Mathematics for Machine Learning

— Linear Algebra: Projections & Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization

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Credits for the resource

- The slides are based on the textbooks:
  - *Marc Peter Deisenroth, A. Aldo Faisal, and Cheng Soon Ong: Mathematics for Machine Learning. Cambridge University Press. 2020.*
  - *Howard Anton, Chris Rorres, Anton Kaul: Elementary Linear Algebra. Wiley. 2019.*
- We could partially refer to the monograph:
  Francesco Orabona: A Modern Introduction to Online Learning.
  https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.13213

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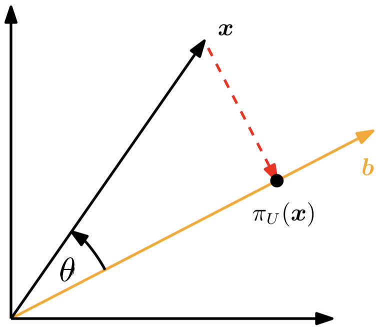

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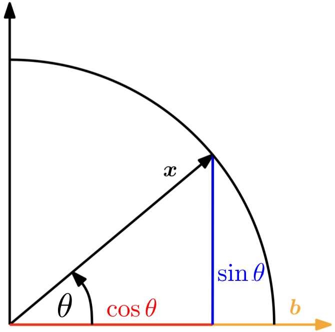

(b) Projection of a two-dimensional vector $\boldsymbol{x}$ with $\|\boldsymbol{x}\| = 1$ onto a one-dimensional subspace spanned by $\boldsymbol{b}$.

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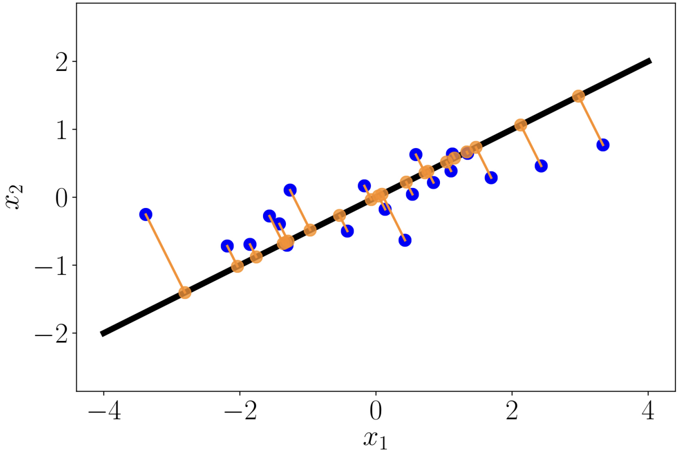

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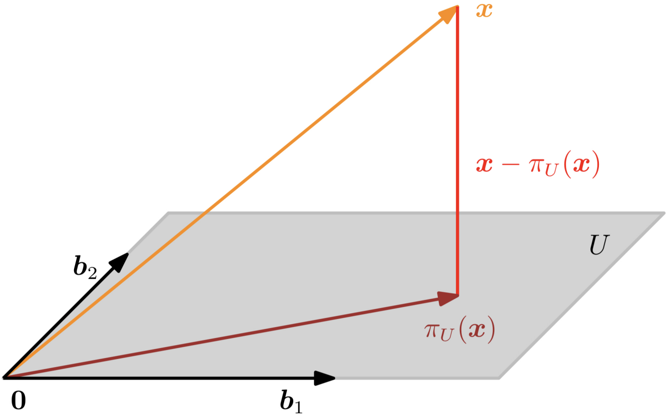

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- $\operatorname{rank}(A) = \operatorname{rank}(A^\top A)$ ($\because$ the Dimension Theorem).

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For a subspace $U = \text{span}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ and $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

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- the coordinates λ of $\mathbf{x}$ in terms of U
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So $\boldsymbol{\lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$.

- The projection of $\mathbf{x}$:

$$\pi_U(\mathbf{x}) = \boldsymbol{B}\boldsymbol{\lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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    - $\because \boldsymbol{B}^\top \mathbf{B} = \boldsymbol{I}.$
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Illustration of Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization

- **Goal:** Transform any basis $(\mathbf{b}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{b}_n)$ of an n-dimensional vector space V into an orthogonal/orthonormal basis of V.

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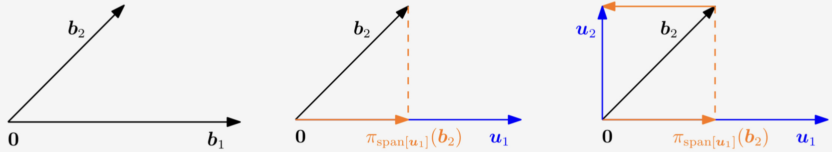

(a) Original non-orthogonal basis vectors $\boldsymbol{b}_1, \boldsymbol{b}_2$.

(b) First new basis vector $\boldsymbol{u}_1 = \boldsymbol{b}_1$ and projection of $\boldsymbol{b}_2$ onto the subspace spanned by $\boldsymbol{u}_1$.

(c) Orthogonal basis vectors $\boldsymbol{u}_1$ and $\boldsymbol{u}_2 = \boldsymbol{b}_2 - \pi_{\text{span}[\boldsymbol{u}_1]}(\boldsymbol{b}_2)$.

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Consider a basis $(\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2)$ of $\mathbb{R}^2$, where $\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Apply the Gram-Schmidt method to construct an orthonormal basis $(\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2)$ of $\mathbb{R}^2$ (assuming the dot product as the inner product).

$$\mathbf{u}_1 := \mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

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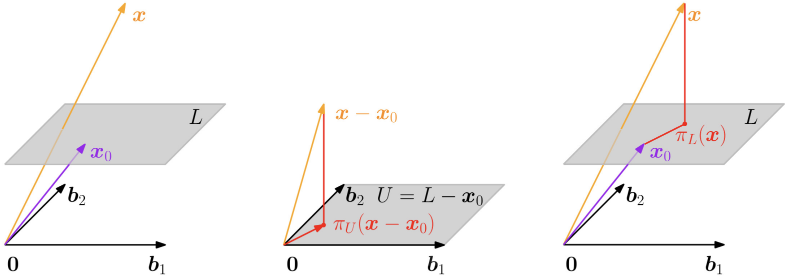
Projection onto Affine Spaces

- Given an affine space $L = \mathbf{x}_0 + U$.
    - U is a low-dimensional subspace of V.
- $\pi_L(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}_0 + \pi_U(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)$



(a) Setting.

(b) Reduce problem to projection π_U onto vector subspace.

(c) Add support point back in to get affine projection π_L.

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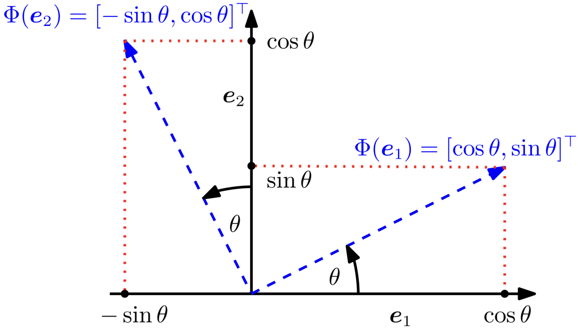

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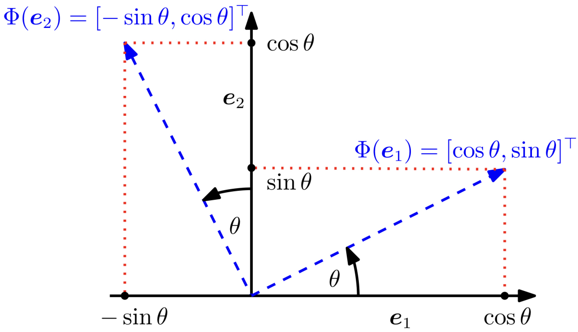

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Discussions