

## 16. Inner products and projections

can be made to work  $\mathbb{C}$  or  $\mathbb{F}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$

Def: Let  $V$  be a vector space  $\mathbb{R}$ . An inner product on  $V$  assigns to each

pair  $u, v \in V$  a number  $\langle u, v \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\forall u, v, w \in V$  and scalars  $c$ ,

symmetric 1.  $\langle u, v \rangle = \langle v, u \rangle$

bilinear 2.  $\langle cu, v \rangle = c\langle u, v \rangle$

3.  $\langle u+v, w \rangle = \langle u, w \rangle + \langle v, w \rangle$

needs  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow$  4.  $\langle v, v \rangle \geq 0$  and  $=0 \Leftrightarrow v=0$ .  
positive — definite

crucial!

lengths:  $\|v\|^2 = \langle v, v \rangle$

angles:  $\cos \theta = \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|u\| \|v\|}$

E.g. (a)  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$   $\langle x, y \rangle = y^T x = x \cdot y$

(b)  $V = \mathcal{P}_k$   $t_0, \dots, t_k \in \mathbb{R}$   $\langle p, q \rangle = \sum_{i=0}^k p(t_i) q(t_i)$

1. ✓ 2. ✓ 3. ✓

4.  $\geq 0$  ✓;  $\langle p, p \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^k p(t_i)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow p(t_i) = 0 \forall i$

$\Rightarrow p \equiv 0$  (remember last lecture?)

(c)  $V = C^0(I)$  for  $I = [a, b]$   $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(t) g(t) dt$  same picture but "using all  $t \in [a, b]$ "

1. ✓

2.  $\int c \cdots dt = c \int \cdots dt$

3.  $\int (f+g)h dt = \int (fh + gh) dt = \int fh dt + \int gh dt$

4.  $\int_a^b f(t)^2 dt \geq 0$   $f(t_0)^2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow f(t) > \frac{1}{2}f(t_0)^2$  on  $[t_0 - \epsilon, t_0 + \epsilon]$

needs  $f \in C^0$   $\Rightarrow \int_a^b f(t)^2 dt > 2\epsilon \cdot \frac{1}{2}f(t_0)^2 = \epsilon f(t_0)^2 > 0$ .

Lemma:  $v_1, \dots, v_d \in V$  mutually orthogonal of length 1 under any inner product

$\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = 0$  for  $j \neq i$ ,  $\langle v_i, v_i \rangle = 1 \forall i$  orthonormal  $\Rightarrow$  linearly independent.

Pf:  $v = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_d v_d = 0 \Rightarrow \langle v, v_i \rangle = 0 \forall i$

$\|c_i\|$

Application:

Thm 6.4: Given  $k+1$  points  $(t_0, a_0), \dots, (t_k, a_k)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with  $t_0, \dots, t_k$  distinct,

$\exists ! p \in \mathcal{P}_k$  whose graph passes through the points.

there exists

unique

Pf: Construct orthonormal  $p_0, \dots, p_k \in \mathcal{P}_k$  under inner product (b):

$$p_i(t_i) = 1, \quad p_i(t_j) = 0 \text{ for } j \neq i. \quad \text{Set } \Delta(t) = (t - t_0)(t - t_1) \cdots (t - t_k)$$

$$\Delta_i(t) = \frac{\Delta(t)}{(t - t_i)} \quad (\text{omit the } t - t_i \text{ factor}).$$

Then  $\Delta_i(t_j) = 0$  for  $j \neq i$  and  $\Delta_i(t_i) \neq 0$  since  $t_0, \dots, t_k$  distinct, so

$p_i(t) = \frac{\Delta_i(t)}{\Delta_i(t_i)}$  has  $p_0, \dots, p_k$  orthonormal. Lemma  $\Rightarrow$  basis

$\Rightarrow$  every  $f \in \mathcal{P}_k$  has unique expression  $f = c_0 p_0 + \cdots + c_k p_k$ .

Note that  $f(t_i) = 0 + \cdots + 0 + c_i \cdot 1 + 0 + \cdots + 0 = c_i$ .

Take  $p = a_0 p_0 + \cdots + a_k p_k$ .  $\square$

Pf:

Cor:  $t_0, \dots, t_k$  distinct  $\Rightarrow$   $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_0 & t_0^2 & \cdots & t_0^k \\ 1 & t_1 & t_1^2 & \cdots & t_1^k \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & t_k & t_k^2 & \cdots & t_k^k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_k \end{bmatrix}$  is nonsingular.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_0 & t_0^2 & \cdots & t_0^k \\ 1 & t_1 & t_1^2 & \cdots & t_1^k \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & t_k & t_k^2 & \cdots & t_k^k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_k \end{bmatrix}$$

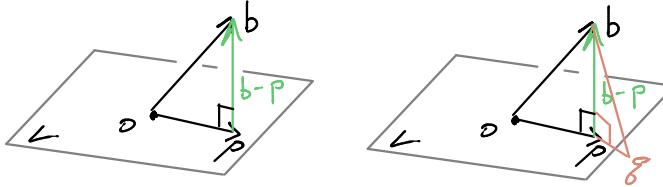
↑ evaluations of  $p$  at  $t_0, \dots, t_k$

coeffs on the polynomial  $p(t)$

Theorem 6.4  $\Rightarrow$  linear system has ! sol.

$\Rightarrow$  (square!) matrix is nonsingular.  $\square$

Def: Fix a subspace  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . The (orthogonal) projection of  $b$  onto  $V$  is the unique vector  $p = \text{proj}_V b \in V$  such that  $b - p \in V^\perp$  under  $\cdot$ .



Lemma 1.1: Set  $p = \text{proj}_V b$ . Then  $\|b - p\| \leq \|b - q\| \quad \forall q \in V$ .

$$\text{Pf: } \|b - q\|^2 = \|b - p\|^2 + \|p - q\|^2. \square$$

$p$  is closest to  $b$  in  $V$ .

How to find  $p$ ? Fix basis  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  for  $V$ .

$$\text{Need } v_1 \cdot (b - p) = 0, \dots, v_n \cdot (b - p) = 0$$

$$v_1^T(b - p) = 0, \dots, v_n^T(b - p) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A^T(b - p) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A^T b = A^T p \quad \Leftrightarrow p \in b + V^\perp.$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \\ v_1 & \dots & v_n \\ 1 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{so} \quad \begin{bmatrix} -v_1^T \\ \vdots \\ -v_n^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ b - p \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

Q. Is that enough? No: Need also  $p \in V$  — i.e.  $p = Ax$  "P is a linear combination of the columns of A"

Prop: Given an  $m \times n$  matrix of rank  $n$ , the normal equation  $A^T A x = A^T b$

has a unique solution  $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the least squares solution of  $Ax = b$ .

Pf:  $A^T A$  is  $n \times n$ .

Lemma:  $M_{A^T A}$  is injective.

Lemma  $\Rightarrow A^T A$  is nonsingular.  $\square$

Pf of Lemma:  $C(A)^\perp = L(A)$

$$\Rightarrow C(A) \perp \underbrace{L(A)^T}_{= N(A^T)}$$

under dot product in  $\mathbb{R}_{\text{col}}^m$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow C(A) \cap N(A^T) &= 0. & A x \in C(A) \\ \text{Note: } \not\Rightarrow & & x \in \ker(M_{A^T A}) \Leftrightarrow \mu_A(x) \in \ker(\mu_{A^T}) \\ A^T A x = 0 &\Leftrightarrow A^T(Ax) = 0 & \Leftrightarrow \mu_A(x) = 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow A x \in \underbrace{N(A^T)}_{\text{im } \mu_A} \cap C(A) & & \text{since } \text{im } \mu_A \cap \ker(\mu_{A^T}) = 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow A x = 0 & & \Leftrightarrow x = 0. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

calculate nullspace (kernel)