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## 線性代數 (二)

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## Orthogonal Complements and Orthogonal Projections

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**Definition** Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . We say that a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is *orthogonal to  $W$*  if  $\mathbf{v}$  is orthogonal to every vector in  $W$ . The set of all vectors that are orthogonal to  $W$  is called the *orthogonal complement of  $W$* , denoted  $W^\perp$ . That is,

$$W^\perp = \{ \mathbf{v} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n : \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0 \text{ for all } \mathbf{w} \text{ in } W \}$$

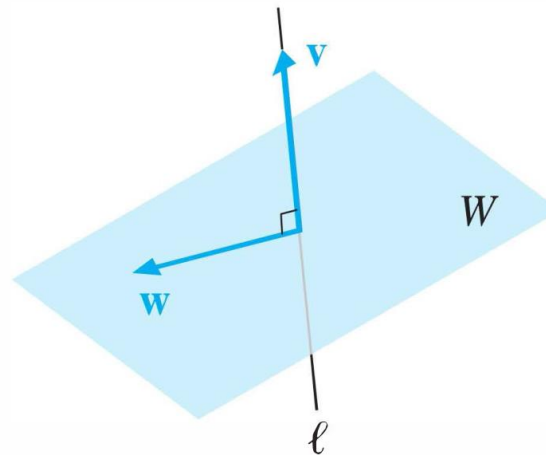
### Example 5.8

If  $W$  is a plane through the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\ell$  is the line through the origin perpendicular to  $W$  (i.e., parallel to the normal vector to  $W$ ), then every vector  $\mathbf{v}$  on  $\ell$  is orthogonal to every vector  $\mathbf{w}$  in  $W$ ; hence,  $\ell = W^\perp$ . Moreover,  $W$  consists *precisely* of those vectors  $\mathbf{w}$  that are orthogonal to every  $\mathbf{v}$  on  $\ell$ ; hence, we also have  $W = \ell^\perp$ .

$W^\perp$  is pronounced “ $W$  perp.”

**Figure 5.5**

$\ell = W^\perp$  and  $W = \ell^\perp$



**Theorem 5.9**

Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

- a.  $W^\perp$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- b.  $(W^\perp)^\perp = W$
- c.  $W \cap W^\perp = \{\mathbf{0}\}$
- d. If  $W = \text{span}(\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_k)$ , then  $\mathbf{v}$  is in  $W^\perp$  if and only if  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}_i = 0$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, k$ .

**Proof**

- (a) Since  $\mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0$  for all  $\mathbf{w}$  in  $W$ ,  $\mathbf{0}$  is in  $W^\perp$ .

**Theorem 5.10**

Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Then the orthogonal complement of the row space of  $A$  is the null space of  $A$ , and the orthogonal complement of the column space of  $A$  is the null space of  $A^T$ :

$$(\text{row}(A))^\perp = \text{null}(A) \quad \text{and} \quad (\text{col}(A))^\perp = \text{null}(A^T)$$

To prove the second identity, we simply replace  $A$  by  $A^T$  and

use the fact that  $\text{row}(A^T) = \text{col}(A)$ .

線性代數中四個基本子空間之間的正交關係。

1. 列空間的正交補空間等於零空間  $(\text{row}(A))^\perp = \text{null}(A)$

這意味著：任何與  $A$  的所有列向量（即  $A$  的橫列）都垂直的向量  $x$ ，必定滿足  $Ax = 0$ ，也就是落在  $A$  的零空間裡。反過來也成立。

2. 行空間的正交補空間等於  $A^T$  的零空間  $(\text{col}(A))^\perp = \text{null}(A^T)$

這說明：任何與  $A$  的所有行向量（即  $A$  的直列）都垂直的向量  $y$ ，必定滿足  $A^T y = 0$ ，也就是落在  $A^T$  的零空間裡。

These four subspaces are called the *fundamental subspaces* of the  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ .

Thus, an  $m \times n$  matrix has four subspaces:  $\text{row}(A)$ ,  $\text{null}(A)$ ,  $\text{col}(A)$ , and  $\text{null}(A^T)$ .

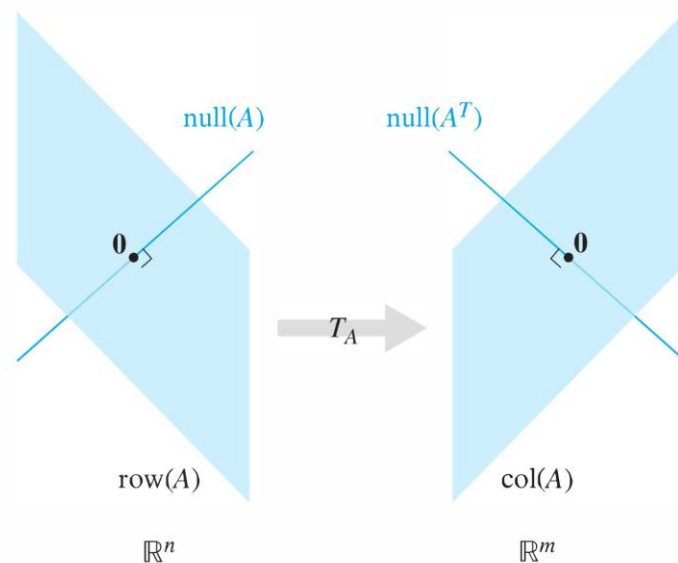
The first two are orthogonal complements in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,

the last two are orthogonal complements in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

- 列空間  $\text{row}(A)$  與零空間  $\text{null}(A)$  互為正交補空間，且在  $\mathbb{R}^n$  中將空間分割成兩個互補且正交的子空間。
- 行空間  $\text{col}(A)$  與左零空間  $\text{null}(A^T)$  互為正交補空間，在  $\mathbb{R}^m$  中亦然。

**Figure 5.6**

The four fundamental subspaces



**Example 5.9**

Find bases for the four fundamental subspaces of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 6 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution** In Examples 3.45, 3.47, and 3.48, we computed bases for the row space, column space, and null space of  $A$ .

We found that  $\text{row}(A) = \text{span}(\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3)$ , where

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = [1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ -1], \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = [0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 0 \ 3], \quad \mathbf{u}_3 = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 4]$$

Also,  $\text{null}(A) = \text{span}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)$ , where

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The column space of  $A$  is  $\text{col}(A) = \text{span}(\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3)$ ,

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and it is easy to check that this vector is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{a}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{a}_3$ .

## Example 3.47

Find a basis for the column space of the matrix from Example 3.45,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 6 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution** Let  $\mathbf{a}_i$  denote a column vector of  $A$  and let  $\mathbf{r}_i$  denote a column vector of the reduced echelon form

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can quickly see by inspection that  $\mathbf{r}_3 = \mathbf{r}_1 + 2\mathbf{r}_2$  and  $\mathbf{r}_5 = -\mathbf{r}_1 + 3\mathbf{r}_2 + 4\mathbf{r}_4$ .

The remaining column vectors,  $\mathbf{r}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{r}_4$ , are linearly independent,

Use the columns of  $A$  that correspond to the columns of  $R$  containing the leading 1s. A basis for  $\text{col}(A)$  is

$$\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_4\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

## Example 3.45

Find a basis for the row space of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 6 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution** The reduced row echelon form of  $A$  is

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

By Theorem 3.20,  $\text{row}(A) = \text{row}(R)$ , so it is enough to find a basis for the row space of  $R$ . But  $\text{row}(R)$  is clearly spanned by its nonzero rows, and it is easy to check that the staircase pattern forces the first three rows of  $R$  to be linearly independent. (This is a general fact, one that you will need to establish to prove Exercise 33.) Therefore, a basis for the row space of  $A$  is

$$\{[1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ -1], [0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 0 \ 3], [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 4]\}$$

## Example 3.48

Find a basis for the null space of matrix  $A$  from Example 3.47.

**Solution**

the solutions of the homogeneous system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

$$[R|\mathbf{0}] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -s + t \\ -2s - 3t \\ s \\ -4t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = s\mathbf{u} + t\mathbf{v}$$

We get  $x_1 = -x_3 + x_5$ ,  $x_2 = -2x_3 - 3x_5$ , and  $x_4 = -4x_5$ .

Setting  $x_3 = s$  and  $x_5 = t$ , we obtain

Thus,  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  span  $\text{null}(A)$ , and since they are linearly independent, they form a basis for  $\text{null}(A)$ .

## Orthogonal Projections

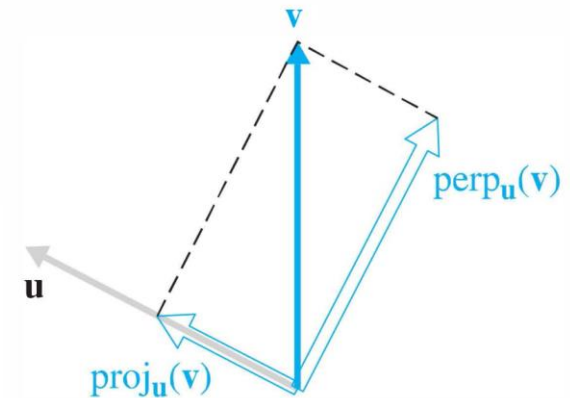
Recall that, in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , the projection of a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  onto a nonzero vector  $\mathbf{u}$  is given by

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v}) = \left( \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}} \right) \mathbf{u}$$

Furthermore, the vector  $\text{perp}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v} - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v})$  is orthogonal to  $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v})$ , and we can decompose  $\mathbf{v}$  as

$$\mathbf{v} = \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v}) + \text{perp}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v})$$

as shown in Figure 5.7.



**Figure 5.7**

$$\mathbf{v} = \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v}) + \text{perp}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v})$$

If we let  $W = \text{span}(\mathbf{u})$ , then  $\mathbf{w} = \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v})$  is in  $W$  and  $\mathbf{w}^{\perp} = \text{perp}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v})$  is in  $W^{\perp}$ .

**Definition** Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k\}$  be an orthogonal basis for  $W$ . For any vector  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the *orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{v}$  onto  $W$*  is defined as

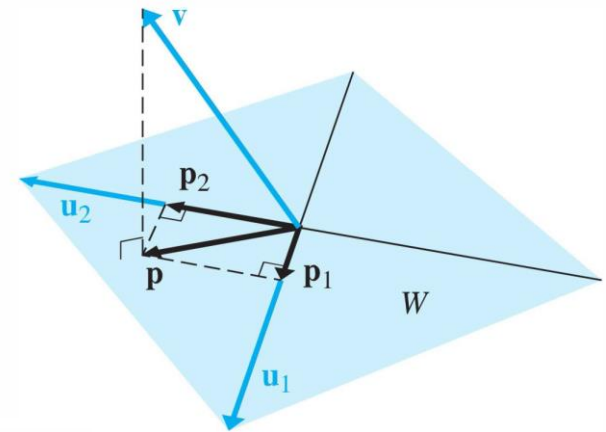
$$\text{proj}_W(\mathbf{v}) = \left( \frac{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \right) \mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + \left( \frac{\mathbf{u}_k \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{u}_k \cdot \mathbf{u}_k} \right) \mathbf{u}_k$$

The *component of  $\mathbf{v}$  orthogonal to  $W$*  is the vector

$$\text{perp}_W(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v} - \text{proj}_W(\mathbf{v})$$

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v}) = \left( \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}} \right) \mathbf{u}$$

$$\text{proj}_W(\mathbf{v}) = \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_1}(\mathbf{v}) + \dots + \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_k}(\mathbf{v})$$



if  $\mathbf{w}$  is in the subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , which has orthogonal basis  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w} &= \left( \frac{\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \right) \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + \left( \frac{\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{v}_k}{\mathbf{v}_k \cdot \mathbf{v}_k} \right) \mathbf{v}_k \\ &= \text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}_1}(\mathbf{w}) + \dots + \text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}_k}(\mathbf{w}) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\mathbf{w}$  is decomposed into a sum of orthogonal projections onto mutually orthogonal one-dimensional subspaces of  $W$ .

## Example 5.11

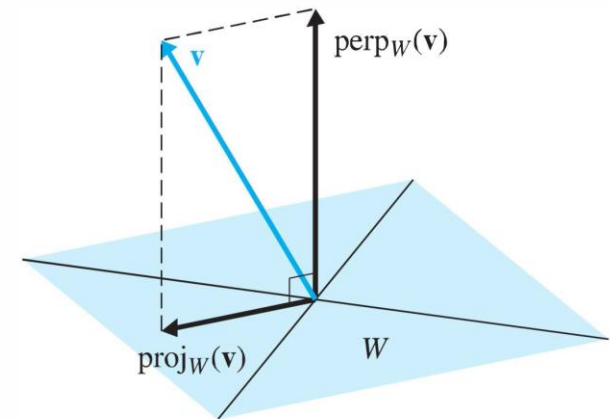
Let  $W$  be the plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with equation  $x - y + 2z = 0$ , and let  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{v}$  onto  $W$  and the component of  $\mathbf{v}$  orthogonal to  $W$ .

**Solution** In Example 5.3, we found an orthogonal basis for  $W$ . Taking

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{we have}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v} = 2 \quad \mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v} = -2$$

$$\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 = 2 \quad \mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 = 3$$



**Figure 5.9**

$$\mathbf{v} = \text{proj}_W(\mathbf{v}) + \text{perp}_W(\mathbf{v})$$

## Theorem 5.11 The Orthogonal Decomposition Theorem

Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $\mathbf{v}$  be a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then there are unique vectors  $\mathbf{w}$  in  $W$  and  $\mathbf{w}^\perp$  in  $W^\perp$  such that

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{w}^\perp$$

Example 5.11 illustrated the Orthogonal Decomposition Theorem.

When  $W$  is the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  given by the plane with equation  $x - y + 2z = 0$ , the orthogonal decomposition of

$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  with respect to  $W$  is  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{w}^\perp$ , where

$$\mathbf{w} = \text{proj}_W(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{w}^\perp = \text{perp}_W(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{3} \\ -\frac{4}{3} \\ \frac{8}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Corollary 5.12**

If  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then

$$(W^\perp)^\perp = W$$

**Theorem 5.13**

If  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then

$$\dim W + \dim W^\perp = n$$

**Corollary 5.14****The Rank Theorem**

If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, then  $\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A) = n$

**Exercises 5.2**

2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 15, 20