

1. Question: Inner product and orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^n (*elementary*)

- 1.1.** Show that the dot product for vectors, i.e. $\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{y}$ with $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$ for some vector space V , is an inner product. Which norm and metric does it induce?
- 1.2.** Can you think of a definition of an inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\text{ex}}$ that isn't the dot product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\text{dot}}$? If two vectors are orthogonal in $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\text{dot}})$, are they also orthogonal in $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\text{ex}})$?
- 1.3.** Show that, for some inner product space $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ with zero element $\mathbf{0}$, the following holds: *All vectors $\mathbf{v} \in V$ are orthogonal to $\mathbf{0}$, and $\mathbf{0}$ is the only vector in V that is orthogonal to itself.*

Solution:

- 1.1.** Let us assume that all vectors in V have n entries. We can easily verify that the dot product fulfills all properties of an inner product:

1. Clearly, $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i = \mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{x} = \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle$.

2.

$$\langle \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \rangle = (\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y})^\top \mathbf{z} = (\mathbf{x}^\top + \mathbf{y}^\top) \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{z} = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \rangle,$$

where we have used that matrix multiplication distributes over addition.

3. Clearly, for a scalar c , $\langle c\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = (c\mathbf{x})^\top \mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n (cx_i)y_i = \sum_{i=1}^n c(x_i y_i) = c \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i = c \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$.

4.

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle = \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{x} = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2 \geq 0$$

with equality if and only if $x_i = 0 \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, that is, $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. Furthermore, the dot product induces the euclidean norm and distance, which we can also easily verify:

$$\sqrt{\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{x}} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} \text{ and } \sqrt{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2}.$$

- 1.2.** One example would be $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle := \mathbf{x}^\top \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}$.

No, the angles between vectors can generally vary across different inner products. See question **2.2** for an example.

- 1.3.** First, we note that the fact that $\mathbf{0}$ is the only vector orthogonal to itself follows immediately from the definition of inner products, which states that $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle = 0$ if and only if $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$. Furthermore, combining this fact with the third and second properties of inner products, we get

$$0 = \langle \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{0} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{0} \rangle + \langle -\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{0} \rangle,$$

So both $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{0} \rangle$ and $\langle -\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{0} \rangle$ must be equal to 0 for all vectors $\mathbf{v} \in V$, which proves that all vectors $\mathbf{v} \in V$ are orthogonal to $\mathbf{0}$.

2. Question: Angles between Vectors and Projection onto a Line (*elementary*)

- 2.1.** Find the angle in between vectors $\mathbf{a} = (8, -2, 16)^\top$ and $\mathbf{b} = (-9, 8, 12)^\top$ in radian and degrees.
- 2.2.** Calculate the angle between the vectors $\mathbf{x} = [1, 1]^\top, \mathbf{y} = [-1, 1]^\top \in \mathbb{R}^2$ with regards to *both the dot product and the inner product defined as*

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle := \mathbf{x}^\top \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}.$$

2.3. Let $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the orthogonal projection of \mathbf{y} onto \mathbf{u} . Then write \mathbf{y} as the sum of two orthogonal vectors, one in $\text{span}\{\mathbf{u}\}$ and one orthogonal to \mathbf{u} .

2.4. Project

- (i) the vector $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ orthogonally onto the line $\left\{ c \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \mid c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$
- (ii) $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ orthogonally onto the line $y = 3x$.

Solution:

2.1.

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \omega &= \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|} = \frac{8 \times (-9) + (-2) \times 8 + 16 \times 12}{\sqrt{8^2 + (-2)^2 + 16^2} \cdot \sqrt{(-9)^2 + 8^2 + 12^2}} \\ &= \frac{104}{18 \cdot 17} = \frac{104}{306} \\ \implies \omega &= \arccos\left(\frac{104}{306}\right) \approx 1.22. \end{aligned}$$

So the angle is ≈ 1.22 radian $\approx 68^\circ$

2.2. For the dot product, we can immediately infer from

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = -1 + 1 = 0$$

that \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are orthogonal, so the angle between them equals 90° .

Meanwhile, for $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle := \mathbf{x}^\top \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}$ we get that the angle ω between \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} is given by

$$\cos \omega = \frac{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|} = -\frac{1}{3} \implies \omega \approx 1.91 \text{ rad} \approx 109.5^\circ,$$

and \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are not orthogonal.

2.3. Compute

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u} &= \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 40 \\ \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} &= \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 20 \end{aligned}$$

The orthogonal projection of \mathbf{y} onto \mathbf{u} is

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

and the component of \mathbf{y} orthogonal to \mathbf{u} is

$$\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The sum of these two vectors is \mathbf{y} . That is,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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This decomposition of \mathbf{y} is illustrated in Figure 3. Note: If the calculations above are correct, then $\{\hat{\mathbf{y}}, \mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}\}$ will be an orthogonal set. As a check, compute

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot (\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}) = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = -8 + 8 = 0$$

2.4. (i)
$$\frac{\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{-19}{19} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

(ii) Writing the line as $\{c \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \mid c \in \mathbb{R}\}$ gives this projection:

$$\frac{\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{-4}{10} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2/5 \\ -6/5 \end{pmatrix}$$

3. Question: Gram-Schmidt Process (*elementary*)

3.1. Carry out the Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization process on the following pair of vectors in \mathbb{R}^2 to obtain an orthonormal basis:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3.2. Carry out the Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization process on the following three vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 to obtain an orthonormal basis:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3.3. Perform an Eigendecomposition of the following matrix. How do the spectral theorem and the Gram-Schmidt process help you here?

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(You may use the fact that $\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = -(\lambda - 1)^2(\lambda - 7)$ to save time.)

Solution:

3.1. We apply the Gram-Schmidt algorithm with $\mathbf{b}_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{b}_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

First, set $u_1 := \mathbf{b}_1$ and normalize it:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{b}_1\| &= \sqrt{2^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{5} \\ \implies w_1 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(2, 1) = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Second, find w_2 :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b}_2 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{b}_1, u_1 \rangle}{\langle u_1, u_1 \rangle} \mathbf{b}_1 &= (-1, 3) - \frac{(-1, 3) \cdot (2, 1)}{(2, 1) \cdot (2, 1)} (2, 1) \\ &= (-1, 3) - \frac{1}{5} (2, 1) \\ &= \left(-\frac{7}{5}, \frac{14}{5} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Since } \left| \left(-\frac{7}{5}, \frac{14}{5} \right) \right| = \frac{7}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{it follows that } w_2 &= \frac{\sqrt{5}}{7} \left(-\frac{7}{5}, \frac{14}{5} \right) \\ &= \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now w_1, w_2 constitute an orthonormal basis for \mathbb{R}^2 .

3.2. We apply the Gram-Schmidt algorithm with $\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$u_1 = \mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad w_1 = \frac{\mathbf{b}_1}{\|\mathbf{b}_1\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_2 = \mathbf{b}_2 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{b}_2, u_1 \rangle}{\langle u_1, u_1 \rangle} u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle}{\left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{10}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow w_2 = \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|} = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_3 = \mathbf{b}_3 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{b}_3, u_1 \rangle}{\langle u_1, u_1 \rangle} u_1 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{b}_3, u_2 \rangle}{\langle u_2, u_2 \rangle} u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle}{\left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle}{\left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{0}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{-6}{81} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow w_3 = \frac{u_3}{\|u_3\|} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

3.3. The characteristic polynomial of \mathbf{A} is

$$p_{\mathbf{A}}(\lambda) = -(\lambda - 1)^2(\lambda - 7),$$

so that we obtain the eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = 1$ and $\lambda_2 = 7$, where λ_1 is a repeated eigenvalue. Following

our standard procedure for computing eigenvectors, we obtain the eigenspaces

$$E_1 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{=: \mathbf{x}_1} \right\}, \quad E_7 = \text{span} \left\{ \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{=: \mathbf{x}_3} \right\}.$$

We see that \mathbf{x}_3 is orthogonal to both \mathbf{x}_1 and \mathbf{x}_2 . However, since $\mathbf{x}_1^\top \mathbf{x}_2 = 1 \neq 0$, they are not orthogonal. The **spectral theorem** states that there exists an orthogonal basis, but the one we have is not orthogonal. However, we can construct one.

To construct such a basis, we exploit the fact that $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2$ are eigenvectors associated with the same eigenvalue λ . Therefore, for any $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ it holds that

$$\mathbf{A}(\alpha \mathbf{x}_1 + \beta \mathbf{x}_2) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_1\alpha + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_2\beta = \lambda(\alpha \mathbf{x}_1 + \beta \mathbf{x}_2),$$

i.e., any linear combination of \mathbf{x}_1 and \mathbf{x}_2 is also an eigenvector of \mathbf{A} associated with λ . The **Gram-Schmidt algorithm** is a method for iteratively constructing an orthogonal/orthonormal basis from a set of basis vectors using such linear combinations. Therefore, even if \mathbf{x}_1 and \mathbf{x}_2 are not orthogonal, we can apply the Gram-Schmidt algorithm and find eigenvectors associated with $\lambda_1 = 1$ that are orthogonal to each other (and to \mathbf{x}_3). In our example, *without normalization*, we will obtain

$$\mathbf{x}'_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}'_2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

which are orthogonal to each other, orthogonal to \mathbf{x}_3 , and eigenvectors of \mathbf{A} associated with $\lambda_1 = 1$. Lastly, we can normalize $\mathbf{x}'_1, \mathbf{x}'_2$ and \mathbf{x}_3 to obtain an orthogonal and thereby easily invertible matrix with eigenvectors as columns:

$$\mathbf{P} := \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}$$

and we get the following eigendecomposition:

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P} \text{diag}(1, 1, 7) \mathbf{P}^\top = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

4. Question: Projection onto general Subspaces (*elementary*)

4.1. How does the formula for orthogonal projection onto subspaces from definition 5.7 simplify if the given basis is not only orthogonal but orthonormal?

4.2. In \mathbb{R}^3 , let

$$W = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

be the subspace spanned by the vectors $(1, 1, 2)^\top$ and $(1, 1, -1)^\top$. What point of W is closest to the vector $(4, 5, -2)^\top$?

4.3. In \mathbb{R}^3 , find the orthogonal projection of $(2, 2, 5)^\top$ on the subspace

$$W = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

4.4. Let $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_m\}$ be an orthonormal basis of the subspace $W \subset V$. Prove that the vectors $(v - \text{pr}_W(v))$ and \mathbf{w}_k are orthogonal $\forall v \in V, k = 1, \dots, m$; and hence $v - \text{pr}_W(v)$ is orthogonal to every vector in W .

Solution:

4.1. All vectors \mathbf{w}_j in an orthonormal basis have length one, i.e. $\langle \mathbf{w}_j, \mathbf{w}_j \rangle = 1$, so the formula simplifies to

$$\text{proj}_W(\mathbf{v}) = \pi_W(\mathbf{v}) = \sum_{j=1}^m \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}_j \rangle \mathbf{w}_j.$$

4.2. Clearly, $(1, 1, 2)^\top$ and $(1, 1, -1)^\top$ are already orthogonal, so we can immediately use the formula from definition 5.7.

Let

$$\begin{aligned} w_1 &= (1, 1, 2) \\ w_2 &= (1, 1, -1) \\ W &= \text{Span}(w_1, w_2) \\ v &= (4, 5, -2) \end{aligned}$$

Since $w_1 \perp w_2$, the projection of v onto W is as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{proj}_{w_1} v &= \frac{w_1 \cdot v}{w_1 \cdot w_1} w_1 = \frac{5}{6}(1, 1, 2) = \left(\frac{5}{6}, \frac{5}{6}, \frac{10}{6} \right) \\ \text{proj}_{w_2} v &= \frac{w_2 \cdot v}{w_2 \cdot w_2} w_2 = \frac{11}{3}(1, 1, -1) = \left(\frac{11}{3}, \frac{11}{3}, -\frac{11}{3} \right) \\ \text{proj}_W v &= \text{proj}_{w_1} v + \text{proj}_{w_2} v \\ &= \left(\frac{27}{6}, \frac{27}{6}, -\frac{6}{3} \right) = \left(\frac{9}{2}, \frac{9}{2}, -2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\left(\frac{9}{2}, \frac{9}{2}, -2\right)^\top$ is the closest vector.

4.3. Let

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 &= (2, 1, 1), \\ v_2 &= (0, 2, 1), \\ v &= (2, 2, 5), \\ W &= \text{Span}(v_1, v_2). \end{aligned}$$

Since v_1 and v_2 are not orthogonal to each other, we have to find an orthogonal basis for W . The GramSchmidt orthogonalization gives us the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \|v_1\| &= \sqrt{6} \\ u_1 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(2, 1, 1) \\ v_2 - \text{proj}_{v_1} v_2 &= (0, 2, 1) - \left(1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = \left(-1, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ \left\| \left(-1, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \right\| &= \sqrt{1 + \frac{9}{4} + \frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt{\frac{14}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{14}}{2} \\ u_2 &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}} \left(-1, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = \left(-\frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Hence u_1, u_2 constitutes an orthonormal basis for W . Now we find the projection of v onto W :

$$\begin{aligned}\text{proj}_{u_1} v &= (u_1 \cdot v) u_1 \\ &= \frac{11}{6}(2, 1, 1) = \left(\frac{11}{3}, \frac{11}{6}, \frac{11}{6}\right) \\ \text{proj}_{u_2} v &= (u_2 \cdot v) u_2 \\ &= 1 \left(-1, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = \left(-1, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right), \\ \text{proj}_W v &= \text{proj}_{u_1} v + \text{proj}_{u_2} v \\ &= \left(\frac{11}{3} - 1, \frac{11}{6} + \frac{3}{2}, \frac{11}{6} + \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{8}{3}, \frac{10}{3}, \frac{7}{3}\right)\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\left(\frac{8}{3}, \frac{10}{3}, \frac{7}{3}\right)^\top$ is the closest vector.

4.4. This is a straightforward calculation:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle v - \text{pr}_W(v), u_k \rangle &= \langle v, u_k \rangle - \langle \text{pr}_W(v), u_k \rangle \\ &= \langle v, u_k \rangle - \left\langle \sum_{j=1}^m \langle v, u_j \rangle u_j, u_k \right\rangle \\ &= \langle v, u_k \rangle - \sum_{j=1}^m \langle v, u_j \rangle \langle u_j, u_k \rangle \\ &= \langle v, u_k \rangle - \langle v, u_k \rangle \langle u_k, u_k \rangle = 0\end{aligned}$$

The transition from line 3 to line 4 is justified by the orthogonality of the u 's; the last step requires that the u 's be unit vectors.

The second assertion of the lemma follows from the fact that every element of W can be written as a linear combination of the orthonormal basis vectors.

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