u}_n^T \underline{u}_1 & \underline{u}_n^T \underline{u}_2 & \dots & \underline{u}_n^T \underline{u}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

where the  $ij$ th entry of  $U^T U$  is given by the dot product  $\underline{u}_i^T \underline{u}_j$ . From this we see that

$$\begin{vmatrix} \underline{u}_1^T \underline{u}_1 & \underline{u}_1^T \underline{u}_2 & \cdots & \underline{u}_1^T \underline{u}_n \\ \underline{u}_2^T \underline{u}_1 & \underline{u}_2^T \underline{u}_2 & \cdots & \underline{u}_2^T \underline{u}_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \underline{u}_n^T \underline{u}_1 & \underline{u}_n^T \underline{u}_2 & \cdots & \underline{u}_n^T \underline{u}_n \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{vmatrix} = I$$

$$\text{if and only if } \underline{u}_i^T \underline{u}_j = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } i \neq j \\ 1 & \text{for } i = j \end{cases}$$

which is the definition of an orthonormal set #