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Orthogonal Projections and Orthonormal Bases

Def a) $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are orthogonal if $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 0$

b) $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ has length $\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}}$ \uparrow $v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_n^2$
 $= \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_n^2}$

c) \vec{u} is a unit vector if $\|\vec{u}\| = 1$.

d) $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is orthogonal to a subspace V of \mathbb{R}^n
if $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$ for all $\vec{v} \in V$.

Consequence If subspace V has basis $\mathcal{B} = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m\}$,
then \vec{x} is orthogonal to $V \iff \vec{x} \cdot \vec{v}_i = 0$ for all $1 \leq i \leq m$.

Recall $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \rightsquigarrow \vec{u} = \frac{1}{\|\vec{v}\|} \vec{v}$ is a unit vector.

Def Vectors $\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_n$ in \mathbb{R}^n are orthonormal if

$$\vec{u}_i \cdot \vec{u}_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \|\vec{u}_i\| = 1 \\ \vec{u}_i \text{ and } \vec{u}_j \text{ are orthogonal if } i \neq j \end{array} \right)$$

Ex a) $\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n$ are orthonormal since

$$\vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{e}_i = \sqrt{0^2 + 0^2 + \dots + 1^2 + 0^2 + \dots + 0^2} = 1$$
$$\vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{e}_j = 0 \quad \text{if } i \neq j \quad \uparrow \text{ } i\text{th}$$

b)

$$\vec{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1/2 \\ \sqrt{3}/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3}/2 \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

are orthonormal since

$$\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_1 = \sqrt{3}/2 \cdot \sqrt{3}/2 + 1/2 \cdot 1/2 = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = 1$$

$$\vec{u}_2 \cdot \vec{u}_2 = (-1/2) \cdot (-1/2) + (\sqrt{3}/2)^2 = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4} = 1$$

$$\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_2 = \sqrt{3}/2 \cdot (-1/2) + 1/2 \cdot (\sqrt{3}/2) = 0$$

In fact, $\vec{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}$ & $\vec{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$ are orthonormal for any θ .

Thm a) Orthonormal vectors are linearly independent.

b) If $\{\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_n\}$ are orthonormal vectors in \mathbb{R}^n , then they form a basis of \mathbb{R}^n .

Orthogonal Projections

For $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and a subspace V of \mathbb{R}^n , then

we can write $\vec{x} = \vec{x}^{\parallel} + \vec{x}^{\perp}$ such that

$$\vec{x}^{\parallel} \in V \text{ and } \vec{x}^{\perp} \text{ is orthogonal to } V.$$

Such a decomposition is unique.

We call \vec{x}^{\parallel} the orthogonal projection of \vec{x} onto V .

Denote this as $\text{proj}_V \vec{x}$. Note $\text{proj}_V: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a linear transformation

Thm If V has an orthonormal basis $\{\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_n\}$, then

$$\vec{x}^{\parallel} = \text{proj}_V(\vec{x}) = (\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{x})\vec{u}_1 + (\vec{u}_2 \cdot \vec{x})\vec{u}_2 + \dots + (\vec{u}_n \cdot \vec{x})\vec{u}_n$$

for all $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Eg a) Project $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ onto $V = x\text{-}y \text{ plane}$

$$= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Orthonormal basis

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then, } \text{proj}_V(\vec{x}) &= (\vec{e}_1 \cdot \vec{x})\vec{e}_1 + (\vec{e}_2 \cdot \vec{x})\vec{e}_2 \\ &= 3\vec{e}_1 + 2\vec{e}_2 \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$b) V = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}. \text{ Find } \text{proj}_V \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 Not orthonormal!

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 &= 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot (-1) + 0 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 0 \\ &= 1 - 1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1 &= 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 + (-1) \cdot (-1) \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = 3$$

$\vec{u}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\vec{v}_1$, $\vec{u}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\vec{v}_2$ are unit vectors and $\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_2 = 0$ so $\{\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2\}$ is an orthonormal basis of V .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{proj}_V \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} &= (\vec{x} \cdot \vec{u}_1)\vec{u}_1 + (\vec{x} \cdot \vec{u}_2)\vec{u}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 0 + 4 \cdot (-1))\vec{u}_1 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot (-1) + 3 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 0)\vec{u}_2 \\ &= \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}\vec{u}_1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\vec{u}_2 \quad \vec{u}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 0 \\ -1/\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -1/3 \\ -1/3 \\ 0 \\ 1/3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2/3 \\ -2/3 \\ 2/3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/3 \\ -1 \\ 2/3 \\ 1/3 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequence For $\mathcal{B} = \{\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_n\}$ an orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^n , then

$$\vec{x} = (\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{x})\vec{u}_1 + \dots + (\vec{u}_n \cdot \vec{x})\vec{u}_n \text{ for all } \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

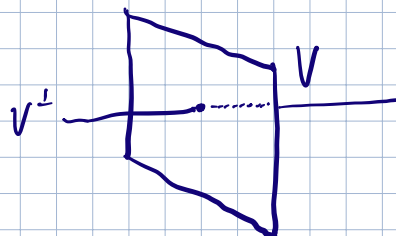
Upshot Easy to find coordinates for $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with respect to orthonormal basis $\mathcal{B} = \{\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_n\}$. I.e., \mathcal{B} orthonormal

$$[\vec{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{x} \cdot \vec{u}_1 \\ \vec{x} \cdot \vec{u}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{x} \cdot \vec{u}_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

For $\text{proj}_V: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $\text{im}(\text{proj}_V) = V$
 What is $\ker(\text{proj}_V)$?

Def For subspace V of \mathbb{R}^n , the orthogonal complement of V is $V^\perp = \{ \vec{x} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \text{ such that } \vec{x} \cdot \vec{v} = 0 \text{ for all } \vec{v} \text{ in } V \}$.

Thus, $\ker(\text{proj}_V) = V^\perp$

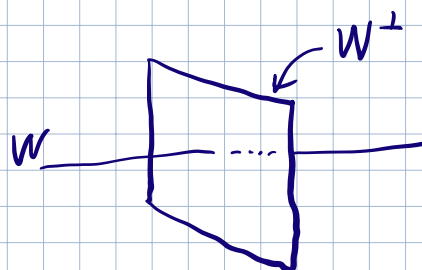


Thm a) V^\perp is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n since $\ker(\text{proj}_V) = V^\perp$.

b) $V \cap V^\perp = \{ \vec{0} \}$ [bc $\vec{0}$ is the only vector orthogonal to itself]

c) By rank-nullity on $T = \text{proj}_V: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$,
 $\dim(V) + \dim(V^\perp) = n$

d) $(V^\perp)^\perp = V$.



Question How to construct an orthonormal basis?

