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§2.2 Linear Transformation in Geometry

Recall that given an  $n \times m$  matrix A there is a linear transformation defined by  $T(\vec{x}) = A \cdot \vec{x}$ . Let us look at the following **examples**.







### 1. Scaling

For any constant k > 0, the matrix

$$kI_2 = \begin{bmatrix} k & 0\\ 0 & k \end{bmatrix}$$

defines a scaling transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

(1) If k > 1 this is a dilation (or enlargement).

(2) If 0 < k < 1, this is a contraction (or shrinking).

In general, for any constant k > 0, the matrix  $kI_n$  defines a scaling transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Moreover, the scaling transformation is given by  $T(\vec{x}) = k\vec{x}$ 

For example

$$2I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

defines transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  by  $T(\vec{x}) = 2\vec{x}$  for  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .



#### 2. Orthogonal Projection

Recall that for vectors  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the **dot product** of  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  is  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + \dots + u_n v_n$ .

**Theorem**. [Properties of the Inner Product]

For vectors  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and a scalar  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , the following hold:

- (1.)  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u}$ .
- (2.)  $(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w} = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{w} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}.$
- (3.)  $(c\vec{u}) \cdot \vec{v} = c(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}) = \vec{u} \cdot (c\vec{v}).$
- (4.)  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} \ge 0$ , and  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = 0$  if and only if  $\vec{u} = \vec{0}$ .

**Definition**. [Length of a Vector]

The **length** or **norm** of a vector  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , denoted by  $||\vec{v}||$ , is defined as

$$||\vec{v}|| = \sqrt{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}} = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_n^2}$$

where  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  are the coordinates of  $\vec{v}$ .

**Example 2.** Find the length of the following vectors.

$$\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{5} \\ \frac{4}{5} \end{bmatrix}, \ \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \ \vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$||\vec{u}|| = \sqrt{(\frac{3}{5})^2 + (\frac{4}{5})^2} = 1.$$
$$||\vec{v}|| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{14}.$$
$$||\vec{v}|| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{30}.$$

A vector  $\vec{u}$  is called an **unit vector** if  $||\vec{u}|| = 1$ .

If a vector  $\vec{w}$  is not an unit vector, we can find a unit vector on the same direction defined by

 $\frac{\vec{w}}{||\vec{w}||}$ 

and called the **normalization** of  $\vec{w}$ .

**Example 3.** Find the normalization of the vectors in Example 2.



## Theorem.

For any vector  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and any scalar  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  one obtains

 $||c \cdot \vec{v}|| = |c| \cdot ||\vec{v}||.$ 

**Definition**. (Angles Between Vectors)

The **angle between two nonzero vectors**  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the the angle  $0 \le \theta \le \pi$  satisfying

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = ||\vec{u}|| \cdot ||\vec{v}|| \cdot \cos \theta.$$

Or we can write

$$\theta = \arccos \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{||\vec{u}|| \cdot ||\vec{v}||}.$$

In particular, when  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$ , the angle  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

**Definition**. [Orthogonal Vectors]

Two vectors  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are said to be **orthogonal** or **perpendicular** if  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$ .

**Example 4.** Find the angle between the following pairs of vectors.

$$\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1\\\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$$
 and  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -1\\2 \end{bmatrix}$ ;  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1\\2\\3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -1\\-4\\3 \end{bmatrix}$ 





### **Definition**. (Orthogonal Projection Onto A Line)

Let  $\vec{w}$  be a nonzero vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $L = \text{Span}\{\vec{w}\}$  be the line in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  spanned by  $\vec{w}$ . For a given vector  $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the vector

$$y^{\parallel} = \operatorname{proj}_{L}(\vec{y}) := \left(\frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{w}}{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w}}\right) \vec{w}$$

is called the **orthogonal projection of**  $\vec{y}$  **onto** L (or onto  $\vec{w}$ ) and

 $\vec{y}^{\perp} := \vec{y} - \operatorname{proj}_L(\vec{y})$ 

the component of  $\vec{y}$  orthogonal to L (or  $\vec{w}$ ).

For these two vectors one obtains

$$\vec{y} = \operatorname{proj}_{L}(\vec{y}) + \vec{y}^{\perp}$$
 and  $\vec{w} \cdot \vec{y}^{\perp} = 0.$ 

Verification: The first one is obviously from definition of  $\vec{y}^{\perp}$ .

$$\vec{w} \cdot \vec{y}^{\perp} = \vec{w}(\vec{y} - \operatorname{proj}_{L}(\vec{y})) = \vec{w} \cdot \vec{y} - \vec{w} \cdot \operatorname{proj}_{L}(\vec{y})) = \vec{w} \cdot \vec{y} - \vec{w} \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{w}}{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w}}\right) \vec{w}$$
$$= \vec{w} \cdot \vec{y} - \left(\frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{w}}{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w}}\right) (\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w}) = \vec{w} \cdot \vec{y} - \vec{y} \cdot \vec{w} = 0$$

**Example 5.** Let *L* be the line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that is the span of vector  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find a decomposition

of the vector  $\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1\\ 2\\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  as  $\vec{y} = \text{proj}_L(\vec{y}) + \vec{y}^{\perp}$ . Here  $\text{proj}_L(\vec{y})$  is the orthogonal projection of  $\vec{y}$  onto L and  $\vec{y}^{\perp}$  is the component of  $\vec{y}$  orthogonal to L.

$$P^{n}\hat{y}_{L}(\vec{y}) = \left(\frac{\vec{y}\cdot\vec{u}}{\vec{u}\cdot\vec{u}}\right) \cdot \vec{u} = \frac{1+2+12}{+1+4} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{15}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{2}\\\frac{5}{2}\\\frac{5}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\vec{y}^{4} = \vec{y}^{2} - P^{n}\hat{y}_{L}(\vec{y}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1\\2\\6 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{2}\\\frac{5}{2}\\\frac{5}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3}{2}\\-\frac{5}{2}\\\frac{7}{2}\\\frac{5}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\vec{y}^{2} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{2}\\\frac{5}{$$

**Example 6.** Let *L* be the line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  that is the span of vector  $\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find a decomposition of the vector  $\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  as  $\vec{y} = \text{proj}_L(\vec{y}) + \vec{y}^{\perp}$ .

$$Pr\hat{g}_{2}(\vec{y}) = \left(\frac{\vec{y}\cdot\vec{w}}{\vec{w}\cdot\vec{w}}\right)\vec{w} = \left(\frac{4+6}{1+4}\right)\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}2\\4\end{bmatrix}$$
$$Y^{-}_{1} = \vec{y}-Pr\tilde{g}_{1}(\vec{y}) = \begin{bmatrix}4\\3\end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix}2\\4\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}2\\4\end{bmatrix}$$
$$\vec{y}^{-}_{2} = \begin{bmatrix}2\\4\end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix}2\\-\end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose  $\vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a vector on line L and  $\vec{u} = \frac{\vec{w}}{||\vec{w}||}$  is the **unit** vector on L.

#### Theorem.

The orthogonal projection  $T(\vec{x}) = \text{proj}_L(\vec{x})$  is a linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Proof: We show that  $T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v})$  and  $T(c\vec{u}) = cT(\vec{u})$  for any  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and any  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ . We know that  $\operatorname{proj}_L(\vec{x}) := \left(\frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{w}}{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w}}\right) \vec{w}$ .  $T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = \operatorname{proj}_L(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = \left(\frac{(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w}}{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w}}\right) \vec{w} = \left(\frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}}{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w}}\right) \vec{w} = \left(\frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}}{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w}}\right) \vec{w} + \left(\frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}}{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w}}\right) \vec{w} = \operatorname{proj}_L(\vec{u}) + \operatorname{proj}_L((\vec{v}) = T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v}).$ Similarly, we can verify  $T(c\vec{u}) = cT(\vec{u})$ . So, T is linear.

Hence, the matrix of the orthogonal projection is  $[\operatorname{proj}_L(\vec{e}_1) \operatorname{proj}_L(\vec{e}_2) \cdots \operatorname{proj}_L(\vec{e}_n)]$ .

In the case when n = 2, suppose  $\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and the unit vector is  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ 

Theorem.

The **matrix** of the orthogonal projection  $\text{proj}_L(\vec{x})$  is given by

$$P = \frac{1}{w_1^2 + w_2^2} \begin{bmatrix} w_1^2 & w_1 w_2 \\ w_1 w_2 & w_2^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1^2 & u_1 u_2 \\ u_1 u_2 & u_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Proof: We know that can can use the standard vectors  $\vec{e_1}$  and  $\vec{e_2}$  to find the matrix  $P = [\operatorname{proj}_L(\vec{e_1}) \quad \operatorname{proj}_L(\vec{e_2})].$ 

$$\operatorname{proj}_{L}(\vec{e}_{1}) = \left(\frac{\vec{e}_{1} \cdot \vec{w}}{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w}}\right) \vec{w} = \left(\frac{1w_{1} + 0w_{2}}{w_{1}^{2} + w_{2}^{2}}\right) \begin{bmatrix} w_{1} \\ w_{2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{w_{1}^{2} + w_{2}^{2}} \begin{bmatrix} w_{1}^{2} \\ w_{1}w_{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Similarly, we can calculate the second column  $\text{proj}_L(\vec{e}_2)$ .

**Example 7.** Find the matrix A for the orthogonal projection onto  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$\mathsf{P} = \frac{\mathsf{I}}{\mathsf{I}} \begin{bmatrix} \mathsf{I} & \mathsf{o} \\ \mathsf{o} & \mathsf{o} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathsf{I} & \mathsf{o} \\ \mathsf{o} & \mathsf{o} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example 8.** Find the matrix A for the orthogonal projection onto the line L defined by the span of  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$P = \frac{1}{2^{2} + 3^{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Orthogonal projection onto a plane\*.

**Example 9.** \*Let V be the plane defined by  $x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 0$  and let  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find a decomposition of  $\vec{x} = \vec{y} + \vec{z}$  such that  $\vec{y}$  on plane V and  $\vec{z}$  is perpendicular to V.

The vector perpendicular to plane 
$$X_1 + X_1 + 2X_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
  
From Example 5,  $p_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 5/2 \\ 5/2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{z}$   
 $\vec{y}^2 = \vec{x}^2 - \vec{z}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 5/2 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3/2 \\ -1/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

3. Reflection



## **Definition**. (Reflection along a line)

Let  $\vec{w}$  be a nonzero vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and let  $L = \text{Span}\{\vec{w}\}$  be the line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  spanned by  $\vec{w}$ . For a given vector  $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , the vector

$$\operatorname{ref}_L(\vec{y}) := \vec{y}^{||} - \vec{y}^{\perp}$$

is called the **reflection of**  $\vec{y}$  **about** *L*. An equivalent formula is given by

$$\operatorname{ref}_L(\vec{y}) := 2 \operatorname{proj}_L(\vec{y}) - \vec{y}$$

## Theorem.

The reflection  $T(\vec{x}) = \operatorname{ref}_L(\vec{x})$  is a linear transformation. The matrix of T is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & -a \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $a^{2} + b^{2} = 1$ 

Here, 
$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$
 is given by  $\operatorname{ref}_L(\vec{e_1})$ , where  $\vec{e_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .  $\begin{bmatrix} b \\ -a \end{bmatrix}$  is given by  $\operatorname{ref}_L(\vec{e_2})$ , where  $\vec{e_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Example 10.** Find the matrix A of the reflection about  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$\operatorname{ref}_{L}(\overline{e}_{i}^{\prime}) = 2\operatorname{proj}_{L}(\overline{e}_{i}^{\prime}) - \overline{e}_{i}^{\prime} = 2\left(+\left[\begin{smallmatrix} i \\ b \end{smallmatrix}\right]\right) - \overline{e}_{i}^{\prime} = \left[\begin{smallmatrix} i \\ b \end{smallmatrix}\right]$$
  
So the matrix is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

**Example 11.** Find the matrix of the reflection about the line *L* defined by the span of  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Example 12.** (Example 5 continued) Let L be the line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that is the span of vector  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the reflection of  $\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  about the line L.

$$ref_{L}(\overline{y}) = 2pr\hat{y}_{L}(\overline{y}) - \overline{y}$$
$$= 2\left[\frac{5}{2}\right] - \left[\frac{1}{2}\right] = \left[\frac{4}{3}\right]$$
$$= 2\left[\frac{5}{2}\right] - \left[\frac{1}{2}\right] = \left[\frac{4}{3}\right]$$

### 4. Rotation

**Theorem**. (Rotation)

The matrix of a counter-clockwise **rotation** in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  trough an angle  $\theta$  is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix is of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $a^2 + b^2 = 1$ .

**Example 13.** Find the matrix of a counter-clockwise rotation in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  trough an angle  $\theta = \pi/3$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{7}, \frac{\pi}{3}, -sh, \frac{\pi}{3} \\ sh_{3}^{\pi}, c_{7}, \frac{\pi}{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2} \\ \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \frac{\pi}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

### 5. Rotation combined with a scaling

**Theorem**. (Rotation combined with a scaling)

The matrix is of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$$

defines a linear transformation representing a counter-clockwise rotation of degree  $\theta$  with a scaling k. Here,  $k = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$  and  $\cos \theta = \frac{a}{k}$  and  $\sin \theta = \frac{b}{k}$ .

Example 14. Describe the geometric meaning of the transformation defined by the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} & -1 \\ 1 & \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example 15.**  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  is the linear transformation which begins with first **reflection**  $\phi$  about the line y = x, followed by **orthogonal projection** onto the line y = -x. Find the matrix of T.

**Example 16.**  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  is the linear transformation which begins with first rotation  $\rho$ , counter-clockwise about the origin by angle  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ , followed by orthogonal projection onto the line y = 2x. Find the matrix of T.



6. Shear\*

# Theorem.

The matrix of a **horizontal shear** is of the form

 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

The matrix of a **vertical shear** is of the form

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\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ k & 1 \end{bmatrix}
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**Example 17.** \* Draw the graph of transformation defined by the following matrices:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

