

# Today: The projection formula

Vector space: a bunch of things where you can add them, multiply by scalars.

Subspace: a subset of a vector space closed under addition, scalar mult.

inner product: a rule like dot product, but for a different vector space

$$\text{ex } \langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b fg \, dx$$

basis: A (probably finite) list of vectors that can be combined to make any other vector. (no "redundancy")

$$\text{Ex } W = \{ \text{polynomials of deg} \leq 2 \} \quad 1, x, x^2$$

$$\text{or } x^2+1, x+1, x^2+x$$

(many possibilities for basis!)

$W =$  all polynomials, no restriction of degree:

$$1, x, x^2, x^3, x^4, x^5, \dots^*$$

$$W = 2 \times 2 \text{ symmetric matrices } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 7 \\ 7 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\dim=3 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\dim=4 \rightarrow 2 \times 2 \text{ matrices: } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{eg. } \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -5 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 4 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + (-5) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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dimension of subspace = # of vectors in a basis

Problem  $V$  a vector space with an inner product

$W$  a subspace

$v \in V$  a vector, maybe not in  $W$ .

minimize  
 $\|v-w\|$

key problem  $\rightarrow$  how to find vector in  $W$  as close as possible to  $v$ ?  
 $\swarrow$  ignore this dot

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Def A basis  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is orthonormal

if 1)  $\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = 0$  if  $i \neq j$  (basis vectors are orthogonal)  
for any  $i, j$

2)  $\|v_i\| = 1$  i.e.  $\langle v_i, v_i \rangle = 1$ . (length 1)

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# Examples

$$V = \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$W = (xy\text{-plane}) = \{ (x, y, 0) \}.$$

orthonormal basis for  $W$ ?  $(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0)$

not unique! another is  $(-1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0)$

another is  $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0\right), \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0\right)$

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 $\sqrt{2}$  stuff is to make length 1.

non-orthonormal basis:  $(2, 0, 0), (0, 2, 0)$

length not 1!

$V = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  polynomials, any degree.

$W =$  polynomials of degree  $\leq 1$ .  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 fg \, dx$

orthonormal basis for  $W$ ?

A basis is  $1, x$ . (let's check if orthonormal)

then adjust it if not.

$$\langle 1, 1 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 1 \cdot 1 \, dx = 2 \quad \text{so } \|1\| = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\langle 1, x \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 1 \cdot x \, dx = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\langle x, x \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 \, dx = \frac{2}{3} \quad \|x\| = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$$

length not 1!  
not orthonormal

To make orthonormal: make lengths = 1!

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} x \leftarrow$  orthonormal basis.

$$\int \underset{u}{x} \underset{dv}{\sin x} dx = (-x \cos x) - \int (-\cos x) dx$$

$$= \cancel{-x \cos x} \cancel{+ \cos x} = -x \cos x + \sin x$$

$$u = x \quad v = -\cos x$$

$$du = dx \quad dv = \sin x dx$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} x \sin x dx = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \int_{-1}^1 x \sin x dx$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} (-x \cos x + \sin x) \Big|_{-1}^1$$

$$= \left[ \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} (-\cos 1 + \sin 1) \right] - \left[ \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} (\cos(-1) + \sin(-1)) \right]$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \cdot (-2 \cos 1 + 2 \sin 1)$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \cdot 2 (\sin 1 - \cos 1) = \sqrt{6} (\sin 1 - \cos 1)$$

Solution Find orthonormal basis for  $W$  (how?)  
 $e_1, \dots, e_n$ .

The vector in  $W$  closest to a given  $v$  is

$$\underbrace{\langle v, e_1 \rangle}_{\text{a number}} \underbrace{e_1}_{\text{a vector}} + \langle v, e_2 \rangle e_2 + \dots + \langle v, e_n \rangle e_n$$

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Ex. What vector in  $\overbrace{xy\text{-plane}}^W$  is closest to

$$\underbrace{(5, 7, -2)}_v?$$

Sol. Basis:  $(\overset{e_1}{\underset{||}{1}}, 0, 0), (\overset{e_2}{\underset{||}{0}}, 1, 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle v, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \langle v, e_2 \rangle e_2 &= ((5, 7, -2) \cdot (1, 0, 0)) (1, 0, 0) \\ &\quad ((5, 7, -2) \cdot (0, 1, 0)) (0, 1, 0) \\ &= 5(1, 0, 0) + 7(0, 1, 0) = (5, 7, 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$(5, 7, -2)$$

Try a different Basis:  $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \overset{e_1}{\underset{''}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}}, 0\right) \quad \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \overset{e_2}{\underset{''}{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}}, 0\right)$

$$(5, 7, -2) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0\right) = \frac{12}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$(5, 7, -2) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0\right) = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

$$\text{Answer: } \frac{12}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0\right) - \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0\right)$$

$$= (6, 6, 0) - (1, -1, 0) = (5, 7, 0).$$



Find the linear function  $y = mx + b$

closest to  $y = \sin(x)$ , using  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 fg \, dx$ .

$V =$  all functions

$W =$  polynomials of degree  $\leq 1$

$$v = \sin(x)$$

Orthonormal basis for  $W$ :  $\overset{e_1}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}, \overset{e_2}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x}$

$$\langle v, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \langle v, e_2 \rangle e_2$$

$$\langle \sin(x), \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(x) \, dx = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{odd}$$

$$\langle \sin(x), \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x \cdot \sin x \, dx = \dots \overset{\text{parts}}{=} \sqrt{6}(\sin 1 - \cos 1)$$

Answer:

$$0 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \sqrt{6}(\sin 1 - \cos 1) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x = 3(\sin 1 - \cos 1)x$$

But how to find an orthonormal basis?

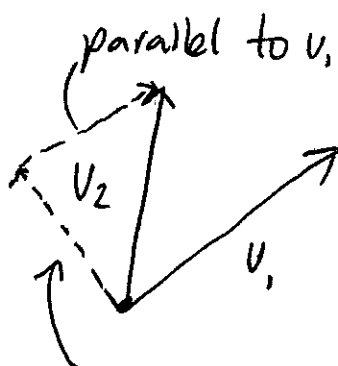
## Problem

Find an orthonormal basis for

$$W = \{(x, y, z) : x + y + z = 0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

Hint: start with a non-orthonormal basis and try to

fix it.  $v_1 = (1, -1, 0)$  } not orthonormal; how to  
 $v_2 = (1, 0, -1)$  } fix it?



take component of  $v_2$  perpendicular  
to  $v_1$ , use that as second basis

Step 1: Make  $v_1$  have length 1

$$v_1 = (1, -1, 0).$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \rightarrow e_1 = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0\right).$$

$$v_2 = (1, 0, -1) \text{ not orthogonal to } v_1 \text{ (or } e_1)$$

We want to make it orthogonal without leaving plane!

$$v_2 = \underbrace{\quad}_{\substack{\text{scalar} \\ \text{parallel to } e_1}} e_1 + \underbrace{f_2}_{\text{perpendicular to } e_1}$$

from old formula

$$\frac{\langle v_2, e_1 \rangle}{\langle e_1, e_1 \rangle} = \frac{(1, 0, -1) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0\right)}{1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

so  $\nearrow$  perpendicular part

$$f_2 = v_2 - (e_1 = (1, 0, -1) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0\right))$$
$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -1\right)$$

But  $f_2$  not length 1!

To get final answer  $e_2$ , normalize  $f_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} e_2 &= \frac{f_2}{\|f_2\|} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -1\right)}{\left\|\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -1\right)\right\|} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -1\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

# Gram-Schmidt Orthonormalization.

Starts with any basis  $v_1, \dots, v_n$



Ends with orthonormal basis  $e_1, \dots, e_n$

(then use in projection formula!)

1. Fix length of  $v_1$ :

$$e_1 = v_1 / \|v_1\|$$

2. Make  $v_2$  orthogonal to  $v_1$

$$f_2 = v_2 - \langle v_2, e_1 \rangle e_1$$

3. Fix length:

$$e_2 = f_2 / \|f_2\|$$

4. Make  $v_3$  perp to  $v_1, v_2$

$$f_3 = v_3 - \langle v_3, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \langle v_3, e_2 \rangle e_2$$

5. Fix length

$$e_3 = f_3 / \|f_3\|$$

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