

Section 6.7 Inner Product Spaces

Definition: An **inner product** on a vector space V is a function which assigns to each pair of vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in V a real number denoted by $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$ and that satisfies the following four axioms: For every $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$ in V and scalar c

i $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle,$

ii $\langle \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle,$

iii $\langle c\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = c \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle,$

iv $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle \geq 0$ and $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle = 0$ if and only if $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$.

A vector space with an inner product is called an **inner product space**.

Norm, Distance, and Orthogonality

Norm: The norm of a vector \mathbf{v} is $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle}$.

A Unit Vector: is a vector whose norm is 1.

Distance: The distance between two vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} is $\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|$.

Orthogonality: Two vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are orthogonal if $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0$

Orthogonal Projection: The orthogonal projection of \mathbf{v} onto \mathbf{u} is the vector

$$\hat{\mathbf{v}} = \left(\frac{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle} \right) \mathbf{u}.$$

Pythagorean Theorem: If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are orthogonal, then

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

Example (using some calculus)

Consider the set $C[a, b]$ of continuous functions defined on the interval $[a, b]$. For f and g in $C[a, b]$

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt$$

defines an inner product on $C[a, b]$.

(a) Show that $f(x) = \sin x$ and $g(x) = \cos x$ are orthogonal on $[-\pi, \pi]$.

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin x \cos x dx$$

$$= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x) dx$$

ID

$$\sin(2\theta) = 2\sin\theta \cos\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cos(2x) \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = -\frac{1}{4} (\cos(2\pi) - \cos(-2\pi)) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{4} (1 - 1) = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

So f and g are orthogonal.

Example continued...

(b) Find the distance between f and g in $C[-\pi, \pi]$.

distance is $\|f - g\|$. We'll compute the square.

$$\|f - g\|^2 = \langle f - g, f - g \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f(x) - g(x))(f(x) - g(x)) dx$$

$$= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (\sin^2 x - 2 \sin x \cos x + \cos^2 x) dx$$

$$= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x - 2 \sin x \cos x) dx$$

$$= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (1 - 2 \sin x \cos x) dx$$

$$= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} dx - 2 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin x \cos x dx$$

0" by part (a)

$$= x \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \pi - (-\pi) = 2\pi$$

So

$$\|f - g\| = \sqrt{2\pi}$$

Some Key Inequalities

Cauchy Schwarz: In an inner product space V , for any \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} we have

$$| \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle | \leq \| \mathbf{u} \| \| \mathbf{v} \|.$$

In \mathbb{R}^n w/ the dot product, this follows from

$$\| \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \|^2 \leq (\| \mathbf{u} \| + \| \mathbf{v} \|)^2$$

Triangle: For any \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}

$$\| \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \| \leq \| \mathbf{u} \| + \| \mathbf{v} \|.$$

Gram Schmidt

Let $\mathbb{P}_2[-1, 1]$ be the set of polynomials of degree at most 2 defined for $-1 \leq t \leq 1$. Using the following inner product

$$\langle \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 \mathbf{p}(t) \mathbf{q}(t) dt$$

find an orthogonal basis for \mathbb{P}_2 by starting with the elementary basis $\{1, t, t^2\}$.

Call the orthogonal vectors $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$.

$$\vec{v}_1 = 1$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = t - \frac{\langle t, 1 \rangle}{\langle 1, 1 \rangle} 1$$

$$\langle t, 1 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 t \cdot 1 dt = \frac{t^2}{2} \Big|_{-1}^1 = \frac{1^2}{2} - \frac{(-1)^2}{2} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

So $v_2 = t$

$$v_3 = t^2 - \frac{\langle t^2, 1 \rangle}{\langle 1, 1 \rangle} 1 - \frac{\langle t^2, t \rangle}{\langle t, t \rangle} t$$

$$\langle t^2, 1 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 t^2 \cdot 1 \, dt = \frac{t^3}{3} \Big|_{-1}^1 = \frac{1^3}{3} - \frac{(-1)^3}{3} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\langle 1, 1 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 1 \cdot 1 \, dt = \int_{-1}^1 1 \, dt = t \Big|_{-1}^1 = 1 - (-1) = 2$$

$$\langle t^2, t \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 t^2 \cdot t \, dt = \int_{-1}^1 t^3 \, dt = \frac{t^4}{4} \Big|_{-1}^1 = \frac{1^4}{4} - \frac{(-1)^4}{4} = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} = 0$$

$$\text{So } V_3 = t^2 - \frac{2/3}{2} = t^2 - \frac{1}{3}$$

Our orthogonal basis is

$$\left\{ 1, t, t^2 - \frac{1}{3} \right\}$$

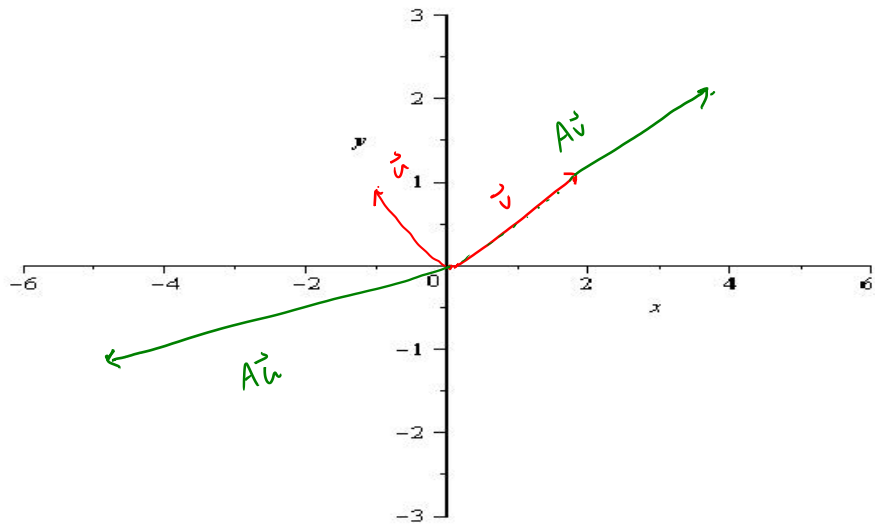
Section 5.1: Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

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.

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

$$A\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6-2 \\ 2+0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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.

We want $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$ such that $A\vec{x} = -4\vec{x}$

Set $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = -4 \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

In system form

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

$$5x_1 + 2x_2 = -4x_2$$

add $4x_1$ to the first

$4x_2$ to the second

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

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

This is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 0 \\ 5 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{rref}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{6}{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = -\frac{6}{5}x_2$$

x_2 - free

Solutions look like

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

So all the eigen vectors for the eigen value -4 are of the form $t \begin{bmatrix} -6/5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $t \neq 0$.

Eigenspace

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

$$\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0} \text{ and } A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}\},$$

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 .

For 2×2

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

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's characterize the solutions \vec{x} of $A\vec{x} = 2\vec{x}$.

Here

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 8 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(A - \lambda I)\vec{x} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{rref}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} x_1 &= \frac{1}{2}x_2 - 3x_3 \\ x_2, x_3 &\text{ free} \end{aligned}$$

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

A basis for the eigenspace for $\lambda=2$ is

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

Matrices with Nice Structure

Theorem: If A is an $n \times n$ triangular matrix, then the eigenvalues of A are its diagonal elements.

Find the eigenvalues of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & \pi & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

It's lower triangular

$$\lambda_1 = 3, \quad \lambda_2 = \pi, \quad \lambda_3 = 1$$