

# Inner Product Spaces

• An inner product on a vector space  $V$  is a function of a pair of vectors with the following properties:

- i)  $\langle x+y, z \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle$  (additive in 1st arg)
- ii)  $\langle \alpha x, y \rangle = \alpha \langle x, y \rangle$  (scaling in 1st arg)
- iii)  $\langle x, y \rangle = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle}$  (symmetric conjugates)
- iv)  $\langle x, x \rangle$  is real and non-negative (positive-definitive)

Inner product space: a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$  equipped with inner product

• Conjugate linear in 2nd argument: (proof)

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, y + \alpha z \rangle &= \langle y + \alpha z, x \rangle \text{ (iii')} \\ &= \overline{\langle y, x \rangle + \alpha \langle z, x \rangle} \text{ (ii, i)} \\ &= \overline{\langle y, x \rangle} + \overline{\alpha} \overline{\langle z, x \rangle} \text{ (iii)} \end{aligned}$$

Standard inner product:

★ Define  $\langle u, v \rangle_{std} = v^* u = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \overline{v_i}$

Vector length:  $\|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}$

## Complex Inner Product

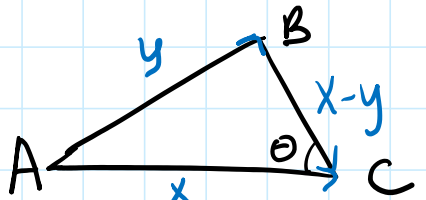
Positive-definite inner product:

$$\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \overline{v_i} = v^T u = v^* u$$

•  $v^*$  = complex conjugate transpose

- $V^*$  = complex conjugate transpose
- $\langle u, v \rangle = \langle v, u \rangle^*$

## Example: Derivation of Law of Cosines



$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \|x-y\|^2 &= \langle x-y, x-y \rangle \\ &= \langle x, x-y \rangle - \langle y, x-y \rangle \quad (i) \\ &= \langle x, x \rangle - \langle x, y \rangle - \langle y, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle \\ &= \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 - \langle x, y \rangle + \overline{\langle x, y \rangle} \quad (ii) \\ &= \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 - 2 \operatorname{Re}\{\langle x, y \rangle\} \cdot \frac{(\|x\| \|y\|)}{\|x\| \|y\|} \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

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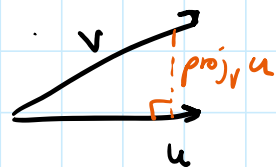
## Orthogonality

A set of vectors  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is orthogonal if  $\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = 0$  for all distinct  $i, j$  ( $i \neq j$ ).

It is orthonormal if  $\langle v_n, v_n \rangle = 1$  for all  $1 \leq n \leq i$

If  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  are orthogonal, then  $\sum_{i=1}^n \|v_i\|^2 = \|\sum_{i=1}^n v_i\|^2$

Orthogonal Projection:  $\operatorname{proj}_v u = \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\langle v, v \rangle} v$



Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality:  $|\langle u, v \rangle| \leq \|u\| \|v\|$   
 in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\langle u, v \rangle = \|u\| \|v\| \cos \theta$  and  $\cos \theta \leq 1$ .

Triangle Inequality:  $\|u+v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$  if  $u, v \in V$ .  
 ↗ see law of cosines proof

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$$U^* U = I$$

↳ The eigenvalue of an orthogonal operator  $f: V \rightarrow V$  is  $\pm 1$ .  
Therefore, unitary matrices are rotation/reflection matrices.

## Gram-Schmidt Process

- input: a set of linearly independent vectors
- output: an orthonormal set of vectors with the same span  
↳ orthogonal, have a length of 1

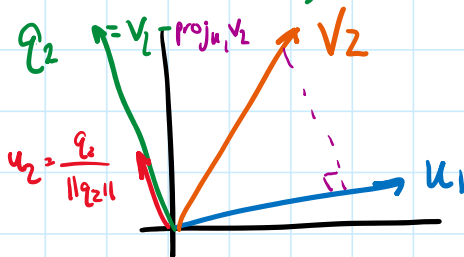
Demo: Gram-Schmidt process for 3 vectors  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$

- Find unit vector for  $\text{span}(u_1) = \text{span}(v_1)$

$$u_1 = kv_1 \text{ such that } |kv_1| = 1$$
$$= \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|} = \frac{v_1}{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle}$$

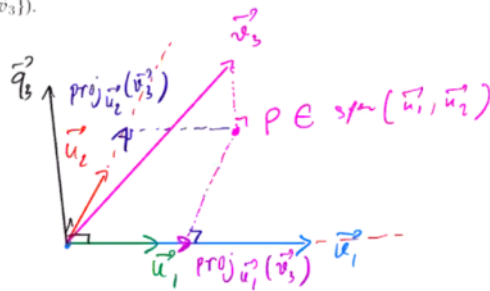
$$\langle u_1, u_2 \rangle = 0$$

- Find  $u_2$  unit vector where  $\text{span}\{u_1, u_2\} = \text{span}\{v_1, v_2\}$  and  $u_1 \perp u_2$   
- remove  $\text{proj}_{u_1}(v_2)$  from  $v_2$  to get only the orthonormal basis



$$\star \text{proj}_{u_1} v_2 = \langle u_1, v_2 \rangle u_1$$

c) Now given  $\vec{u}_1$  and  $\vec{u}_2$  in the previous steps, find  $\vec{u}_3$  such that  $\text{span}(\{\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3\}) = \text{span}(\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\})$ .



$$\vec{q}_3 = \vec{u}_3 - \text{proj}_{\vec{u}_1}(\vec{u}_3) - \text{proj}_{\vec{u}_2}(\vec{u}_3)$$

$$\vec{u}_3 = \frac{\vec{q}_3}{\|\vec{q}_3\|}$$

• find  $u_3$  using the same process. Generalized:

• Find  $u_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|}$

• For each  $u_i$ ,  $2 \leq i \leq n$ :

$$q_i = v_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \text{proj}_{\vec{u}_j}(v_i)$$

$$= v_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \langle v_i, u_j \rangle u_j$$

Normalize  $q_i$  to get  $u_i = \frac{q_i}{\|q_i\|}$

Example:  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

•  $u_1 = v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

•  $q_2 = v_2 - \text{proj}_{u_1} v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rangle \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - 1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

•  $u_2 = q_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

•  $q_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = u_3$

• Gram-Schmidt is dependent on the order: choosing a different  $v_i$  will change the result