

# Lecture 21: Orthogonality cont.

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## Theorem Orthogonal sets are linearly independent

but linearly independent sets are not necessarily orthogonal.

### PROOF

Let  $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$  be an orthogonal set.

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$$\begin{aligned} a_1 \cdot v_1 + \dots + a_m \cdot v_m &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow v_i \cdot (a_1 \cdot v_1 + \dots + a_m \cdot v_m) &= v_i \cdot 0 \\ \Rightarrow \underbrace{a_1 v_i \cdot v_1}_0 + \underbrace{a_2 v_i \cdot v_2}_0 + \dots + \underbrace{a_m v_i \cdot v_m}_0 &= v_i \cdot 0 \\ &\text{unless } i=1 \quad \text{unless } i=2 \quad \text{unless } i=m \\ \Rightarrow a_i v_i \cdot v_i &= 0 \\ &\neq 0 \\ &\text{(b/c } v_i \neq 0 \text{ as a vector in a LI set)} \\ \Rightarrow a_i &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now, choosing  $i = 1, i = 2, \dots, i = m$ , we get:

$$a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_m$$

### Corollary

An orthogonal spanning set is a basis.

### Theorem

Let  $\{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$  be an orthogonal basis of a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Then, any  $w \in W$  can be written as:

$$w = ? \cdot w_1 + ? \cdot w_2 + \dots + ? \cdot w_m$$

$$w = \frac{w_1 \cdot w}{w_1 \cdot w_1} \cdot w_1 + \frac{w_2 \cdot w}{w_2 \cdot w_2} \cdot w_2 + \dots + \frac{w_m \cdot w}{w_m \cdot w_m} \cdot w_m$$

### PROOF

Since  $\{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$  form a basis of  $W$  there are  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{R}$  such that:

$$w = a_1 w_1 + \dots + a_m w_m \quad \Bigg| \quad w_i \quad \leftarrow \text{dot product with } w_i \text{ on both sides}$$

$$\Rightarrow w_i \cdot w = w_i \cdot (a_1 w_1 + \dots + a_m w_m)$$

$$\Rightarrow w_i \cdot w = a_1 w_i \cdot w_1 + \dots + a_m w_i \cdot w_m$$

$$\Rightarrow w_i \cdot w = a_i w_i \cdot w_i$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{w_i \cdot w}{w_i \cdot w_i} = a_i$$

### Example:

$$\left\{ \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{w_1}, \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}}_{w_2}, \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{w_3} \right\} \rightarrow \text{orthogonal basis of } \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_w = ? \cdot \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{w_1} + ? \cdot \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}}_{w_2} + ? \cdot \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{w_3}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{w_1 \cdot w}{w_1 \cdot w_1} = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{w_2 \cdot w}{w_2 \cdot w_2} = 0$$

$$\frac{w_3 \cdot w}{w_3 \cdot w_3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\begin{matrix} w & w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{w_3 \cdot w}{w_3 \cdot w_3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

### 19.3 Orthogonal Projections

#### Definition

Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with orthogonal basis  $\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$ .  
Then, for any vector  $v$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (in the subspace or not), we can set:

$$\text{proj}_W(v) = \frac{w_1 \cdot v}{w_1 \cdot w_1} \cdot w_1 + \dots + \frac{w_m \cdot v}{w_m \cdot w_m} \cdot w_m$$

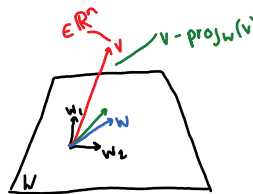
This is the orthogonal projection of  $v$  onto  $W$ .

#### Theorem

Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Then,

- 1)  $\text{proj}_W(v) \in W$
- 2)  $v - \text{proj}_W(v)$  is orthogonal
- 3)  $\text{proj}_W(v)$  is the best approximation of  $v$  by vectors in  $W$
- 4)  $\text{proj}_W(v)$  is the only vector that satisfies 1) and 2)



#### Example

$$w_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, w_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, w_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{proj}_W \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{-2}{2} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{3}{2} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ \frac{3}{2} \\ -\frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

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### 19.4 Gram-Schmidt algorithm

#### Theorem

Let  $\{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$  be a basis of a subspace  $U$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Then, define:

$$w_1 := u_1$$

$$w_2 := u_2 - \text{proj}_{w_1}(u_2)$$

$$= u_2 - \frac{w_1 \cdot u_2}{w_1 \cdot w_1} \cdot w_1$$

$$w_3 := u_3 - \text{proj}_{w_2}(u_3) \quad \text{where } V_2 = \text{span}\{u_1, u_2\}$$

$$= u_3 - \frac{w_1 \cdot u_3}{w_1 \cdot w_1} \cdot w_1 - \frac{w_2 \cdot u_3}{w_2 \cdot w_2} \cdot w_2$$

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$$w_m := u_m - \text{proj}_{w_{m-1}}(u_m)$$

$$= u_m - \frac{w_1 \cdot u_m}{w_1 \cdot w_1} \cdot w_1 - \dots - \frac{w_{m-1} \cdot u_m}{w_{m-1} \cdot w_{m-1}} \cdot w_{m-1}$$

This,  $\{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$  is an orthogonal basis for  $U$ .

