



Orthogonal Complements of Subspaces (Dual)

$S \leqslant \mathbb{R}^n$ → a subspace

$$S^\perp = \left\{ \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \underbrace{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{s}}_{\vec{s} \in S} = 0 \right\}$$

! $S \cap S^\perp = \{ \vec{0} \}$

! $\dim(S) + \dim(S^\perp) = \dim(\mathbb{R}^n)$

Ex $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow S = \text{span}(e_1) = \{ (r, 0, 0) : r \in \mathbb{R} \} \leqslant \mathbb{R}^3$. Find a basis for S^\perp .

$\rightarrow \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \boxed{\dim(S) = 1} \quad \dim(\mathbb{R}^3) = 3$

Orthogonal complement of S $\rightarrow S^\perp = \left\{ (x, y, z) : (x, y, z) \cdot (1, 0, 0) = 0 \right\} = \left\{ (0, r, s) : r, s \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

$\rightarrow \begin{cases} x \cdot 1 + y \cdot 0 + z \cdot 0 = 0 \\ \text{a system of lin. eqns.} \\ 3 \text{ unknowns } 1 \text{ eqn.} \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} y = r \in \mathbb{R} \\ z = s \in \mathbb{R} \\ x = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ r \\ s \end{bmatrix} = r \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

A basis for $S^\perp = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \boxed{\dim(S^\perp) = 2} \quad \checkmark$

! Note: In order to be orthogonal to all vectors in S , it is necessary and sufficient to be orthogonal to all basis vectors.

Ex $S = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \leqslant \mathbb{R}^3$. Find a basis for S^\perp .

1.1. S is the subspace generated by $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \rightarrow \dim(S) = 1$

Let S be the subspace generated by $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \rightarrow \dim(S) = 1$

$$S^\perp = \left\{ (x, y, z) : \underline{(x, y, z) \cdot (3, 5, -7) = 0} \right\} \leq \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\rightarrow 3x + 5y - 7z = 0 \quad \begin{cases} y = r \in \mathbb{R} \\ z = s \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases} \text{ free} \quad x = \frac{7s - 5r}{3}$$

$$S^\perp = \underbrace{\left\{ \left(\frac{7s - 5r}{3}, r, s \right) : r, s \in \mathbb{R} \right\}}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{7s - 5r}{3} \\ r \\ s \end{bmatrix} = r \begin{bmatrix} -5/3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 7/3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

A basis for $S^\perp = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -5/3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7/3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$\Rightarrow \dim(S^\perp) = 2$

E+ Let S be the subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 generated by the vectors $(1, 0, -2, 1)$ and $(0, 1, 3, -2)$. Find a basis for S^\perp .

$$S = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \dim(S) = 2.$$

$$S^\perp = \left\{ (x, y, z, t) : \begin{array}{l} (x, y, z, t) \cdot (1, 0, -2, 1) = 0 \quad \text{and} \\ (x, y, z, t) \cdot (0, 1, 3, -2) = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1x + 0y - 2z + 1t = 0 \\ 0x + 1y + 3z - 2t = 0 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \begin{array}{ccccc|c} x & y & z & t & & \\ \hline 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 & & 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} z = r \in \mathbb{R} \\ t = s \in \mathbb{R} \\ \Rightarrow y = 2s - 3r \\ \Rightarrow x = 2r - s \end{array}$$

a system of 4 eqns.
2eqns + 4 unknowns

$$S^\perp = \left\{ (2r-s, 2s-3r, r, s) : r, s \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2r-s \\ 2s-3r \\ r \\ s \end{bmatrix} = r \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

A basis for $S^\perp = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$$\dim(S^\perp) = 2$$

Ex $S = \{(a+b, 2a-b, 3a) : a, b \in \mathbb{R}\} \leq \mathbb{R}^3$

Find a basis for S^\perp .

We should first find a basis for S :

$$\begin{bmatrix} a+b \\ 2a-b \\ 3a \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

A basis for $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$$S^\perp = \left\{ (x, y, z) : (x, y, z) \cdot (1, 2, 3) = 0 \text{ and } (x, y, z) \cdot (1, -1, 0) = 0 \right\}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x+2y+3z=0 \\ x-y+0z=0 \end{array} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} z=r \in \mathbb{R} \\ y=-r \\ x=-r \end{array}$$

$$S^\perp = \{(-r, -r, r) : r \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

A basis for $S^\perp = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Orthogonal Basis:

Let $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ be a basis for \mathbb{R}^n is called "Orthogonal" \Leftrightarrow

$$\forall i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \quad \vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_j = 0$$

Ex $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 . Is this an orthogonal basis?

$$\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = 2 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 2 + 0 = 0 \checkmark$$

$$\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_3 = 2 \cdot 0 + (-1) \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 3 = 0 \checkmark$$

$$\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_3 = 1 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 3 = 0 \checkmark$$

Yes.

$$\|\vec{v}_1\| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{5} \neq 1$$

not orthonormal

Orthonormal Basis: Let $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be an orthogonal basis for \mathbb{R}^n ,

it is called "orthonormal basis" \Leftrightarrow

$$\|\vec{v}_i\| = 1, \quad \forall i$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} ?$$

~~Ex~~ $S = \text{span} \left\{ \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} v_2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} v_3 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\substack{\text{a basis for } S \\ \uparrow \\ f_1}} \right\}$

an orthogonal basis?

an orthonormal basis?



No!

$$v_1 \cdot v_2 = 1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 3 + 0 \cdot 0 + (-1)(-2) = 2 \neq 0$$

$$v_2 \cdot v_3$$

$$v_1 \cdot v_3$$

Orthonormalization:

~~Ex~~ $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is an orthogonal basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .
but not orthonormal.

$$\|v_1\| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{5}$$

$$\|v_2\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{5}$$

$$\|v_3\| = \sqrt{0^2 + 0^2 + 3^2} = 3$$

How do we make it an orthonormal one?

$$\left\{ \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, 0 \right), \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, 0 \right), \left(0, 0, \frac{3}{3} \right) \right\} \rightarrow \checkmark \text{ orthonormal basis.}$$

If $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is an orthogonal basis but not an orthonormal basis then,

we scalar multiply each \vec{v}_i with $\frac{1}{\|v_i\|}$.

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \frac{\vec{v}_1}{\|v_1\|}, \frac{\vec{v}_2}{\|v_2\|}, \dots, \frac{\vec{v}_n}{\|v_n\|} \right\} \rightarrow \text{this is going to be an orthonormal basis.}$$

Orthogonalization

(Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization Process)

Given an arbitrary basis $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ which is not orthogonal

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{y}_1 &= \vec{x}_1 \\ \vec{y}_2 &= \vec{x}_2 - \frac{\vec{x}_2 \cdot \vec{y}_1}{\vec{y}_1 \cdot \vec{y}_1} \vec{y}_1 \\ \vec{y}_3 &= \vec{x}_3 - \frac{\vec{x}_3 \cdot \vec{y}_1}{\vec{y}_1 \cdot \vec{y}_1} \vec{y}_1 - \frac{\vec{x}_3 \cdot \vec{y}_2}{\vec{y}_2 \cdot \vec{y}_2} \vec{y}_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$$

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orthogonal basis

$$\vec{y}_4 = \vec{x}_4 - \frac{\vec{x}_4 \cdot \vec{y}_1}{\vec{y}_1 \cdot \vec{y}_1} \vec{y}_1 - \frac{\vec{x}_4 \cdot \vec{y}_2}{\vec{y}_2 \cdot \vec{y}_2} \vec{y}_2 - \frac{\vec{x}_4 \cdot \vec{y}_3}{\vec{y}_3 \cdot \vec{y}_3} \vec{y}_3$$

$$\vec{y}_n = \vec{x}_n - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{\vec{x}_n \cdot \vec{y}_i}{\vec{y}_i \cdot \vec{y}_i} \vec{y}_i$$

Ex $S = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \vec{x}_1 \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{array} \right], \vec{x}_2 \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{array} \right], \vec{x}_3 \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 5 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right\}$

\downarrow a basis for S .

an orthogonal basis? an orthonormal basis?

X
No!

Create an orthogonal basis using Gram-Schmidt process.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{y}_1 &= \vec{x}_1 = (1, 0, 0, -1) \checkmark \\ \vec{y}_2 &= \vec{x}_2 - \frac{\vec{x}_2 \cdot \vec{y}_1}{\vec{y}_1 \cdot \vec{y}_1} \vec{y}_1 = (0, 3, 0, -2) - (1, 0, 0, -1) = (-1, 3, 0, -1) \checkmark \\ \vec{y}_3 &= \vec{x}_3 - \frac{\vec{x}_3 \cdot \vec{y}_1}{\vec{y}_1 \cdot \vec{y}_1} \vec{y}_1 - \frac{\vec{x}_3 \cdot \vec{y}_2}{\vec{y}_2 \cdot \vec{y}_2} \vec{y}_2 \\ &= (0, 5, -1, 0) - \frac{15}{11} (-1, 3, 0, -1) \\ &= \left(\frac{15}{11}, \frac{10}{11}, -1, \frac{15}{11} \right) \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{x}_2 \cdot \vec{y}_1 &= 0 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 0 + (-2) \cdot (-1) = 2 \\ \vec{y}_1 \cdot \vec{y}_1 &= 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 0 + (-1) \cdot (-1) = 2 \\ \vec{x}_3 \cdot \vec{y}_1 &= 0 \cdot 1 + 5 \cdot 0 + -1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot -1 = 0 \\ \vec{x}_3 \cdot \vec{y}_2 &= 0 \cdot -1 + 5 \cdot 3 + -1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot -1 = 15 \\ \vec{y}_2 \cdot \vec{y}_2 &= -1 \cdot -1 + 3 \cdot 3 + 0 \cdot 0 + -1 \cdot -1 = 11 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\{ \vec{y}_1, \vec{y}_2, \vec{y}_3 \right\} \rightarrow \text{orthogonal}.$$