

Section 6.1 Inner product, length, and orthogonality.

If $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then u and v are $n \times 1$ matrices.
The transpose u^T of u is an $1 \times n$ matrix.

The **inner product** (or the **dot product**) of u and v is $u^T v$. Denoted by $u \cdot v$

$$[u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n] \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + \dots + u_n v_n$$

Example:-

$$u = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

then $u \cdot v = 2 \cdot 0 + 7 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 6 = 7$.

Theorem 1: Let $u, v, w \in \mathbb{R}^n$, c be a scalar. Then

a) $u \cdot v = v \cdot u$

b) $(u+v) \cdot w = u \cdot w + v \cdot w$

c) $(cu) \cdot v = u \cdot (cv) = c(u \cdot v)$

d) $u \cdot u \geq 0$ and $u \cdot u = 0$ iff $u = 0$.

e) $(c_1 u_1 + \dots + c_n u_n) \cdot w = c_1 (u_1 \cdot w) + \dots + c_n (u_n \cdot w)$.

Definition: The length (or norm) of v is the nonnegative scalar $\|v\|$ defined by

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

($\Rightarrow \|v\|^2 = v \cdot v$)

Suppose $v \in \mathbb{R}^2$, v is interpreted as a point $(a, b) \Rightarrow \|v\|$ is the distance from the origin to (a, b) .

Similarly, $w \in \mathbb{R}^3$ interpreted as a point $(a, b, c) \Rightarrow \|w\|$ is also the distance from the origin to (a, b, c) .

Obs: $\|cv\| = |c| \|v\|$.

Defn: A vector of length 1 is called a **unit vector**.

The unit vector $\frac{v}{\|v\|}$ is the **norm vector** of v , or

the unit vector in the same direction as v .

Example: Let $v = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, Find a unit vector u in the same direction as v .

$$\|v\|^2 = 2^2 + 3^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2 = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow \|v\| = \sqrt{15}$$

$$\Rightarrow u = \frac{v}{\|v\|} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/\sqrt{15} \\ 3/\sqrt{15} \\ -1/\sqrt{15} \\ 1/\sqrt{15} \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: $W = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \triangleleft \mathbb{R}^3$. Find a unit vector z that is a basis for W .

Solution:

W consists of all scalar multiples of $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Any nonzero in W is a basis for W . To simplify the calculation, we can scale $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ to eliminate fractions.

Multiply x by 3, we get

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|y\| = \sqrt{2^2 + 3^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{14}$$

$$\Rightarrow z = \frac{y}{\|y\|} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/\sqrt{14} \\ 3/\sqrt{14} \\ 1/\sqrt{14} \end{bmatrix}$$

Defn Distance in \mathbb{R}^n

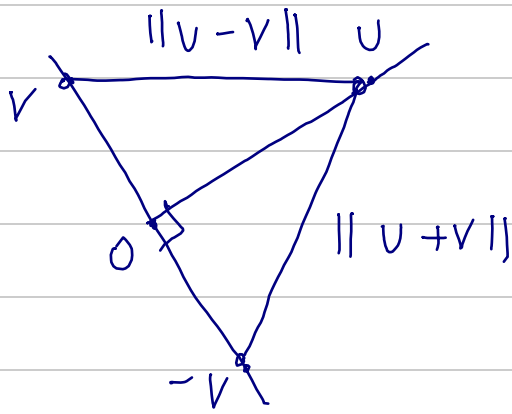
For u and v in \mathbb{R}^n , the **distance between u and v** written as $\text{dist}(u, v)$, is the length of the vector $u - v$. That is

$$\text{dist}(u, v) = \|u - v\|$$

Example: $u = (3, 4, 5)$ and $v = (4, 2, -1)$
Compute the distance between u and v .

$$u - v = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{dist}(u, v) = \|u - v\| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 2^2 + 6^2} = \sqrt{41}$$



We have $\text{dist}(u, -v)^2 = \|u - (-v)\|^2 = \|u + v\|^2$

$$= (u+v) \cdot (u+v)$$

$$= u \cdot (u+v) + v \cdot (u+v)$$

$$= u \cdot u + 2u \cdot v + v \cdot v$$

$$= \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 + 2u \cdot v$$

Similarly,

$$\text{dist}(u, v)^2 = \|u - v\|^2 = \|u + (-v)\|^2$$

$$= \|u\|^2 + \|-v\|^2 + 2u \cdot (-v)$$

$$= \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 - 2u \cdot v.$$

Thus, $\text{dist}(u, -v) = \text{dist}(u, v)$

$$\begin{array}{c} \Updownarrow \\ 2u \cdot v = -2u \cdot v \\ \Updownarrow \\ u \cdot v = 0. \end{array}$$

Geometrically, $\text{dist}(u, -v) = \text{dist}(u, v)$

The line passing through 0 and u and the line passing through 0 and v are orthogonal.

Defn: Two vectors u and v in \mathbb{R}^n are orthogonal if $u \cdot v = 0$

Theorem 2: The Pythagorean Theorem.

Two vectors u and v are orthogonal iff
$$\|u+v\|^2 = \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2.$$

Theorem 2': The parallelogram Theorem

$$\|u+v\|^2 + \|u-v\|^2 = 2\|u\|^2 + 2\|v\|^2.$$

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Defn: If a vector z is orthogonal to every vector in a subspace W of \mathbb{R}^n , then we say z is orthogonal to W . Denoted by $z \perp W$.

The set of all vectors z that are orthogonal to W is called the **orthogonal complement** of W . Denoted by W^\perp .

Obs: (1) $x \perp W$ iff x is orthogonal to every vector in a spanning set of W
(2) $W^\perp \subset \mathbb{R}^n$.

Theorem 3: Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix

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

Proof:

$$\text{Let } x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Nul } A$$

$$\Rightarrow Ax = 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} r_1 x \\ r_2 x \\ \vdots \\ r_n x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \left. \vphantom{\begin{pmatrix} r_1 x \\ r_2 x \\ \vdots \\ r_n x \end{pmatrix}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{by} \\ \text{row-column} \\ \text{rule} \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow x$ is orthogonal to each row of A

\Rightarrow

$$x \perp \text{Row } A.$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Nul } A \subset (\text{Row } A)^\perp.$$

Reversely, for every $z \in (\text{Row } A)^\perp$

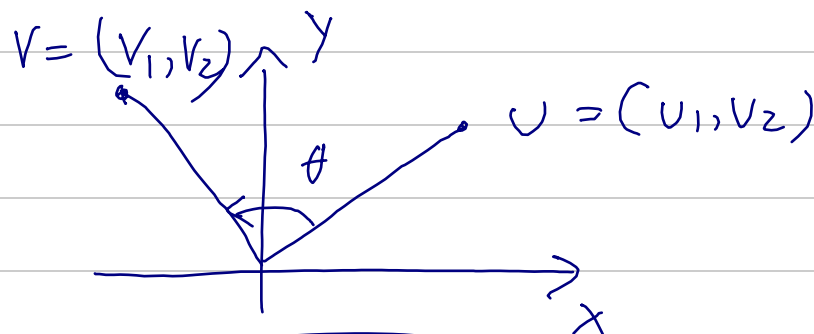
$$\Rightarrow z \perp r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n \in \text{Row } A$$

$$\Rightarrow Az = 0 \Rightarrow z \in \text{Nul } A$$

$$\Rightarrow (\text{Row } A)^\perp \subset \text{Nul } A.$$

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

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



Angles:

$$u \cdot v = \|u\| \|v\| \cos \theta.$$

By the law of cosines

$$\|u - v\|^2 = \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 - 2\|u\|\|v\|\cos\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \|u\|\|v\|\cos\theta = \frac{1}{2} [\|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 - \|u - v\|^2]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [u_1^2 + u_2^2 + v_1^2 + v_2^2 - (u_1 - v_1)^2 - (u_2 - v_2)^2]$$

$$= u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 = u \cdot v$$

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