



Lecture 09 Gram Schmidt

Recap

- Linear Combination
- Linear Independence, Dependence
 - Algebraic & Geometric meaning
- Basis
- Change of Basis – PCA
- We did not take traditional route to PCA with Eigen decomposition
- We interpreted the results of PCA intuitively as a linear combination

Problem with finding linear independence in general

$$\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_k\} \quad \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n \neq 0$$

$$\beta_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + \beta_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + \dots \beta_i \mathbf{a}_i + \dots + \beta_n \mathbf{a}_k = 0$$

$$\mathbf{a}_i = \left(\frac{-\beta_1}{\beta_i} \right) \mathbf{a}_1 + \left(\frac{-\beta_2}{\beta_i} \right) \mathbf{a}_2 + \dots + \left(\frac{-\beta_k}{\beta_i} \right) \mathbf{a}_k$$

- Infinite possibilities of beta 1 through k
- Solved by Gram Schmidt algorithm
- Exploits some elegant properties of orthogonal vectors



Orthogonality

Orthogonal & Orthonormal Vectors

- Two vectors a, b are orthogonal if $a^T b = 0$
$$a^T b = \|a\| \|b\| \cos \theta = 0 \implies \theta = 90$$

- Two vectors a, b are orthonormal if they are

- Orthogonal & $\|a\| = \|b\| = 1$

- Extend the concept to set of vectors $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$

$$a_i^T a_j = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 1, & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$

Orthogonal vectors are linearly independent

- Geogebra demo

- <https://www.geogebra.org/calculator/eedbpvb9>

- <https://www.geogebra.org/calculator/a644wefh>

- Algebraically $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_k\}$ $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_k \neq 0$

$$\beta_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + \beta_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + \dots \beta_i \mathbf{a}_i + \dots + \beta_k \mathbf{a}_k$$

$$\mathbf{a}_i^T (\beta_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + \beta_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + \dots \beta_i \mathbf{a}_i + \dots + \beta_k \mathbf{a}_k)$$

$$= \beta_1 \mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{a}_1 + \beta_2 \mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{a}_2 + \dots \beta_i \mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{a}_i + \dots + \beta_k \mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{a}_k)$$

$$= \beta_i \neq 0$$

Linear combination of orthonormal vectors

$$\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_k\} \quad \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_k \neq 0$$

$$x = \beta_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + \beta_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + \dots \beta_i \mathbf{a}_i + \dots + \beta_k \mathbf{a}_k$$

$$a_i^T x = a_i^T (\beta_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + \beta_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + \dots \beta_i \mathbf{a}_i + \dots + \beta_k \mathbf{a}_k)$$

$$a_i^T x = \beta_1 \mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{a}_1 + \dots \beta_i \mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{a}_i + \dots + \beta_k \mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{a}_k)$$

$$a_i^T x = \beta_i \neq 0$$

Linear combination of orthonormal vectors (contd.)

$$\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_k\} \quad \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_k \neq 0$$

$$x = \beta_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + \beta_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + \dots \beta_i \mathbf{a}_i + \dots + \beta_k \mathbf{a}_k$$

$$a_i^T x = \beta_i \neq 0$$

Substituting for Beta1, Beta2 etc.

$$x = (a_1^T x) a_1 + (a_2^T x) a_2 + \dots + (a_i^T x) a_i + \dots (a_k^T x) a_k$$

Beta1, Beta2 are unique.

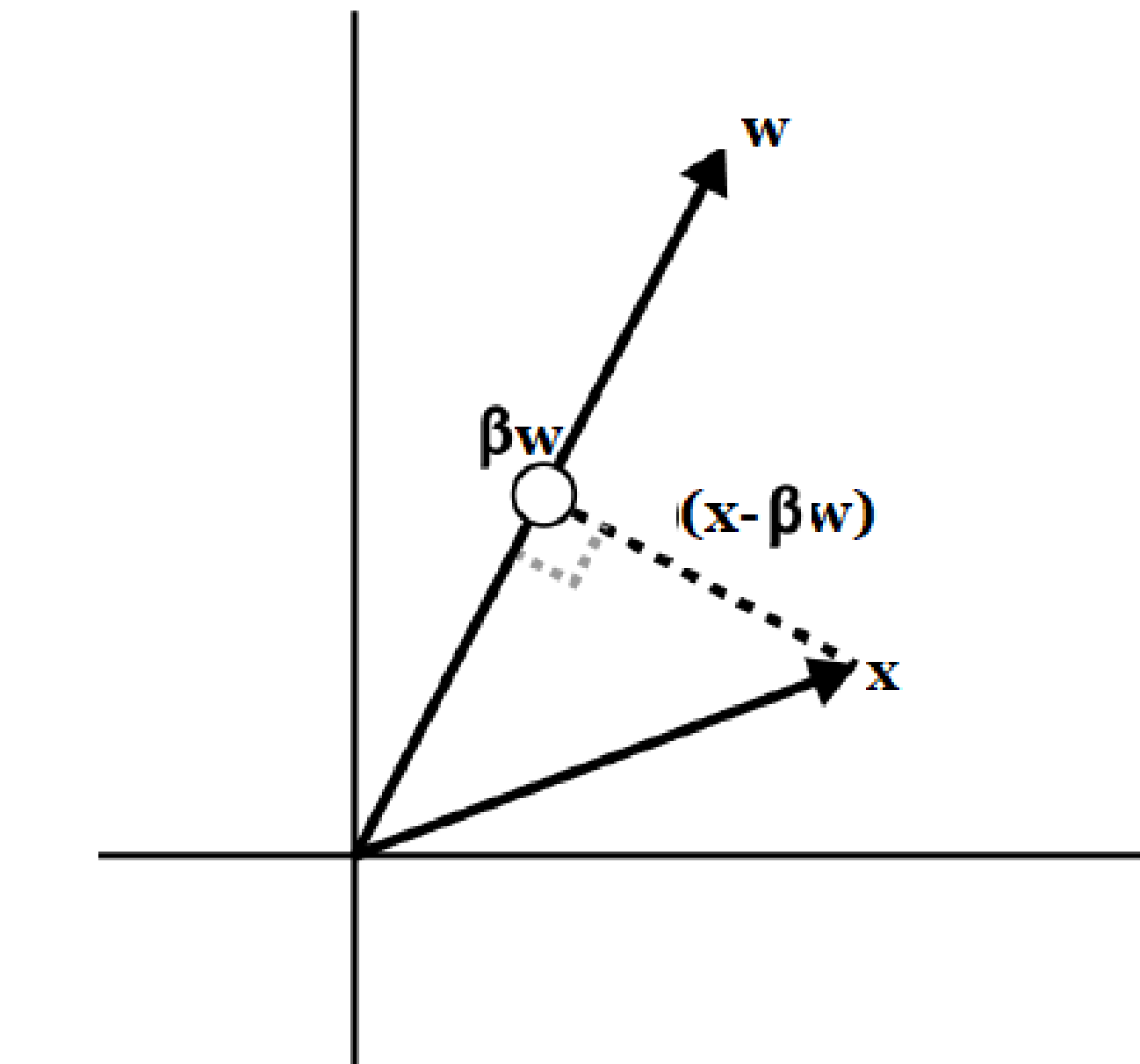


Gram Schmidt Algorithm

Extracting orthonormal set of vectors

- Do you recall how force resolution is done in perpendicular direction in Newtonian Mechanics?
- Intuition in 2D:
 - <https://www.geogebra.org/calculator/wcwzbptu>

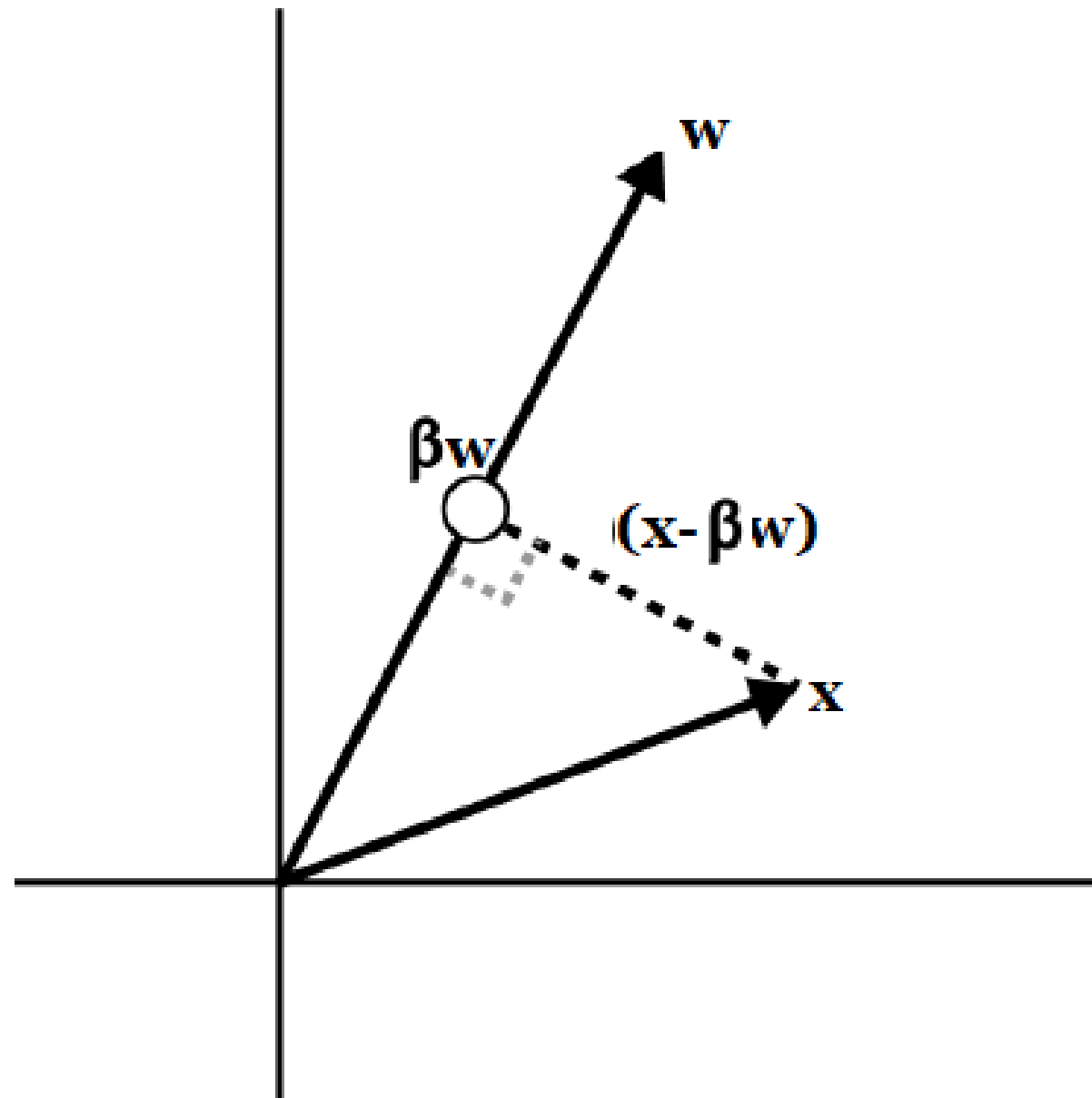
Orthogonal component w.r.t. another vector



- Projection of x onto w βw
- Difference of projection vector βw and x is $x - \beta w$
- Projection vector βw is such as to minimize distance $x - \beta w$
- Then w and $x - \beta w$ are orthogonal

$$w^T (x - \beta w) = 0 \quad \implies \quad w^T x = \beta w^T w \quad \implies \quad \beta = \frac{w^T x}{w^T w}$$
$$\implies \beta w = \frac{w^T x}{\|w\|^2} w$$

Orthogonal component w.r.t. another vector



$$\beta = \frac{w^T x}{w^T w} \implies \beta w = \frac{w^T x}{\|w\|^2} w$$

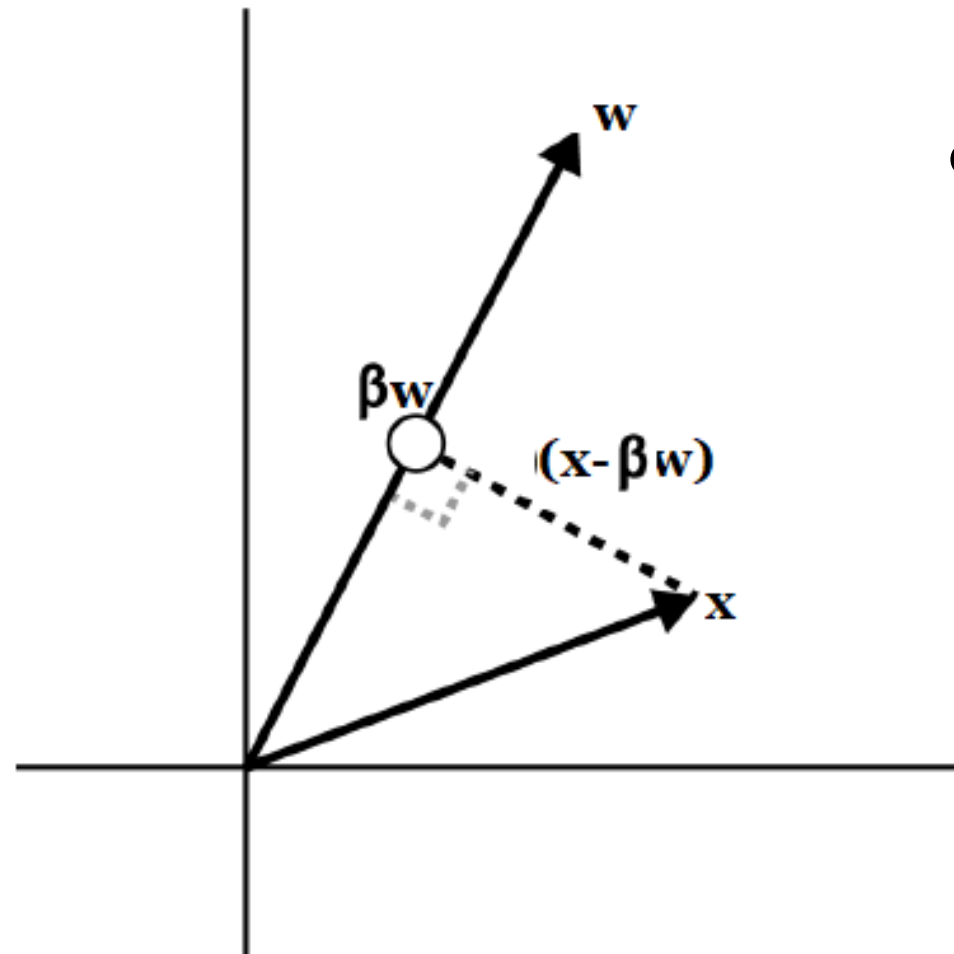
$$\beta w = \frac{w^T x}{\|w\|} \frac{w}{\|w\|}$$

**Unit vector in
the direction
of w**

- Component of x perpendicular to w is

$$x - \beta w = x - \frac{w^T x}{\|w\|} \frac{w}{\|w\|}$$

Orthogonal component w.r.t. another vector



- Component of x orthogonal to w is

$$x - \beta w = x - \frac{w^T x}{\|w\|^2} w$$

- Component of a_2 orthogonal to a_1 : $q_2 = a_2 - \frac{a_1^T a_2}{\|a_1\|^2} a_1$

$$q_1 = \frac{a_1}{\|a_1\|}$$

$$q_2 = a_2 - (q_1^T a_2) q_1$$

Linear combination of orthonormal vectors: Recap

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$$a_i^T x = \beta_i \neq 0$$

Substituting for Beta1, Beta2 etc.

$$x = (a_1^T x) a_1 + (a_2^T x) a_2 + \dots + (a_i^T x) a_i + \dots (a_k^T x) a_k$$

Beta1, Beta2 are unique.

Gram Schmidt steps

- Used to find if a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k are linearly independent

- Steps

- Extract orthogonal vectors from a_1, a_2

- Find component of a_2 that is orthogonal to a_1

$$q_2 = a_2 - (q_1^T a_2)q_1$$

- Try to express normalized a_2 orthogonal component (q_2) as a linear combination of all vectors up to a_1

$$x = (a_1^T x)a_1 + (a_2^T x)a_2 + \dots + (a_i^T x)a_i + \dots (a_k^T x)a_k$$
$$q_i = a_i - \left((q_1^T a_i)q_1 + (q_2^T a_i)q_2 + \dots + (q_{i-1}^T a_i)q_{i-1} \right)$$

Gram Schmidt steps (contd.)

- This expression is the starting point in Gram-Schmidt algo
 - Express Extract q_i that is orthogonal to all previously extracted mutually orthogonal set from a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k

$$q_i = a_i - \left((q_1^T a_i) q_1 + (q_2^T a_i) q_2 + \dots + (q_{i-1}^T a_i) q_{i-1} \right)$$

- Loop over all k and check if q_i is 0
- If q_i is 0 (or very close to 0 considering floating point accuracy), then abandon.
 - Conclusion: a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k are linearly dependent
- If loop completes, then a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k are linearly independent



QUESTIONS



Thank You!