

Recall

A and M similar if $\exists P$ invertible so that $M = P^{-1} A P$.

A is diagonalizable if it is to D (diagonal matrix)

If A and M similar ($M = P^{-1} A P$) then : (Prop. 5.6)

$$(1) \chi_A(\lambda) = \chi_M(\lambda)$$

$$(2) \sigma(A) = \sigma(M)$$

(3) v is an eigenvector of M for λ

$\Leftrightarrow P v$ is an eigenvector of A for λ

A is diagonalizable $\Leftrightarrow$ has an eigenbasis. (Thm 5.7)

A has n distinct eigenvalues $\Rightarrow A$ is diagonalizable (Cor 5.9)

Let $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$ be an eigenbasis of A

and λ_i the eval. for the evec. b_i of A

$$\Rightarrow D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for } P = P_B = (b_1 \dots b_n)$$

D unique up to order of the λ_i

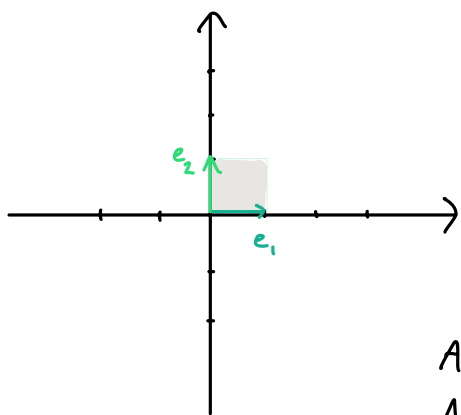
Geometric interpretation:

Recall that changing basis geometrically means choosing new axes for our coordinate system.

Changing from any basis (e.g. standard) to an eigenbasis $\mathcal{B}$ for a matrix A means choosing axes that are given by eigenvectors of A . In this coordinate system, the map $f(x) = Ax$ is a "stretch map" that in the direction of each axis stretches by the eigenvalue of A whose eigenvector defined the axis.

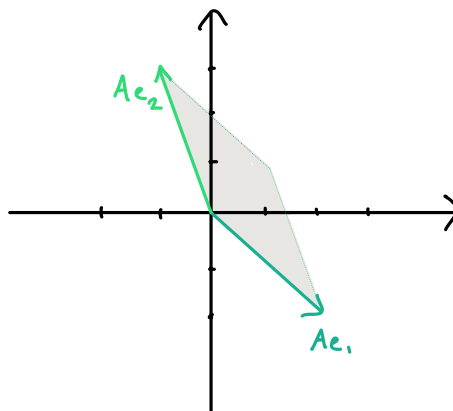
Ex. $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 4$

$$\Rightarrow b_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, b_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

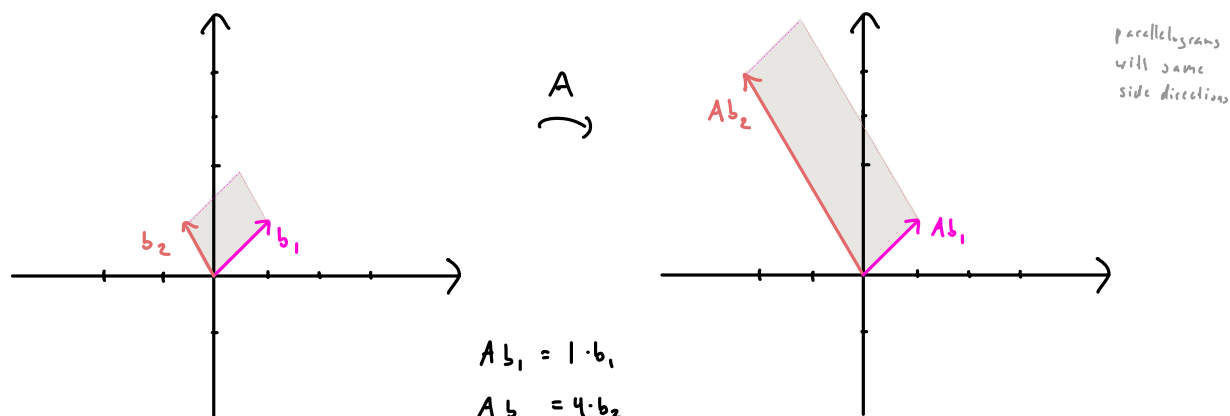


$\xrightarrow{A}$

$$Ae_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$Ae_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

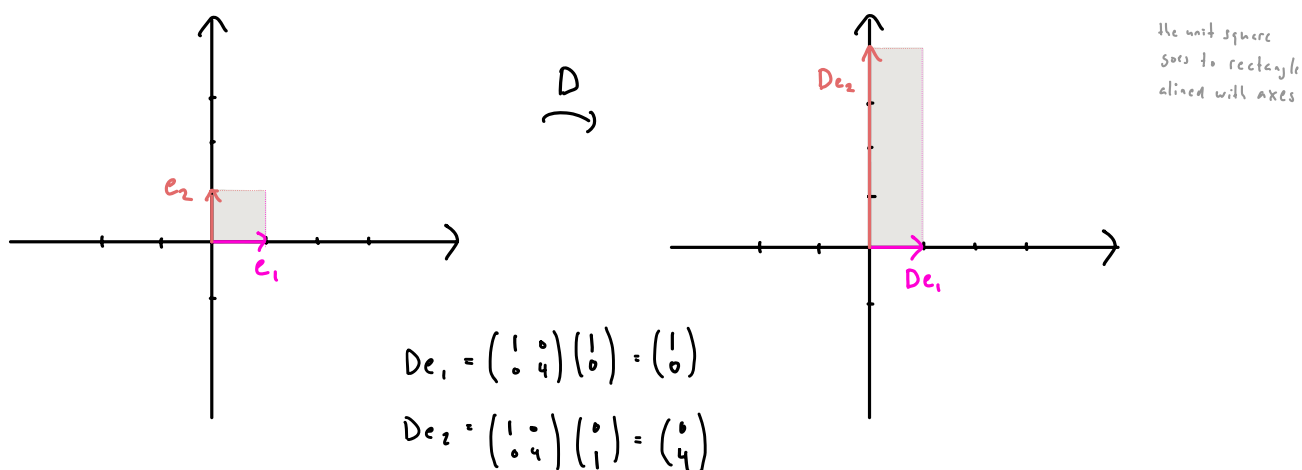


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Change of basis
 $b_1 \rightsquigarrow [b_1]_B = e_1$
 $b_2 \rightsquigarrow [b_2]_B = e_2$

i.e. we interpret the straight lines given by b_1 and b_2 as our new coordinate axes.



We learn: if a matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is diagonalizable, then this means that the linear map $f(x) = Ax$ expressed in a suitable basis (namely the eigenbasis of A) will fix each coordinate axis (as a set).

On each coordinate axis, the map is a stretch by a factor λ_i , where λ_i is an eigenvalue of A .

In consequence, the unit square (or n -cube in $\mathbb{R}^n$) is mapped to a rectangle with side lengths $\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_n$ (counts with multiplicity).

Lastly, on popular demand:

Change of bases revisited

Let $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$ be a basis of $\mathbb{R}^n$

and $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ the standard basis.

Let $P_B = (b_1 \dots b_n)$ be the matrix with columns $b_1, \dots, b_n$.

$$\Rightarrow P_B e_i = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = b_i \Rightarrow \boxed{P_B e_i = b_i} \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

Now let $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Recall: $[v]_B = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$ means $\lambda_1 b_1 + \dots + \lambda_n b_n = v$

$$\text{Compute: } P_B [v]_B = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_1 b_1 + \dots + \lambda_n b_n = v$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{P_B [v]_B = v} \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

That is why we call $P_{\text{standard} \leftarrow B} := P_B$

the change-of-basis matrix from B to standard.

However, it is still true that P_B maps e_i to b_i
(and not b_i to e_i).

N.w let $B = \{b_1 \dots b_n\}$ and $S = \{s_1 \dots s_n\}$ be two bases of $\mathbb{R}^n$.

Define $P_{S \leftarrow B} := P_S^{-1} P_B$ (or equivalently $P_{S \leftarrow B} := ([b_1]_C, \dots, [b_n]_C)$)

$$S: \quad P_{S \leftarrow B} [v]_B = P_S^{-1} \underbrace{(P_B [v]_B)}_{= v \text{ (Eq. 2) for } B} = P_S^{-1} v \stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{(Eq. 2) for } S}}}{=} [v]_S$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{P_{S \leftarrow B} [v]_B = [v]_S}$$

We call $P_{S \leftarrow B}$ the change-of-basis matrix from B to S.

Warning:

Equation (Eq. 1) does not carry forward to this situation!

In general: $P_{S \leftarrow B}(s_i) \neq b_i$

("Reason": $P_{S \leftarrow B}(s_i) = P_S^{-1} P s_i = ??$)

e.g. $B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$, $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ is a counterexample.

6. Orthogonality and least squares

6.1 The standard inner product

Def. Let $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be two vectors. Their standard inner product is :

$$u \cdot v := u^T v \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\uparrow$
notation

We will refer to the standard inner product simply as the inner product for short.

(Also called: the Euclidean scalar product or dot product)

Rmk $u \cdot v = u^T v = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + \dots + u_n v_n$

Ex. $u = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, v = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow u \cdot v = 1 \cdot 5 + 2 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot (-1) + 4 \cdot 0 = 8$

$$e_i \cdot e_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

Calculus rules for the inner product : let $u, v, w \in \mathbb{R}^n$

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

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

(iii) $(\lambda u) \cdot v = u \cdot (\lambda v) = \lambda(u \cdot v) \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

(iv) $u \cdot u \geq 0$

(v) $u \cdot u = 0$ if and only if $u = 0$

$$\underbrace{\quad}_{= u_1^2 + \dots + u_n^2}$$

From the calculus rules, we can derive the following fact about the inner product of a linear combination of vectors, with another vector :

$$(\lambda_1 v_1 + \dots + \lambda_n v_n) \cdot u = \lambda_1 v_1 \cdot u + \dots + \lambda_n v_n \cdot u$$

Def. The length (or norm) of a vector $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is :

$$\|u\| := \sqrt{u \cdot u} = \sqrt{u_1^2 + \dots + u_n^2}$$

In particular, we have :

- $\|\lambda u\| = |\lambda| \|u\| \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

- $\|u\|^2 = u \cdot u$

Given a vector $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $u \neq 0$, we can normalize it, that is :

We consider the vector $\frac{u}{\|u\|}$ which has the same direction

as u but has $|c| = 1$:

$$\left\| \frac{u}{\|u\|} \right\| = \left\| \underbrace{\frac{1}{\|u\|}}_{= \lambda} u \right\| = \underbrace{\left| \frac{1}{\|u\|} \right|}_{= \frac{1}{\|u\|} \text{ since } \frac{1}{\|u\|} \geq 0}} \cdot \|u\| = \frac{1}{\|u\|} \|u\| = 1$$

Def. The distance of two vectors $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is $\|v - u\|$.

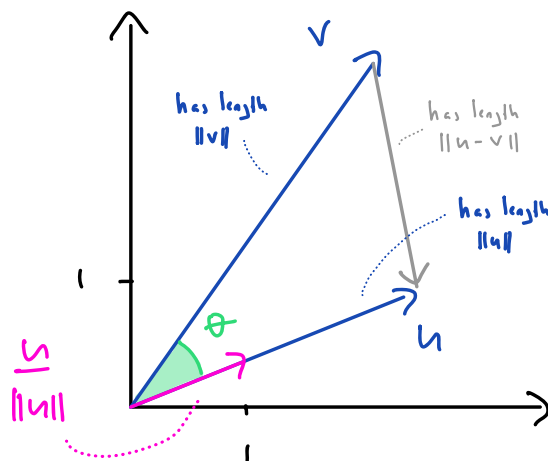
Def. Two vectors $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are called orthogonal if $u \cdot v = 0$.

(Tipp: draw / compute some examples in $\mathbb{R}^2$ or $\mathbb{R}^3$ to convince yourself that the concepts of length and orthogonality as defined here actually make sense.)

Def. For two non-zero vectors $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ the angle θ between u and v is defined by : $\cos(\theta) = \frac{u \cdot v}{\|u\| \|v\|}$

(In order for this definition to be valid, $\frac{u \cdot v}{\|u\| \|v\|}$ must be in the interval $[-1, 1]$ because $\cos$ only takes values in $[-1, 1]$.
This is guaranteed by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality which says that : $\|u \cdot v\| \leq \|u\| \|v\|$ (we will prove it later)

Geometric
interpretation :



Thm 6.1 $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are orthogonal if and only if

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

Proof: Draw a picture for Thm 6.1 and you will see that
 $\Rightarrow$ is the pythagorean theorem!

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} \|u+v\|^2 &= (u+v) \cdot (u+v) = \underbrace{u \cdot u}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Def. of norm}}} + \underbrace{u \cdot v + v \cdot u}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Calculus}} = u \cdot v} + v \cdot v \\ &= u \cdot u + 2(u \cdot v) + v \cdot v = \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 + 2 \underbrace{(u \cdot v)} \end{aligned}$$

We know: $\underline{u \cdot v = 0}$ if and only if u, v orthogonal

Hence $\|u+v\|^2 = \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2$ if and only if
 u, v orthogonal

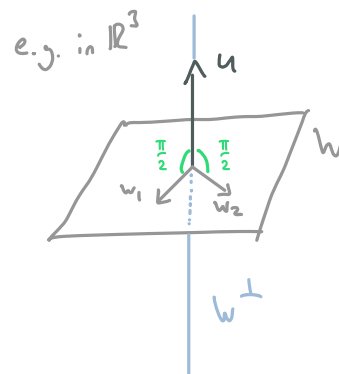
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Orthogonal complements

Def. Let W be a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^n$. A vector $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is called orthogonal to W if $u \cdot w = 0$ for all $w \in W$

We call the set of all vectors u that are orthogonal to W , the orthogonal complement of W :

$$W^\perp := \{u \in \mathbb{R}^n : u \cdot w = 0 \ \forall w \in W\}$$



Lemma 6.2 (i) $W^\perp$ is a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^n$

(ii) If B spans W , then we can write $W^\perp$ as

$$W^\perp := \{u \in \mathbb{R}^n : u \cdot b = 0 \ \forall b \in B\}$$

Hint: compare each statement in the lemma to the above picture.

Proof See exercises. $\rightarrow$ HW 12

Another easy-to-observe but useful fact: $(W^\perp)^\perp = W$.

In particular (ii) in Lemma 6.2 is very useful for finding $W^\perp$ for a given W :

Ex. Let $W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ x \\ z \end{pmatrix} : x, z \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

Q: Find $W^\perp$

We can write $W = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

$$\Rightarrow W^\perp = \left\{ u \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \underbrace{u \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Cond. I}} = 0 \text{ and } \underbrace{u \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Cond. II}} = 0 \right\}$$

└ Lemma 6.2. (ii)

Let $u = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix} \in W^\perp$

$$\text{By Cond. I: } \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Leftrightarrow u_1 + u_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \underline{u_1 = -u_2}$$

$$\text{By Cond. II: } \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \underline{u_3 = 0}$$

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linear system
with unknowns
 u_1, u_2, u_3

$$\Rightarrow W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} t \\ -t \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} : t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \text{Span} \left\{ \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\substack{\text{Basis of } W \\ \text{Solution space} \\ \text{of the system}}} \right\}$$

Thm. 6.3 Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$. Then:

$$(1) \text{Row}(A)^\perp = \text{Ker}(A)$$

$$(2) \text{Col}(A)^\perp = \text{Ker}(A^T)$$

For the proof, the following observation will be helpful:

Remk. For matrices $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$ denote

the rows of A by $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and

the columns of B by $b_1, \dots, b_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\Rightarrow AB = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_m \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \cdot b_1 & a_1 \cdot b_2 & \dots & a_1 \cdot b_k \\ a_2 \cdot b_1 & a_2 \cdot b_2 & \dots & a_2 \cdot b_k \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_m \cdot b_1 & a_m \cdot b_2 & \dots & a_m \cdot b_k \end{pmatrix}$$

In particular for a vector $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ($v = B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$)

$$\Rightarrow Av = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_m \end{pmatrix} \cdot v = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \cdot v \\ a_2 \cdot v \\ \vdots \\ a_m \cdot v \end{pmatrix}$$

Proof (1) $v \in \text{Row}(A)^\perp$

$$(*) \begin{cases} \text{Row}(A) = \text{Span}\{a_1, \dots, a_m\} \\ + \text{Lemma 6.2. (ii)} \end{cases}$$

(*)

$$\Leftrightarrow v \cdot a_i = 0 \quad \forall \text{ rows } a_i \text{ of } A$$

$$\Leftrightarrow Av = 0 \text{ by the above Remark.}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow v \in \text{Ker}(A)$$

(2) Recall that $\text{Col}(A) = \text{Row}(A^T)$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Col}(A)^\perp = \text{Row}(A^T)^\perp \stackrel{\text{(1)}}{=} \text{Ker}(A^T) \quad \square$$

Ex. Let $W = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ Q: $W^\perp = ?$

Solution (using Thm 6.3):

Define the matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 3}$ by $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow W = \text{Col}(A)$

By Thm 6.3 $\Rightarrow W^\perp = \text{Ker}(A^T)$

We can find the $\text{Ker}(A^T)$ by as usual:

• Row-reduction:

$$A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(At first glance we see: two free variables, so $\dim \text{Ker } A = 2$)

• $x_4 = t, x_3 = s \Rightarrow x_2 = s + 2t, x_1 = -2s - 3t$

$$\Rightarrow W^\perp = \left\{ s \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} : t, s \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

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Recall the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality : $|u \cdot v| \leq \|u\| \|v\|$

Proof Case 1 : if $u=0$ or $v=0$, then $u \cdot v = 0 = \|u\| \|v\|$.

Case 2 $u \neq 0$ and $v \neq 0$.

Trick: define $z = \frac{u}{\|u\|} - \frac{v}{\|v\|}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 0 \leq \|z\|^2 &= z \cdot z = \left(\frac{u}{\|u\|} - \frac{v}{\|v\|} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{u}{\|u\|} - \frac{v}{\|v\|} \right) \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{u \cdot u}{\|u\| \|u\|}}_{=1} + \underbrace{\frac{v \cdot v}{\|v\| \|v\|}}_{=1} - \frac{2 u \cdot v}{\|u\| \|v\|} \end{aligned}$$

$\uparrow$ because $v \cdot v = \|v\|^2 = \|v\| \|v\|$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq 2 - 2 \frac{u \cdot v}{\|u\| \|v\|} \Rightarrow \frac{u \cdot v}{\|u\| \|v\|} \leq 1 \Rightarrow u \cdot v \leq \|u\| \|v\| \quad (*)$$

$$\text{If } u \cdot v \geq 0 \text{ then } |u \cdot v| = u \cdot v \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} \|u\| \|v\|$$

$$\text{If } u \cdot v \leq 0 \text{ then } |u \cdot v| = -u \cdot v \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} \| -u \| \|v\| = \|u\| \|v\|. \quad \square$$

Thm. 6.4 Let V be a vector space of dimension n
and $W \subseteq V$ a subspace. Then: $\dim W + \dim W^\perp = n$

Proof $\rightarrow$ HW 12

Hint: Let $b_1, \dots, b_k$ a basis of W and $M := (b_1 \dots b_k) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$

Check that $W^\perp = \text{Ker}(M)$.

6.2. Orthogonal sets

Def. A set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is called orthogonal if $v \cdot w = 0 \quad \forall v \neq w \in S$.

Ex. (i) $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ is orthogonal since $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -2 + 2 = 0$

(ii) $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$. Is S orthogonal?

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -2 + 2 + 0 = 0 \rightarrow \text{ok}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 + 2 + 0 = 3 \neq 0 \rightarrow \text{not ok}$$

$\Rightarrow S$ is not orthogonal.

(iii) Let $u \in \mathbb{R}^n : \{0, u\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is orthogonal as $u \cdot 0 = 0$ zero vector
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zero in $\mathbb{R}$

(iv) $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is orthogonal as $e_i \cdot e_j = 0$ for $i \neq j$

$$\text{e.g. in } \mathbb{R}^3 : e_1 \cdot e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$$

Remark If $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ orthogonal and $\tilde{S} \subseteq S$ subset then $\tilde{S}$ is also orthogonal.

We are particularly interested in orthogonal bases of $\mathbb{R}^n$.

Thm. 6.5 Let $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a subspace and $\mathcal{B} = \{b_1 \dots b_k\}$

an orthogonal basis of W . Then for each $w \in W$, the

unique coefficients λ_i for which $w = \lambda_1 b_1 + \dots + \lambda_k b_k$

are:

$$\lambda_i = \frac{w \cdot b_i}{\|b_i\|^2}$$

Proof Let $w \in W$. Since $\mathcal{B}$ is a basis, there exist unique

$$\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_k \text{ so that } w = \lambda_1 b_1 + \dots + \lambda_k b_k$$

Compute λ_i by computing $b_i \cdot w$:

$$b_i \cdot w = b_i \cdot (\lambda_1 b_1 + \dots + \lambda_k b_k)$$

$$= \lambda_1 \underbrace{b_i \cdot b_1}_{=0} + \dots + \lambda_i \underbrace{b_i \cdot b_i}_{=\|b_i\|^2} + \dots + \lambda_k \underbrace{b_i \cdot b_k}_{=0} = \lambda_i \|b_i\|^2$$

Ex. $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ Q: Is $v = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ in $\text{Span}(S)$?

Q rephrased: Do there exist $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ so that $v = \lambda_1 s_1 + \lambda_2 s_2 + \lambda_3 s_3$

We observe: S is orthogonal basis of $\text{Span}(S)$.

Assume that $v \in \text{Span}(S)$

Thm 6.5 $\Rightarrow v = \lambda_1 s_1 + \lambda_2 s_2 + \lambda_3 s_3$ for $\lambda_i = \frac{v \cdot s_i}{\|s_i\|^2}$

Compute $\lambda_1 = \frac{2}{30}$, $\lambda_2 = \frac{-2}{3}$, $\lambda_3 = \frac{-2}{3}$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 s_1 + \lambda_2 s_2 + \lambda_3 s_3$$

$$= \frac{2}{30} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{?}{=} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = v$$

$$\text{First coordinate} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{30} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \stackrel{?}{=} 2 \rightarrow \text{no!}$$

$$\Rightarrow v \notin \text{Span}(S).$$

Ex. $B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ is an orthog. basis of $\mathbb{R}^2$.

Q: Find $[w]_B$ for $w = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

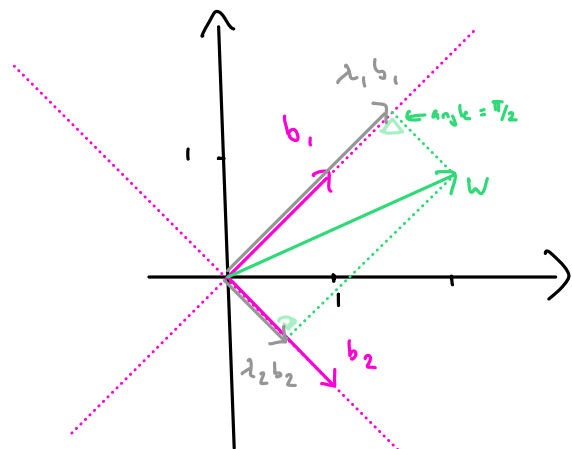
$\rightarrow$ we need to find λ_1, λ_2 so that $w = \lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Thm 6.5 :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \lambda_1 &= \frac{w \cdot b_1}{\|b_1\|^2} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}} = \frac{3}{2} \\ \lambda_2 &= \frac{w \cdot b_2}{\|b_2\|^2} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow [w]_B = \begin{pmatrix} 3/2 \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Geometric interpretation:

$\lambda_i b_i$ is the orthogonal projection of w onto the line $L_i = \text{Span}\{b_i\}$.

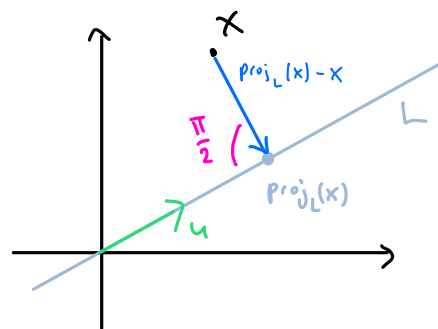


Recall that for $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $u \neq 0$, $L := \text{Span}\{u\}$ is a one-dimensional subspace of $\mathbb{R}^n$. We call L a line.

Def. For $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $u \neq 0$ and $L = \text{Span}\{u\}$ we define the orthogonal projection of $\mathbb{R}^n$ onto L to be the map

$$\text{proj}_L : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow L \text{ by } \text{proj}_L(x) := \underbrace{\left(\frac{x \cdot u}{u \cdot u} \right)}_{\substack{\text{"}\lambda\text{"} \\ \in \mathbb{R}}} \underbrace{u}_{\substack{\text{"}b\text{"} \\ \in \mathbb{R}^n}}$$

Remark. It is called the orthog. projection because $\text{proj}_L(x) - x$ is orthogonal to L .



Ex. Consider the line $L = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 2x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} : x \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ in $\mathbb{R}^3$

Q: Find the orthogonal projection of $p = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ onto L .

Observe L is a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^3$ and $L = \text{Span} \left\{ \overbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}^{=: u} \right\}$.

$$\Rightarrow \text{proj}_L(p) = \frac{u \cdot p}{\|u\|^2} \cdot u = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}{\left\| \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\underline{\frac{9}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}}$$

Orthonormal sets and matrices

Def. A set $\{b_1, \dots, b_k\} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is called orthonormal if it is orthogonal and $\|b_i\|=1 \quad \forall i=1 \dots k$.

A set $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is an orthonormal basis (ONB) if it is a basis consisting of orthog. vectors of length 1.

Rmk. Every orthogonal set that does not contain the zero vector and every orthogonal basis always be made orthonormal by normalizing the vectors by replacing each element v of the set by $\frac{v}{\|v\|}$.

Ex. We know $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \overset{=b_1}{\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}, \overset{=b_2}{\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}} \right\}$ is an orthogonal basis of $\mathbb{R}^2$ but it is not orthonormal because:

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{5} \neq 1$$

$$\text{Normalize: } \tilde{b}_1 := \frac{b_1}{\|b_1\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{b}_2 := \frac{b_2}{\|b_2\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{B}} := \{\tilde{b}_1, \tilde{b}_2\}$ is an ONB.

Ex. $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ is an ONB for $\mathbb{R}^n$.

Thm 6.6. Let $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ be a matrix.

but $UU^T \neq I_m$
(see Rank on page 26)



(1) U has orthonormal columns if and only if $U^T U = I_n$

(2) If U has orthonormal columns, then also the following hold:

(a) $\|Ux\| = \|x\|$

(b) $Ux \cdot Uy = x \cdot y$

(c) $Ux \cdot Uy = 0 \iff x \cdot y = 0$

(In other words: the linear map with matrix U preserves the inner product.)

Q: Does $U^T U = I_n$ mean the same as $U^T = U^{-1}$?

→ Only for square matrices!

Def. A square matrix $U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is called orthogonal if its columns are orthonormal.

In conclusion:

often useful in applications

$$U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \text{ is orthogonal} \iff U^T U = I_n \iff U^T = U^{-1}$$

↑
square matrix

Proof (of Thm.):

(1) Let $u_1, \dots, u_n$ be the columns of $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$.

$$\text{Then } U^T U = \begin{pmatrix} u_1^T \\ \vdots \\ u_n^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ u_1 & \dots & u_n \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \cdot u_1 & u_1 \cdot u_2 & \dots & u_1 \cdot u_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ u_n \cdot u_1 & u_n \cdot u_2 & \dots & u_n \cdot u_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } U^T U = I_n \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} u_i \cdot u_i = 1 & \text{for all } i \\ u_i \cdot u_j = 0 & \text{for all } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

$u_i \cdot u_i = 1$ means the columns of U are vectors of length 1

$u_i \cdot u_j = 0$ means the columns of U are an orthog. set of vectors

So together they mean that the columns of U are an orthonormal set of vectors

(2) Now assume the u_i are orthonormal and hence

$$\text{also } U^T U = I_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad \|Ux\|^2 &= Ux \cdot Ux \stackrel{\text{def. of inner product}}{=} (Ux)^T Ux \stackrel{\text{calculates f.r. transpose}}{=} x^T \underbrace{U^T U}_{=I_n \text{ by (1)}} x \\ &= x^T x = x \cdot x = \|x\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

(b) same trick as above. Try it yourselves

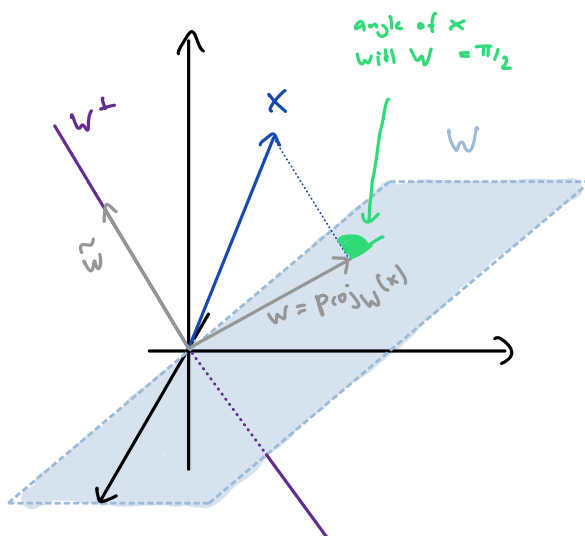
(c) follows from (b).

□

6.3. Orthogonal projections

Above, we have learned how to compute the orthogonal projection of a vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ onto a line L .

Q: Orth. proj. of x onto a larger subspace? e.g. a plane?



Idea: Decompose $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ into two parts:

$$w \in W \text{ and } \tilde{w} \in W^\perp \text{ s. that } \underline{x = w + \tilde{w}}$$

Thm. 6.7. (Orthogonal projection theorem)

Let W be a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^n$. Then every $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ can be uniquely written in the form $x = w + \tilde{w}$ with $w \in W$ and $\tilde{w} \in W^\perp$.

In case $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_k\}$ is an orthog. basis of W then $w \in W$ and $\tilde{w} \in W^\perp$ are:

$$w = \frac{x \cdot b_1}{b_1 \cdot b_1} b_1 + \dots + \frac{x \cdot b_k}{b_k \cdot b_k} b_k \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{w} = x - w$$

Proof. Uniqueness : Assume $x = w_1 + \tilde{w}_1 = w_2 + \tilde{w}_2$

with $w_1, w_2 \in W$ and $\tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2 \in W^\perp$.

$$\Rightarrow 0 = x - x = (w_1 + \tilde{w}_1) - (w_2 + \tilde{w}_2) = w_1 - w_2 + \tilde{w}_2 - \tilde{w}_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{w_1 - w_2}_{\in W} = \underbrace{\tilde{w}_2 - \tilde{w}_1}_{\in W^\perp} \quad \Rightarrow \quad w_1 - w_2 = \tilde{w}_2 - \tilde{w}_1 = 0$$

$\uparrow \quad W \cap W^\perp = \{0\}$

$$\Rightarrow w_1 = w_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{w}_1 = \tilde{w}_2.$$

Existence : In the case $W = \{0\}$ existence is trivial :

$$x = \underbrace{0}_{\in W} + \underbrace{x}_{\in W^\perp = \mathbb{R}^n} \quad \Rightarrow \quad w = 0, \tilde{w} = x.$$

S. from now on assume $W \neq \{0\}$.

Let $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_k\}$ be a basis for W . ($\dim W = k$)

$$\text{Thm. 6.4} \Rightarrow \dim W^\perp = n - k$$

Let $Q = \{b_{k+1}, \dots, b_n\}$ be a basis of $W^\perp$

Claim : $B \cup Q = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$ is a basis of $\mathbb{R}^n$

Let us first use the claim to prove the theorem and

later prove the claim :

Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \stackrel{\text{Claim}}{\Rightarrow}$ then there exist $\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}$ s. that :

$$x = \underbrace{\lambda_1 b_1 + \dots + \lambda_k b_k}_{=: w \in W} + \underbrace{\lambda_{k+1} b_{k+1} + \dots + \lambda_n b_n}_{=: \tilde{w} \in W^\perp}$$

Moreover, we know from Thm. 6.5 that if $B = \{b_1 \dots b_k\}$ is

orthogonal then we can compute $\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_k$ by: $\lambda_i = \frac{b_i \cdot w}{b_i \cdot b_i} = \frac{b_i \cdot x}{b_i \cdot b_i}$ for $i \leq k$.

This completes the proof of the theorem and we are left to prove the claim :

Since $\#(B \cup Q) = n$ it suffices to verify linear independence

of $B \cup Q = \{b_1, \dots, b_k, b_{k+1}, \dots, b_n\}$

Let $\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\lambda_1 b_1 + \dots + \lambda_k b_k + \lambda_{k+1} b_{k+1} + \dots + \lambda_n b_n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\lambda_1 b_1 + \dots + \lambda_k b_k}_{\in W} = - \underbrace{(\lambda_{k+1} b_{k+1} + \dots + \lambda_n b_n)}_{\in W^\perp}$$

$\Rightarrow$ both sides must be zero

Since B is lin. indep $\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \dots = \lambda_k = 0$

Since Q is lin. indep $\Rightarrow \lambda_{k+1} = \dots = \lambda_n = 0$

□

Rmk The uniqueness of w and $\tilde{w}$ (Thm 6.7), tells us that the formulas

$$w = \frac{x \cdot b_1}{b_1 \cdot b_1} b_1 + \dots + \frac{x \cdot b_n}{b_n \cdot b_n} b_n \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{w} = x - w$$

will yield the same w and $\tilde{w}$ regardless of our choice of orthogonal basis $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$.

Def. For a subspace $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ we define the orthogonal projection $\text{proj}_W : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow W$ by

$$\text{proj}_W(x) := \frac{x \cdot b_1}{b_1 \cdot b_1} b_1 + \dots + \frac{x \cdot b_n}{b_n \cdot b_n} b_n \quad (\Leftrightarrow \text{proj}_W(x) = w)$$

where $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$ is an orthogonal basis of W .

Ex. $B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad W = \text{Span}\{B\}$

Q: Compute $\text{proj}_W(x)$.

One can check: B is orthogonal (but not orthonormal)

$$\text{proj}_W(x) = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{6} (2x_1 + x_2 + x_3) \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} (x_2 - x_3) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3}x_1 + \frac{1}{3}x_2 + \frac{1}{3}x_3 \\ \frac{1}{3}x_1 + \left(\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{2}\right)x_2 + \left(\frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{2}\right)x_3 \\ \frac{1}{3}x_1 + \left(\frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{2}\right)x_2 + \left(\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{2}\right)x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

Rmk In response to a student's question, a few more words about the condition $U^T U = I_n$ from Thm. 6.6:

The example $U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ shows that $U U^T \neq I_m$ in general.

In fact, $U U^T$ can never equal I_m if $n \neq m$.

Reason: The columns $u_1, \dots, u_n$ of U are orthonormal.

Hence, they are in particular orthogonal and therefore independent.

$\Rightarrow$ they are n indep. vectors in $\mathbb{R}^m$

$\Rightarrow n \leq m$

$\Rightarrow U$ has less (or equally many) columns than rows.

Also, since $\dim \text{Col}(A) = \dim \text{Row}(A)$: only n of the m rows of A are indep.

We can read $U^T U = I_n$ as:

The linear transformation $\mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ maps the columns of U to the columns of I_n .

This is only possible since the columns of U are indep. $\hookrightarrow e_1, \dots, e_n$

By the same argument: If it were true that $U U^T = I_m$ this would imply that the columns of U^T are indep.

But they are not since they are the rows of U . $\rightarrow U U^T \neq I_m$