

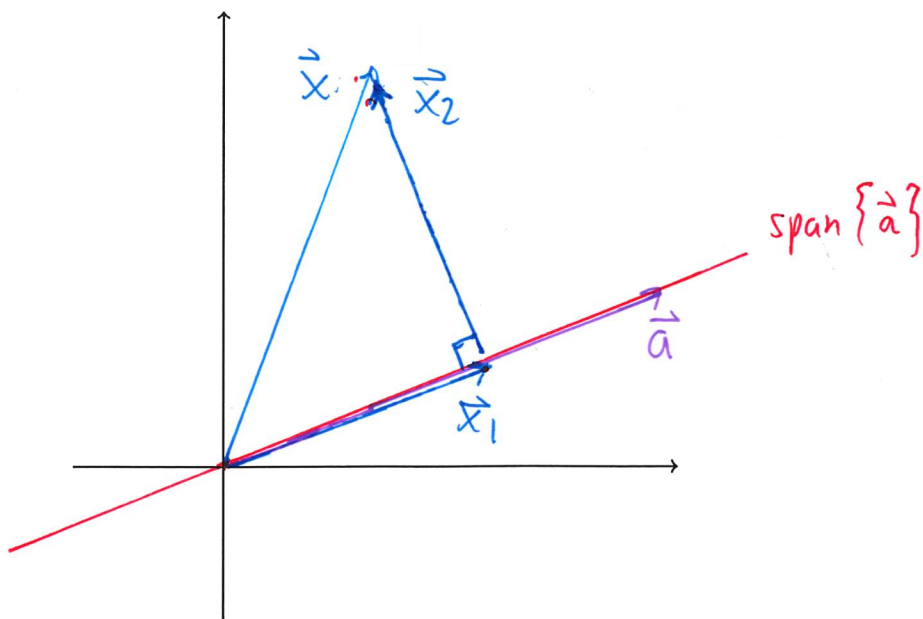
## Section ~~7.3-7.6~~<sup>7.7</sup> pre-lecture comments

### Lecture Outline

#### New terminology

1. (orthogonal) projection
2. vector component along  $\mathbf{a}$
3. vector component perpendicular to  $\mathbf{a}$

## Projection onto a line

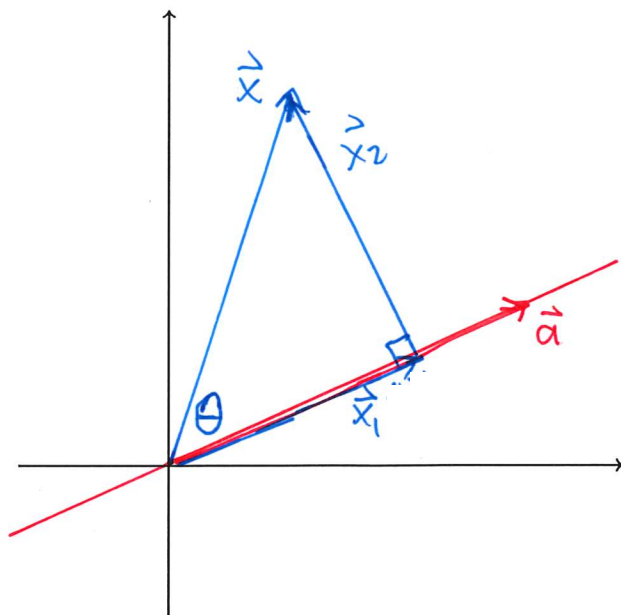


- ▶  $\vec{x}_1$  is the part of  $\vec{x}$  parallel to  $\vec{a}$ .
- ▶  $\vec{x}_2$  is the part of  $\vec{x}$  perpendicular to  $\vec{a}$ .

How do we find  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ ?

Assume that  $\theta < 90^\circ$  (the case  $\theta > 90^\circ$  is similar).

- We already know the direction of  $\mathbf{x}_1$ . *same direction as  $\vec{a}$*
- So we only need to find  $\|\mathbf{x}_1\|$ .



From definition of cosine:

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\|\vec{x}_1\|}{\|\vec{x}\|} \quad \left( \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}} \right)$$

From the dot product  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{x}$ :

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{x}}{\|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{x}\|}$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}_1\| = \|\vec{x}\| \cos \theta = \cancel{\|\vec{x}\|} \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{x}}{\|\vec{a}\| \cancel{\|\vec{x}\|}} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{x}}{\|\vec{a}\|} \quad \leftarrow \text{length of projection (scalar)}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \left( \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{x}}{\|\vec{a}\|} \right) \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\vec{a}}{\|\vec{a}\|}}_{\text{unit vector in direction of } \vec{a}} = \left( \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{x}}{\|\vec{a}\|^2} \right) \vec{a}$$

This is referred to as the (orthogonal) projection of  $\mathbf{x}$  onto  $\text{span}(\mathbf{a})$ .

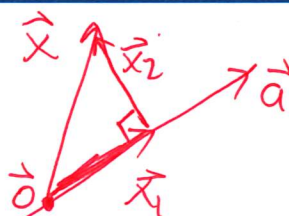
**Orthogonal projection** Let  $\mathbf{a}$  be a nonzero vector in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . For any vector  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , the (orthogonal) projection of  $\mathbf{x}$  onto  $\text{span}(\mathbf{a})$  is defined as:

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{x} = \left( \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|^2} \right) \mathbf{a}$$

►  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{x}$  is the **vector component of  $\mathbf{x}$  along  $\mathbf{a}$** .

►  $\mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{x} - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{x}$  is the **vector component of  $\mathbf{x}$  perpendicular to  $\mathbf{a}$** .

$$\vec{x} - \vec{x}_1$$



Ex: What are  $\mathbf{x}_1$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2$  for the following?

1)  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  (projection onto  $y = x$ )

$$1) \quad \vec{x}_1 = \left( \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{x}}{\|\vec{a}\|^2} \right) \vec{a} = \frac{7}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7/2 \\ 7/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 7/2 \\ 7/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3/2 \\ 3/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2) \quad \text{proj}_{\vec{a}} \vec{x} = \left( \frac{-2}{3} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 \\ -2/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{x}_1$$

$$\vec{x}_2 = \vec{x} - \vec{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 \\ -2/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ 11/3 \\ 13/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Projection matrix

**Standard matrix of a projection** For a vector  $\mathbf{a}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the standard matrix of  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{x}$  is the  $n \times n$  matrix:

$$A = \left( \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{a}\|^2} \right) \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^T$$

where  $\mathbf{a}$  is in column vector form and  $\mathbf{a}^T$  is in row vector form, multiplied together using matrix multiplication.

Ex: What is the standard matrix of projection along:

1)  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  (projection onto  $y = x$ )      2)  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

3)  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}$  (projection onto line of angle  $\theta$ )

1)  $A = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{a}\|^2} \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^T = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$

2)  $A = \frac{1}{14} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{14} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$

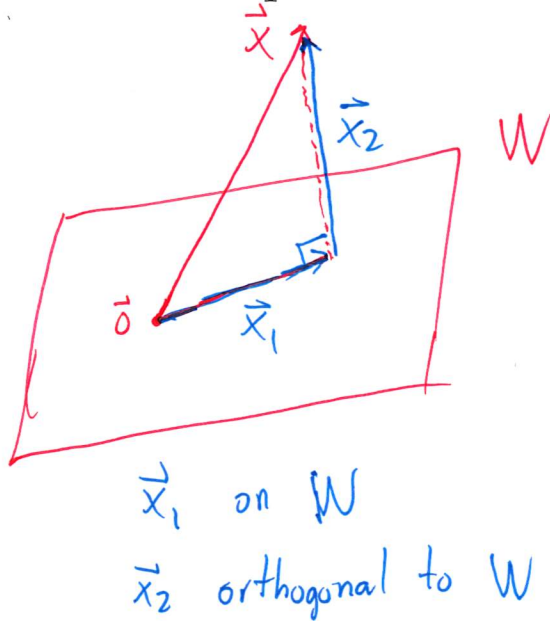
3)  $A = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \theta & \cos \theta \sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \sin \theta & \sin^2 \theta \end{bmatrix}$

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## Projections onto subspaces

Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . As before, we would like to project  $\mathbf{x}$  onto  $W$ .



$\vec{x}_1$  on  $W$

$\vec{x}_2$  orthogonal to  $W$

We can break  $\mathbf{x}$  into  $\mathbf{x} = \vec{x}_1 + \vec{x}_2$ , where  $\vec{x}_1$  is in  $W$  and  $\vec{x}_2$  is orthogonal to  $W$  (in  $W^\perp$ ).

To calculate  $\mathbf{x}$ , use the following result:

**Projection onto a subspace** Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^n$  and let  $M$  be any matrix whose column vectors form a basis for  $W$ . Then the (orthogonal) projection of  $\mathbf{x}$  onto  $W$  is defined as:

$$\text{proj}_W \mathbf{x} = \underbrace{M(M^T M)^{-1} M^T}_{A} \mathbf{x}$$

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Ex: Projection of  $\vec{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  onto the plane  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} s + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} t$

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

$$(M^T M)^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$A \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \dots = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4/3 \\ 2/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑ symmetric  
projection mtr  
is always  
symmetric