

HW2 Solution

3.3 The distance between two vectors \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} in an inner product space $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is defined as

$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) := \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \rangle}$$

a. The inner product is defined as dot product $\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{y}$

$$\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - (-1) \\ 2 - (-1) \\ 3 - 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sqrt{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})} = \sqrt{2 \times 2 + 3 \times 3 + 3 \times 3} = \sqrt{22}$$

b. The inner product is defined as $\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{y}$, $\mathbf{A} := \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})^\top \mathbf{A} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 8 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 47 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})^\top \mathbf{A} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})} = \sqrt{47}$$

3.8 Set $\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ as \mathbf{u}_1 of the orthogonal basis. Then project $\mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ onto \mathbf{u}_1 to find

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{b}_2 - \pi_{\text{span}[\mathbf{u}_1]}(\mathbf{b}_2)$$

First, note that \mathbf{b}_2 is projected onto a one-dimensional subspace spanned by \mathbf{u}_1 . Thus the projection can be represented as $\lambda \mathbf{u}_1$. Now \mathbf{u}_2 that is orthogonal to \mathbf{u}_1 can be found from the following inner product:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{b}_2 - \lambda \mathbf{u}_1 \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{b}_2 \rangle - \lambda \langle \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_1 \rangle \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

From the above inner product, λ is found to be

$$\lambda = \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{b}_2 \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_1 \rangle}$$

Using dot product as the inner product,

$$\lambda = \frac{\mathbf{u}_1^\top \mathbf{b}_2}{\|\mathbf{u}_1\|^2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

The second orthogonal basis vector \mathbf{u}_2 is

$$\mathbf{b}_2 - \lambda \mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4/3 \\ 5/3 \\ -1/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

To create an orthonormal basis C , $U = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$ has to be normalized.

$$\frac{\mathbf{u}_1}{\|\mathbf{u}_1\|} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3}/3 \\ \sqrt{3}/3 \\ \sqrt{3}/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{u}_2}{\|\mathbf{u}_2\|} = \frac{\sqrt{42}}{14} \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2\sqrt{42}/21 \\ 5\sqrt{42}/42 \\ -\sqrt{42}/42 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, ONB $C = (\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2)$ of U is

$$C = \left(\begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3}/3 \\ \sqrt{3}/3 \\ \sqrt{3}/3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2\sqrt{42}/21 \\ 5\sqrt{42}/42 \\ -\sqrt{42}/42 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$