

5.2 Orthogonal Complements and Projections

1. Since $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ is a basis for W , for all $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ in W^\perp we have $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = x + 2y = 0$.

So, $W^\perp = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} : x + 2y = 0 \right\}$ which implies $x = -2y$. Therefore, $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is a basis.

Note the following general pattern:

The lines that describe the necessary condition to be in W and W^\perp are necessarily perpendicular.

So, in this case, $2x - y = 0$ and $x + 2y = 0$ are necessarily perpendicular.

2. $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 4x - 3y = 0 \Rightarrow W^\perp = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} : 4x - 3y = 0 \right\} \Rightarrow 4x = 3y \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ is a basis.

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The lines that describe the necessary condition to be in W and W^\perp are necessarily perpendicular.

So, in this case, $3x + 4y = 0$ and $4x - 3y = 0$ are necessarily perpendicular.

3. W consists of $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ x+y \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for W .

So, for all $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$ in W^\perp we have $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}_1 = x + z = 0$
 $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}_2 = y + z = 0$ which imply $x = y$
 $z = -x$

Therefore, $W^\perp = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} : x = t, y = t, z = -t \right\}$ which has basis $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Note the following general pattern:

If W is a plane with normal \mathbf{n} , then W^\perp is a line that has direction vector \mathbf{n} .

Likewise, if W is a line that has direction vector \mathbf{n} , then W^\perp is a plane with normal \mathbf{n} .

4. W consists of $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ 2x+3z \\ z \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for W .

$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}_1 = x + 2y = 0$
 $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}_2 = 3y + z = 0 \Rightarrow W^\perp = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} : x = -2t, y = t, z = -3t \right\}$ with basis $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$.

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5. Since $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ is a basis for W , for $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$ in W^\perp , $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = x - y + 3z = 0$.

Therefore, $W^\perp = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} : x - y + 3z = 0 \right\}$, which implies $y = x + 3z$.

So, W^\perp consists of $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ x + 3z \\ z \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for W^\perp .

6. Since $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ is a basis for W , for $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$ in W^\perp $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 2x + 2y - z = 0 \Rightarrow$

$W^\perp = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} : 2x + 2y - z = 0 \right\} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for W^\perp .

7. Since $A \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\{[1 \ 0 \ 1], [0 \ 1 \ -2]\}$ is a basis for $\text{row}(A)$.

Since $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}$ in $\text{null}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} -x_3 \\ 2x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$, $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for $\text{null}(A)$.

$[1 \ 0 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$, $[0 \ 1 \ -2] \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{v}$ in $\text{row}(A) \perp \mathbf{x}$ in $\text{null}(A)$.

$$10. A^T \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a basis for } \text{row}(A^T) = \text{col}(A).$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -y_4 \\ -y_4 \\ y_4 \\ y_4 \end{bmatrix}, \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a basis for } \text{null}(A^T).$$

We now verify that the basis vectors for $\text{col}(A)$ and $\text{null}(A^T)$ are orthogonal:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = -1 + 1 = 0. \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = -1 + 1 = 0.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = -1 + 1 = 0.$$

$$11. [A | 0] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ -10x_1 \\ -4x_1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -10 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a basis for } W^\perp.$$

$$12. [A | 0] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1 + x_3 - x_4 = 0 \\ x_2 - 2x_3 + x_4 = 0 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1 = x_4 - x_3 \\ x_2 = -x_4 - 2x_3 \end{array} \Rightarrow$$

$$\text{Every } \mathbf{x} \text{ in } \text{null}(A) \text{ is of the form } \begin{bmatrix} x_4 - x_3 \\ -x_4 - 2x_3 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a basis for } W^\perp.$$

$$13. \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & -1 & 6 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 2x_1 - x_2 + 6x_3 + 3x_4 = 0 \\ 3x_2 - x_4 = 0 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1 = -4x_2 - 3x_3 \\ x_4 = 3x_2 \end{array} \Rightarrow$$

$$\text{Every } \mathbf{x} \text{ in } \text{null}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} -4x_2 - 3x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ 3x_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a basis for } W^\perp.$$

$$14. \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 3 & -11 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1 - x_3 - 2x_4 + 8x_5 = 0 \\ 2x_2 + x_3 + 3x_4 - 11x_5 = 0 \\ x_3 - x_5 = 0 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1 = -7x_3 + 2x_4 \\ x_2 = 5x_3 - \frac{3}{2}x_4 \\ x_5 = x_3 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Every } \mathbf{x} \text{ in null}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} -7x_3 + 2x_4 \\ 5x_3 - \frac{3}{2}x_4 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -\frac{3}{2} \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a basis for } W^\perp.$$

$$15. \text{ So, } \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v} = 3, \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 = 2, \text{ and } \mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{proj}_W(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{3}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 \\ 3/2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$16. \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v} = 2, \mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v} = 2, \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 = 3, \mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 = 2 \Rightarrow \text{proj}_W(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5/3 \\ -1/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$17. \text{proj}_W(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{13}{18} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$18. \text{proj}_W(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$19. \text{proj}_W(\mathbf{v}) + (\mathbf{v} - \text{proj}_W(\mathbf{v})) = -\frac{4}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{4}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} -2/5 \\ -6/5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 12/5 \\ -4/5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$20. \text{proj}_W(\mathbf{v}) + (\mathbf{v} - \text{proj}_W(\mathbf{v})) = \frac{3}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \left(\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{3}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 7/2 \\ -3 \\ 5/2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$21. \left(\frac{13}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{9}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) + \left(\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - \left(\frac{13}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{9}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 7/2 \\ -2 \\ 7/2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 0 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$22. \left(\frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{9}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) + \left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - \left(\frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{9}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

28. Since this is an if and only if statement, there are two statements to prove.
Let $\{\mathbf{u}_k\}$ be an orthogonal basis for W .

if: If $\text{proj}_W(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$ then \mathbf{x} is orthogonal to W .

That is, if $\text{proj}_W(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$ then \mathbf{x} is in W^\perp .

That is, $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0$ for all \mathbf{v} in W .

If $\sum_{k=1}^n (\mathbf{u}_k \cdot \mathbf{x}) \mathbf{u}_k = \mathbf{0}$, then $\mathbf{u}_k \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0$ for all \mathbf{u}_k in the basis for W .

Therefore, $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0$ for all \mathbf{v} in W as required. Why?

If \mathbf{v} is in W then $\mathbf{v} = \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_k \mathbf{u}_k$, but $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \beta_k \mathbf{u}_k \right) \cdot \mathbf{x} = \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_k (\mathbf{u}_k \cdot \mathbf{x}) = 0$.

only if: If \mathbf{x} is orthogonal to W , then $\text{proj}_W(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$.

If \mathbf{x} is orthogonal to W , then $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0$ for all \mathbf{v} in W .

So, if $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k\}$ is the basis for W , then $\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0$ for all i .

So, $\text{proj}_W(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^k \left(\frac{\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \mathbf{u}_i} \right) \mathbf{u}_i = \sum_{i=1}^k \left(\frac{0}{\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \mathbf{u}_i} \right) \mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{0}$ as required.

29. We will use our insights from Exercise 27 to prove this assertion.

Note that $\text{proj}_W(\mathbf{x})$ is in W . Why?

Because $\text{proj}_W(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^n (\mathbf{u}_k \cdot \mathbf{x}) \mathbf{u}_k$, so $\text{proj}_W(\mathbf{x})$ is in $\text{span}(\mathbf{u}_k) = W$.

By Exercise 27, if \mathbf{v} is in W then $\text{proj}_W(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}$.

Since $\mathbf{v} = \text{proj}_W(\mathbf{x})$ is in W , $\text{proj}_W(\text{proj}_W(\mathbf{x})) = \text{proj}_W(\mathbf{x})$.