

# Mathematics for Robotics (ROB-GY 6013 Section A)

- **Week 8:**
  - Gram-Schmidt Process
  - Projection Theorem

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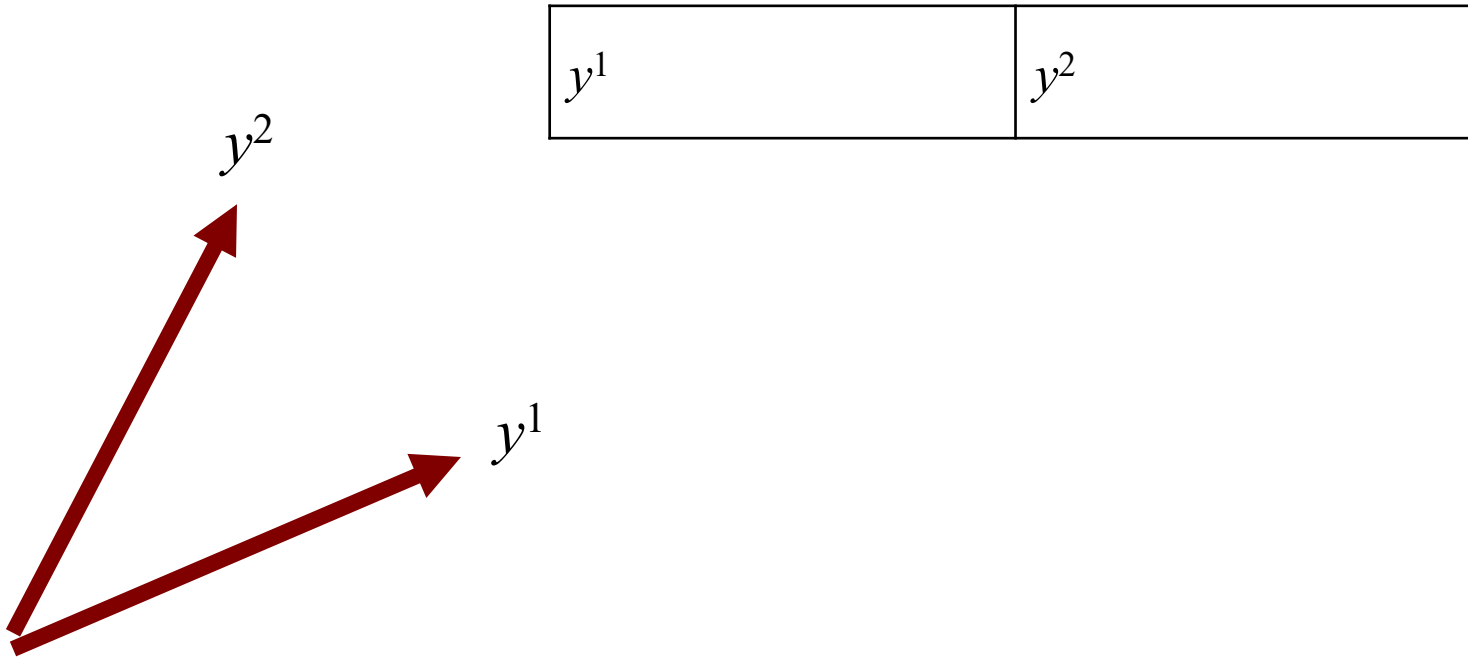
- As a tool for the QR algorithm for finding eigenvalues and proving other theorems

# Orthonormal basis

- Why look for an **orthonormal basis**?
  - Because the orthonormal basis is the “best” basis
    - Basis vectors are orthogonal and unit length (norm of one)  
(the natural basis is an orthonormal basis)
  - Orthonormal bases are not unique.
  - Gram-Schmidt Process is not the only method to find them.
    - (Householder's, etc.)

# Inspiration

- Given two vectors that are not perpendicular to each other:



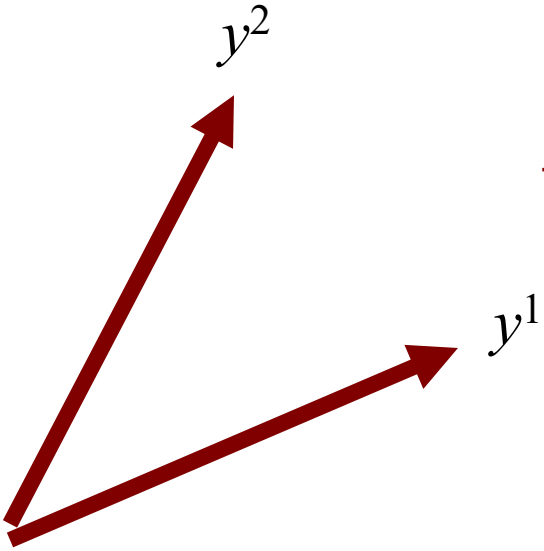


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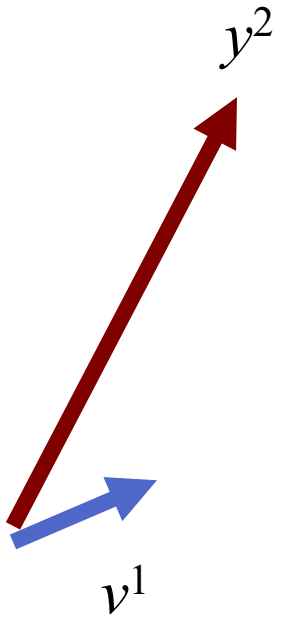
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**Note:** Think of the entries of the table as lines of code that update the vectors  $v^1$  and  $v^2$  rather than equations. In this step, here we are initializing  $v^1$  to be  $y^1$ .



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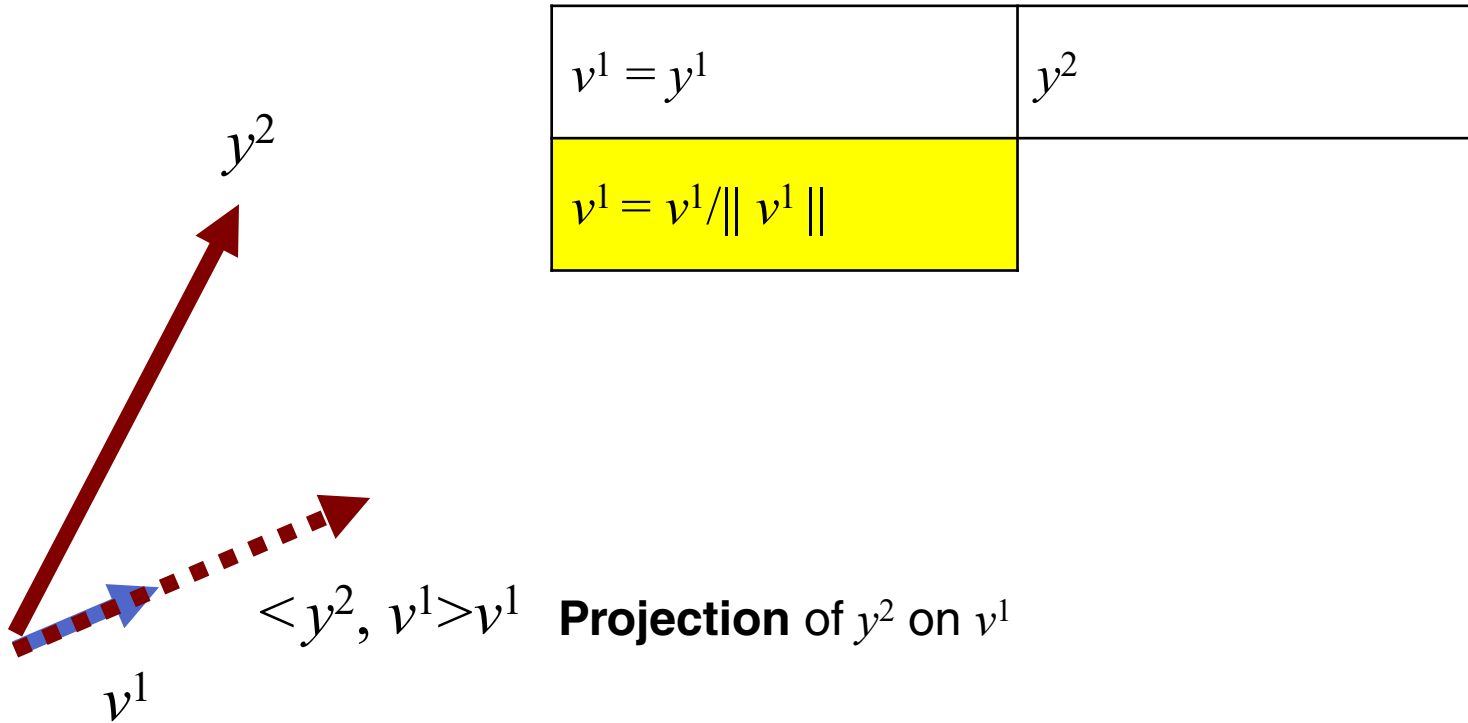
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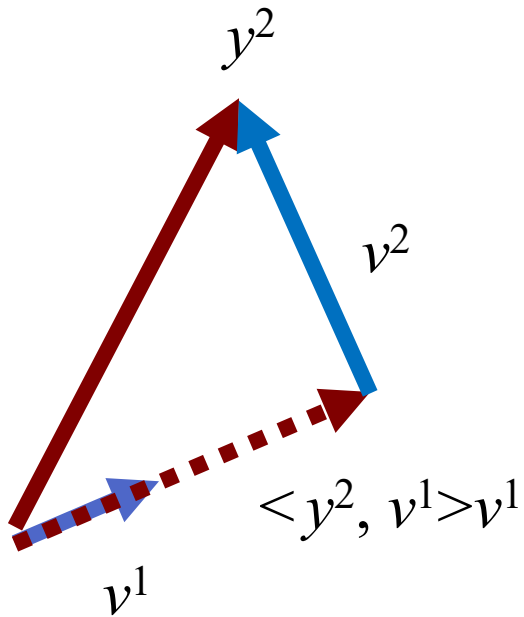
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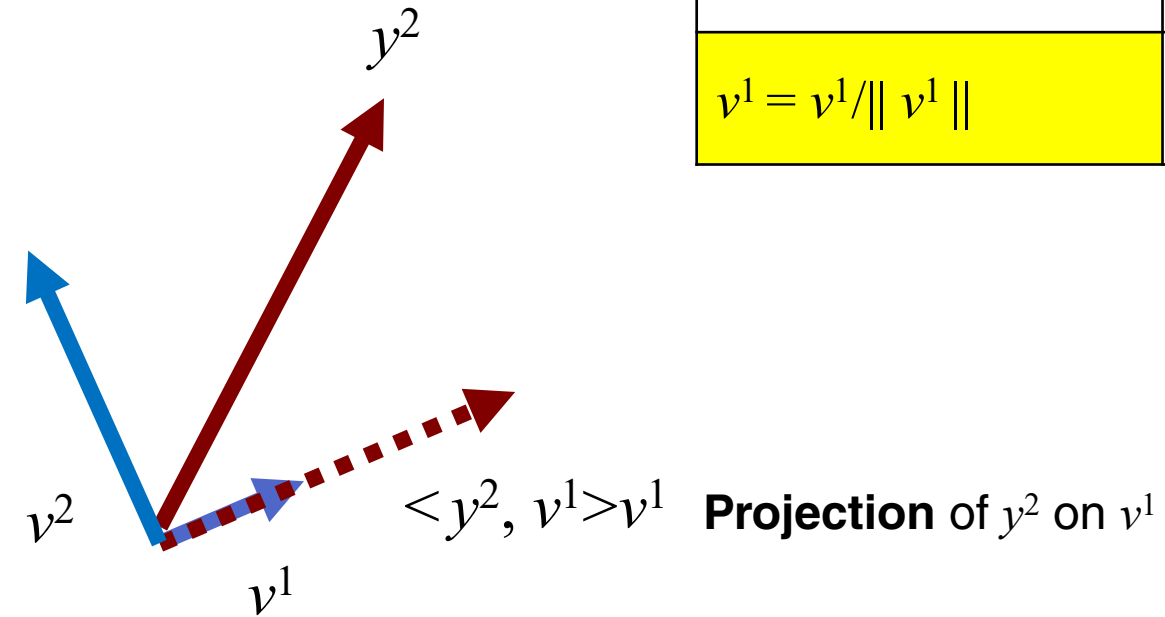
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**Projection** of  $y^2$  on  $v^1$

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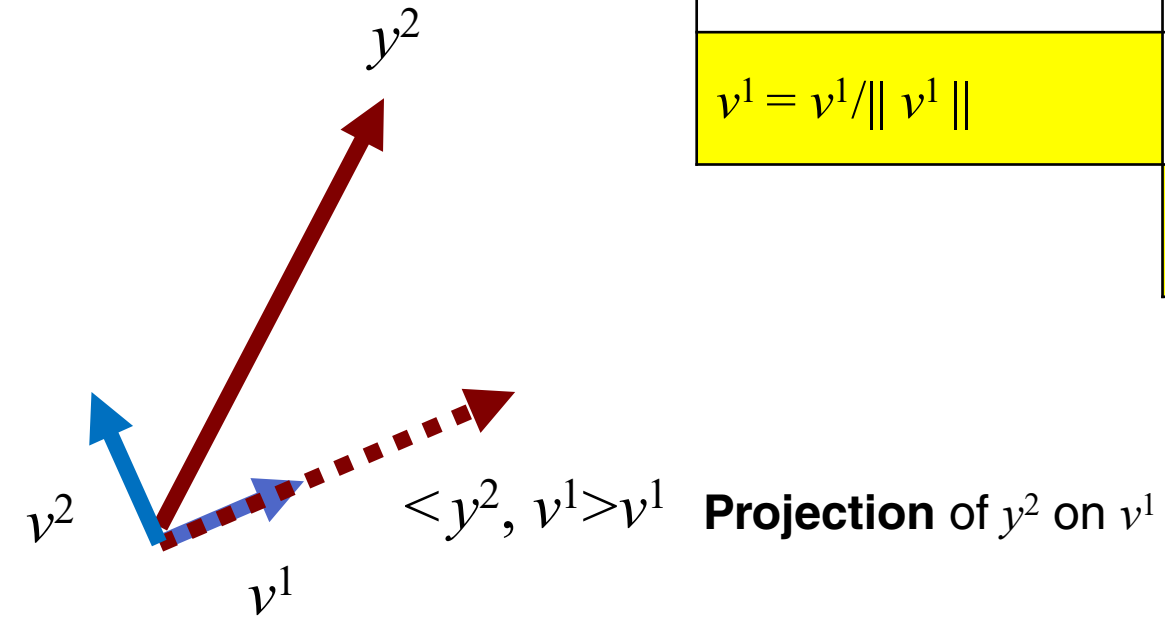
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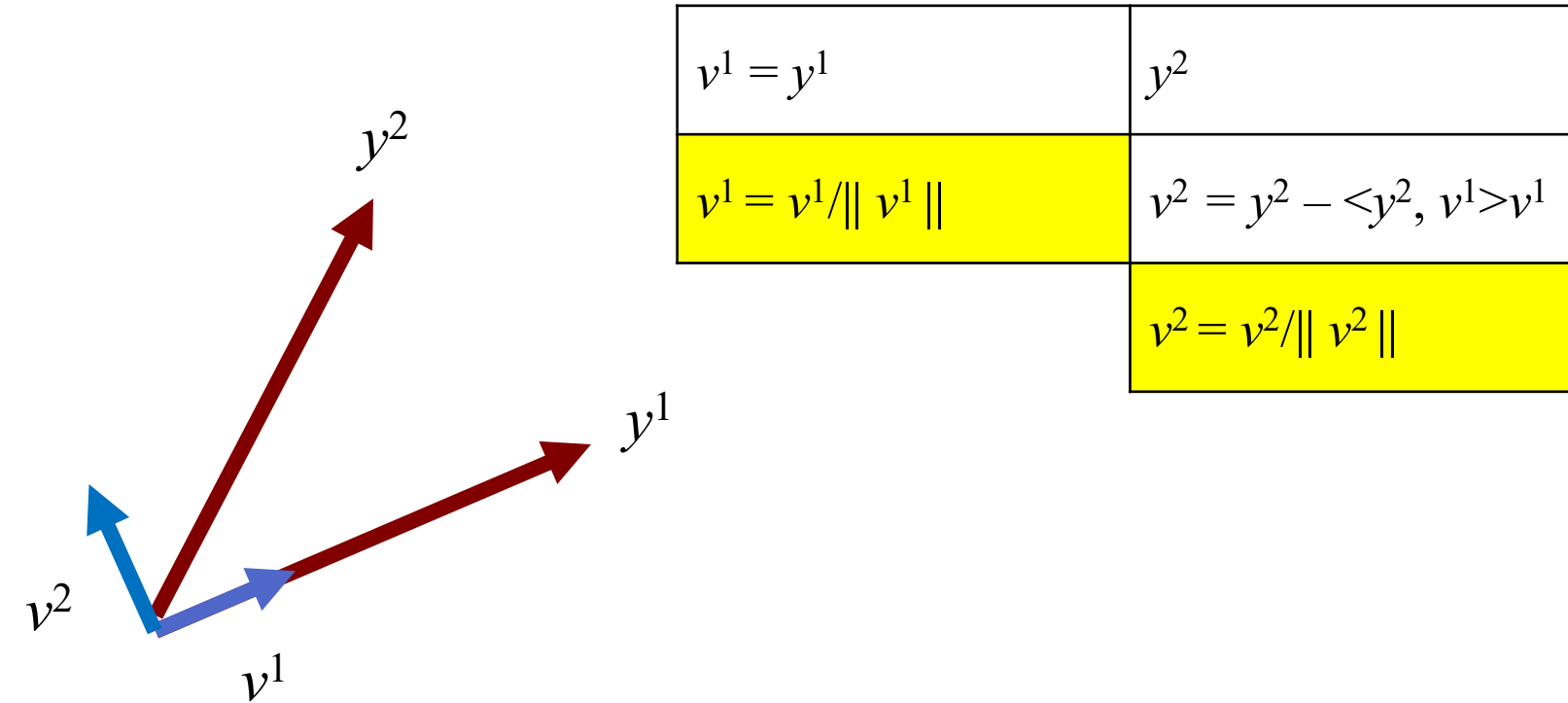
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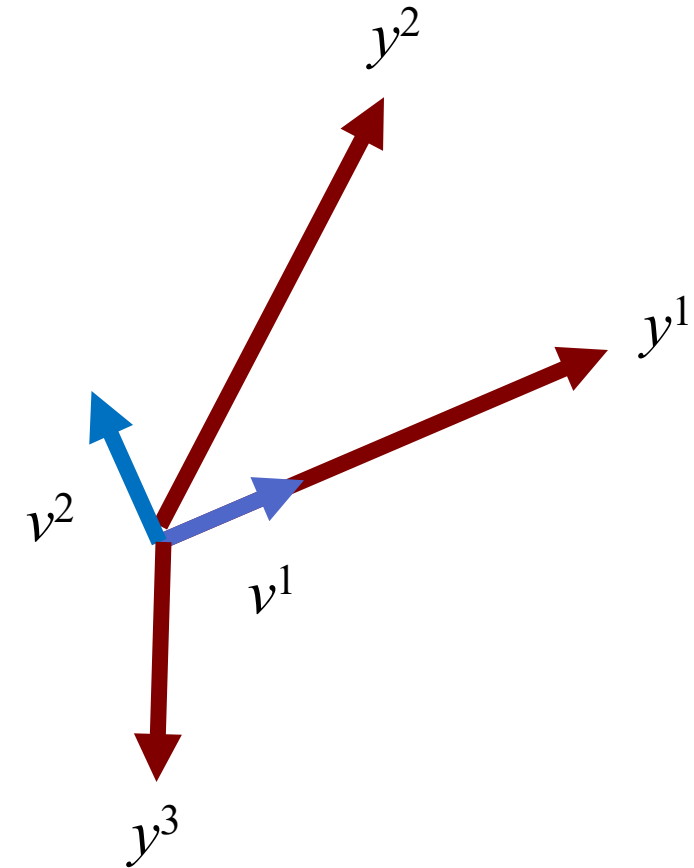
- Compare old linearly independent basis  $y$  with new orthonormal basis  $v$



# Classical Gram Schmidt Process

- Add a third vector

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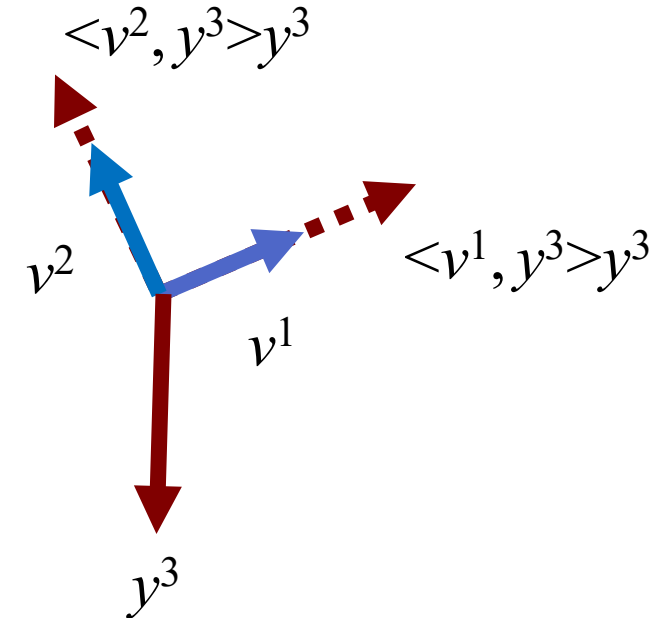




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- Orthogonalize  $y^3$  (subtract out **two** projections)

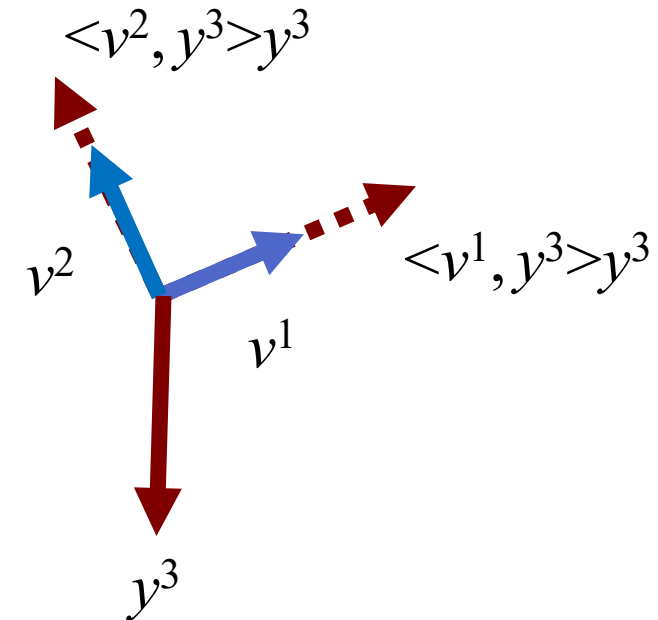
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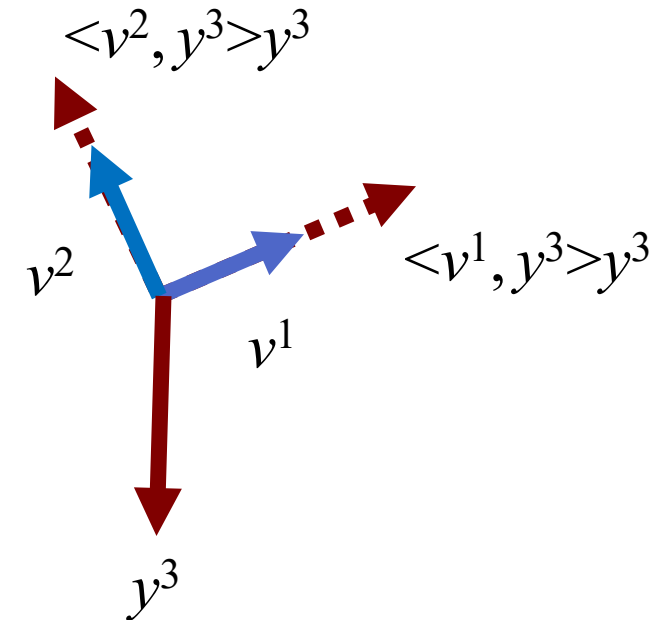
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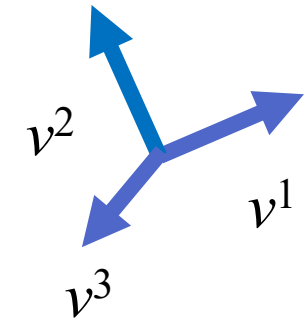
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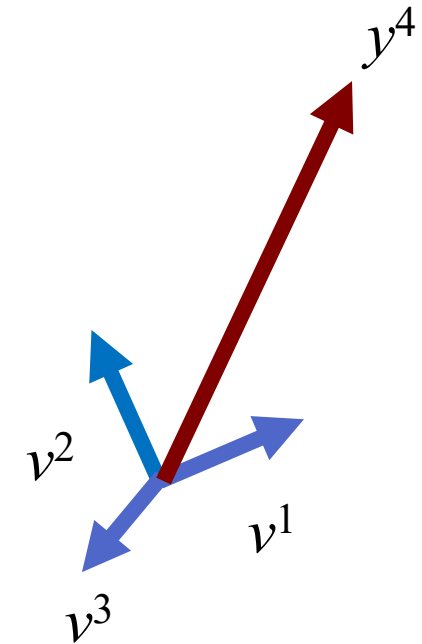
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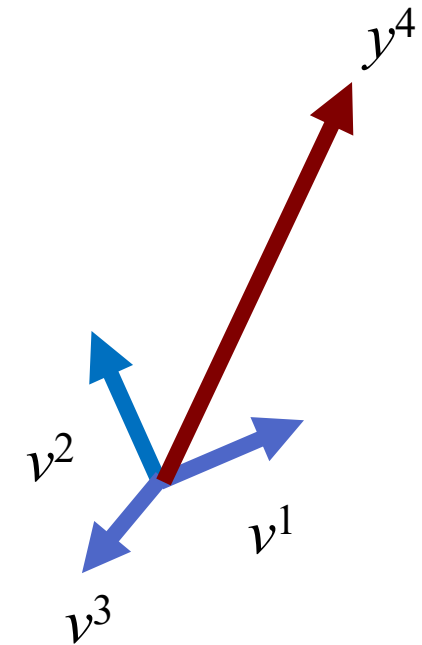
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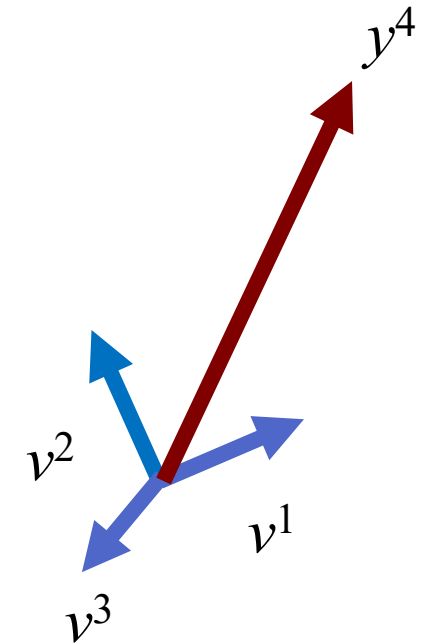
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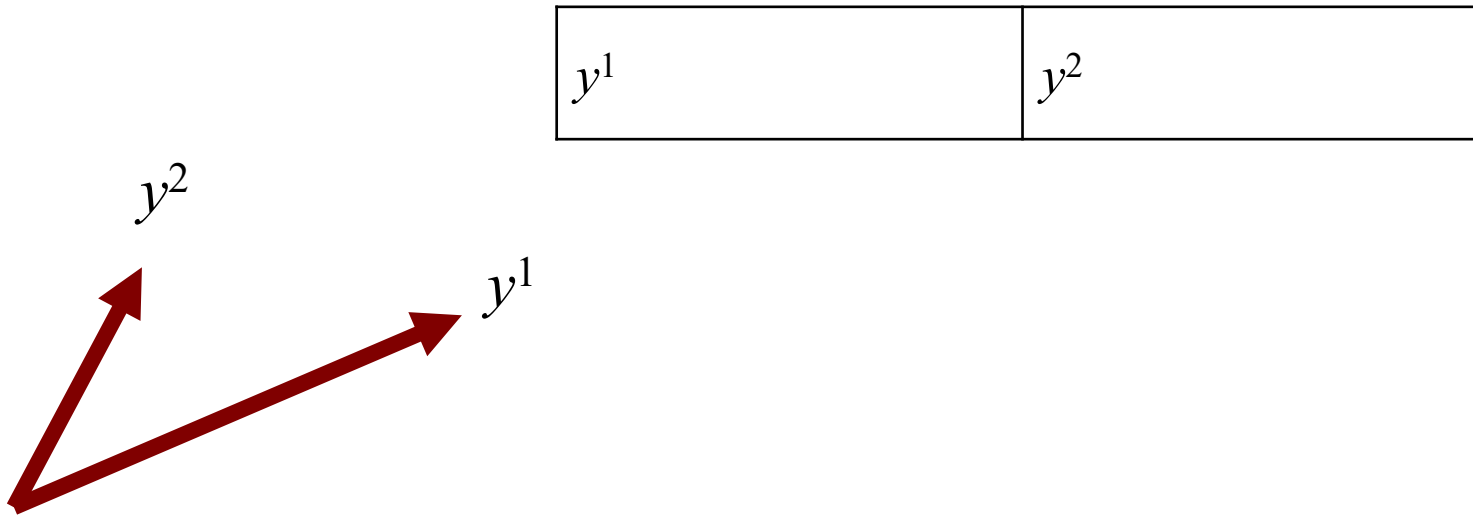


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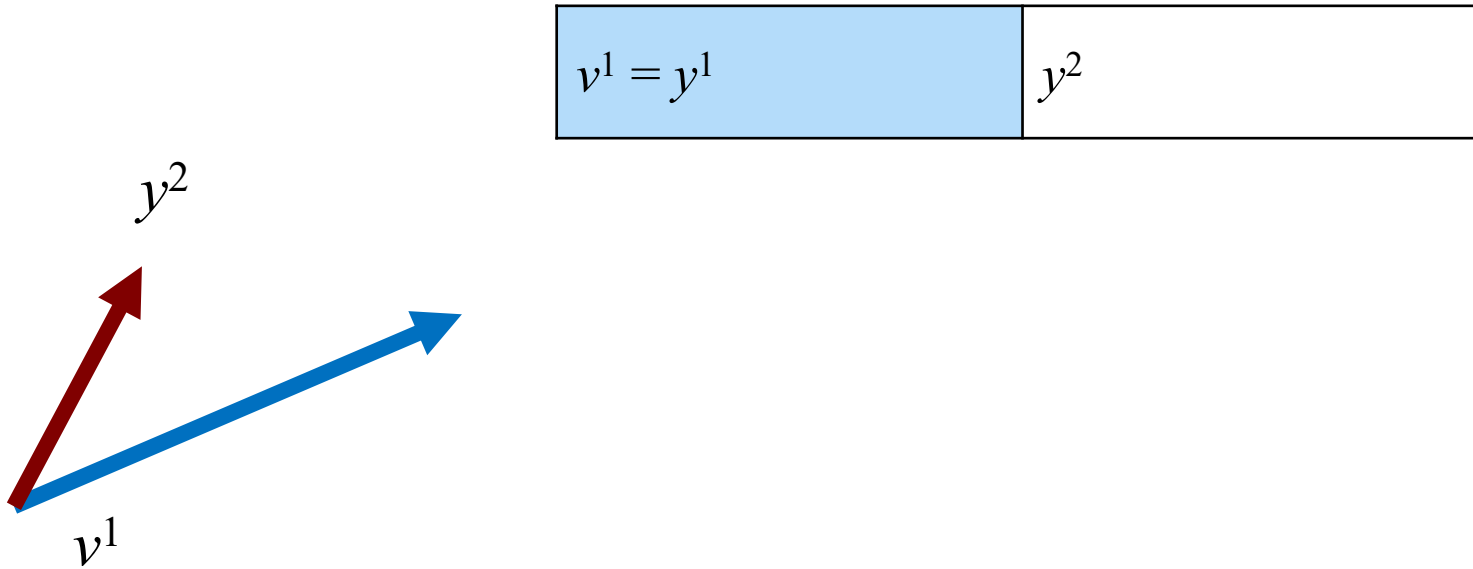
- We do not need to normalize at each step. Can do it all in one step at the end.





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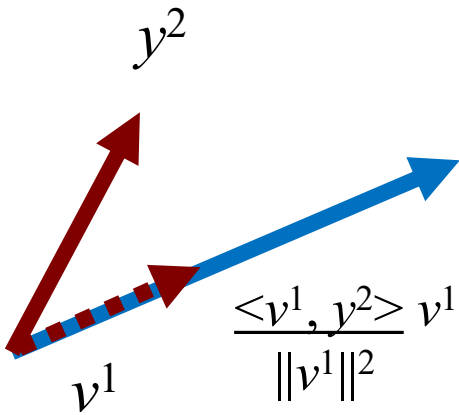
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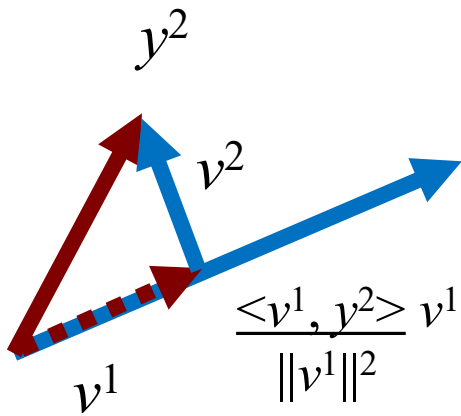
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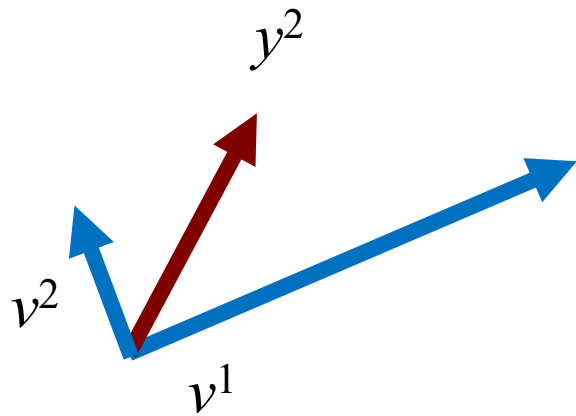
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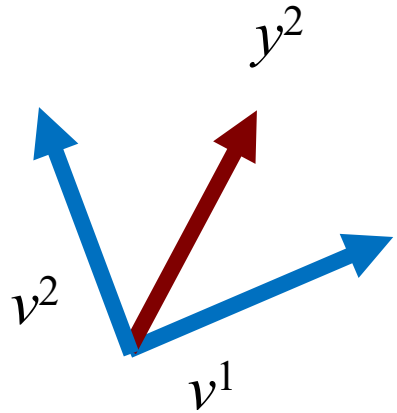
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- For 4 vectors:

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# Classical Gram Schmidt Process (Variation)

- Summarize table entries into compact formula for **orthogonalization**

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# Proposition 3.9: Recursion Gram Schmidt Process

- Let  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathbb{R}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  be an **inner product space**,  $\{y^1, \dots, y^k\}$  a **linearly independent set** and  $\{v^1, \dots, v^{k-1}\}$  an **orthogonal set** satisfying

$$\text{span}\{v^1, \dots, v^{k-1}\} = \text{span}\{y^1, \dots, y^{k-1}\}$$

- Define

$$v_k = y_k - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{\langle y^j, v^j \rangle}{\|v^j\|^2} \cdot v^j$$

- where  $\|v^j\|^2 = \langle v^j, v^j \rangle$ . Then  $\{v^1, \dots, v^k\}$  is **orthogonal** and

$$\text{span}\{v^1, \dots, v^k\} = \text{span}\{y^1, \dots, y^k\}$$

- The formula describes the steps for **orthogonalization**
- This is a theorem that tells you how to “grow” an orthogonal set out of a linearly independent set of vectors and that it is always possible to do so



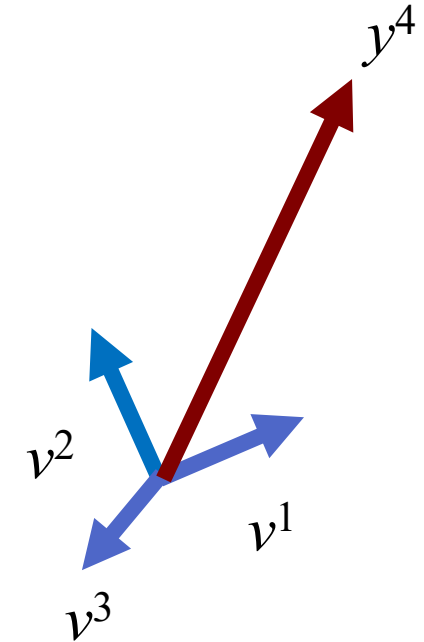
# Gram Schmidt Process

- Proof is straightforward, the orthogonality of  $\{v^1, \dots, v^k\}$  is by construction.
  - See main textbook
  - Also see pages 1-8 of “Gram\_Schmidt Handout.pdf” from Content > Weekly Lectures

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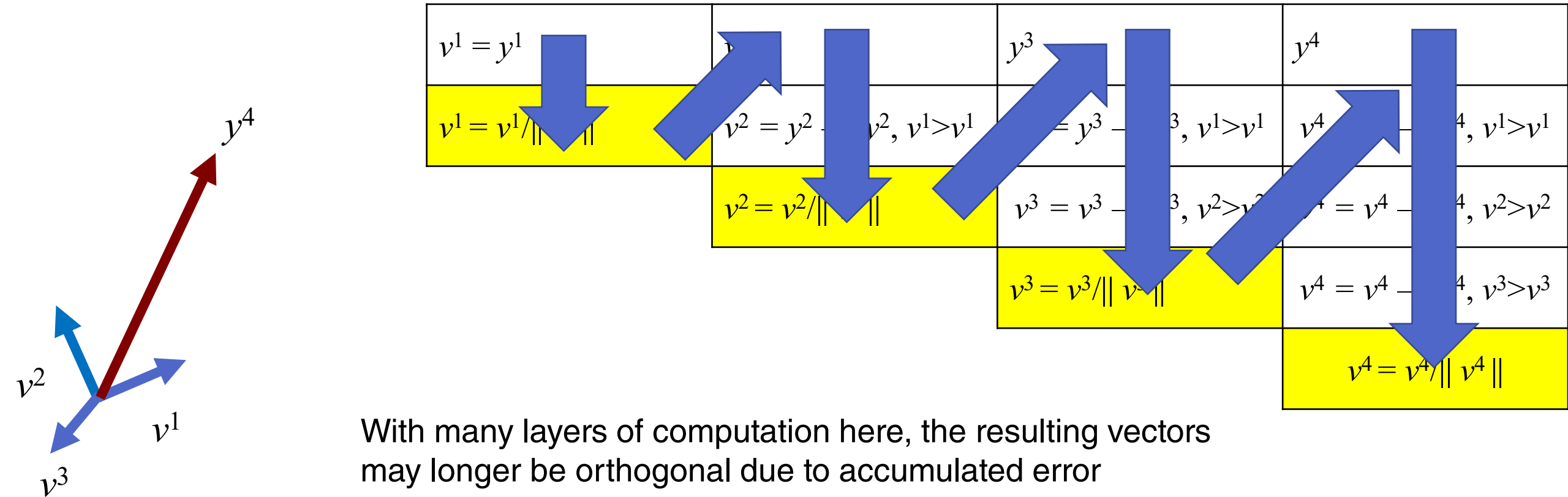
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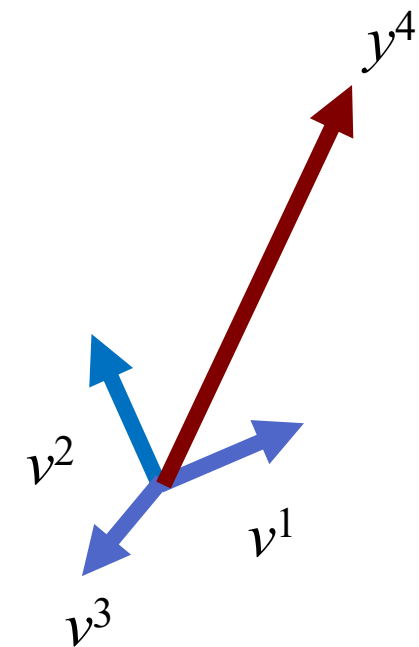
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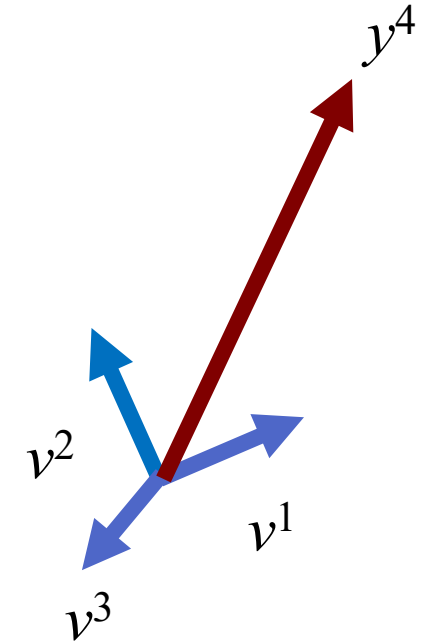
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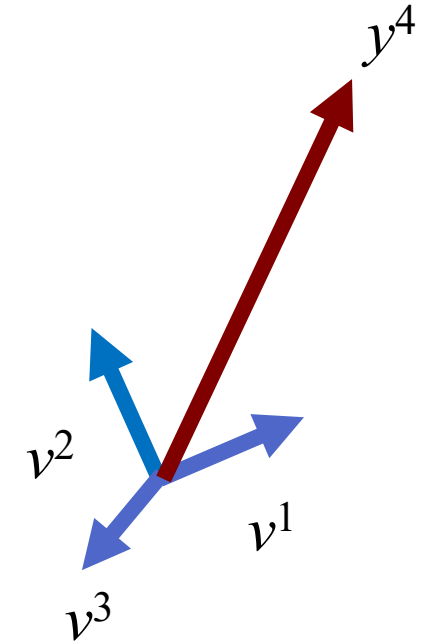
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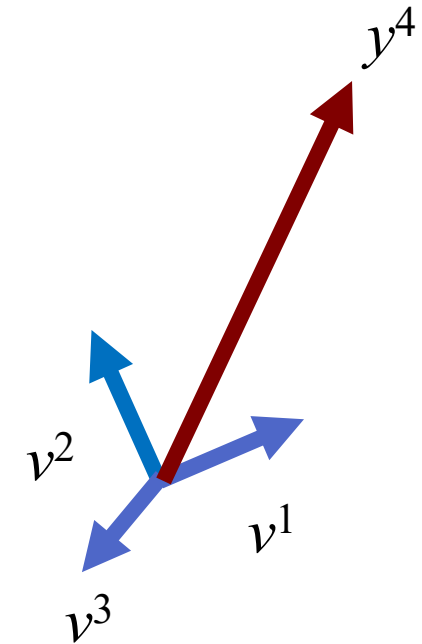
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# Modified Gram-Schmidt

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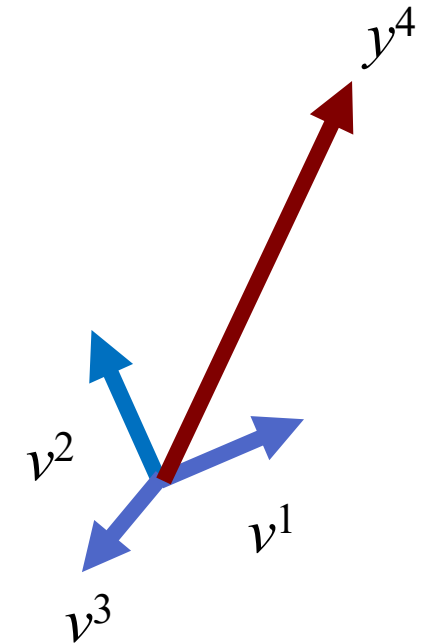


With Classical Gram Schmidt, errors accumulate without any mechanism to correct them. In Modified Gram-Schmidt, the method offers some self-correction. See textbook page 80.

# Modified Gram-Schmidt

- Normalize

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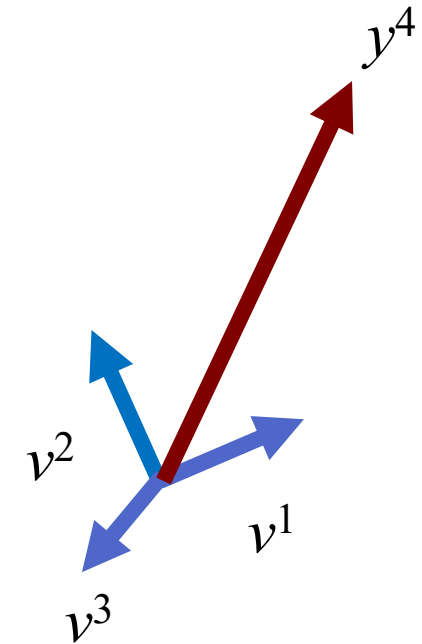




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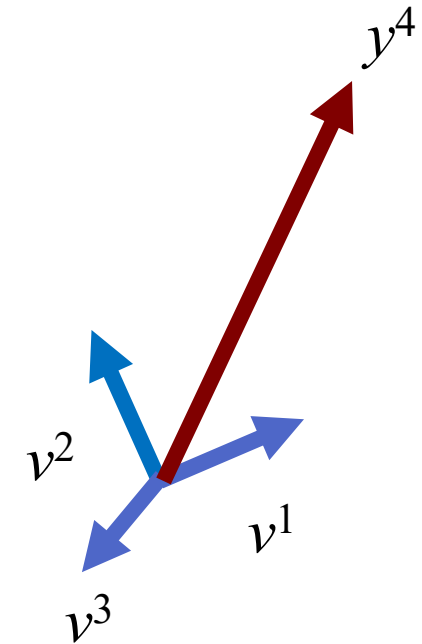
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$$\begin{bmatrix} v^1 & v^2 & v^3 & v^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} & & & \\ & M^{-1} & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y^1 & y^2 & y^3 & y^4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} Q \\ \text{Orthogonal Matrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R \\ \text{Upper (or Right) Triangular Matrix} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix}$$



# Applications: Gram Schmidt

- QR factorization (also known as QR decomposition)
  - “Gram Schmidt with Book-keeping”
  - Writing down Gram Schmidt naturally decomposes an invertible matrix (stack of linearly independent column vectors) into the product of an orthogonal matrix (stack of orthonormal vectors) and some upper triangular matrix.
- QR factorization plays a role in the QR algorithm to find eigenvalues (described briefly in the next few slides for your information)

# QR Algorithm

- **Factor an invertible matrix  $A$  (LI columns):  $A = QR$** 
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  - **Loop until  $R \times Q$  converges to an upper triangular matrix**
  - **Diagonal entries of an upper triangular matrix are the eigenvalues**
- Flipping the order of multiplication ( $Q \times R$ ) vs. ( $R \times Q$ ) changes the resulting matrix but not its eigenvalues
    - Proof: Show that  $QR$  and  $RQ$  are similar

$$(QR) = QR(QQ^{-1}) = Q(RQ)Q^{-1}$$

# What else can we harvest from Gram Schmidt

- See Handout

**Claim:** Let  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  be an **orthonormal basis** for an inner product space  $X$ . Then the representation of  $x \in X$  with respect to  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle x, v_i \rangle v_i$$

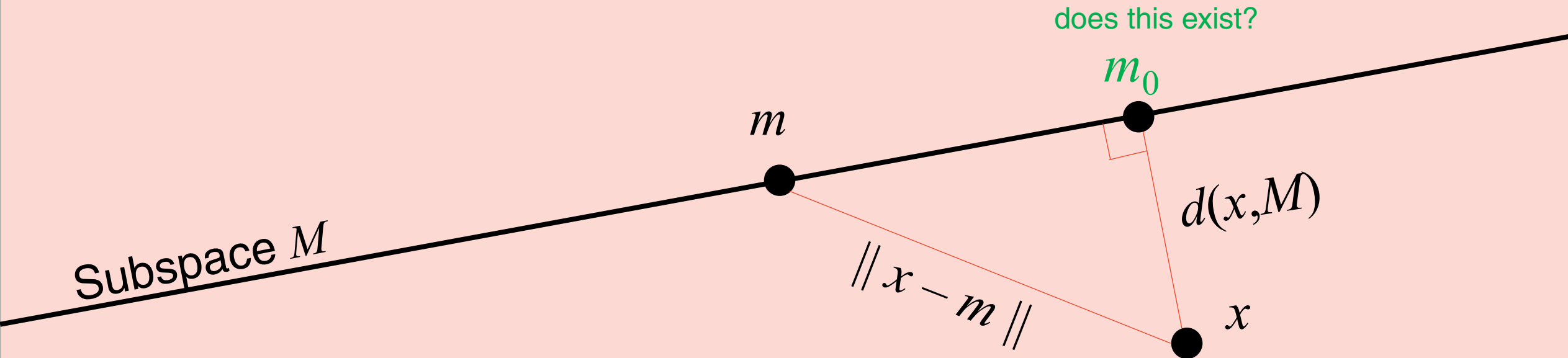
- $x \perp S$  if and only if  $x \perp \text{span}\{S\}$

# Warning

- The following section develops the journey to the Projection Theorem
- Keep the following pictures in your mind. The idea is to prove this picture is good.

Let  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{F}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  be an **inner product space**,  $M$  be a **subspace** of  $\mathcal{X}$ , and  $x$  be an arbitrary point in  $\mathcal{X}$ .

**Inner product space**  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{F}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$



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- If there exists a minimizing vector, it is unique.
- The minimizing vector is completely characterized by the approximating error being orthogonal to the subspace  $M$ . (the set of approximates)
- Not a surprise, we expect the connection between orthogonality and minimum distance.



# Proof: Pre-Projection Theorem

**Lemma 3.29** (called the Pre-Projection Theorem in Luenberger) Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a finite-dimensional (real) inner product space,  $M$  be a subspace of  $\mathcal{X}$ , and  $x$  be an arbitrary point in  $\mathcal{X}$ .

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**Remarks:**

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- (b')  $\|x - m_0\| = d(x, M) \iff x - m_0 \perp M$ . [equivalent to (b)]

**Proof:** We break the proof up into a series of claims.

**Claim 3.30** If  $m_0 \in M$  satisfies  $\|x - m_0\| = d(x, M)$ , then  $x - m_0 \perp M$ .

*Proof:* (By contrapositive) Assume  $x - m_0 \not\perp M$ . We will produce  $m_1 \in M$  such that  $\|x - m_1\| < \|x - m_0\|$ . Indeed, suppose  $x - m_0 \not\perp M$ . Then,  $\exists m \in M$  such that  $\langle x - m_0, m \rangle \neq 0$ . We know  $m \neq 0$ , and hence we define

- $\tilde{m} = \frac{m}{\|m\|} \in M$ ;
- $\delta := \langle x - m_0, \tilde{m} \rangle \neq 0$ ; and
- $m_1 = m_0 + \delta \tilde{m} \implies m_1 \in M$ .

# Proof: Pre-Projection Theorem

The intuition behind the definition of  $m_1$  is that  $x - m_1$  is “closer” to being perpendicular to  $M$  than is  $x - m_0$ , and hence it should follow that  $\|x - m_1\| < \|x - m_0\|$ . To prove the latter point, we do a few computations:

$$\begin{aligned}\|x - m_1\|^2 &= \|x - m_0 - \delta \tilde{m}\|^2 \\ &= \langle x - m_0 - \delta \tilde{m}, x - m_0 - \delta \tilde{m} \rangle \\ &= \langle x - m_0, x - m_0 \rangle - \underbrace{\delta \langle x - m_0, \tilde{m} \rangle}_{\delta} - \underbrace{\delta \langle \tilde{m}, x - m_0 \rangle}_{\delta} + \underbrace{\delta^2 \langle \tilde{m}, \tilde{m} \rangle}_{=1} \\ &= \|x - m_0\|^2 - \delta^2 \\ &< \|x - m_0\|^2\end{aligned}$$

because  $\delta^2 > 0$ . Hence,  $\|x - m_1\|^2 < \|x - m_0\|^2$  and therefore,  $\|x - m_0\| \neq \inf_{m \in M} \|x - m\| := d(x, M)$ . □

# Proof: Pre-Projection Theorem

**Claim 3.31** *If  $x - m_0 \perp M$ , then  $\|x - m_0\| = d(x, M)$  and  $m_0$  is unique.*

*Proof:* Recall the Pythagorean Theorem:

$$\|x + y\|^2 = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 \text{ when } x \perp y$$

Let  $m \in M$  be arbitrary and suppose  $x - m_0 \perp M$ . Then  $x - m_0 \perp m_0 - m$ , and thus

$$\begin{aligned} \|x - m\|^2 &= \|x - m_0 + \underbrace{m_0 - m}_{\in M}\|^2 \\ &= \|x - m_0\|^2 + \|m_0 - m\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\inf_{m \in M} \|x - m\|^2 = \inf_{m \in M} (\|x - m_0\|^2 + \|m_0 - m\|^2) = \|x - m_0\|^2 + \inf_{m \in M} \|m_0 - m\|^2 = \|x - m_0\|^2.$$

The unique minimizer is  $m_0$  because  $\|m_0 - m\|^2 = 0$  only for  $m = m_0$ . □

The two claims complete the proof. ■

# Proof Remarks: Pre-projection Theorem

- Applies to finite and infinite-dimensional space...
- ...but does not imply existence of the minimizing vector in  $M$ 
  - The Classical Projection Theorem does guarantee existence, but only on finite-dimensional inner product spaces

# Definition: Orthogonal Complement

- Let  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{F}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  be an **inner product space**, and  $S \subset \mathcal{X}$  a subset

$$S^\perp := \{x \in \mathcal{X} \mid x \perp S\} = \{x \in \mathcal{X} \mid \langle x, y \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } y \in S\}$$

is the **orthogonal complement** of  $S$ .

- $S \subset \mathcal{X}$  is a subset but not necessarily a subspace of  $\mathcal{X}$ 
  - $S^\perp$  **is** a subspace of  $\mathcal{X}$
  - $S^\perp = (\text{span}\{S\})^\perp$

# Proposition

- Let  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{F}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  be a **finite-dimensional inner product space** and  $M$  a **subspace** of  $\mathcal{X}$ . Then,

$$\mathcal{X} = M \oplus M^\perp$$

- **Note:**  $M \cap M^\perp = \{0\}$ .
- Recall:  $V + W := \{x \in \mathcal{X} \mid x = v + w, \text{ for some } v \in V, w \in W\}$

# Proof

**Proposition 3.34** *Let  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{F}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  be a finite dimensional inner product space and  $M$  a subspace of  $\mathcal{X}$ . Then,*

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**Remark 3.35** *Suppose that  $V$  and  $W$  are subspaces of  $\mathcal{X}$ . Then  $V + W := \{x \in \mathcal{X} \mid x = v + w, \text{ for some } v \in V, w \in W\}$ . Because  $V$  and  $W$  are subspaces,  $0 \in V \cap W$  (the zero vector is in their intersection). If that is the only vector in the intersection, meaning  $V \cap W = \{0\}$ , the zero subspace, then we write  $V \oplus W$ , and it is called the **direct sum** of  $V$  and  $W$ . What does the direct sum get you that an ordinary sum would not? You can show that  $(x \in V \oplus W) \iff (\exists \text{ unique } v \in V, w \in W \text{ such that } x = v + w)$ .*

**Proof:** If  $x \in M \cap M^\perp$ , then by the definition of  $M^\perp$ ,  $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$ , which implies  $x = 0$ . Hence,  $M \cap M^\perp = \{0\}$ . Next, we need to show that  $\mathcal{X} = M + M^\perp$ , that is, every  $X \in \mathcal{X}$  can be written as a sum of a vector in  $M$  and a vector in  $M^\perp$ .

Let  $\{y^1, \dots, y^k\}$  be a basis of  $M$ . By Corollary 2.35, it can be completed to a basis for  $\mathcal{X}$ , that is,

$$\mathcal{X} = \text{span}\{y^1, y^2, \dots, y^k, y^{k+1}, \dots, y^n\} \text{ and } \{y^1, y^2, \dots, y^k, y^{k+1}, \dots, y^n\} \text{ is linearly independent.}$$

- What next?

# Proof

We can then apply Gram-Schmidt to produce orthonormal vectors  $\{v^1, \dots, v^k, v^{k+1}, \dots, v^n\}$  such that

$$\text{span}\{v^1, \dots, v^k\} = \text{span}\{y^1, \dots, y^k\} = M \text{ and } \text{span}\{v^1, \dots, v^k, v^{k+1}, \dots, v^n\} = \mathcal{X}.$$

An easy calculation gives

$$M^\perp = \text{span}\{v^{k+1}, \dots, v^n\}.$$

Indeed, suppose  $x = \alpha_1 v^1 + \dots + \alpha_k v^k + \alpha_{k+1} v^{k+1} + \dots + \alpha_n v^n$ . Then  $x \in M^\perp \iff x \perp M \iff \langle x, v^i \rangle = 0, 1 \leq i \leq k$ . However,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, v^i \rangle &= \alpha_1 \langle v^1, v^i \rangle + \dots + \alpha_i \langle v^i, v^i \rangle + \dots + \alpha_n \langle v^n, v^i \rangle \\ &= \alpha_i \quad (\text{because } \langle v^j, v^i \rangle = 0, j \neq i, \text{ and } \langle v^i, v^i \rangle = 1) \end{aligned}$$

and therefore  $x \perp M \iff \alpha_i = 0, 1 \leq i \leq k$ . This yields  $(x \in M^\perp) \iff (x = \alpha_{k+1} v^{k+1} + \dots + \alpha_n v^n) \iff (x \in \text{span}\{v^{k+1}, \dots, v^n\})$ . Therefore,

$$M^\perp = \text{span}\{v^{k+1}, \dots, v^n\}.$$



- Gram Schmidt Process returns!



# Classical Projection Theorem

- Let  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{F}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  be a finite-dimensional (real) **inner product space** and  $M$  a **subspace** of  $\mathcal{X}$ . Then,  $\forall x \in \mathcal{X}, \exists$  **unique**  $\hat{x} \in M$  such that

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- Use of  $\hat{x}$  instead of  $m_0$  because this is the standard notation for estimation problems.

# Proof: Classical Projection Theorem

**Theorem 3.36 (Classical Projection Theorem)** *Let  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathbb{R})$  be a finite dimensional real inner product space and  $M$  a subspace of  $\mathcal{X}$ . Then,  $\forall x \in \mathcal{X}, \exists$  unique  $\hat{x} \in M$  such that*

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*where we can write  $\min$  instead of  $\inf$  because the infimum is achieved. Moreover,  $\hat{x} \in M$  is characterized by  $x - \hat{x} \perp M$ .*

**Proof:** We only need to show that  $\forall x \in \mathcal{X}$  there exists  $\hat{x} \in M$  such that  $(x - \hat{x}) \perp M$ . This is because if such an  $\hat{x}$  exists, Lemma 3.29, the “Pre-projection Theorem,” already shows that it is unique and  $\|x - \hat{x}\| = d(x, M)$ . By Proposition 3.34,  $\mathcal{X} = M \oplus M^\perp$ . Therefore, there exist  $\hat{x} \in M$  and  $m^\perp \in M^\perp$  such that

$$x = \hat{x} + m^\perp.$$

Hence,

$$x - \hat{x} = m^\perp \in M^\perp \implies (x - \hat{x}) \perp M.$$

■

**Remark 3.37** *You may have observed that  $\mathcal{X} = M \oplus M^\perp$  also shows that  $\hat{x}$  is unique. While this is true, it is based on Proposition 3.34, which is true when  $\mathcal{X}$  is a “complete” inner product space and  $M$  is a “closed” subspace, properties that are automatically satisfied when  $\mathcal{X}$  is finite dimensional. We will touch on these more subtle properties later when we do some basic Real Analysis.*

# Next week

- Normal Equations

- Solving actual, useful problems  $\hat{x} = \arg \min_{x \in M} \|Ax - b\|$