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Quiz: 2)  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} r \\ 2s \\ 2r-1s \end{bmatrix}$   $W = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} r \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} r \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  when is  $\vec{v} \in W^\perp$ ?

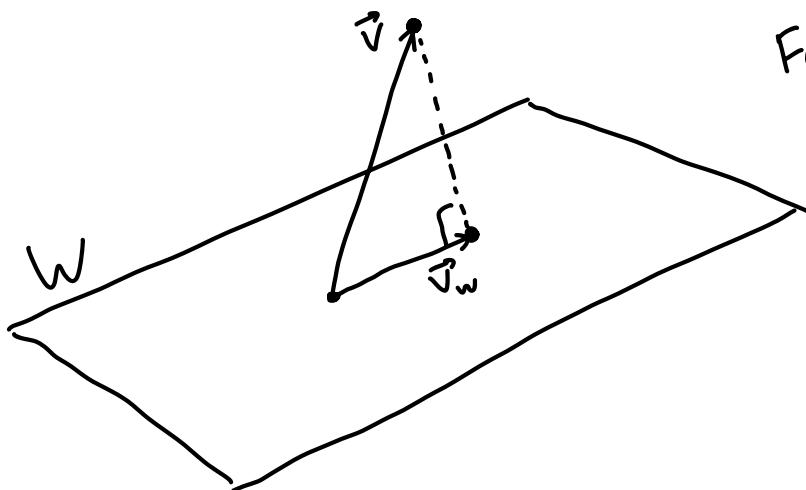
- could do  $W^\perp = \text{Nul}(A^T)$ ,  $W = \text{Col}(A)$   
 $A = [w_1, w_2]$

- easier to check  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}_1 = 0 = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}_2$

$\downarrow \quad \downarrow$   
 $r = \pm 5 \quad r = -5, 1 \quad \Rightarrow r = -5$

## Projection

Idea: have vector  $\vec{v}$ , subspace  $W$   
want to know: what point of  $W$  is closest to  $\vec{v}$ ?



Fact: closest point in  $W$  to  $\vec{v}$  is  $\vec{v}_w$ , where  
 $(v - v_w) \in W^\perp$

Goal: systematic way to find  $\vec{v}_w$

Fact: (HW)  $W \cap W^\perp = \{\vec{0}\}$

Cov: Let  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  subspace. Then  $\vec{v}$  can be written uniquely as  $\vec{v} = \vec{v}_w + \vec{v}_\perp$  where  $\vec{v} \in W$ ,  $\vec{v}_\perp \in W^\perp$

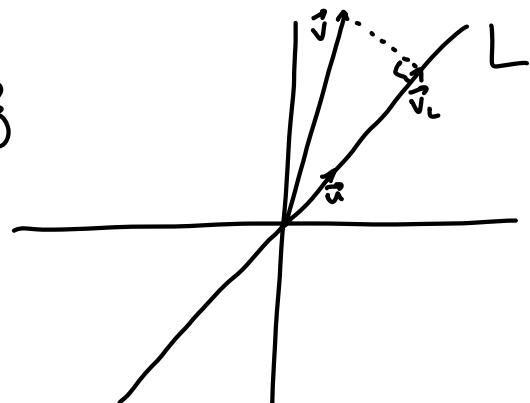
Def<sup>n</sup>:  $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  subspace. The decomposition  $\vec{v} = \vec{v}_w + \vec{v}_\perp$  is called the orthogonal decomposition of  $\vec{v}$  w.r.t.  $W$

Def<sup>n</sup>:  $\vec{v}_w$  is called the orthogonal projection of  $\vec{v}$  onto  $W$ .

(from Calc III:)

Projecting  $\vec{v}$  onto  $L = \text{span}\{\vec{u}\}$

$$\hookrightarrow \vec{v}_L = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{u}}{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}} \vec{u}$$



Q: How to do this when  $L$  is not a line?

Thm

Let  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $W = \text{Col}(A)$

Then  $\vec{b}_w = A\vec{c}$ , where  $\vec{c}$  is any solution to

the consistent system  $A^T A \vec{c} = A^T \vec{b}$

Recap: To project  $\vec{b}$  onto  $W$ :

1) find  $A$  w/  $\text{Col}(A) = W$

2) solve  $A^T A \vec{c} = A^T \vec{b}$  for  $\vec{c}$

3) answer is  $\vec{b}_w = A\vec{c}$

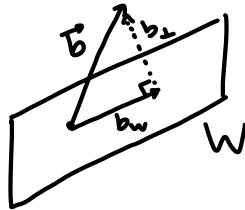
$$\underline{\text{Ex:}} \quad W = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{b}_w = ?$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^T A \vec{c} = A^T b \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & -\frac{7}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{8}{3} \end{array} \right] \quad \vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{7}{3} \\ \frac{8}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{b}_w = A \vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{7}{3} \\ \frac{8}{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{8}{3} \\ \frac{7}{3} \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{b}_\perp = \vec{b} - \vec{b}_w = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{array}{l} \text{check:} \\ \vec{b}_\perp \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \\ \vec{b}_\perp \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \end{array} \quad \therefore$$

Pf. write  $\vec{b} = \vec{b}_w + \vec{b}_\perp$ . since  $\vec{b}_w \in W$ , there is some  $\vec{c}$  with  $\vec{b}_w = A \vec{c}$ .

$$\vec{b} = \vec{b}_w + \vec{b}_\perp = A \vec{c} + \vec{b}_\perp, \text{ so}$$

$$A^T \vec{b} = A^T A \vec{c} + \underbrace{A^T \vec{b}_\perp}_{=0 \text{ (in Null space)}} = A^T A \vec{c} \quad \text{Thus, system has a solution.}$$

Now suppose  $A^T A \vec{c} = A^T \vec{b}$ .

$$\text{Then } A^T (A \vec{c} - \vec{b}) = 0 \text{ so } \vec{b} = A \vec{c} + (A \vec{c} - \vec{b})$$

$$\Rightarrow A \vec{c} = \vec{b}_w, \quad A \vec{c} - \vec{b} = \vec{b}_\perp$$

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$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \epsilon W \\ \vec{b} = A \vec{c} + (A \vec{c} - \vec{b}) \\ \downarrow \epsilon W^\perp \end{array}$$