

# Worksheet 20 (March 19)

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inner prod. vector space. ← length, angle, orthogonality, ...

↑ def. inner product  
vector space. ← l.i., span, subspaces, ...

↑ def. addition & scalar multiple

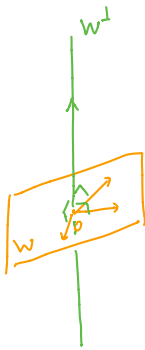
Set  $\|\vec{x}\| = \sqrt{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}}$

## 1 Review

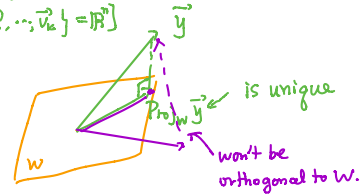
$\mathbb{R}^n$

### DEFINITIONS

- metric geometry of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ : inner product, length, angle;  $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \arccos \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{\|\vec{x}\| \|\vec{y}\|}$   
 Properties: ① Symmetric  $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = \vec{y} \cdot \vec{x}$ .  $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_n y_n$ .  
 ② Bilinear  $(a\vec{u} + b\vec{v}) \cdot \vec{y} = a(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{y}) + b(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{y})$ ,  $\vec{x} \cdot (c\vec{u} + d\vec{v}) = c(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{u}) + d(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{v})$
- orthogonal set, orthonormal set, orthogonal basis:  
 $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$ . ↳ orthogonal set ↳ orthogonal set  
 s.t.  $\vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_j = 0$  ( $i \neq j$ ) ② each vector is unit, i.e.  $\vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_i = 1$  ③ form a basis (of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ )  
 [need only  $\text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\} = \mathbb{R}^n$ ]
- orthogonal complement, orthogonal projection.



of subspace  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ :  $W^\perp = \{\vec{v} \mid \vec{v} \perp \vec{w}, \forall \vec{w} \in W\}$ .  
 of a vector  $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  to subspace  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ :  
 $\text{Proj}_W \vec{y}$  "best approx. of  $\vec{y}$  in  $W$ "



### METHODS AND IDEAS

**Theorem 1.** If  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are orthogonal vectors, then they are linearly independent.

**Theorem 2.** (Orthogonal Projection)

Let  $\{\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \dots, \vec{w}_k\}$  be an **orthogonal** basis of subspace  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , then for any vector  $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , its orthogonal projection to  $W$  is

$$\hat{\vec{y}} = \text{Proj}_W \vec{y} = \frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{w}_1}{\vec{w}_1 \cdot \vec{w}_1} \vec{w}_1 + \dots + \frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{w}_k}{\vec{w}_k \cdot \vec{w}_k} \vec{w}_k.$$

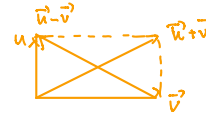
**Remark 1.** The **orthogonal projection**  $\hat{\vec{y}}$  is the closest to  $\vec{y}$  among all vectors in  $W$ . Moreover, it is the unique vector in  $W$  such that  $\vec{y} - \hat{\vec{y}}$  is orthogonal to  $W$ . In other words, the decomposition of any vector  $\vec{y}$  into the sum of  $W$  and  $W^\perp$  is unique, and it is exactly  $\hat{\vec{y}} + (\vec{y} - \hat{\vec{y}})$ .

$$\vec{y} = \underbrace{\hat{\vec{y}}}_W + \underbrace{(\vec{y} - \hat{\vec{y}})}_{W^\perp}$$

**Remark 2.** When  $W$  in the theorem is the full subspace  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathcal{W} = \{\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \dots, \vec{w}_k\}$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and thus the formula gives an easy way to compute the  $W$ -coordinate of  $\vec{y}$ , i.e.

$$[\vec{y}]_W = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{w}_1}{\vec{w}_1 \cdot \vec{w}_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{w}_k}{\vec{w}_k \cdot \vec{w}_k} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0 \\
& \Downarrow \\
& -2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} \\
& \Downarrow \\
& (\vec{u}-\vec{v}) \cdot (\vec{u}-\vec{v}) = (\vec{u}+\vec{v}) \cdot (\vec{u}+\vec{v}) \\
& \Downarrow \\
& \|\vec{u}-\vec{v}\|^2 = \|\vec{u}+\vec{v}\|^2
\end{aligned}$$



## 2 Problems

**Example 1.** True or false.

- (T) If  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are orthogonal,  $\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\| = \|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|$ .
- (T) (F)  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k\}$  is a set of orthogonal vectors if and only if any two vectors of it are orthogonal to each other.

- (F)  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k\}$  is a set of linearly independent vectors if and only if any two vectors of it are linearly independent to each other.

*different*  
*Same plane but not same direction.*

*If W is a plane.  
① in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then  $W^\perp$  is a line  
② in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , then  $W^\perp$  is a plane, because  
 $\dim W^\perp + \dim W = 4$   
③ in  $\mathbb{R}^5$ ,  $\dim W^\perp \geq 3$*

- (T) Let  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace, then its orthogonal complement  $W^\perp$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  of complementary dimension.

$$\dim_{\mathbb{R}} W + \dim_{\mathbb{R}} W^\perp = n.$$

- (T) Let  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace, then  $(W^\perp)^\perp = W$ .

$$\textcircled{1} W \subset (W^\perp)^\perp \quad \textcircled{2} \dim_{\mathbb{C}} W = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} (W^\perp)^\perp$$

- (T) Let  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace and  $W^\perp$  be its orthogonal complement. If  $\mathbf{v}$  is in both  $W$  and  $W^\perp$ , then  $\mathbf{v}$  must be the zero vector.

$$\Downarrow \vec{v} \perp \vec{v}, \text{ i.e. } \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = 0 \Updownarrow$$

**Example 2.** Consider the vector

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

- (a) Compute  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{e}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{e}_2$ .
- (b) Suppose  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is a unit vector satisfying  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 2$ . Find  $\mathbf{u}$ .
- (c) Find the area of the triangle formed by the origin and the endpoints of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .

(b)  $\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$        $b = \frac{8 \pm 3\sqrt{21}}{25}$

$$\begin{cases} a^2 + b^2 = 1 & \textcircled{1} \\ 3a + 4b = 2 & \textcircled{2} \end{cases} \quad a = \text{'' ''}$$



$$S_\Delta = \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\| \cdot \sin \theta$$

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

②  $a = \frac{2-4b}{3}$   
Plug in ①:  $\frac{(4b-2)^2}{9} + b^2 = 1$ .

$$= \frac{2}{5}$$

So  $\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{21}}{5}$

So  $S_\Delta = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 \cdot 5 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{21}}{5}$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{21}}{2}$$

**Example 3.** Let  $W$  be the plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  given by  $x + y + z = 0$ .

- (a) Find the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{x} = (7, -1, 3)^T$  to  $W$ .
- (b) Find all  $\mathbf{y}$  whose orthogonal projection to  $W$  is  $(2, 2, -4)^T$ .