

Projections

Note Title

Defn: The decomposition $V = W \oplus W^\perp$, for any subspace W of V , gives a unique decomposition for every $v \in V$ as -

$$v = w + w', \quad w \in W, w' \in W^\perp$$

In this case, the map $v \mapsto w$ is called

"the orthogonal projection of v onto W ".

(sometimes, w itself is called the orthogonal proj. of v onto W).

$W \subseteq V$, $V = W \oplus W^\perp$
(direct sum decomposition)

$$(W^\perp)^\perp = W$$

$W_1 \subseteq W_2$ then $W_2^\perp \subseteq W_1^\perp$.

- In general you can define $P_{W_1}: V \rightarrow V$, for $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$
 $v \mapsto w, w \in W_1$

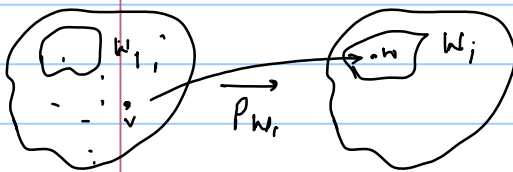
$$v = w + w'$$

$$V = W_1 \oplus W_2$$

& check that: ① P_{W_1} is a linear transf.

$$\textcircled{2} P_{W_1}(v) = w.$$

$$\textcircled{3} P_{W_1}^2 = P_{W_1} \quad (\text{i.e. } P_{W_1} \text{ is an idempotent.})$$



$$\text{im}(P_{W_1}) = W_1$$

$$P_{W_1}^2(v) = P_{W_1}(P_{W_1}(v)) = P_{W_1}(w) = w = P_{W_1}(v).$$

P_{W_1} is called the "projection of V onto W_1 along W_2 ".

- In particular, if $V = W \oplus W^\perp$ & we define

$$P_W: V \rightarrow V$$

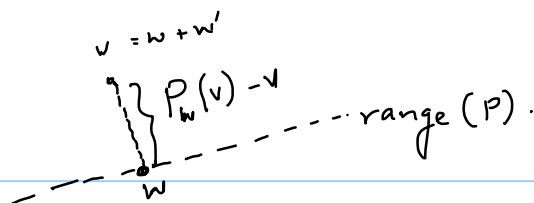
$$v \mapsto w, w \in W$$

then P_W is called the "orthogonal proj. of V onto W ".

Notice that for $v \in V$, $P_W(v) \in W$ & $v - P_W(v) \in W^\perp$

$$\text{i.e. } (P_W(v) - v) \in (\text{range } P_W)^\perp = W^\perp$$

Schematic:



If $V = W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$.

P_{W_1} = proj. of V onto W_1 along $W_2 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$

Orthogonal projections occur often in practice.

How to compute the matrix of P_W ?

Theorem: Let W be a subspace of a f.d. i.p.s. V & $v \in V$:

(i) $\|v - P_W(v)\| \leq \|v - w\|$ for any $w \in W$.

(ii) If $\{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$ is an orthonormal basis of W , then $P_W(v) = \sum_{i=1}^m \langle v, x_i \rangle x_i$.

Proof: (i) $v - P_W(v) \in W^\perp$, so for any $w \in W$,

$$\underbrace{v - P_W(v)}_{\in W^\perp} \perp \underbrace{P_W(v) - w}_{\in W}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider } \|v - w\|^2 &= \|v - P_W(v) + P_W(v) - w\|^2 \\ &= \|v - P_W(v)\|^2 + \|P_W(v) - w\|^2 \\ &\geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|v - w\|^2 \geq \|v - P_W(v)\|^2.$$

(ii) Recall that for $V = W \oplus W^\perp$

$$v = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^m \langle v, x_i \rangle x_i}_{\in W} + \underbrace{w'}_{\in W^\perp}$$

$$\text{So } P_W(v) = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle v, x_i \rangle x_i$$

• If $W = \langle a \rangle$, then $P_W(v) = \langle v, \frac{a}{\|a\|} \rangle \cdot \frac{a}{\|a\|}$.

$$a = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_p \end{pmatrix} \in W \subseteq V = \text{dim } p.$$

$$a a^* = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_p \end{pmatrix} (a_1 \dots a_p) \\ = \begin{pmatrix} & \\ & \end{pmatrix}_{p \times p}.$$

What is $\text{rank } P_W$?

$$(P_W: V \rightarrow W).$$

$$\therefore P_W = \frac{a a^*}{a^* a}.$$

$$(\text{check}) \quad I - P_W = I - \frac{a a^*}{a^* a}$$

is the proj. onto W^\perp .

$$= \frac{1}{a^* a} \langle v, a \rangle a$$

$$= \frac{1}{a^* a} \underbrace{(a^* v)}_{\text{scalar}} a$$

$$= \frac{1}{a^* a} a (a^* v)$$

$$= \left(\frac{a a^*}{a^* a} \right) v.$$

For a proj. P ,
 $I - P$ is also a proj.

• If $\dim W > 1$ & $\{a_1, \dots, a_k\}$ is a basis for W ,
let $A = [a_1 | a_2 | \dots | a_k]$, then $P_W = A (A^T A)^{-1} A^T$.

If $\{q_1, \dots, q_k\}$ is an orthonormal basis for W ,

$$\text{let } Q = [q_1 | \dots | q_k], \text{ then } P_W = Q Q^T.$$

Exercise: Let $W = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ in \mathbb{R}^4 .

(these are lin. indep.).

Let $P_W: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow W$.

$$P_W = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T, \text{ where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 7 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

• calculate P_W .

• check that P_W does indeed map any vector of \mathbb{R}^4 onto W .

$$P_W \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \\ \\ \\ \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note: $\text{rank } P_W = \dim W < \dim V$ $\text{rank } P_W = \dim W$.

$\therefore P_W$ is NOT an orthogonal matrix.

Eigenvalues & eigenvectors:

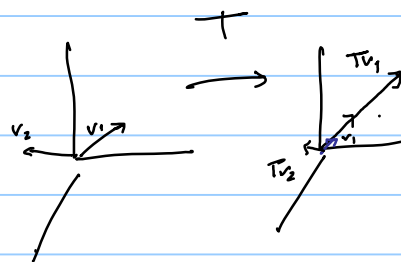
V is a v.s. over field K .

Defn: For a linear map $T: V \rightarrow V$, and a scalar $\lambda \in K$, if \exists a non-zero vector $v \in V$ such that $Tv = \lambda v$, then v is said to be an e-vector of T corresponding to the e-value λ .

$$T: V \rightarrow V.$$

$$\{\underbrace{v_1, \dots, v_k}_{\text{e-vectors}}\}$$

$$Tv_i = \lambda_i v_i$$



T is diagonalizable

$\therefore (P^{-1}TP \text{ is diagonal})$

T is not diagonalizable.

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Jordan canonical form.

(Tutorial: how to compute e-values & e-vectors?)

Remarks: ① Notice that $Tv = Av = \underline{A \cdot I}v$

$$\therefore (T - AI)v = 0 \longrightarrow \text{you will use this in computation.}$$

$$\Rightarrow v \in \ker(T - \lambda I).$$

② If $Tv = \lambda v$, then $\ker(T - \lambda I)$ is non-empty & non-zero.

③ From the 1st isomorphism thm, if $T: V \rightarrow V$ is linear then

$$\dim V = \dim(\ker T) + \dim(\operatorname{im} T).$$

$$\text{Here, } \dim V = \underbrace{\dim(\ker(T - \lambda I))}_{> 0} + \underbrace{\dim(\operatorname{im}(T - \lambda I))}_{< \dim V}.$$

$$\text{so } \det(T - \lambda I) = 0.$$

④ To compute all the e-values of T , we solve the above equation.

Ex. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 \\ -10 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \text{lin. trans. from } \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3.$

$$A - xI = \begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 6-x & -1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1-x & 2 \\ -10 & 0 & 3-x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A - xI) = (\text{poly. of deg. 3 in } x).$$

solve to get all e-values of A .

(exercise).

$$\left(\overbrace{E_k \dots E_1}^P, A, \overbrace{E_1' \dots E_k'}^{Q.} \right) \quad A$$

Do A & PAQ have the same e-values?

This happens $\Leftrightarrow PAQ$ is a similarity transf. of A .

Similarity: $A \sim B \Leftrightarrow B = P^{-1} A P$