

Section 6.1: Inner Product, Length, and Orthogonality

We defined the inner product on \mathbb{R}^n :

Definition: For vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in \mathbb{R}^n we define the **inner product** of \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} (also called the **dot product**) by the **matrix product**

$$\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v} = [u_1 \ u_2 \ \cdots \ u_n] \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + \cdots + u_n v_n.$$

We'll use the notation $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}$.

Properties of the Inner Product & Norm

Theorem: For \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} in \mathbb{R}^n and real scalar c

(a) $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}$

(b) $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}$

(c) $c(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) = (c\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \cdot (c\mathbf{v})$

(d) $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} \geq 0$, with $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$ if and only if $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$.

Definition: The **norm** of the vector \mathbf{v} in \mathbb{R}^n is the nonnegative number denoted and defined by

$$\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}} = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \cdots + v_n^2}$$

where v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n are the components of \mathbf{v} .

Unit Vectors and Normalizing

Theorem: For vector \mathbf{v} in \mathbb{R}^n and scalar c

$$\|c\mathbf{v}\| = |c|\|\mathbf{v}\|.$$

Definition: A vector \mathbf{u} in \mathbb{R}^n for which $\|\mathbf{u}\| = 1$ is called a **unit vector**.

Remark: Given any nonzero vector \mathbf{v} in \mathbb{R}^n , we can obtain a unit vector \mathbf{u} in the same direction as \mathbf{v}

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|}.$$

This process, of dividing out the norm, is called **normalizing** the vector \mathbf{v} .

Distance in \mathbb{R}^n & Orthogonality

Definition: For vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in \mathbb{R}^n , the **distance between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v}** is denoted and defined by

$$\text{dist}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|.$$

Definition: Two vectors are \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} **orthogonal** if $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$.

Perpendicular: If nonzero vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are perpendicular in \mathbb{R}^n , then $\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\| = \|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|$. This is the case if and only if $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$.

The Pythagorean Theorem: Two vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are orthogonal if and only if

$$\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2.$$

Orthogonal Complement

Definition: Let W be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . A vector \mathbf{z} in \mathbb{R}^n is said to be **orthogonal to** W if \mathbf{z} is orthogonal to every vector in W .

$$\vec{z} \cdot \vec{w} = 0 \text{ for every } \vec{w} \text{ in } W$$

Definition: Given a subspace W of \mathbb{R}^n , the set of all vectors orthogonal to W is called the **orthogonal complement** of W and is denoted by

$$W^\perp.$$

read as "W perp"

Theorem:

W^\perp is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

We need to show that $\vec{0}$ is in W^\perp and that W^\perp is closed under vector addition and scalar multiplication.

Since $\vec{0} \cdot \vec{w} = 0$ for every \vec{w} in W , $\vec{0}$ is in W^\perp .

To see that it's closed under vector addition, suppose \vec{u} and \vec{v} are in W^\perp . Then

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 0 \quad \text{for every } \vec{w} \text{ in } W.$$

Note that for any \vec{w} in W

$$(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w} = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{w} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 0 + 0 = 0.$$

So $\vec{u} + \vec{v}$ is in W^\perp which is closed under vector addition.

Letting c be any scalar and \vec{w} any vector in W ,

$$(c\vec{u}) \cdot \vec{w} = c(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}) = c(0) = 0.$$

Hence $c\vec{u}$ is in W^\perp which is closed under scalar multiplication.

It follows that W^\perp is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

Example

Let $W = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$. Show that $W^\perp = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

Give a geometric interpretation of W and W^\perp as subspaces of \mathbb{R}^3 .

If \vec{w} is any vector in W , then

$$\vec{w} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ 0 \\ b \end{bmatrix} \text{ for some scalars } a, b.$$

If $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}$ is orthogonal to W , then $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w} = 0$.

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w} = u_1 a + u_2(0) + u_3 b = 0 \text{ for } \underline{\underline{\text{any}}} a, b.$$

$$u_1 a + u_3 b = 0 \quad \text{for all choices of } a, b.$$

If $a=1$ and $b=0$, we conclude that

$$u_1 \cdot 1 + u_3 \cdot 0 = 0 \Rightarrow u_1 = 0.$$

If $a=0$ and $b=1$, we conclude that

$$u_1 \cdot 0 + u_3 \cdot 1 = 0 \Rightarrow u_3 = 0.$$

So \vec{u} has to have the form

$$\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ u_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = u_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{with } u_2 \text{ any real number.}$$

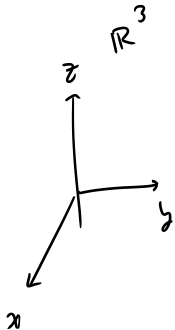
$$\text{So } W^\perp = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

$$\text{As for geometry, } W = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

This is the xz -plane; all points $(x, 0, z)$.

$$\text{And } W^\perp = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

This is the y -axis; all points $(0, y, 0)$.



Example

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$. Show that if \mathbf{x} is in $\text{Nul}(A)$, then \mathbf{x} is in $[\text{Row}(A)]^\perp$.

$$A \xrightarrow{\text{rref}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{4}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x} \text{ in Nul } A \quad \vec{x} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ \frac{4}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For \vec{x} in $\text{Nul } A$

$$x_1 = 2x_3$$

$$x_2 = -\frac{4}{3}x_3$$

x_3 - free

$$\text{Also } \text{Row } A = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \frac{4}{3} \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Letting, \vec{w} be in Row A. Then

$$\vec{w} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \frac{4}{3} \end{bmatrix} \text{ for some scalars } a, b$$

$$\text{For } \vec{x} \text{ in } \text{Nul } A, \vec{x} = c \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ \frac{4}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\vec{x} \cdot \vec{w} = c \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ \frac{4}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \left(a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \frac{4}{3} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= ac \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -\frac{4}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + cb \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -\frac{4}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \frac{4}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= ac (2-2) + cb \left(-\frac{4}{3} + \frac{4}{3}\right)$$

$$= 0 + 0$$

$$= 0$$

Every thing in $\text{Nul}A$ is orthogonal to every thing in $\text{Row}A$. Hence $\text{Nul}A = [\text{Row}A]^\perp$

Theorem

Theorem: Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. The orthogonal complement of the row space of A is the null space of A . That is

$$[\text{Row}(A)]^\perp = \text{Nul}(A).$$

The orthogonal complement of the column space of A is the null space of A^T —i.e.

$$[\text{Col}(A)]^\perp = \text{Nul}(A^T).$$

Example: Find the orthogonal complement of $\text{Col}(A)$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can use that

$$[\text{Col}A]^\perp = \text{Nul}(A^T)$$

$A^T \xrightarrow{\text{ref}}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -54 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{-146}{3} & 19/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 63 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

For $A^T \vec{x} = \vec{0}$

$$x_1 = 54x_4 - 7x_5$$

$$x_2 = \frac{146}{3}x_4 - \frac{19}{3}x_5 \quad x_4, x_5 \text{ free}$$

$$x_3 = -63x_4 + 8x_5$$

$$\vec{x} = X_4 \begin{bmatrix} 54 \\ \frac{146}{3} \\ -63 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + X_5 \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ -\frac{19}{3} \\ 8 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So

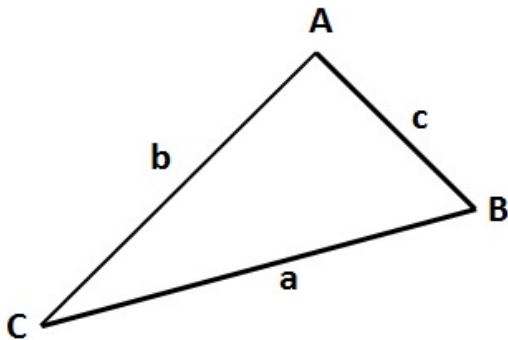
$$[\text{Col } A]^\perp = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 54 \\ \frac{146}{3} \\ -63 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ -\frac{19}{3} \\ 8 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

This is actually a basis.

Recall the Law of Cosines

For triangle with angles A , B , C and opposite sides of lengths a , b , and c , respectively,

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos(C)$$



Geometry of the Dot Product

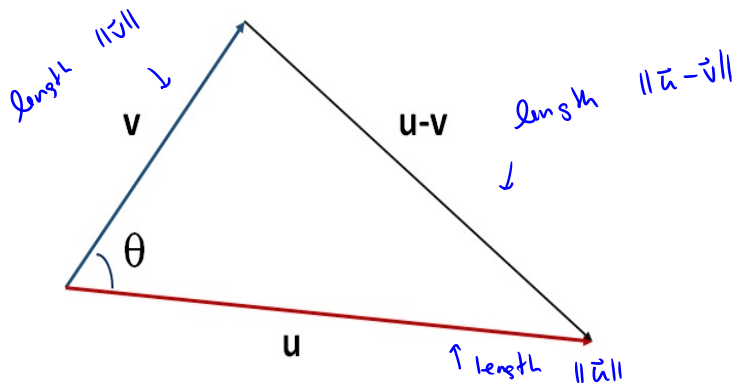


Figure: We can use the law of cosines to show that in \mathbb{R}^2 that $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ is related to the angle between the two (nonzero) vectors. This holds in \mathbb{R}^n . We're just restricting n to 2 for ease of computation.

By the law of Cosines

$$\|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|^2 = \|\vec{u}\|^2 + \|\vec{v}\|^2 - 2\|\vec{u}\|\|\vec{v}\|\cos\theta$$

From before, we know that

$$\|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|^2 = \|\vec{u}\|^2 + \|\vec{v}\|^2 - 2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}.$$

Comparing

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{u}\|\|\vec{v}\|\cos\theta$$

If \vec{u} and \vec{v} are nonzero, the angle between them satisfies

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\|}$$

Section 6.2: Orthogonal Sets

Remark: We know that if $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p\}$ is a basis for a subspace W of \mathbb{R}^n , then each vector \mathbf{x} in W can be realized (uniquely) as a sum

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + c_p \mathbf{b}_p.$$

If n is very large, the computations needed to determine the coefficients c_1, \dots, c_p may require a lot of time (and machine memory).

Question: Can we seek a basis whose nature simplifies this task? And what properties should such a basis possess?

Orthogonal Sets

Definition: An indexed set $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ in \mathbb{R}^n is said to be an **orthogonal set** provided each pair of distinct vectors in the set is orthogonal. That is, provided

$$\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \mathbf{u}_j = 0 \quad \text{whenever } i \neq j.$$

Example: Show that the set $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is an orthogonal set.

label them
 \vec{u}_1 \vec{u}_2 \vec{u}_3

$$\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_2 = 3(-1) + 1(2) + 1(1) = -3 + 3 = 0$$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_3 = 3(-1) + 1(-4) + 1(7) = -7 + 7 = 0$$

$$\vec{u}_2 \cdot \vec{u}_3 = (-1)(-1) + 2(-4) + 1(7) = 8 - 8 = 0$$

Orthogonal Basis

Definition: An **orthogonal basis** for a subspace W of \mathbb{R}^n is a basis that is also an orthogonal set.

Theorem: Let $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ be an orthogonal basis for a subspace W of \mathbb{R}^n . Then each vector \mathbf{y} in W can be written as the linear combination

$\mathbf{y} = c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + c_2\mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{u}_p$, where the weights

$$c_j = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_j}{\mathbf{u}_j \cdot \mathbf{u}_j} = \frac{\tilde{y} \cdot \tilde{u}_j}{\|\tilde{u}_j\|^2}$$

Example \vec{u}_1 \vec{u}_2 \vec{u}_3

$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is an orthogonal basis of \mathbb{R}^3 . Express
 the vector $\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ as a linear combination of the basis vectors.

We need $\|\vec{u}_j\|^2$ and $\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_j$

$$\|\vec{u}_1\|^2 = 3^2 + 1^2 + 1^2 = 11$$

$$\|\vec{u}_2\|^2 = (-1)^2 + 2^2 + 1^2 = 6$$

$$\|\vec{u}_3\|^2 = (-1)^2 + (-4)^2 + 7^2 = 66$$

$$\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_1 = -6 + 3 = -3$$

$$\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_2 = 2 + 6 = 8$$

$$\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_3 = 2 - 12 = -10$$

So

$$\vec{y} = \frac{-3}{11} \vec{u}_1 + \frac{8}{6} \vec{u}_2 - \frac{10}{66} \vec{u}_3$$

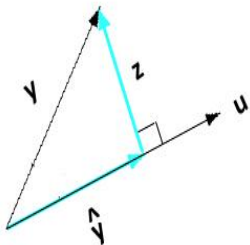
$$\vec{y} = \frac{-3}{11} \vec{u}_1 + \frac{4}{3} \vec{u}_2 - \frac{5}{33} \vec{u}_3$$

Projection

Given a nonzero vector \mathbf{u} , suppose we wish to decompose another nonzero vector \mathbf{y} into a sum of the form

$$\mathbf{y} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \mathbf{z}$$

in such a way that $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ is parallel to \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{z} is perpendicular to \mathbf{u} .



$\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ is the "part of \mathbf{y} in the direction of \mathbf{u} "

Projection

Since $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ is parallel to \mathbf{u} , there is a scalar α such that

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \alpha \mathbf{u}.$$

We have $\vec{y} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \vec{z}$ with $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \alpha \vec{u}$ and \vec{z} perpendicular to \vec{u} .

$$\vec{y} = \alpha \vec{u} + \vec{z}$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{y} = \vec{u} \cdot (\alpha \vec{u} + \vec{z}) = \alpha \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{z} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{u} \cdot \vec{y} = \alpha (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u})$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{y}}{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}}$$

Projection onto the subspace $L = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}\}$

Notation: $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \text{proj}_L = \left(\frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}}{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}} \right) \mathbf{u}$

Example: Let $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Write $\mathbf{y} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \mathbf{z}$ where $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ is in $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}\}$ and \mathbf{z} is orthogonal to \mathbf{u} .

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}}{\|\vec{u}\|^2} \vec{u} = \frac{40}{20} \vec{u} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{From } \vec{y} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \vec{z}, \quad \vec{z} = \vec{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example Continued...

Determine the distance between the point $(7, 6)$ and the line $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}\}$.

distance from \vec{y} to L

$$\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Line $\text{Span}\{\vec{u}\}$

$$\text{distance} = \|\vec{z}\| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{5}$$