

Section 6.2 - Orthogonal Sets

Definition. A subset $\{\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_p\}$ of \mathbb{R}^n is **orthogonal** if $\vec{u}_i \cdot \vec{u}_j = 0$ whenever $i \neq j$.

Example. Show that $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} u_3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is orthogonal.

$$(u_i \cdot u_j = u_j \cdot u_i)$$

$$u_1 \cdot u_2 = 0 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 1 = 0$$

$$u_2 \cdot u_3 = 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot (-1) = 0$$

$$u_3 \cdot u_1 = 1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$u_i \cdot u_i \neq 0$$

Orthogonal $\Rightarrow L \cdot I$

$L \cdot I \not\Rightarrow$ orthogonal.

$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is $L \cdot I$ in \mathbb{R}^2

but not orthogonal.

Theorem. If $S = \{\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_p\}$ is an orthogonal set of nonzero vectors in \mathbb{R}^n , then S is linearly independent.

$$c_1 \vec{u}_1 + c_2 \vec{u}_2 + \dots + c_p \vec{u}_p = \vec{0} : \text{show } c_1 = 0, c_2 = 0, \dots, c_p = 0$$

To get value of c_1 : take dot product with \vec{u}_1 on both sides of the equation:

$$c_1(\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_1) + c_2(\vec{u}_2 \cdot \vec{u}_1) + \dots + c_p(\vec{u}_p \cdot \vec{u}_1) = \vec{0} \cdot \vec{u}_1 \rightsquigarrow c_1(\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_1) = 0 \rightsquigarrow c_1 = 0.$$

$\underset{0}{\cancel{0}} \quad \underset{0}{\cancel{0}} \quad \underset{0}{\cancel{0}}$

Similarly, $c_2 = 0, c_3 = 0, \dots$

Definition. Let W be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . An **orthogonal basis** for W is a basis for W that is also orthogonal.

$$u_1 \quad u_2 \quad u_3$$

Example. Explain why $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is an orthogonal basis for \mathbb{R}^4 .

① basis $\rightarrow S$ is $L \cdot I$ ✓
 $\rightarrow \text{span } S = \mathbb{R}^4$

② orthogonal: $u_i \cdot u_j = 0$ [orthogonal $\Rightarrow L \cdot I$]
 $(i \neq j)$ ✓

From previous eg: $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ is orthogonal.

So, $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ is also $L \cdot I$
 $\text{span } \{u_1, u_2, u_3\} = \mathbb{R}^3$ since $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ has a pivot in every row.

Theorem. Let $\{\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_p\}$ be an orthogonal basis for a subspace W of \mathbb{R}^n . Then for each $\vec{y} \in W$, if $\vec{y} = c_1 \vec{u}_1 + c_2 \vec{u}_2 + \dots + c_p \vec{u}_p$, then $c_j = \frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_j}{\vec{u}_j \cdot \vec{u}_j}$ or $c_j = \frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_j}{\|\vec{u}_j\|^2}$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, p$.

$$\vec{y} = c_1 \vec{u}_1 + c_2 \vec{u}_2 + \dots + c_p \vec{u}_p$$

To find c_i : take dot product with \vec{u}_i on both sides of this equation.

$$\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_i = c_1(\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_i) + c_2(\vec{u}_2 \cdot \vec{u}_i) + \dots + c_p(\vec{u}_p \cdot \vec{u}_i) \quad (\vec{u}_i \cdot \vec{u}_j = 0 \text{ if } i \neq j)$$

$$\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_i = c_1(\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_i)$$

$$c_1 = \frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_i}{\vec{u}_i \cdot \vec{u}_i} \rightsquigarrow \text{in general } c_j = \frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_j}{\vec{u}_j \cdot \vec{u}_j} \quad (\vec{u}_j \neq 0, \text{ so } \vec{u}_j \cdot \vec{u}_j \neq 0).$$

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$$c_3 = \frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_3}{\vec{u}_3 \cdot \vec{u}_3} = \frac{1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 0 + 3(-1)}{1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 + (-1)(-1)} = \frac{-2}{2} = -1$$

Example. $\beta = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is an orthogonal basis for \mathbb{R}^3 . Find $[\vec{y}]_\beta$ if $\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$[\vec{y}]_\beta = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_1 = \frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_1}{\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_1} = \frac{1 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 0}{0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0} = \frac{2}{1} = 2$$

$$c_i = \frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_i}{\vec{u}_i \cdot \vec{u}_i}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_2}{\vec{u}_2 \cdot \vec{u}_2} = \frac{1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 0 + 3 \cdot 1}{1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 1} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$$

$$[\vec{y}]_\beta = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Definition. A subset $\{\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_p\}$ of \mathbb{R}^n is **orthonormal** if it is orthogonal and every vector \vec{u}_i in the subset is a unit vector. (length = 1)

Let W be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . An **orthonormal basis** for W is a basis for W that is also orthonormal.

$$\vec{u}_i \cdot \vec{u}_j = 0 \quad \text{if } i \neq j$$

$$\vec{u}_i \cdot \vec{u}_i = 1 \quad \|\vec{u}_i\| = 1$$

$$\|\vec{u}_i\| = 1$$

$$\text{L.I. + spans } W$$

$$\|\vec{u}_i\| = \sqrt{\vec{u}_i \cdot \vec{u}_i}$$

$$\|\vec{u}_i\| = 1 = \vec{u}_i \cdot \vec{u}_i$$

Example. Determine whether the basis for \mathbb{R}^3 is orthonormal.

$$1. \{ \vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3 \}$$

assume basis.

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ orthogonal: } \vec{e}_1 \cdot \vec{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 = 0 ; \quad \vec{e}_2 \cdot \vec{e}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 , \quad \vec{e}_3 \cdot \vec{e}_1 = 0 .$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ normal: } \|\vec{e}_1\| = \sqrt{\vec{e}_1 \cdot \vec{e}_1} = \sqrt{1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 0} = 1 , \quad \|\vec{e}_2\| = \sqrt{0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0} = 1 , \quad \|\vec{e}_3\| = 1 .$$

YES, it is ONB.

$$2. \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ not ONB.}$$

$$\vec{u}_1 \quad \vec{u}_2 \quad \vec{u}_3$$

$\{\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3\}$ not ONB.

$\{\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3\}$ - ONB
 $\|\vec{u}_1\|, \|\vec{u}_2\|, \|\vec{u}_3\|$

$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

is an ONB.

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ orthogonal: } \vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_2 = 0 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 1 = 0 ; \quad \vec{u}_2 \cdot \vec{u}_3 = 0 , \quad \vec{u}_3 \cdot \vec{u}_1 = 0$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ normal: } \|\vec{u}_1\| = \sqrt{\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_1} = \sqrt{0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0} = 1$$

$$\|\vec{u}_2\| = \sqrt{1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 1} = \sqrt{2} X$$

$$\|\vec{u}_3\| = \sqrt{2} X$$

Definition. An **orthogonal matrix** is a square matrix U such that $U^T = U^{-1}$.

$$\rightarrow \vec{U}^T \vec{U} = \vec{I} = \vec{U} \vec{U}^{-1}$$

$$U^T U = I = U U^{-1}$$

Columns of an orthogonal matrix form an orthonormal set.

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & \cdots & u_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \quad U^T U = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \cdot u_1 & u_1 \cdot u_2 & \cdots & u_1 \cdot u_n \\ u_2 \cdot u_1 & u_2 \cdot u_2 & \cdots & u_2 \cdot u_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_n \cdot u_1 & u_n \cdot u_2 & \cdots & u_n \cdot u_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I \quad \Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} u_1 \cdot u_1 &= 1 \\ u_2 \cdot u_2 &= 1 \\ u_3 \cdot u_3 &= 1 \\ u_i \cdot u_j &= 0 (i \neq j) \end{aligned}$$

$\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ form an orthonormal set.

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may not be square.

Theorem. Let U be any matrix. Then

- U has orthonormal columns iff $U^T U = I$.
- If U is square, then U is orthogonal iff its columns are orthonormal.
- If U is square, then U is orthogonal iff its rows are orthonormal.

inv use
is defined
 $U^T = U^{-1}$

Example. Determine whether

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \quad (A^T = A^{-1})$$

Method 1: $A^T A = I$; $A A^T = I$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ y_{r2} & 0 & y_{r2} \\ y_{r2} & 0 & -y_{r2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & y_{r2} & y_{r2} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y_{r2} & -y_{r2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & y_{r2} & y_{r2} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y_{r2} & -y_{r2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ y_{r2} & 0 & y_{r2} \\ y_{r2} & 0 & -y_{r2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

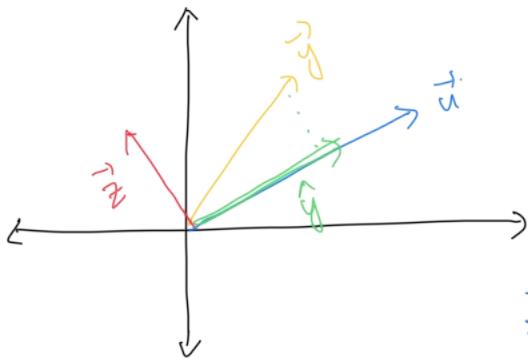
Orthogonal Projections

Method 2: show $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ is an orthonormal set.

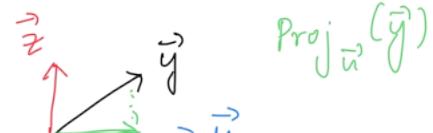
$$\begin{array}{ll} u_1 \cdot u_1 = 1 & u_1 \cdot u_2 = 0 \\ u_2 \cdot u_2 = 1 & u_2 \cdot u_3 = 0 \\ u_3 \cdot u_3 = 1 & u_1 \cdot u_3 = 0 \end{array}$$

Fix a nonzero vector $\vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Can we decompose a vector $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ into a sum of a scalar multiple of \vec{u} and a vector orthogonal to \vec{u} ?

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



\hat{y} is parallel to \vec{u}
 $\hat{y} \in \text{span}\{\vec{u}\}$
 $\hat{y} = c\vec{u}$, where $c \in \mathbb{R}$.



$$\vec{y} = c\vec{u} + \vec{z}$$

\vec{z} is orthogonal to \vec{u} .
 $\text{so, } \vec{z} \cdot \vec{u} = 0$



$$\vec{y} = \boxed{c \cdot \vec{u}} + \boxed{\vec{z}}$$

$$\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u} = c(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}) + (\vec{z} \cdot \vec{u}).$$

$$\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u} = c \cdot (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u})$$

$$c = \frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}}{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}}$$

$$\vec{y} = \underbrace{(\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u})}_{\text{Projection of } \vec{y} \text{ onto } \vec{u}} \vec{u} + \vec{z} \rightsquigarrow \vec{z} \text{ orthogonal to } \vec{u}$$

Projection of \vec{y} onto \vec{u} .

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Definition. Let $\vec{u}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ where $\vec{u} \neq \vec{0}$. Let L be the line through $\vec{0}$ and \vec{u} . Then

- The **orthogonal projection of \vec{y} onto L** is $\hat{\vec{y}} = \text{proj}_L \vec{y} = \frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}}{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}} \vec{u}$.

- The **component of \vec{y} orthogonal to L** is $\vec{z} = \vec{y} - \text{proj}_L \vec{y} = \vec{y} - \frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}}{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}} \vec{u}$.

Example. Let $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$.

- Express \vec{y} as a sum of two orthogonal vectors, one in $\text{Span}\{\vec{u}\}$ and the other orthogonal to \vec{u} .

$$\vec{y} = c\vec{u} + \vec{z} = \text{proj}_L(\vec{y}) + \vec{z}$$

$$\text{Proj}_L(\vec{y}) = \left(\frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}}{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}} \right) \vec{u} = \left(\frac{9 \cdot 3 + 5 \cdot (-9)}{3 \cdot 3 + (-9) \cdot (-9)} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3/5 \\ 9/5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{z} = \vec{y} - \text{Proj}_L(\vec{y}) = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -3/5 \\ 9/5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 48/5 \\ 16/5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{orthogonal to } \vec{u}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{y} = \text{Proj}_L(\vec{y}) + \vec{z}}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 48/5 \\ 16/5 \end{bmatrix}$$

shortest distance.

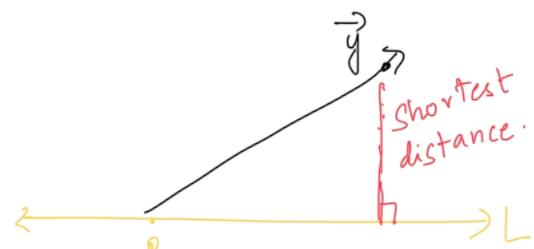
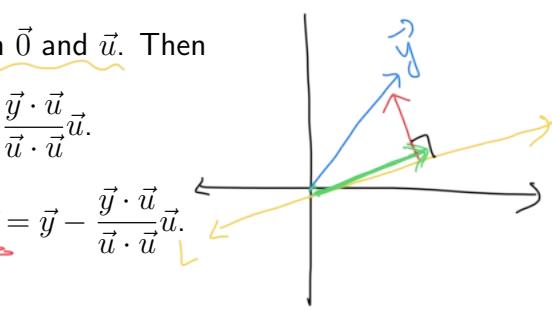
- Find the distance between \vec{y} and the line $L = \text{Span}\{\vec{u}\}$.

Find length of $\vec{z} = \|\vec{y} - \text{Proj}_L(\vec{y})\|$.

$$\|\vec{z}\| = \sqrt{\vec{z} \cdot \vec{z}} = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 48/5 \\ 16/5 \end{bmatrix} \right\|$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{48}{5}\right)\left(\frac{48}{5}\right) + \left(\frac{16}{5}\right)\left(\frac{16}{5}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{16\sqrt{10}}{5} \text{ units.}$$



shortest distance
between \vec{y} & L is
the length of the
(perpendicular line)
component of \vec{y} orthogonal
to L .