

Section 6.3: Orthogonal Projections

Theorem: If $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ is an **orthonormal** basis of a subspace W of \mathbb{R}^n , and \mathbf{y} is any vector in \mathbb{R}^n then

$$\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y} = \sum_{j=1}^p (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_j) \mathbf{u}_j.$$

And, if U is the matrix $U = [\mathbf{u}_1 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{u}_p]$, then the above is equivalent to

$$\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y} = UU^T \mathbf{y}.$$

Remark: Note that the projection doesn't depend on which basis used as long as it is an orthonormal basis. But this does raise a question about how one might obtain an orthonormal basis.

Section 6.4: Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization

Question: Given any-old basis for a subspace W of \mathbb{R}^n , can we construct an orthogonal basis for that same space?

Example: Let $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2\} = \text{Span}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$. Find an orthogonal basis $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ that spans W .

To ensure \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 are in W , we write

$$\vec{v}_1 = c_1 \vec{x}_1 + c_2 \vec{x}_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{v}_2 = d_1 \vec{x}_1 + d_2 \vec{x}_2$$

We need to choose c_1, c_2, d_1, d_2 so that $\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = 0$.

Let's let $c_1 = 1, c_2 = 0$ so $\vec{v}_1 = \vec{x}_1$.

To ensure we get \vec{x}_2 stuff let's set $d_2 = 1$. So

$$\vec{v}_2 = \vec{x}_2 + d_1 \vec{x}_1 = \vec{x}_2 + d_1 \vec{v}_1 \quad \text{since } \vec{v}_1 = \vec{x}_1$$

we insist that $\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = 0$

$$\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_1 = (\vec{x}_2 + d_1 \vec{v}_1) \cdot \vec{v}_1$$

$$0 = \vec{x}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_1 + d_1 \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1$$

$$\Rightarrow d_1 \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1 = -\vec{x}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_1 \Rightarrow d_1 = \frac{-\vec{x}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_1}{\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1} = \frac{-\vec{x}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_1}{\|\vec{v}_1\|^2}$$

$$\vec{x}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_1 = -2, \quad \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1 = 1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2 = 3$$

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ -1/3 \\ -1/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note $\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = 1\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + 1\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) + 1\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) = 0$ ✓

The new orthogonal basis is

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ -1/3 \\ -1/3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Theorem: Gram Schmidt Process

Let $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_p\}$ be any basis for the nonzero subspace W of \mathbb{R}^n .

Define the set of vectors $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ via

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{x}_1$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{x}_2 - \left(\frac{\mathbf{x}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \right) \mathbf{v}_1$$

$$\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{x}_3 - \left(\frac{\mathbf{x}_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \right) \mathbf{v}_1 - \left(\frac{\mathbf{x}_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2}{\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2} \right) \mathbf{v}_2$$

\vdots

$$\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{x}_p - \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{\mathbf{x}_p \cdot \mathbf{v}_j}{\mathbf{v}_j \cdot \mathbf{v}_j} \right) \mathbf{v}_j.$$

Then $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ is an orthogonal basis for W . Moreover, for each $k = 1, \dots, p$

$$\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\} = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k\}.$$

Example

Find an orthonormal (that's *orthonormal* not just orthogonal) basis for

Col A where $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 6 & 6 \\ 3 & -8 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & 6 \\ 1 & -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$.

These columns are lin.
independent (you can
check).

Our starting basis is

$$\vec{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -8 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ 6 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

We'll use Gram-Schmidt to get an orthogonal
basis $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$.

$$\vec{v}_1 = \vec{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_1 = -36$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = \vec{x}_2 - \frac{\vec{x}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_1}{\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1} \vec{v}_1$$

$$\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1 = 12$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -8 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{-36}{12} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -8 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_3 = \vec{x}_3 - \frac{\vec{x}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_1}{\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1} \vec{v}_1 - \frac{\vec{x}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_2}{\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_2} \vec{v}_2$$

$$\vec{x}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_1 = 6, \quad \vec{x}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = 30, \quad \vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = 12$$

$$\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ 6 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{6}{12} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{30}{12} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ 6 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{5}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Our orthogonal basis is

$$\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

To get an orthonormal basis, we normalize,

Note that $\|\vec{v}_1\| = \|\vec{v}_2\| = \|\vec{v}_3\| = \sqrt{12}$

Calling the orthonormal basis $\{\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \vec{w}_3\}$

we have $\vec{w}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{w}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$, and

$$\vec{w}_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} .$$

Section 5.1: Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues¹

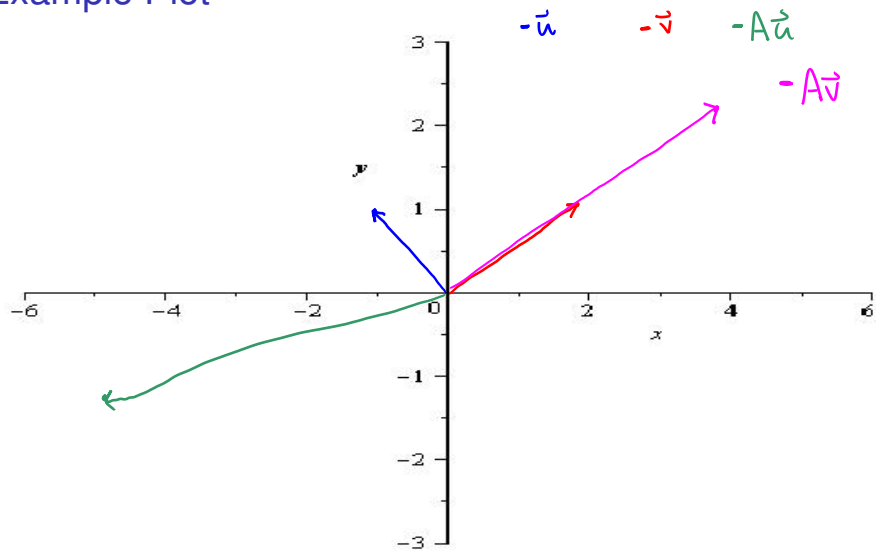
Consider the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and the vectors $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Plot \mathbf{u} , $A\mathbf{u}$, \mathbf{v} , and $A\mathbf{v}$ on the axis on the next slide.

$$A\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

¹We'll forgo section 6.7 and come back if time allows

Example Plot



Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Note that in this example, the matrix A seems to both stretch and rotate the vector \mathbf{u} . But the *action of A* on the vector \mathbf{v} is just a stretch/compress.

We wish to consider matrices with vectors that satisfy relationships such as

$$A\mathbf{x} = 2\mathbf{x}, \quad \text{or} \quad A\mathbf{x} = -4\mathbf{x}, \quad \text{or more generally} \quad A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$$

for constant λ —and for nonzero vector \mathbf{x} .

Definition of Eigenvector and Eigenvalue

Definition: Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. A nonzero vector \mathbf{x} such that

$$A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$$

for some scalar λ is called an **eigenvector** of the matrix A .

A scalar λ such that there exists a nonzero vector \mathbf{x} satisfying $A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$ is called an **eigenvalue** of the matrix A . Such a nonzero vector \mathbf{x} is an *eigenvector corresponding to λ* .

Note that built right into this definition is that the eigenvector \mathbf{x} **must be nonzero!**

Example

The number $\lambda = -4$ is an eigenvalue of the matrix matrix

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the corresponding eigenvectors.

Any eigenvector \vec{x} would have to satisfy $A\vec{x} = -4\vec{x}$.

Letting $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A\vec{x} = -4\vec{x} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = -4 \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x_1 + 6x_2 &= -4x_1 \\ 5x_1 + 2x_2 &= -4x_2 \end{aligned}$$

This gives a homogeneous system

$$(1 - (-4))x_1 + 6x_2 = 0$$

$$5x_1 + (2 - (-4))x_2 = 0$$

i.e.

$$5x_1 + 6x_2 = 0$$

Using rref

$$5x_1 + 6x_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 0 \\ 5 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{rref}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6/5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 = -\frac{6}{5}x_2 \\ x_2 \text{ - free} \end{array}$$

So all eigen vectors \vec{x} have to look like

$$\vec{x} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -6/5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For eigen vectors, we insist $x_2 \neq 0$.

Eigenspace

Definition: Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix and λ an eigenvalue of A . The set of all eigenvectors corresponding to λ together with the zero vector—i.e. the set

$$\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \text{and } A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}\},$$

is called the **eigenspace of A corresponding to λ** .

Remark: The eigenspace is the same as the null space of the matrix $A - \lambda I$. It follows that the eigenspace is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

Example

The matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ has eigenvalue $\lambda = 2$. Find a basis for the eigenspace of A corresponding to λ .

Let an eigenvector $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$, then

$$A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$$

$$4x_1 - x_2 + 6x_3 = 2x_1$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 + 6x_3 = 2x_2$$

$$2x_1 - x_2 + 8x_3 = 2x_3$$

$$(4-2)x_1 - x_2 + 6x_3 = 0$$

$$2x_1 + (1-2)x_2 + 6x_3 = 0$$

$$2x_1 - x_2 + (8-2)x_3 = 0$$

New

Coef. matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4-\lambda & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & 1-\lambda & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 8-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 6 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 6 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{rref}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1/2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{2}x_2 - 3x_3$$

x_2, x_3 - free

$$\vec{x} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

A basis is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$