

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. ie:

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

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

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

Theorem 6.2. Orthogonal sets are linearly independent.

perpendicular \leftarrow length 1

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

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

$$u_1 \cdot u_2 = 0 - 2 + 2 = 0 \quad u_1 \cdot u_3 = -5 + 4 + 1 = 0$$

Example 6.2.2. Construct an orthonormal basis from

$$\frac{u_1}{\sqrt{6}}, \quad \frac{u_2}{\sqrt{5}}, \quad \frac{u_3}{\sqrt{30}}$$

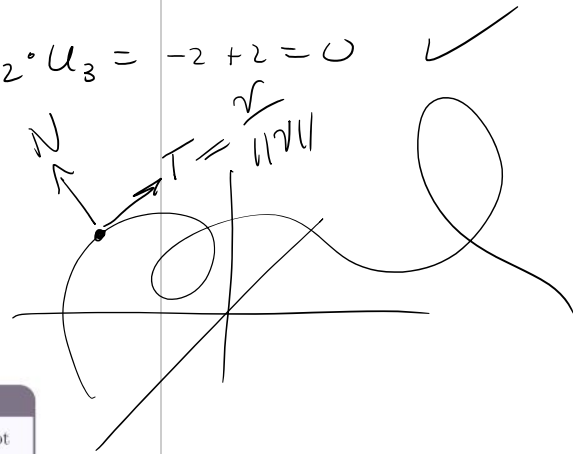
$$\|u_1\| = \sqrt{6}$$

Ex: $\hat{i} = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$

$\hat{j} = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$

$\hat{k} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$

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



6.2.1 Orthogonal Projection of One Vector onto Another

Projection of One Vector onto Another.

Theorem 6.3. The angle θ 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 .

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

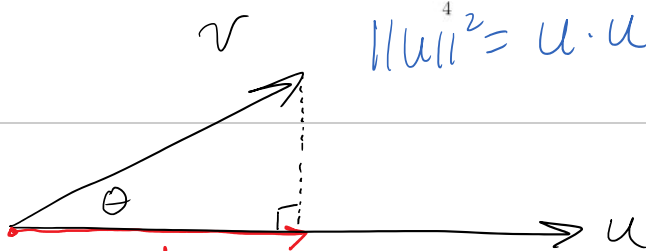
vector

number

unit vector = direction

only vector

magnitude



$\hat{v} = \text{proj}_u v$

length $\hat{v} = \|v\| \cos \theta$

direction $\hat{v} = \text{direction } u = \frac{u}{\|u\|}$

$$\hat{v} = \|v\| \cos \theta \left(\frac{\vec{u}}{\|u\|} \right)$$

$$= \|v\| \frac{u \cdot v}{\|u\| \|v\|} \left(\frac{\vec{u}}{\|u\|} \right)$$

a number

$$= \frac{u \cdot v}{\|u\|^2} (\vec{u})$$

number \uparrow *vector*

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

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