

## Subspaces

Def: Let  $V$  be a vector space.  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$  if  $W \subseteq V$  and  $W$  is a vector space

Example:  $P_n = \{ \text{polynomials of degree } n \text{ or less and the polynomial } 0 \}$   
 $P_n$  is a subspace of  $P$ , the set of all polynomials

Theorem: Let  $V$  be a vector space. Let  $W \subseteq V$ .  $W$  is a subspace if and only if:

1)  $0 \in W$

2)  $x, y \in W$  implies  $x+y \in W$

3)  $x \in W$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  then  $\lambda x \in W$

Def: Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r \in V$ . Let  $x \in V$ . We say that  $x$  is a linear combination of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r$  if there exists  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$x = a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_r v_r$$

Example:  $(-1, 0) = 2(1, 1) + (-1)(3, 2)$ . Thus,  $(-1, 0)$  is a linear combination of  $(1, 1)$  and  $(3, 2)$ .

Def: We say that a set  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is orthogonal if  $v_i \cdot v_j = 0$  if  $i \neq j$ .

Def: We say that a set  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r$  is orthonormal if it

is orthogonal and  $\|v_i\| = 1$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq r$

Example:  $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0)$ ,  $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0)$ ,  $(0, 0, 1)$  is orthonormal.

Def: Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r \in V$

$\text{span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r\} = \{ \text{linear combinations of } v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r \}$

Examples 1)  $\text{span}\{(1,0), (0,1)\} = \mathbb{R}^2$  because for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$  we

have  $x = (x_1, x_2) = x_1(1,0) + x_2(0,1)$

2)  $\text{span}\{(1,1,0), (1,-1,0)\} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x_3 = 0\}$  because, if  $x_3 = 0$  we

have  $x = (x_1, x_2, 0) = \frac{(x_1+x_2)}{2}(1,1,0) + \frac{(x_1-x_2)}{2}(1,-1,0)$

3)  $\text{span}\{1, x, x^2\} = P_2 = \{ \text{polynomials of degree 2 or less and the polynomial } 0 \}$  because, if  $p \in P_2$ , then  $p = a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$  for some  $a_0, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Obs:  $\text{span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r\}$  is a subspace

proof: 1) Is  $0 \in \text{span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r\}$ ? Yes, because  $0 = 0v_1 + 0v_2 + \dots + 0v_r$

2) Let  $x, y \in \text{span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r\}$ . Then, there exists  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$x = a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_r v_r \quad \text{and}$$

$$y = b_1 v_1 + b_2 v_2 + \dots + b_r v_r$$

Then  $x+y = (a_1+b_1)v_1 + (a_2+b_2)v_2 + \dots + (a_r+b_r)v_r$  then

$$x+y \in \text{span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r\}$$

3)  $x \in \text{span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r\}$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $\lambda x \in \text{span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r\}$

(you check)

Def: We say that a set of vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r$  is linearly independent if  $0 = c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + \dots + c_rv_r$  implies  $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_r = 0$

Examples 1)  $(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)$  is linearly independent.

proof:  $c_1(1, 0, 0) + c_2(0, 1, 0) + c_3(0, 0, 1) = (0, 0, 0)$

then  $(c_1, c_2, c_3) = (0, 0, 0)$  then  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$

2)  $(1, 0), (0, 1), (2, 1)$  is not linearly independent because

$$(0, 0) = 2(1, 0) + 1(0, 1) + (-1)(2, 1)$$

Def: linearly dependent = not linearly independent

Question: If  $x \in \text{span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r\}$ .  $x, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r$  given.

How do we find  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r$  such that  $x = a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_r v_r$ ?

Partial answer: If  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r$  is orthogonal, then

$$x = a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_r v_r$$

take dot product with  $v_i$

$$x \cdot v_i = a_1 (v_1 \cdot v_i) + a_2 (v_2 \cdot v_i) + \dots + a_r (v_r \cdot v_i)$$

$v_i \cdot v_j = 0$  if  $i \neq j$  then

$$X \cdot v_i = a_i (v_i \cdot v_i)$$

then  $a_i = \frac{X \cdot v_i}{v_i \cdot v_i}$  assuming  $v_i \neq 0$

In particular, if  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  is orthonormal

$$a_i = X \cdot v_i$$

Example:  $X = (x_1, x_2, 0)$   $v_1 = (1, 1, 0)$  and  $v_2 = (1, -1, 0)$

Note that  $v_1 \cdot v_2 = 0$  thus  $v_1, v_2$  is orthogonal

$$a_1 = \frac{X \cdot v_1}{v_1 \cdot v_1} = \frac{(x_1, x_2, 0) \cdot (1, 1, 0)}{(1, 1, 0) \cdot (1, 1, 0)} = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{x \cdot v_2}{v_2 \cdot v_2} = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{2}$$

Def: Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $V$ . Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r \in V$ . We say that  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r$  is a basis of  $W$  if

- 1)  $W = \text{span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r\}$
- 2)  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r$  is linearly independent

Example: 1)  $(1, 0), (0, 1)$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$

2)  $1, x, x^2$  is a basis for  $P_2$

check:  $P_2 = \text{span}\{1, x, x^2\}$  obvious ✓

$$0 = a(1) + b x + c x^2$$



Set  $x=0$  to get  $0 = a(1) = a$   $a=0$

Set  $x=1$  to get  $0 = b+c$  } Add to get  $0 = 2c$   $c=0$

Set  $x=-1$  to get  $0 = -b+c$  } subtract to get  $b=0$

then  $1, x, x^2$  is linearly independent.

Def:  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r$  is an orthogonal (orthonormal) basis of  $W$  if it is a basis for  $W$  and it is an orthogonal (orthonormal) set.

Gram-Schmidt:  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r$  linearly independent. Given

Goal: Find  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r$  orthonormal such that

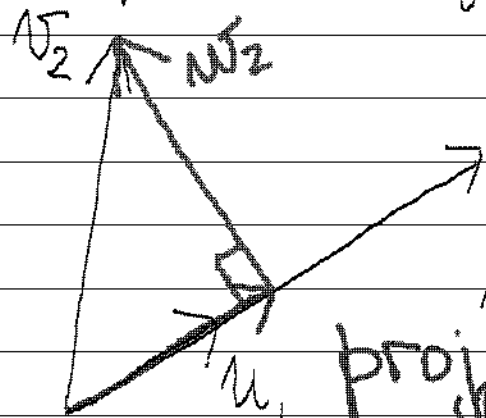
$\text{span}\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_t\} = \text{span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_t\}$  for all  $1 \leq t \leq r$

1)  $\text{span}\{u_1\} = \text{span}\{v_1\}$  implies  $u_1 \in \text{span}\{v_1\} \Rightarrow u_1 = \lambda v_1$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $1 = \|u_1\| = |\lambda| \|v_1\|$  then  $\lambda = \frac{1}{\|v_1\|}$

$$u_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|}$$

2)  $\text{span}\{u_1, u_2\} = \text{span}\{v_1, v_2\} = \text{span}\{u_1, v_2\}$

$u_2 \in \text{span}\{u_1, v_2\}$



$$\text{proj}_{u_1} v_2 = (u_1 \cdot v_2) u_1$$

$$w_2 = v_2 - \text{proj}_{u_1} v_2 = v_2 - (u_1 \cdot v_2) u_1$$

$$u_2 = \frac{w_2}{\|w_2\|}$$

$$3) w_i = v_i - (u_1 \cdot v_i) u_1 - (u_2 \cdot v_i) u_2 - \dots - (u_{i-1} \cdot v_i) u_{i-1}$$

$$u_i = \frac{w_i}{\|w_i\|}$$

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, r$$

Example  $v_1 = (1, 1, 1)$   $v_2 = (1, 2, 2)$   $v_3 = (1, 1, 0)$

$$u_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|} = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

$$w_2 = v_2 - (u_1 \cdot v_2) u_1 = (1, 2, 2) - \left( \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \cdot (1, 2, 2) \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) =$$

$$= \left( -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

$$\boxed{u_2 = \frac{w_2}{\|w_2\|} = \left( \frac{-2}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \right)}$$

$$w_3 = v_3 - (u_1 \cdot v_3)u_1 - (u_2 \cdot v_3)u_2 = (1, 1, 0) - \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \cdot (1, 1, 0) \right] \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \\ - \left[ \left( \frac{-2}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \right) \cdot (1, 1, 0) \right] \left( \frac{-2}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \right) = \left( 0, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\boxed{u_3 = \frac{w_3}{\|w_3\|} = \left( 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)}$$