

Lesson 24

Orthogonal Complement

6.2

Def Let  $S$  be a nonempty subset of an inner product space  $V$ . The orthogonal complement of  $S$  is

$$S^\perp = \{ v \in V, \langle v, s \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } s \in S \}$$

Th 1:  $S^\perp \leq V$

$0 \in S^\perp$  since  $\langle 0, v \rangle = 0$  for any  $v$  in  $V$

Assume  $v, w \in S^\perp$  then

$$\langle v+w, s \rangle = \langle v, s \rangle + \langle w, s \rangle = 0$$

therefore  $v+w$  is in  $S^\perp$

$$\langle cv, s \rangle = c \langle v, s \rangle = 0$$

therefore  $cv$  is in  $S^\perp$

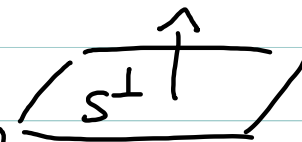
Example  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$   $S = \{ (1, 1, 2) \}$

$$(x, y, z) \perp (1, 1, 2) \text{ iff } \langle (x, y, z), (1, 1, 2) \rangle = 0$$

$$\text{iff } x + y + 2z = 0$$

$$S^\perp = \{ (x, y, z) \mid x + y + 2z = 0 \}$$

$$= \text{span} \{ (1, -1, 0), (-2, 0, 1) \}$$



Th2: Suppose  $V$  is an inner product space and  
 Suppose  $U$  is a finite dimensional  
 subspace of  $V$ , then  $V = U \oplus U^\perp$

Proof:

Let  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  be an orthonormal basis

for  $U$  and let  $v \in V$ , then

$$v = \underbrace{\langle v, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \dots + \langle v, e_m \rangle e_m}_{v_1} + \underbrace{v - \langle v, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \dots - \langle v, e_m \rangle e_m}_{v_2}$$

$$v_1 \in U, \quad v_2 \in U^\perp \quad \text{since } \langle v_2, e_j \rangle =$$

$$= \langle v, e_j \rangle - \langle v, e_j \rangle \langle e_j, e_j \rangle = 0, \quad \text{therefore}$$

for any  $w$  in  $U$  if  $w = a_1 e_1 + \dots + a_m e_m$  then

$$\langle v_2, w \rangle = \sum_{l=1}^m \bar{a}_l \langle v_2, e_l \rangle = 0$$

$$\text{So } v = v_1 + v_2 \in U + U^\perp$$

If  $v \in U \cap U^\perp$  then  $\langle v, v \rangle = 0$  so  $v = 0$

$$\begin{matrix} U \\ \cap \\ U^\perp \end{matrix} = \{0\}$$

$$\text{therefore } U \cap U^\perp = \{0\}$$

Th3: If  $U \subseteq V$  and  $V$  is a finite dimensional vector space then

$$\dim U^\perp = \dim V - \dim U$$

Proof since  $V = U \oplus U^\perp$ ,  $\dim V = \dim(U \oplus U^\perp) =$   
 $= \dim(U) + \dim(U^\perp)$  so  $\dim(U^\perp) = \dim V - \dim U$

Def:  $v_1$  in the previous proof  
is called the orthogonal projection  
of  $v$  onto  $U$  and denoted by  $P_U(v)$   
that is given an inner vector  
space  $V$  and a finite dimensional  
subspace  $U$  of  $V$  for every  
 $v \in V$  the orthogonal projection  
of  $v$  on  $U$ ,  $P_U(v)$  is the unique  
vector s.t we can write  
 $v = P_U(v) + w$  with  $P_U(v) \in U$   
 $w \in U^\perp$ .

Note:

$P_U(v) = \langle v, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \langle v, e_2 \rangle e_2 + \dots + \langle v, e_m \rangle e_m$   
where  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m$  is an orthonormal  
basis for  $U$ . ( $P_U(v)$  does not depend on  
the choice of the basis)

Th 4:  $P_U: V \rightarrow U$

is a linear transformation and  $P_U^2 = P_U$

Proof:

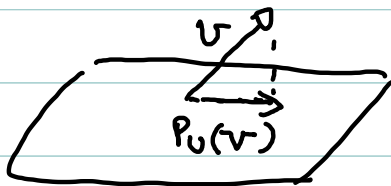
Choose orthonormal basis for  $U$   $B = e_1, \dots, e_m$

$$1) P_U(v+w) = \sum_{l=1}^m \langle v+w, e_l \rangle e_l = \sum_{l=1}^m \langle v, e_l \rangle e_l + \sum_{l=1}^m \langle w, e_l \rangle e_l = P_U(v) + P_U(w)$$

$$2) P_U(kv) = \sum_{l=1}^m \langle kv, e_l \rangle e_l = k \sum_{l=1}^m \langle v, e_l \rangle e_l = k P_U(v)$$

Since for any  $x \in U$   $P_U(x) = x$  because

$x = x + 0$  then  $\forall v \in V$   $P_U(P_U(v)) = P_U(v)$



Th 5: Let  $V$  be an inner product space, and let  $U$  be a finite dimensional subspace of  $V$  then  $\forall y \in V \quad \forall x \in U \quad \|y - x\| \geq \|y - P_U(y)\|$

Proof: we already proved  $y = P_U(y) + z$  with  $z \in U^\perp$ . For any  $x \in U$

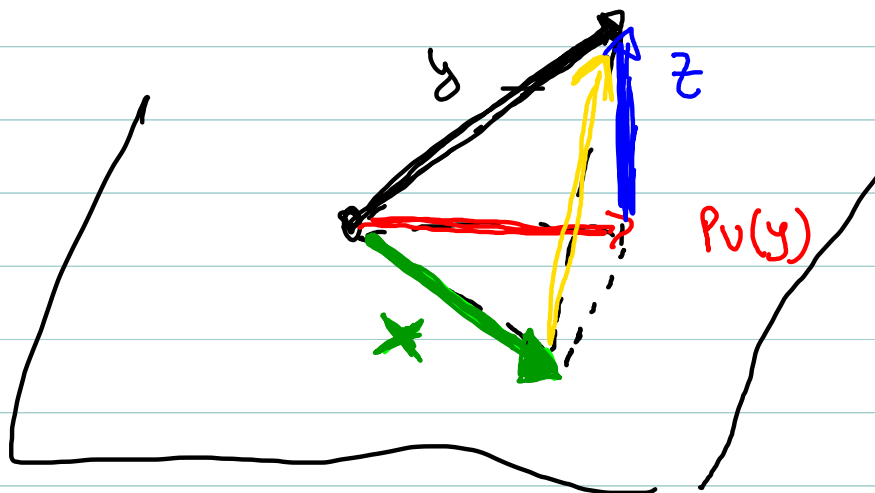
$$\|y - P_U(y)\|^2 \leq \|y - P_U(y)\|^2 + \|P_U(y) - x\|^2 \quad (\text{since } \|P_U(y) - x\|^2 \geq 0)$$

$y - P_U(y)$  and  $P_U(y) - x$  are perpendicular since  $y - P_U(y) = z \in U^\perp$  and  $P_U(y) - x \in U$

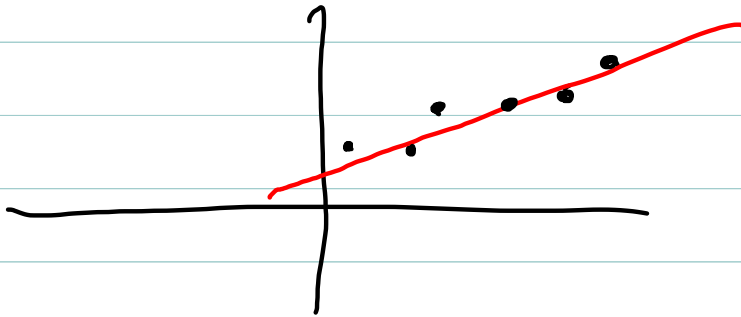
so we can apply the Pythagorean theorem

$$\|y - P_U(y)\|^2 + \|P_U(y) - x\|^2 = \|y - P_U(y) + P_U(y) - x\|^2$$

$$\text{Therefore } \|y - P_U(y)\|^2 \leq \|y - x\|^2$$



## Least square approximation data fitting



Goal: find line that best fits

data points  $(x_1, y_1)$   $(x_2, y_2)$  ...  $(x_n, y_n)$

That is find line  $y = cx + d$  such that

the error.  $E = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - cx_i - d)^2$

is as small as possible. If

$$A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad x = (c, d) \quad y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{then } E = \|y - Ax\|^2$$

$(c, d)$  is then the vector  
that minimizes  $\|y - Ax\|$

so  $A \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix}$  is the orthogonal  
projection of  $y$  on  $W = \{Ax / x \in \mathbb{R}^2\}$

$$W = \{ Ax \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \}$$



## Quiz

T F  $\text{Proj}_U(y) \neq 0$

F if  $y \in U^\perp$  then  $y = 0 + y$

T F  $\text{Proj}_{U^\perp}(y) \perp \text{Proj}_U(y)$

T since the first vector  
is in  $U^\perp$  and the second  
in  $U$

$$y = \text{Proj}_{U^\perp}(y) + \text{Proj}_U(y)$$