

6.1 Inner Product, Length & Orthogonality

Consider $\mathbb{R}^n$ and regard $\vec{x}$ as an $n \times 1$ matrix so that $\vec{x}^T$ is a $1 \times n$ matrix

1. $\vec{x}^T \vec{y}$ is 1×1 (a scalar)
2. $\vec{x} \vec{y}^T$ is $n \times n$ ($n \times n$ matrix)

The inner product (dot or scalar product) of $\vec{u}$ and $\vec{v}$ is

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{u}^T \vec{v} = [u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n] \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + \dots + u_n v_n$$

Properties $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, c is a scalar

1. $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u}$
2. $(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w} = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{w} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}$
3. $(c\vec{u}) \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{u} \cdot (c\vec{v}) = c(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v})$
4. $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} \geq 0$ ($\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = 0$ iff $\vec{u} = \vec{0}$)

Ex

$$\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

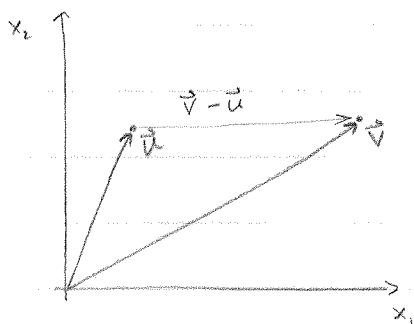
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u} \cdot (2\vec{v}) &= 2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 2[(3)(2) + (1)(0) + (-3)(6)] \\ &= 2[6 - 18] = \boxed{-24} \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = 3^2 + 1^2 + (-3)^2 = 9 + 1 + 9 = \boxed{19}$$

The length (magnitude or norm) of $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_n^2} = \sqrt{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}}$$

In $\mathbb{R}^2$ or $\mathbb{R}^3$ this computes the Euclidian distance between the origin and $\vec{v}$.



Distance between $\vec{u}$ & $\vec{v}$:

$$\|\vec{v} - \vec{u}\| = \sqrt{(v_1 - u_1)^2 + (v_2 - u_2)^2}$$

Ex If $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$

What is $\|c\vec{v}\|$

$$\begin{aligned} \|c\vec{v}\| &= \sqrt{(c\vec{v}) \cdot (c\vec{v})} \\ &= \sqrt{c^2 \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}} \\ &= |c| \sqrt{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}} \\ &= |c| \|\vec{v}\| \end{aligned}$$

$$\|c\vec{v}\| = |c| \|\vec{v}\|$$

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(Went to show $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$ iff $\vec{u}$ and $\vec{v}$ are orthogonal)

$$\|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|^2 = (\vec{u} - \vec{v}) \cdot (\vec{u} - \vec{v})$$

$$= (\vec{u} - \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{u} - (\vec{u} - \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{v}$$

$$= \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} - \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u} - \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}$$

$$= \|\vec{u}\|^2 + \|\vec{v}\|^2 - 2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}$$

$$\|\vec{u} + \vec{v}\|^2 = (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \cdot (\vec{u} + \vec{v})$$

$$= \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}$$

$$= \|\vec{u}\|^2 + \|\vec{v}\|^2 + 2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}$$

If $\vec{u}$ and $\vec{v}$ are Orthogonal (Perpendicular) then

$$\|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|^2 = \|\vec{u} + \vec{v}\|^2$$

$$\|\vec{u}\|^2 + \|\vec{v}\|^2 - 2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{u}\|^2 + \|\vec{v}\|^2 + 2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}$$

$$-2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} \Rightarrow \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$$

Def If $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then $\vec{u}$ and $\vec{v}$ are orthogonal if $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{u}^T \vec{v} = 0$

Ex Show that every $\vec{u} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is orthogonal

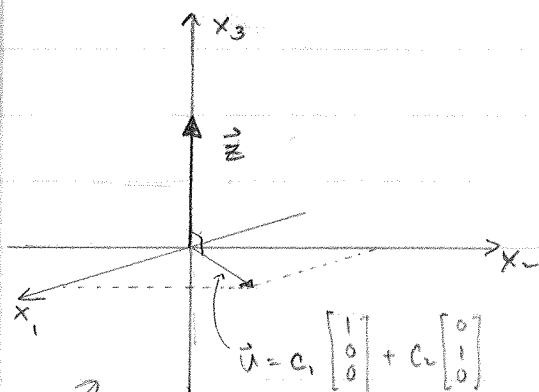
to

$$\vec{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{z} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = [c_1 \ c_2 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \cdot 0 + c_2 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 1 = 0 \checkmark$$

May omit
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In this last example, every vector in the x_1, x_2 -plane is orthogonal to $\vec{z}$ (in the x_3 direction).



If $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for a space W then every vector in W is orthogonal to $\vec{z}$.

W is x_1, x_2 -plane

We say $\vec{z}$ is orthogonal to W

The set of all vectors which are orthogonal to W is denoted $W^\perp$, the orthogonal complement of W .

1. A vector $\vec{x}$ is in $W^\perp$ iff it is orthogonal to every vector in W
2. $W^\perp$ is a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^n$

Thm Let A be $m \times n$. Then

$$(\text{Row } A)^\perp = \text{Nul } A$$

$$(\text{Col } A)^\perp = \text{Nul } A^T$$

Proof: if $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ then $\vec{x}$ is orthogonal to every row of A . So $\vec{x} \in \text{Nul } A$ iff $\vec{x} \in (\text{Row } A)^\perp$.

Repeat with $A^T\vec{y} = \vec{0}$ for second part.

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Let $W = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ Find $W^\perp$

I need $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} = 0$

and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} = 0$

So solve $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$v_1 = 0$$

$$v_2 + v_4 = 0$$

$$v_1 = 0$$

$$v_2 = -v_4$$

$$v_3 = v_3$$

$$v_4 = v_4$$

2 free variables

Pick $v_3 = c_1$

$v_4 = c_2$

$$\vec{v} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } W^\perp = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$