

Today: • Norms in vector spaces
(Euclidean norms)

• Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization
(orthonormalization).

What is a norm?

• Notion of length.

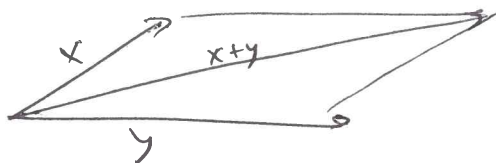
When V is ~~just~~ a vector space, a norm on V

is a function $\|\cdot\| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$

that satisfies: 1) $\|x\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$

2) $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\|$

3) triangle: $\|x+y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$



Recall we have been talking of Euclidean spaces:
spaces with inner product:

$$(\cdot, \cdot) : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Given an inner product, we can define the norm:

$$\|x\| = \sqrt{(x, x)}$$

Such norms are called Euclidean norms

In the same way as we have defined other notions abstractly, we can just define ~~the~~ the notion of a norm axiomatically: it is any function from V to $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ satisfying:

Properties of norms

• Recall $\|x\| = \sqrt{(x,x)}$ - exists b/c $(x,x) \geq 0$.
by def'n

The norm satisfies the properties:

- 1) $\|x\| = 0 \iff x = 0$, otherwise $\|x\| > 0$.
- 2) $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\|$
- 3) $\|x+y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$ - triangle inequality

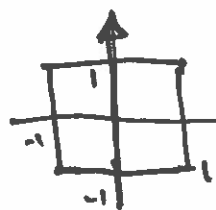
aside: any function from V to \mathbb{R} that satisfies these properties is called a norm on V .
our norms are Euclidean norms (came from an inner product).

There are many other norms, example on \mathbb{R}^2 :

let $\|x\| = \max(|x_1|, |x_2|)$

(x_1, x_2) what is the unit circle?

" $\{x: \|x\| = 1\}$



- a square!
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Proof of triangle inequality for Euclidean norms:

Consider $\|x+y\|^2 = (x+y, x+y) = (x,x) + 2(x,y) + (y,y)$
Cauchy-Schwarz \rightarrow \leq
 $\leq \|x\|^2 + 2\|x\|\|y\| + \|y\|^2 = (\|x\| + \|y\|)^2$

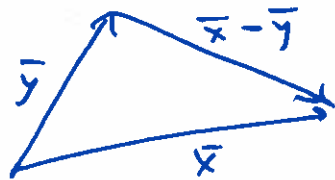
Does every norm come from an inner product?

No. Example: $\|x\| = \max(|x_1|, |x_2|)$ on \mathbb{R}^2 does not.

(unit sphere is not smooth).

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for a Euclidean norm,
 (x, x) is a smooth function
of the coordinates, so the
unit sphere would be smooth.

Why is it called triangle inequality:



each side \leq sum of lengths of the other two sides.

$$\|x\| \leq \underbrace{\|y\|}_a + \underbrace{\|x-y\|}_b$$

also,

$$\|x-y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$$

$$\|a+b\| \leq \|a\| + \|b\|$$

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"triangle inequality"

$$\text{says: } \|x-y\| \leq \|x\| + \|-y\| \\ = \|x\| + \|y\|$$

Orthogonal complements

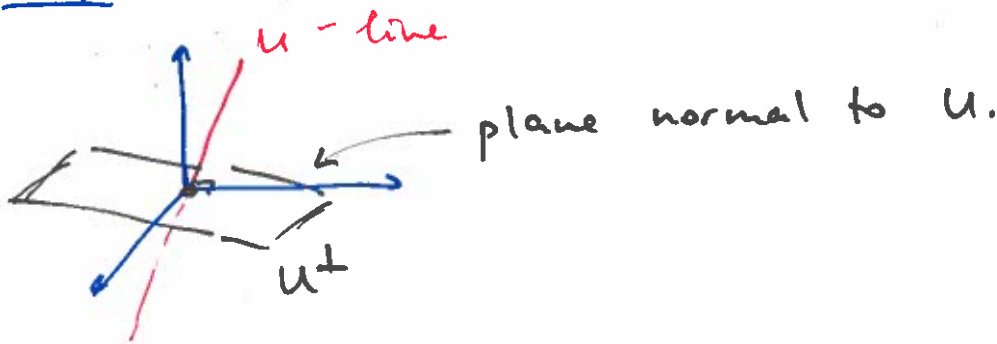
Now back to Euclidean spaces.

Let V be a Euclidean space.

Let U be a subspace.

Def: U^\perp "the orthogonal complement of U "
 $= \{v \in V : (v, u) = 0 \text{ for all } u \in U\}$
 (the set of all vectors perpendicular to all vectors in U)

Example: \mathbb{R}^3 , $(x, y) = x \cdot y$

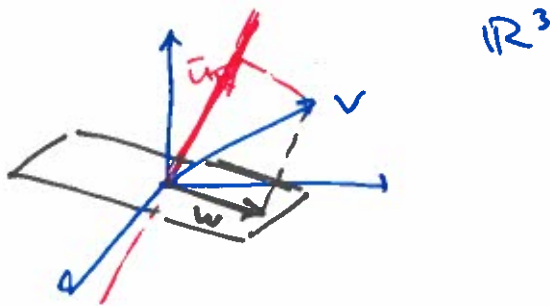


Theorem: Let U be a linear subspace of a Euclidean space V .

$$\text{Then } V = U \oplus U^\perp$$

(which means, each vector $v \in V$ has a unique decomposition $v = u + w$, where $u \in U$, $w \in U^\perp$)

Example:



We will prove this decomposition next time, along with the existence of orthonormal bases.

For this, we need to develop the Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization process.

Gram-Schmidt

1) Recall: orthonormal basis in a Eucl. sp. V :

$\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ - basis s.t.

$$(e_i, e_j) = \delta_{ij} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ 1 & i = j \end{cases}$$

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"Kronecker δ "

Why do such bases exist?

Main point: In an orthonormal basis, the component of any vector v along e_i is (v, e_i)

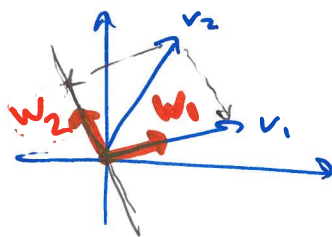
(Recall: $v = \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k e_k$)

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{(v, e_i)} &= \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k e_k, e_i \right) = \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k \underbrace{(e_k, e_i)}_{\substack{1 \quad k=i \\ 0 \text{ otherwise}}} \\ &= \underline{\lambda_i} \end{aligned}$$

Gram-Schmidt: start with any basis V .
Make it into an orthonormal basis.

Illustration on \mathbb{R}^2 :

Given: v_1, v_2 - lin. indep.



Step 1: scale v_1 to become a unit vector.

$$w_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|}$$

* Step 2: Replace v_2 with the orthogonal to w_1 component of v_2 .

$$\tilde{v}_2 = \text{orth}_{w_1} v_2 = (v_2 - \text{proj}_{w_1} v_2)$$

Step 3: rescale \tilde{v}_2 to be a unit vector. Call it w_2

In Step 2, how to do it algebraically:

we know: component of v_2 along w_1
is (v_2, w_1)

Then $\text{proj}_{w_1} v_2 = (v_2, w_1) \cdot w_1$ - vector parallel to w_1
↑ scalar ↑ vector

How do we know that $v_2 - \text{proj}_{w_1} v_2$ is orthogonal to w_1 ?

Proof: $(v_2 - (v_2, w_1)w_1, w_1)$
 $= (v_2, w_1) - (v_2, w_1) \underbrace{(w_1, w_1)}_1 = 0.$

Now we do this in general.

To do this, we'll need to project vectors onto subspaces spanned by w_1, \dots, w_k .

General strategy:

- Write a formula for the projector onto a space U along U^\perp (the orthogonal projector) assuming U has an orthonormal basis
- Just as in \mathbb{R}^2 , we will use this formula to replace the $(k+1)^{\text{st}}$ basis vector with a vector orthogonal to $\text{span}(w_1, \dots, w_k)$.

Will happen next class

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