

## Section 6.2 Lay 6e

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Chapter 6 Notes, Lay 6e

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### 6.2 Orthogonal Sets

#### Orthogonal Sets

**Definition 6.4.** A set of vectors  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is an **orthogonal set** if each pair of distinct vectors is orthogonal, i.e:

$$v_i \cdot v_j = 0 \quad \text{for each } i \neq j$$

**Definition 6.5.** An **orthogonal basis** is a basis that is also an orthogonal set.

**Definition 6.6.** A **orthonormal basis (set)** is an orthogonal basis (set) of unit vectors (length 1).

**Theorem 6.2.** Orthogonal sets are linearly independent.

**Example 6.2.1.** Show that the following vectors form an orthogonal set.

$$u_1 = \langle 1, -2, 1 \rangle, \quad u_2 = \langle 0, 1, 2 \rangle, \quad u_3 = \langle -5, -2, 1 \rangle$$

$$u_1 \cdot u_2 = 0 - 2 + 1 = 0$$

$$u_1 \cdot u_3 = -5 + 0 + 1 = 0$$

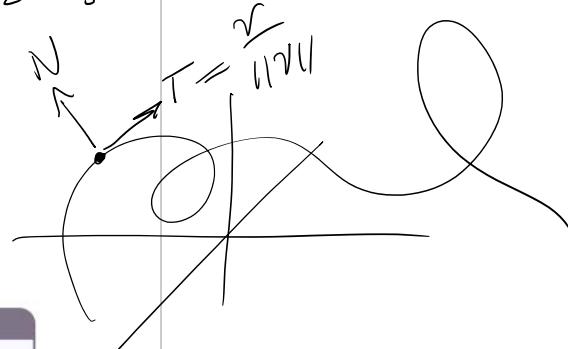
$$u_2 \cdot u_3 = -2 + 2 = 0$$

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**Example 6.2.2.** Construct an orthonormal basis from

$$u_1 = \langle 1, -2, 1 \rangle, \quad u_2 = \langle 0, 1, 2 \rangle, \quad u_3 = \langle -5, -2, 1 \rangle$$

$$\|u_1\| = \sqrt{6}$$



#### 6.2.1 Orthogonal Projection of One Vector onto Another

##### Projection of One Vector onto Another.

**Theorem 6.3.** The angle  $\theta$  between two vectors,  $u$  and  $v$ , can be calculated using the dot product:

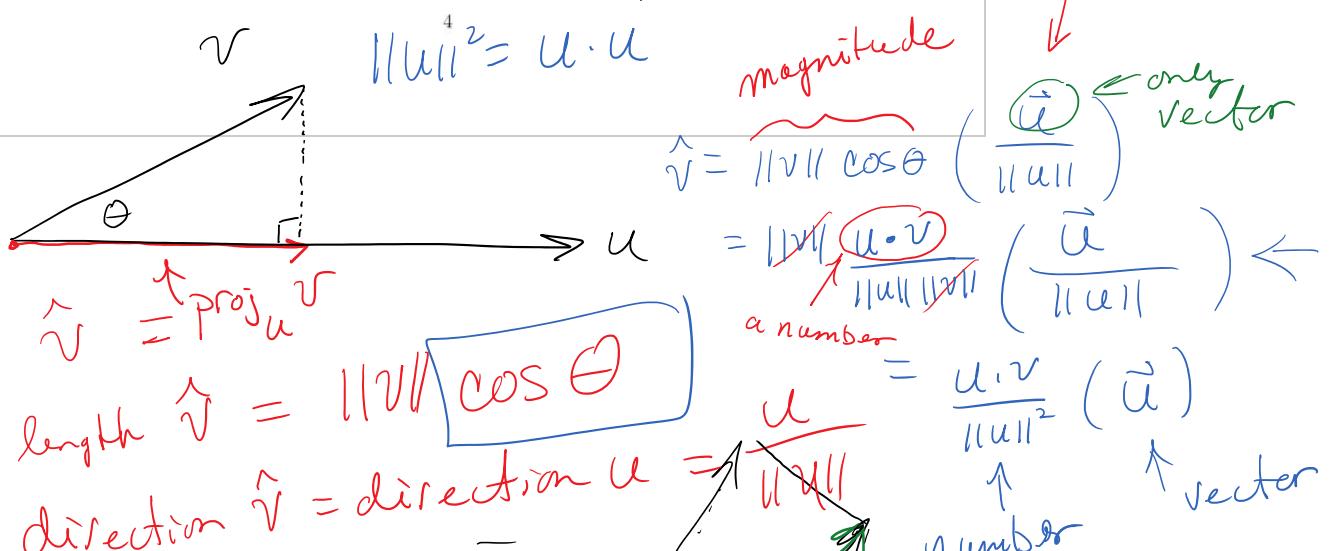
$$u \cdot v = \|u\| \|v\| \cos \theta$$

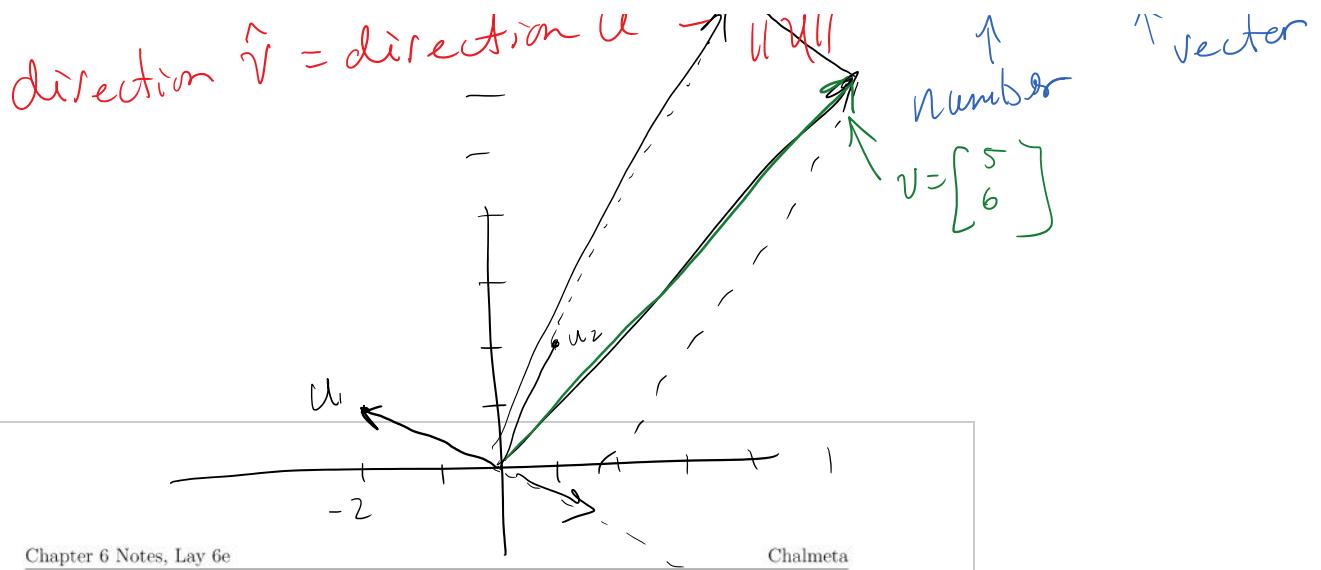
$$\cos \theta = \frac{u \cdot v}{\|u\| \|v\|}$$

**Definition 6.7.** We can use the angle and the dot product to find the projection of  $v$  onto  $u$ .

$$\hat{v} = \text{proj}_u v = \left( \frac{u \cdot v}{\|u\|^2} \right) u = \left( \frac{u \cdot v}{u \cdot u} \right) u$$

unit vector  
= direction





Example 6.2.3. Find the projection of  $v = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  onto

$$u_1 \cdot v = \langle -2, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 5, 6 \rangle = -4$$

$$1. u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \|u_1\|^2 = 5$$

$$2. u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \|u_2\|^2 = 5$$

$$u_2 \cdot v = \langle 1, 2 \rangle \cdot \langle 5, 6 \rangle = 17$$

3. What is the sum of the two projections?

$$\text{Proj}_{u_1} v = \frac{u_1 \cdot v}{\|u_1\|^2} \cdot \vec{u}_1 = \left( \frac{-4}{5} \langle -2, 1 \rangle \right) = \left\langle \frac{8}{5}, \frac{-4}{5} \right\rangle$$

$$\text{Proj}_{u_2} v = \frac{u_2 \cdot v}{\|u_2\|^2} \cdot \vec{u}_2 = \left( \frac{17}{5} \langle 1, 2 \rangle \right) = \left\langle \frac{17}{5}, \frac{34}{5} \right\rangle$$

$$\text{Proj}_{u_1} v + \text{Proj}_{u_2} v = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Orthogonal Basis

Theorem 6.4. Let  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p\}$  be an orthogonal basis for a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For each  $y \in W$ , the weights in

$$y = c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2 + \dots + c_p u_p$$

are given by

New basis

$$c_i = \frac{u_i \cdot y}{u_i \cdot u_i}$$

Note: The weights  $c_i$  are the projections onto each vector in the orthogonal basis.

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ \vdots \\ y_p \end{bmatrix}$$

$y \in \mathbb{R}^n$   
Standard basis

Example 6.2.4. Write  $y = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}$  as a linear combination of

$$u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad u_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Components  
of the projections.

We showed in example 6.2.1 that this is an orthogonal basis.

From thm 6.4

$$y = c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2 + c_3 u_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{y \cdot u_1}{u_1 \cdot u_1} (\vec{u}_1) + \frac{y \cdot u_2}{u_2 \cdot u_2} (\vec{u}_2) + \frac{y \cdot u_3}{u_3 \cdot u_3} (\vec{u}_3)$$

$$\|u_1\| = \sqrt{1 + 4 + 1} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
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 y \cdot u_1 &= \langle 6, 1, -8 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, -2, 1 \rangle \\
 &= 6 - 2 - 8 = -4 \\
 y \cdot u_2 &= \langle 6, 1, 8 \rangle \cdot \langle 0, 1, 2 \rangle \\
 &= 0 + 1 - 16 = -15 \\
 y \cdot u_3 &= \langle 6, 1, 8 \rangle \cdot \langle -5, -2, 1 \rangle \\
 &= -30 - 2 - 8 = -40
 \end{aligned}
 \quad
 \left. \begin{aligned}
 u_1 \cdot u_1 &= \langle 1, -2, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, -2, 1 \rangle = 6 \\
 u_2 \cdot u_2 &= \langle 0, 1, 2 \rangle \cdot \langle 0, 1, 2 \rangle = 5 \\
 u_3 \cdot u_3 &= \langle -5, -2, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle -5, -2, 1 \rangle = 30
 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$y = \frac{-4}{6} u_1 + \frac{-15}{5} u_2 + \frac{-40}{30} u_3$$