

Last time:

orthogonal / orthonormal bases of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

Next lecture: review.

advantage: makes coordinate vectors easier to compute.

If  $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is an orthogonal basis, then  $\forall v \in \mathbb{R}^n$

we have  $[v]_B = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$  is given by  $c_i = \frac{\langle v, v_i \rangle}{\langle v_i, v_i \rangle}$ .

"  $\langle v, v_i \rangle$  if  $B$  is orthonormal

orthogonal projections

$\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$

$y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , orthogonal basis  $B$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , a subset  $I$  of  $B$

$\hat{y}_I$ , proj of  $y$  onto the span of  $B$

$$\hat{y}_I = \sum_{v_i \in I} c_i v_i$$

geometric properties of  $\hat{y}_I$ :  $\hat{y}_I \in \text{span } I$ ,  $\hat{y}_I$  is the closest point in  $\text{span } I$  to  $y$ .

Today: · more on orthogonal projections

· the Gram-Schmidt process (for constructing orthogonal bases)

## 1. Orthogonal projections, revisited.

Facts: · As we'll see, every subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  has at least one orthogonal basis.

· Any basis of  $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  can be extended to a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  
subspace e.g.  $W = xy\text{-planes } \text{Span}\{e_1, e_2\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$  extend  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$   
basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$

E.g. Take  $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $W = \text{Span}\{v_1, v_2\}$ .

Then  $\left\{ u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \Rightarrow$  an ortho. basis of  $W$ , and it can be extended to the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Point: We may talk about the orthogonal projection  $\text{proj}_W y$  of  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  onto a subspace  $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  without having a given orthogonal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  or of  $W$ .

In the previous example, if  $y = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , then we can speak of  $\text{proj}_W y$  even if we are not given an orthogonal basis of  $W$  to start with.

The distance from  $y$  to  $W$  is still  $\|y - \text{proj}_W y\|$ .

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad W = \text{span} \left\{ \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{v_1}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}_{v_2}$$

not orthogonal

\* we can compute an orthogonal basis  $\{u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\}$  of  $W$

$$\rightarrow \text{proj}_W y = c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2, \quad c_i = \frac{\langle y, u_i \rangle}{\langle u_i, u_i \rangle}$$

Remark: As noted above, to find  $\text{proj}_W y$  we often need to find an orthogonal basis of  $W$  ourselves.  $\rightarrow$  done by the Gram-Schmidt process. for  $i=1,2$ .

## 2. The Gram-Schmidt algorithm.

Input: A basis  $B = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p\}$  of a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Output: An orthogonal basis  $B' = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p\}$  of  $W$ .

Main idea: repeatedly compute vectors of the form  $y - \text{proj}_U y$  where  $y \in B$  and  $U$  is a subspace of  $W$ .

The algorithm:

(i) initial step: set  $v_1 = x_1$

e.g.  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow v_1 = x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$

$x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3$

(2). When  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{i-1}\}$  have been found, we set

$U_{i-1} = \text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}\}$  and compute

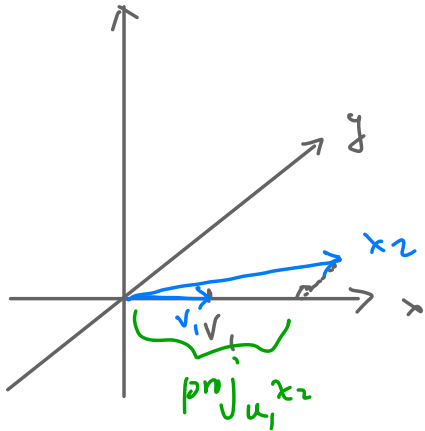
$$v_i = x_i - \text{proj}_{U_{i-1}} x_i.$$

eg.  $\{v_1\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ ,  $U_{i-1} = \text{Span}\{v_1\}$ .

$$\rightarrow v_2 = x_2 - \text{proj}_{U_{i-1}} x_2 = x_2 - \frac{\langle x_2, v_1 \rangle}{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle} v_1$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\langle \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rangle}{\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rangle} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$



Now  $\{v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\}$  are known, so we can compute  $v_3$ .

$$v_3 = x_3 - \text{proj}_{u_2} x_3 = x_3 - \text{proj}_{\text{span}\{v_1, v_2\}} x_3$$

$$= x_3 - \frac{\langle x_3, v_1 \rangle}{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle} v_1 - \frac{\langle x_3, v_2 \rangle}{\langle v_2, v_2 \rangle} v_2$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - \text{proj}_{\text{span}\{e_1, e_2\}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

13) Stop when all  $v_1, \dots, v_p$  have been computed.

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eg.  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$   
is a basis for  $W$ .  $\square$

Example.

$$B = \left\{ \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}}_{x_1}, \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}}_{x_2} \right\}. \quad W = \text{Span } B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3.$$

Soln:  $v_1$  :  $v_1 = x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$v_2$  : use  $\{v_1\}$  and  $x_2$ .  $v_2 = x_2 - \text{proj}_{\text{Span}\{v_1\}} x_2$

So  $\left\{ v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 13/5 \\ 5 \\ 39/5 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = x_2 - \frac{\langle x_2, v_1 \rangle}{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle} v_1$

$\Rightarrow$  an orthogonal basis of  $W$ .

Check:  $\langle v_1, v_2 \rangle = 0$ .  $\checkmark$

$\Uparrow$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{18}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 27/5 \\ 0 \\ -9/5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 13/5 \\ 5 \\ 39/5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \quad w = \text{Span } B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3. \quad (\text{so } w = \mathbb{R}^3)$$

$x_1$                    $x_2$                    $x_3$

Soln:

(1)  $v_1 = x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$

(2) Now that  $\{v_1\}$  is known, we can compute  $v_2$ .

$$v_2 = x_2 - \text{proj}_{\text{Span}\{v_1\}} x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\langle x_2, v_1 \rangle}{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle} v_1$$

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

check:  $v_1 \perp v_2$



Now that  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  are known, we can compute  $v_3$ :

$$v_3 = x_3 - \underbrace{\text{proj}_{u_2}}_{\downarrow \text{Span}\{v_1, v_2\}} x_3 = x_3 - \frac{\langle x_3, v_1 \rangle}{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle} v_1 - \frac{\langle x_3, v_2 \rangle}{\langle v_2, v_2 \rangle} v_2$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{6}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{(-2)}{\frac{33}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{4}{33} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{33} \\ \frac{2}{33} \\ \frac{16}{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 64/33 \\ -64/33 \\ 16/33 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 64/33 \\ -64/33 \\ 16/33 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is an orthogonal basis of  $W$ .