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LARSON—MATH 610—CLASSROOM WORKSHEET 23
Projections in Inner Product Spaces.

Concepts & Notation

- (Chp. 5) *eigenvalue, eigenvector, invariant subspace, minimal polynomial,*
- (Chp. 8) *generalized eigenvector, Cayley-Hamilton Theorem.*
- (Chp. 6) *dot product, inner product, inner product space, norm, orthogonal representation, Cauchy-Schwartz, orthonormal list, Gram-Schmidt, orthogonal projection.*

1. What is the *orthogonal complement* of a set U in an inner product space V ?
2. For a subspace U of an inner product space V , what is the *orthogonal projection* operator P_U ?

6.55 Properties of the orthogonal projection P_U

Suppose U is a finite-dimensional subspace of V and $v \in V$. Then

- (a) $P_U \in \mathcal{L}(V)$;
- (b) $P_U u = u$ for every $u \in U$;
- (c) $P_U w = 0$ for every $w \in U^\perp$;
- (d) $\text{range } P_U = U$;
- (e) $\text{null } P_U = U^\perp$;
- (f) $v - P_U v \in U^\perp$;
- (g) $P_U^2 = P_U$;
- (h) $\|P_U v\| \leq \|v\|$;
- (i) for every orthonormal basis e_1, \dots, e_m of U ,

$$P_U v = \langle v, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \cdots + \langle v, e_m \rangle e_m.$$

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4. (**Minimizing the distance to a subspace**) Suppose U is a finite-dimensional subspace of V , $v \in V$, and $u \in U$. Then $\|v - P_U v\| \leq \|v - u\|$. Furthermore, the inequality above is an equality if and only if $u = P_U v$.

Linear Functionals and Riesz Representation Theorem

5. What is a *linear functional*?
6. What is the *Riesz Representation Theorem*?

Adjoint Operators

7. Let V, W be finite-dimensional inner product spaces and $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$. What is the *adjoint* T^* of T ?
8. Why does the adjoint exist?