

Yesterday Gram-Schmidt Process

How to get an orthogonal basis for subspace  $W$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  from any basis for  $W$ .

Old basis :  $\{\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_r\}$

New basis :  $\{\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_r\}$  with  $\text{span}\{\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_k\} = \text{span}\{\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_k\}$  for  $1 \leq k \leq r$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{v}_1 &= \bar{u}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \bar{v}_n &= \bar{u}_n - \underbrace{\frac{\bar{u}_n \cdot \bar{v}_1}{\|\bar{v}_1\|^2} \bar{v}_1}_{\text{proj}_{\bar{v}_1} \bar{u}_n} - \underbrace{\frac{\bar{u}_n \cdot \bar{v}_2}{\|\bar{v}_2\|^2} \bar{v}_2}_{\text{proj}_{\bar{v}_2} \bar{u}_n} - \dots - \underbrace{\frac{\bar{u}_n \cdot \bar{v}_{n-1}}{\|\bar{v}_{n-1}\|^2} \bar{v}_{n-1}}_{\text{proj}_{\bar{v}_{n-1}} \bar{u}_n} \end{aligned}$$

To get an orthonormal basis :  $\left\{ \frac{\bar{v}_1}{\|\bar{v}_1\|}, \dots, \frac{\bar{v}_r}{\|\bar{v}_r\|} \right\}$ .

Example Find an orthonormal basis for

$$W = \text{span}\left(\underbrace{\{(1, 0, 1)\}}_{\bar{u}_1}, \underbrace{\{(0, 5, -2)\}}_{\bar{u}_2}, \underbrace{\{(4, -3, 2)\}}_{\bar{u}_3}\right).$$

$$\bar{v}_1 = \bar{u}_1 = \underline{(1, 0, 1)} \rightarrow \text{norm} : \|(1, 0, 1)\| = \sqrt{1+1} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{v}_2 &= \bar{u}_2 - \text{proj}_{\bar{v}_1} \bar{u}_2 = (0, 5, -2) - \frac{(0, 5, -2) \cdot (1, 0, 1)}{\|(1, 0, 1)\|^2} (1, 0, 1) \\ &= (0, 5, -2) \underbrace{- \frac{-2}{2}}_+ (1, 0, 1) = \underline{(1, 5, -1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{v}_3 = \bar{u}_3 - \text{proj}_{\bar{v}_1} \bar{u}_3 - \text{proj}_{\bar{v}_2} \bar{u}_3$$

$$= (4, -3, 2) - \frac{(4, -3, 2) \cdot (1, 0, 1)}{\|(1, 0, 1)\|^2} (1, 0, 1) - \frac{(4, -3, 2) \cdot (1, 5, -1)}{\|(1, 5, -1)\|^2} (1, 5, -1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Norm: } \|(1, 5, -1)\| &= \sqrt{1+25+1} \\ &= \sqrt{27} = 3\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (4, -3, 2) - \frac{6}{27}(1, 0, 1) - \frac{4-15-2}{27}(1, 5, -1) \\
 &= \left( \frac{40}{27}, -\frac{16}{27}, -\frac{40}{27} \right) \quad \rightarrow \text{Norm} \left\| \left( \frac{40}{27}, -\frac{16}{27}, -\frac{40}{27} \right) \right\| \\
 &\quad = \frac{\sqrt{3456}}{27}
 \end{aligned}$$

So orthogonal basis :

$$\left\{ (1, 0, 1), (1, 5, -1), \left( \frac{40}{27}, -\frac{16}{27}, -\frac{40}{27} \right) \right\}$$

So orthonormal basis :

$$\left\{ \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right), \left( \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}, \frac{5}{3\sqrt{3}}, -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} \right), \left( \frac{40}{\sqrt{3456}}, \frac{-16}{\sqrt{3456}}, \frac{-40}{\sqrt{3456}} \right) \right\}$$

This is really a special use of :

Souped-Up Projection Theorem If  $\bar{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and

$W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  then we can uniquely

write  $\bar{u} = \bar{w}_1 + \bar{w}_2$  where  $\bar{w}_1 \in W$   
 &  $\bar{w}_2 \cdot \bar{w} = 0$  for all  $\bar{w} \in W$

(Earlier Proj. Thm : special case  $W = \text{span}(\{\bar{v}\})$ )

If  $\{\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_r\}$  is an orthogonal basis for  $W$

then  $\bar{w}_1$  - we call this  $\text{proj}_W \bar{u}$  - is :

$$\text{proj}_W \bar{u} = \text{proj}_{\bar{v}_1} \bar{u} + \text{proj}_{\bar{v}_2} \bar{u} + \dots + \text{proj}_{\bar{v}_r} \bar{u}$$

(So Gram-Schmidt says :  $\bar{v}_1 = \bar{u}_1$   
 $\vdots$   
each  $\bar{v}_n = \bar{u}_n - \text{proj}_{\text{Span}\{\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_{n-1}\}} \bar{u}_n$ .)

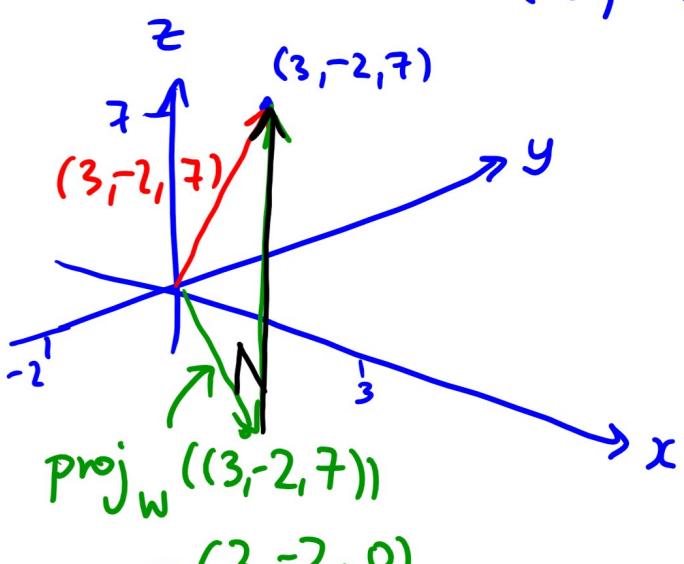
Example Find the projection of  $(3, -2, 7)$  onto the  $xy$ -plane.

Solution  $W = xy\text{-plane} = \text{span}(\{\bar{e}_1, \bar{e}_2\})$

$$\text{check: } \bar{e}_1 \cdot \bar{e}_2 = 0$$

So  $\text{proj}_W ((3, -2, 7)) =$

$$((3, -2, 7) \cdot \bar{e}_1) \bar{e}_1 + ((3, -2, 7) \cdot \bar{e}_2) \bar{e}_2 \\ = (3, -2, 0)$$



Example Find the projection of  $\bar{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

onto  $W = \text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$

Solution Is orthogonal?  
No!  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \neq 0$

First we need an orthogonal basis for  $W$ .

We did this last time using Gram-Schmidt:

$$W = \text{span} \left\{ \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{v}_1}, \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2/1/\| \\ 12/\| \\ -3/\| \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{v}_2} \right\}.$$

$$\bar{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/7 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \text{proj}_W \bar{u} &= \frac{\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v}_1}{\|\bar{v}_1\|^2} \bar{v}_1 + \frac{\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v}_2}{\|\bar{v}_2\|^2} \bar{v}_2 \\ &= \frac{2/7 - 2/-3}{\|1\|} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{(2/1)(2/7) + 24/3/\|}{\|2/1^2 + 12^2 + (-3)^2\|} \begin{bmatrix} 2/1/\| \\ 12/\| \\ -3/\| \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2/1 \\ 12 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ 10 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

## 4.5 Dimension

Def<sup>n</sup> Vector space  $V$  is finite dimensional if it has a finite basis.

Otherwise  $V$  infinite dimensional.

Theorem If  $V$  has a basis  $S = \{\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_n\}$  then (1) any set with  $> n$  vectors is linearly dependent  
(2) any set with  $< n$  vectors does NOT span  $V$ .

So if  $V$  finite dimensional, then every basis for  $V$  has the same # of elements, called dimension of  $V$ ,  $\dim(V)$ .

(Note: The space  $\{\bar{0}\}$  has no basis — so  $\dim = 0$ .)

(sometimes people say that the empty set is the only basis for  $\{\bar{0}\}$ )

## Examples

- $\mathbb{R}^n$  has e.g. basis  $\{\bar{e}_1, \dots, \bar{e}_n\}$  so  $\dim(\mathbb{R}^n) = n$
- $P_d$  has e.g. basis  $\{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^d\}$  so  $\dim(P_d) = d + 1$
- $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$  has e.g. basis  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$   
so  $\dim(M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})) = mn$ .

Very useful facts:

± Plus/Minus Theorem

$S$  non-empty set of vectors in  $V$

(a)  $S$  lin. independent but  $\text{span}(S) \neq V$ , then for any  $\bar{v} \notin \text{span}(S)$ ,  $\underline{S \cup \{\bar{v}\}}$  is also lin. add  $\bar{v}$  to  $S$  independent.

(b)  $S$  lin. dependent, &  $\bar{v} \in S$  a linear comb. of other vectors in  $S$ , then  $\text{span}(S) = \text{span}(\underline{S - \{\bar{v}\}})$   
~~delete  $\bar{v}$  from  $S$~~

Theorem If  $\dim(V) = n$  and a set  $S$  has  $n$  vectors, then

$S$  is a basis  $\Leftrightarrow S$  is linearly independent  
OR  $\text{Span}(S) = V$

\*inclusive or (i.e. could - & will here - be both!)

So: to check that a set  $S$  is a basis for  $V$ , first count the # of vectors in  $V$ . Does it equal  $\dim(V)$ ?

If no,  $S$  cannot be a basis for  $V$ .

If yes, still need to check if  $S$  is a basis for  $V$  or not, but the Theorem here says that (after counting) it is enough to check linear independence OR  $\text{span}(S) = V$ .

If one of those is true and # vectors in  $S = \dim(V)$ , then  $S$  is a basis for  $V$  (i.e. the only one is also true).