

## Chapter 5: Euclidean spaces, quadratic forms

Lecturer: Assoc. Prof. Nguyễn Duy Tân  
email: [tan.nguyenduy@hust.edu.vn](mailto:tan.nguyenduy@hust.edu.vn)

School of Applied Mathematics and Informatics, HUST

December, 2023

# Contents

- 1 5.1. Euclidean spaces
  - 5.1.1. Inner products
  - 5.1.2. Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization process
  - 5.1.3. Orthogonal diagonalization
  
- 2 5.2. Quadratic forms
  - 5.2.1. Quadratic forms
  - 5.2.2. Reduction of quadratic forms

## 5.1.1. Inner products

Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

### Definition

An *inner product* on  $V$  is a map  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that satisfies the following conditions: for all  $u, v, w \in V$ , and for all  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

- ①  $\langle u, v \rangle = \langle v, u \rangle$ ;
- ②  $\langle u + v, w \rangle = \langle u, w \rangle + \langle v, w \rangle$ ;
- ③  $\langle ku, v \rangle = k\langle u, v \rangle$ ;
- ④  $\langle u, u \rangle \geq 0$  and  $\langle u, u \rangle = 0$  if and only if  $u = 0$ .

A vector space together with an inner product is called an *inner product space*.

A finite dimensional vector space together with an inner product is called a *Euclidean space*.

## Standard inner product on $\mathbb{R}^n$

On  $\mathbb{R}^n$  we consider the following inner product defined as follows: if  $u = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $v = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ , then

$$\langle u, v \rangle := x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_n y_n.$$

Can check that this is indeed an inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

This inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called the *Euclidean* (or *standard*, or *canonical*, or *usual*) inner product, or the *dot product* on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

## Another inner product on $\mathbb{R}^2$

On  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , consider

$$\langle u, v \rangle := x_1 y_1 + 2x_2 y_2.$$

This defines an inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

## Examples

On  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , consider

$$\langle u, v \rangle := x_1 y_1 - 2x_2 y_2.$$

This is not an inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

# Basic properties

Let  $V$  be an inner product space with the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ .

## Properties

For all  $u, v, w \in V$  and all  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ :

- $\langle 0, u \rangle = \langle u, 0 \rangle = 0$ .
- $\langle u, v + w \rangle = \langle u, v \rangle + \langle u, w \rangle$ .
- $\langle u, cv \rangle = c\langle u, v \rangle$ .

# Length and distance

## Definition

- ① The *length* or *norm* of a vector  $u$  is  $\|u\| = \sqrt{\langle u, u \rangle}$ .
- ② The *distance* between two vectors  $u, v \in V$  is  $d(u, v) = \|u - v\|$ .

**Example:** In  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with the Euclidean inner product (the dot product), the length of  $u = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is

$$\|u\| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2}.$$

## Theorem (Cauchy – Schwarz inequality)

For all  $u, v \in V$ , we have  $|\langle u, v \rangle| \leq \|u\| \|v\|$ .

The equality holds if and only if  $u$  and  $v$  are linearly dependent.

**Example:** Consider  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with the dot product, the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality becomes

$$|x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_n y_n| \leq \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2} \sqrt{y_1^2 + y_2^2 + \dots + y_n^2}.$$

# Some properties of lengths and distances

## Proposition

- $\|v\| \geq 0$ , for all  $v \in V$ .
- $\|v\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow v = 0$ .
- $\|av\| = |a| \|v\|$ ,  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}, v \in V$ .
- $\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$ ,  $\forall u, v \in V$ .

## Proposition

- $d(u, v) \geq 0$ , for all  $u, v \in V$ .
- $d(u, v) = 0 \Leftrightarrow u = v$ .
- $d(u, v) = d(v, u)$ ,  $\forall u, v \in V$ .
- $d(u, v) \leq d(u, w) + d(w, v)$ ,  $\forall u, v, w \in V$ .

# Angle

## Definition

- ① The *angle* of two non-zero vectors  $u, v$  is an angle  $\theta$  ( $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ ) such that

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|u\| \|v\|}.$$

- ② Two vectors  $u, v$  are said to be *orthogonal* (or *perpendicular*), denoted  $u \perp v$ , if  $\langle u, v \rangle = 0$ .

**Remark:** The zero vector  $0$  is orthogonal to every vector.



# Orthogonal and orthonormal sets

Let  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  be a set of vectors in  $V$ .

## Definition

- $S$  is said to be *orthogonal* if any two vectors in  $S$  are orthogonal, that means

$$\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = 0, \forall i \neq j;$$

- $S$  is said to be *orthonormal* if  $S$  is orthogonal and every vector in  $S$  has length 1, that means

$$\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = \begin{cases} 0 & \forall i \neq j \\ 1 & \forall i = j. \end{cases}$$

## Proposition

Let  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  be an orthogonal set of nonzero vectors in  $V$ . Then

- ①  $S$  is linearly independent,
- ② The set  $\left\{ \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|}, \dots, \frac{v_k}{\|v_k\|} \right\}$  is orthonormal.

# Orthogonal and orthonormal bases

## Defintion

- An *orthogonal basis* for  $V$  is a basis for  $V$  that is also an orthogonal set.
- An *orthonormal basis* for  $V$  is a basis for  $V$  that is also an orthonormal set.

**Remark:** If  $\dim V = n$  then any orthonormal set of  $n$  vectors of  $V$  is automatically a(n orthonormal) basis for  $V$ .

**Example:** Consider  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the standard inner product.

- $\{(1, 1), (1, -1)\}$  is an orthogonal basis,
- $\{(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}), (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})\}$  is an orthonormal basis,
- $\{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$  is an orthonormal basis.

# Coordinates of a vector relative to an orthogonal basis

## Theorem

Let  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  be an orthogonal basis for an Euclidean vector space  $V$  and  $v$  a vector in  $V$ . Then

$$v = \frac{\langle v, v_1 \rangle}{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle} v_1 + \dots + \frac{\langle v, v_n \rangle}{\langle v_n, v_n \rangle} v_n.$$

In particular, if  $S$  is orthonormal if

$$v = \langle v, v_1 \rangle v_1 + \dots + \langle v, v_n \rangle v_n.$$

**Example:** In  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , find the coordinates of  $v = (1, 1)$  relative to the basis  $S = \{(1, 2), (2, -1)\}$ .

Consider  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the standard inner product. Then  $S$  is an orthogonal basis. The coordinate vector of  $v$  relative to  $S$  is  $(v)_S = (c_1, c_2)$ , where

$$c_1 = \frac{\langle (1, 1), (1, 2) \rangle}{\|(1, 2)\|^2} = \frac{3}{5}, \quad c_2 = \frac{\langle (1, 1), (2, -1) \rangle}{\|(2, -1)\|^2} = \frac{1}{5}.$$

Thus,  $(v)_S = (\frac{3}{5}, \frac{1}{5})$ .

## 5.1.2. Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization process

- Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  be a basis for a Euclidean vector space  $V$ .
- Construct  $\mathcal{B}' = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$  as follows:

$$w_1 = v_1$$

$$w_2 = v_2 - \frac{\langle v_2, w_1 \rangle}{\langle w_1, w_1 \rangle} w_1$$

$$w_3 = v_3 - \frac{\langle v_3, w_1 \rangle}{\langle w_1, w_1 \rangle} w_1 - \frac{\langle v_3, w_2 \rangle}{\langle w_2, w_2 \rangle} w_2$$

...

$$w_n = v_n - \frac{\langle v_n, w_1 \rangle}{\langle w_1, w_1 \rangle} w_1 - \frac{\langle v_n, w_2 \rangle}{\langle w_2, w_2 \rangle} w_2 - \dots - \frac{\langle v_n, w_{n-1} \rangle}{\langle w_{n-1}, w_{n-1} \rangle} w_{n-1}.$$

### Theorem (Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization)

- Then  $\mathcal{B}'$  is an orthogonal basis for  $V$ .
- Set  $u_i = \frac{w_i}{\|w_i\|}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .  
Then  $\mathcal{B}'' = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $V$ .
- Moreover,  $\text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_k\} = \text{span}\{u_1, \dots, u_k\}$ , for every  $1 \leq k \leq n$ .

The process of calculating the orthonormal basis  $\{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$  from a basis  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  as above is called the Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization (process).

**Example:** In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , with the standard inner product, consider a basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\} = \{(1, 1, 0), (1, 2, 0), (0, 1, 2)\}$ .

- We have

$$\begin{aligned}w_1 &= v_1 = (1, 1, 0) \\w_2 &= v_2 - \frac{\langle v_2, w_1 \rangle}{\|w_1\|^2} w_1 = \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0\right) \\w_3 &= v_3 - \frac{\langle v_3, w_1 \rangle}{\|w_1\|^2} w_1 - \frac{\langle v_3, w_2 \rangle}{\|w_2\|^2} w_2 = (0, 0, 2)\end{aligned}$$

Then  $\mathcal{B}' = \{w_1, w_2, w_3\}$  is an orthogonal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

- Normalize vectors in  $\mathcal{B}'$ :

$$\begin{aligned}u_1 &= \frac{w_1}{\|w_1\|} = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 0\right) \\u_2 &= \frac{w_2}{\|w_2\|} = \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 0\right) \\u_3 &= \frac{w_3}{\|w_3\|} = (0, 0, 1)\end{aligned}$$

$\mathcal{B}'' = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

### Example

In  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with the standard inner product, consider  $v_1 = (0, 1, 0)$ ,  $v_2 = (1, 1, 1)$ . Find an orthonormal basis for  $\text{span}\{v_1, v_2\}$ .

- Orthogonalize  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  we obtain

$$w_1 = v_1 = (0, 1, 0)$$

$$w_2 = v_2 - \frac{\langle v_2, w_1 \rangle}{\langle w_1, w_1 \rangle} w_1 = (1, 1, 1) - (0, 1, 0) = (1, 0, 1).$$

- Normalize  $w_1, w_2$  we obtain an orthonormal basis for  $\text{span}\{v_1, v_2\}$

$$\left\{ (0, 1, 0), \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 0, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) \right\}.$$

### Example

In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , consider the following inner product

$$\langle u, v \rangle = 2x_1y_1 + 3x_2y_2 + 2x_3y_3 - 2x_1y_2 - 2x_2y_1 + x_1y_3 + x_3y_1 - x_2y_3 - x_3y_2,$$

với  $u = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$ ,  $v = (y_1, y_2, y_3)$ . Find an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  relative to this inner product by using the Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization process on the standard basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

- We have

$$w_1 = e_1 = (1, 0, 0)$$

$$w_2 = e_2 - \frac{\langle e_2, w_1 \rangle}{\|w_1\|^2} w_1 = (0, 1, 0) - \frac{-2}{2}(1, 0, 0) = (1, 1, 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} w_3 &= e_3 - \frac{\langle e_3, w_1 \rangle}{\|w_1\|^2} w_1 - \frac{\langle e_3, w_2 \rangle}{\|w_2\|^2} w_2 = (0, 0, 1) - \frac{1}{2}(1, 0, 0) - \frac{0}{1}(1, 1, 0) \\ &= (-1/2, 0, 1). \end{aligned}$$



- $\mathcal{B}' = \{w_1, w_2, w_3\}$  is an orthogonal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- Normalize vectors in  $\mathcal{B}'$ :

$$u_1 = \frac{w_1}{\|w_1\|} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, 0\right)$$

$$u_2 = \frac{w_2}{\|w_2\|} = (1, 1, 0)$$

$$u_3 = \frac{w_3}{\|w_3\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(-1, 0, 2).$$

- $\mathcal{B}'' = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with respect to  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ .

## Remark

Normalizing of vectors can be done right after orthogonalizing each vector as follows:

$$u_1 = \frac{w_1}{\|w_1\|} \text{ where } w_1 = v_1$$

$$u_2 = \frac{w_2}{\|w_2\|} \text{ where } w_2 = v_2 - \langle v_2, u_1 \rangle u_1$$

$$u_3 = \frac{w_3}{\|w_3\|} \text{ where } w_3 = v_3 - \langle v_3, u_1 \rangle u_1 - \langle v_3, u_2 \rangle u_2$$

...

$$u_n = \frac{w_n}{\|w_n\|} \text{ where } w_n = v_n - \langle v_n, u_1 \rangle u_1 - \cdots - \langle v_n, u_{n-1} \rangle u_{n-1}$$

### Corollary

Every Euclidean vector space has an orthonormal basis.

### Proposition

Let  $V$  be an Euclidean vector space with an orthonormal basis  $\mathcal{B}$ . Let  $u, v \in V$ . Let  $(u)_{\mathcal{B}} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  and  $(v)_{\mathcal{B}} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$ . Then

- $\langle u, v \rangle = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_n y_n$ ;
- $\|u\| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2}$ ;
- $d(u, v) = \sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + \dots + (x_n - y_n)^2}$ .

## Orthogonal subspaces

Consider a Euclidean vector space  $V$  with inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and  $\dim(V) = n$ .

### Definition

Giả sử  $U$  là một không gian con của  $V$  và  $v \in V$ . We say that  $v$  is *orthogonal* (or *perpendicular*) to  $U$ , and write  $v \perp U$ , if  $v \perp w$ ,  $\forall w \in U$ , i.e.,  $\langle v, w \rangle = 0$ ,  $\forall w \in U$ .

**Remark:**  $v \perp U \Leftrightarrow v$  is orthogonal to every vector in a basis (of a spanning set) for  $U$ .

### Definition

Two vector subspaces  $U, W$  of  $V$  are said to be *orthogonal* (or *perpendicular*), written  $U \perp W$ , if for every  $u \in U$  and every  $w \in W$ , we have that  $u$  and  $v$  are orthogonal.

**Remark:** If  $U \perp W$  then  $U \cap W = \{0\}$ .

**Example:** In  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (with the standard inner product), consider  $U = \text{span}\{(0, 1, -1), (1, 1, 0)\}$ ,  $w = (-1, 1, 1)$ ,  $W = \text{span}\{w\}$ .  
We have  $w \perp U$  và  $U \perp W$ .

# Orthogonal complements

## Definition

The *orthogonal complement* of a vector subspace  $U$  (of  $V$ ), denoted by  $U^\perp$ , is defined as

$$U^\perp = \{v \in V \mid v \perp U\} = \{v \in V \mid \langle v, u \rangle = 0, \forall u \in U\}.$$

**Example:** In  $\mathbb{R}^4$  (with the standard inner product), find the orthogonal complement of  $U = \text{span}\{v_1 = (1, 2, 1, 0), v_2 = (0, 0, 0, 1)\}$ .

$$\text{We have } v = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in U^\perp \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \langle v, v_1 \rangle = 0 \\ \langle v, v_2 \rangle = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ x_4 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Solve this system we obtain  $U^\perp = \text{span}\{u_1, u_2\}$  where  $u_1 = (-2, 1, 0, 0)$ ,  $u_2 = (-1, 0, 1, 0)$ .

### Exercise (CK20183-N2)

In  $\mathbb{R}^4$  with the standard inner product, let  $u_1 = (-1, -2, 1, 0)$ ,  $u_2 = (1, -1, 2, 3)$ ,  $u_3 = (-3, -2, 0, 1)$ . The vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  that are orthogonal to these three vectors form a vector subspace  $U$  of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Find a basis for  $U$ .

# Orthogonal decomposition

## Theorem

Cho  $U$  là một không gian véc tơ con của  $V$  và  $\dim V = n$ . Khi đó

- $U^\perp$  là một không gian véc tơ con của  $V$ .
- $U + U^\perp = V$  và  $\dim U + \dim U^\perp = n$ .
- $(U^\perp)^\perp = U$ .

**Remark:**  $V$  is a direct sum of  $U$  and  $U^\perp$ . That means every vector  $v \in V$  has a unique representation  $v = u + w$ , where  $u \in U$ ,  $w \in U^\perp$ .

# Orthogonal projection

## Definition

Let  $U$  be a subspace of  $V$  and  $v \in V$ . Let

$$v = u + w, \text{ với } u \in U, w \in U^\perp,$$

be the unique representation of  $v$  as a sum of a vector in  $U$  and a vector in  $U^\perp$ .

We say that  $u$  is the *orthogonal projection* of  $v$  onto the subspace  $U$ , and denoted by  $\text{pr}_U(v) = u$ .

## Remark:

- The orthogonal projection  $\text{pr}_U(v)$  of  $v$  onto the subspace  $U$  is the unique vector  $u$  such that  $u \in U$  and  $v - u \perp U$ .
- If  $v = u + w$ , where  $u \in U$  and  $w \in U^\perp$ , then  $w = \text{pr}_{U^\perp}(v)$ . In other words,  $v - \text{pr}_U(v)$  is the orthogonal projection of  $v$  onto the subspace  $U^\perp$ .

$$v = \text{pr}_U(v) + \text{pr}_{U^\perp}(v).$$



### Theorem

Let  $U$  be a subspace of a Euclidean space  $V$  and  $v \in V$ . Then

$$\|v - \text{pr}_U(v)\| \leq \|v - w\|, \quad \forall w \in U,$$

and the "=" holds  $\Leftrightarrow w = \text{pr}_U(v)$ .

Among all the vector in the subspace  $U$ , the vector  $\text{pr}_U(v)$  is the closet vector to  $v$ .

## Finding orthogonal projection

### Định lý

If  $S = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$  is an orthogonal basis for the subspace  $U$  of  $V$  then for every  $v \in V$ , we have

$$\text{pr}_U(v) = \frac{\langle v, u_1 \rangle}{\langle u_1, u_1 \rangle} u_1 + \frac{\langle v, u_2 \rangle}{\langle u_2, u_2 \rangle} u_2 + \dots + \frac{\langle v, u_k \rangle}{\langle u_k, u_k \rangle} u_k.$$

In particular, if  $S$  is an orthonormal basis for  $U$  then

$$\text{pr}_U(v) = \langle v, u_1 \rangle u_1 + \langle v, u_2 \rangle u_2 + \dots + \langle v, u_k \rangle u_k.$$

### Particular case

If  $U = \text{span}\{u\}$  where  $u \neq 0$ , then we also call the orthogonal projection of  $v$  onto  $U$  as the orthogonal projection of  $v$  onto the vector  $u$ , and we have

$$\text{pr}_u(v) := \text{pr}_U(v) = \frac{\langle v, u \rangle}{\langle u, u \rangle} u$$

### Example

In  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with the standard inner product, consider  $U = \text{span}\{v_1 = (1, 2, 2), v_2 = (1, 1, 0)\}$  and  $v = (1, 1, 3)$ . Find  $\text{pr}_U(v)$ .

Using Gram-Schmidt process on the basis  $\{w_1, w_2\}$  for  $U$ , we find an orthonormal basis for  $U$ :

$$u_1 = \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$$
$$u_2 = \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}\right)$$

Hence

$$\text{pr}_U(v) = \langle v, u_1 \rangle u_1 + \langle v, u_2 \rangle u_2 = \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{5}{3}, \frac{8}{3}\right).$$

**Solution 2:**

- Let  $u = \text{pr}_U(v)$ . Then  $u \in U$  and  $v - u \perp U$ .
- Since  $u \in U$ , one has  $u = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2$ , for some  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- We have  $v - u \perp U \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} v - u \perp v_1 \\ v - u \perp v_2 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \langle v - u, v_1 \rangle = 0 \\ \langle v - u, v_2 \rangle = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \langle v, v_1 \rangle = \langle u, v_1 \rangle \\ \langle v, v_2 \rangle = \langle u, v_2 \rangle \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow$   

$$\begin{cases} c_1 \langle v_1, v_1 \rangle + c_2 \langle v_2, v_1 \rangle = \langle v, v_1 \rangle \\ c_1 \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle + c_2 \langle v_2, v_2 \rangle = \langle v, v_2 \rangle \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 9c_1 + 3c_2 = 9 \\ 3c_1 + 2c_2 = 2 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 = 4/3 \\ c_2 = -1 \end{cases}$$
- Thus  $u = \frac{4}{3}(1, 2, 2) + (-1)(1, 1, 0) = (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{5}{3}, \frac{8}{3})$ .

## Another way to find orthogonal projections (optional)

- Let  $V$  be a Euclidean space. Suppose that  $U = \text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  is a subspace of  $V$ .
- Let  $v \in V$ . Set  $u = \text{pr}_U(v)$ . Write  $u = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k$ .
- Then  $(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k)$  is a solution of the system

$$\begin{cases} \langle v_1, v_1 \rangle c_1 + \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle c_2 + \dots + \langle v_1, v_k \rangle c_k &= \langle v, v_1 \rangle \\ \langle v_2, v_1 \rangle c_1 + \langle v_2, v_2 \rangle c_2 + \dots + \langle v_2, v_k \rangle c_k &= \langle v, v_2 \rangle \\ \vdots & \\ \langle v_k, v_1 \rangle c_1 + \langle v_k, v_2 \rangle c_2 + \dots + \langle v_k, v_k \rangle c_k &= \langle v, v_k \rangle \end{cases}$$

## Another way to find orthogonal projections (matrix form, optional)

Use the same notation as in the previous slide.

Furthermore, we fix an orthonormal basis  $\mathcal{E}$  for  $V$ . For simplicity, we use  $[u]$  to denote the column vector  $[u]_{\mathcal{E}}$  (the coordinate of  $u \in V$  relative  $\mathcal{E}$ ).

- Let  $A$  be the column coordinate matrix of the set  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  relative to  $\mathcal{E}$ .
- Set  $[u] := x = [c_1 \cdots c_k]^T$ . Then  $x$  satisfies the system

$$A^T A x = A^T [v].$$

- Solve  $x$  from the above system, and we find  $u = c_1 v_1 + \cdots + c_k v_k$ .
- In the case that  $S$  is a basis for  $U$  then  $A^T A$  is invertible and

$$[u] = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T [v].$$

**Remark:** When  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$  with the standard inner product, we usually use the standard basis  $\mathcal{E}$ .

**Example:** In  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with the standard inner product, consider  $U = \text{span}\{v_1 = (1, 2, 2), v_2 = (1, 1, 0)\}$  and  $v = (1, 1, 3)$ . Find  $\text{pr}_U(v)$ .

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ The system } A^T A x = A^T [v] \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4/3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

## Some exercises

- (CK20181) Consider the system 
$$\begin{cases} x_1 - x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 - 2x_4 = 0 \\ -x_1 + (m-3)x_2 - 3x_3 + 7x_4 = m \end{cases}, \quad (m \text{ is a parameter}).$$
  - c) When  $m = 0$ , the set of solutions of the system is a subspace  $U$  of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Find the dimension and a basis of  $U$ .
  - d) In  $\mathbb{R}^4$  with the standard inner product, find the orthogonal projection of  $v = (4, 5, -6, -9)$  onto the subspace  $U$  in part c.
- (CK20181-N2) In  $\mathbb{R}^4$  with the standard inner product, consider the vectors  $v_1 = (1, 1, 2, -1)$ ,  $v_2 = (1, 2, 1, 1)$ ,  $v_3 = (3, 4, 5, -1)$ . Let  $V = \text{span}\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ .
  - a) Find the dimension and a basis of  $V$ .
  - b) Find the orthogonal projection of  $v = (4, 1, 0, 4)$  onto  $V$ .
- (CK20181-N3) In  $\mathbb{R}^5$  with the standard inner product, consider the vectors  $v_1 = (-1, 1, 1, -1, -1)$ ,  $v_2 = (2, 1, 4, -4, 2)$ ,  $v_3 = (5, -4, -3, 7, 1)$ . Let  $V$  be the subspace spanned by  $v_1, v_2, v_3$ .
  - a) Find an orthogonal basis for  $V$ .
  - b) Find the orthogonal projection of  $v = (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$  onto  $V$ .

- (CK20171) Consider the linear map  $f: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by  $f(x, y, z, s) = (x + 2y + z - 3s, 2x + 5y + 4z - 5s, x + 4y + 5z - s)$ .
  - a) Find the dimension and a basis for  $\ker f$ .
  - b) In  $\mathbb{R}^4$  with the standard inner product, consider  $u = (1, 0, 1, 0)$ . Find  $w \in \ker f$  such that  $\|u - w\| \leq \|u - v\|$ , for every  $v \in \ker f$ .
  - c) Add more vectors into the basis for  $\ker f$  founded in part (a) so that the new set is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
- (CK20171) Trong không gian véc tơ  $\mathbb{R}^4$  trang bị tích vô hướng chính tắc, cho  $V_1 = \text{span}\{v_1 = (1, 2, 3, 1), v_2 = (1, 3, 3, 2)\}$ ,  $V_2 = \text{span}\{v_3 = (1, 2, 5, 3), v_4 = (1, 3, 4, 3)\}$ . Hãy tìm một cơ sở trực chuẩn của  $V_1 + V_2$ . Tìm hình chiếu của véc tơ  $w = (1, 1, 2, 0)$  lên  $V_1 + V_2$ .
- (CK20171-N2) In  $\mathbb{R}^4$  with the standard inner product, consider vectors  $v_1 = (1, 0, -1, 0)$ ,  $v_2 = (1, -2m, m, 1)$ ,  $v_3 = (1, 1, 1, 0)$ .
  - a) Find  $m$  such that  $v_1, v_2$  are orthogonal, and with such  $m$  prove that  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is linearly independent.
  - b) For  $m$  founded in part (a), find the orthogonal projection of  $u = (0, 2, 1, -1)$  onto the subspace  $\text{span}\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ .



- (CK20161) In  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with the standar inner product, consider the vectors  $u_1 = (1, 1, 0)$ ,  $u_2 = (1, 2, 1)$ ,  $u_3 = (3, 4, 1)$ ,  $v = (2, 2, 3)$  and let  $H = \text{span}\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ .
  - a) Find an orthonormal basis for  $H$ .
  - b) Find the orthogonal projection of  $v$  onto  $H$ .
- (CK20161-No7) In  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with the standar inner product, consider the vectors  $u = (1, 2, -1)$ ,  $v = (-5, -2, 3)$ ,  $u_3 = (3, 4, 1)$  and let  $H = \{z \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid z \perp u\}$ .
  - a) Find an orthonormal basis for  $H$ .
  - b) Find the orthogonal projection of  $v$  onto  $H$ .
- (CK20193) In  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with the standar inner product, consider  $W = \text{span}\{(0, 1, 2), (3, 4, 5), (6, 7, 8)\}$ .
  - a) Find an orthonormal basis fo  $W$ .
  - b) Find the orthogonal projection of  $u = (3, 1, 5)$  onto  $W$ .

# Orthogonal matrix

## Definition

Matrix  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$  is said to be *orthogonal* if  $A^T A = I_n$ .

**Example :**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$  is an orthogonal matrix.

## Proposition

Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ . The following conditions are equivalent.

- ❶  $A$  is an orthogonal matrix.
- ❷  $A$  is invertible and  $A^{-1} = A^T$ .
- ❸ The columns of  $A$  form an orthonormal basis for  $M_{n \times 1}(\mathbb{R})$  (with the standard inner product).
- ❹ The rows of  $A$  form an orthonormal basis for  $M_{1 \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  (with the standard inner product).

### Proposition

Let  $V$  be a Euclidean space. Let  $P$  be the transition matrix from an orthonormal basis  $\mathcal{B}$  to a basis  $\mathcal{B}'$  for  $V$ . Then  $P$  is an orthogonal matrix if and only if  $\mathcal{B}'$  is an orthonormal basis.

In particular: the transition matrix from an orthonormal basis  $\mathcal{B}$  to an orthonormal basis is an orthogonal matrix.

# Orthogonal diagonalization

## Problem

Let  $A$  be a square matrix. Does there exist an orthogonal matrix  $P$  such that  $P^{-1}AP (= P^TAP) = D$  is a diagonal matrix?

If such an orthogonal matrix  $P$  exists then we say that  $A$  is *orthogonally diagonalizable*. We also say that  $P$  orthogonally diagonalizes  $A$ . The process of finding an orthogonal matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  satisfying that  $P^{-1}AP = D$  is called the orthogonal diagonalization of matrix  $A$ .

s

## Theorem (Condition for orthogonal diagonalization)

A square matrix  $A$  of size  $n \times n$  is orthogonally diagonalizable if and only if  $A$  has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors which form an orthonormal basis for  $M_{n \times 1}(\mathbb{R})$  (with the standard inner product).

# Symmetric matrices - orthogonally diagonalizable matrices

## Theorem

Let  $A$  be a real symmetric matrix of order  $n$ . The following statements are true.

- $A$  has  $n$  real eigenvalue (counted with multiplicities).
- Two eigenvectors  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  with respect to distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are orthogonal (with the standard inner product).
- If  $\lambda_i$  is an eigenvalue with multiplicity  $m_i$  (viewed as a root of the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ ) then  $\dim E_{\lambda_i} = m_i$ .

## Theorem

Matrix  $A$  is orthogonally diagonalizable if and only if  $A$  is a (real) symmetric matrix.

# Steps for orthogonally diagonalizing a symmetric matrix

Let  $A$  be a real symmetric  $n \times n$ .

- 1 Solve the equation  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$  (\*) to find the eigenvalues of  $A$  together with their multiplicities.
- 2 For each eigenvalue  $\lambda$  find an orthonormal basis for the eigenspace  $E_\lambda$ .
- 3 Take the union of all bases for eigenspaces founded in the previous step, we obtain an orthonormal basis consisting of  $n$  eigenvectors.

Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be these  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors with corresponding eigenvalues  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ .

- 4 Let  $P = [u_1 u_2 \cdots u_n]$  be the  $n \times n$  matrix whose columns are  $u_1, \dots, u_n$ . Then  $P$  orthogonally diagonalizes  $A$  and

$$P^{-1}AP = \text{diag}[\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n] = D.$$

## Example

Orthogonally diagonalize the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \\ -2 & 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- The characteristic equation:  $0 = \det(A - \lambda I_3) = -(\lambda - 3)^2(\lambda + 6)$ .
- Eigenvalues  $\lambda = -6$  (with multiplicity 1) and  $\lambda = 3$  (with multiplicity 2).
- For  $\lambda = -6$ : Solve the system  $(A + 6I_3)x = 0$ , and we find an eigenvector  $v_1 = [1 \ -2 \ 2]^T$ .  
 Normalize this vector, we obtain a vector of length 1:  $u_1 = [\frac{1}{3} \ \frac{-2}{3} \ \frac{2}{3}]^T$  and  $\{u_1\}$  is an orthonormal basis for the eigenspace  $E_{\lambda=-6}$ .
- For  $\lambda = 3$ : Solve the system  $(A - 3I_3)x = 0$ , and we find a basis for  $E_{\lambda=3}$  consisting of two linearly independent eigenvectors  $v_2 = [2 \ 1 \ 0]^T$ ,  $v_3 = [-2 \ 0 \ 1]^T$ . The set  $\{v_2, v_3\}$  is not orthonormal. We apply Gram-Schmidt process on this set:

$$w_2 = v_2 = [2 \ 1 \ 0]^T$$

$$w_3 = v_3 - \frac{\langle v_3, w_2 \rangle}{\langle w_2, w_2 \rangle} w_2 = [-\frac{2}{5} \ \frac{4}{5} \ 1]^T$$

$$u_2 = \frac{w_2}{\|w_2\|} = [\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \ 0]^T, \quad u_3 = \frac{w_3}{\|w_3\|} = [\frac{-2}{3\sqrt{5}} \ \frac{4}{3\sqrt{5}} \ \frac{5}{3\sqrt{5}}]^T.$$

We obtain an orthonormal basis  $\{u_2, u_3\}$  for  $E_{\lambda=3}$ .

Use  $u_1, u_2, u_3$  to form the orthogonal matrix  $P$ , we have

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{2}{3\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{4}{3\sqrt{5}} \\ -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{5}{3\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$



## 5.2.1. Quadratic forms

## 5.2.2. Reduction of quadratic forms