

Week 1

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• Matrices \rightarrow Multiply them.

$$(i) \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & \dots & a_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$a_1 b_1 + \dots + a_n b_n$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \phantom{a_{11}} \\ \phantom{a_{11}} \\ \phantom{a_{11}} \end{bmatrix}_{m \times 1}$$

$m \times n$ $n \times 1$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ \vdots \\ A_m \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_1, \dots, A_m \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$$

$$Ab = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 b \\ \vdots \\ A_m b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$$

$$B = [b_1 \ \dots \ b_p] \quad ; \quad b_1, \dots, b_p \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$$

$$AB = [A b_1 \ \dots \ A b_p] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p}$$

$\uparrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow$
 $\in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 1}$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}, \quad B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

We say that B is an inverse of A if

$$AB = I = BA.$$

Fact. (Will see later) $AB = I \Rightarrow BA = I$

(this was not clear, a priori.)

→ Functions $f, g: X \rightarrow X$. ($X \neq \emptyset$ is some set.)

$$\text{If } (f \circ g)(x) = x \quad \forall x \in X,$$

is it necessary that $(g \circ f)(x) = x \quad \forall x \in X$?

No. Find example.

$$Ax = b. \quad (*) \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}, \quad b \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 1}$$

If A is upper triangular, it is easy by back-substitution. (Whether consistent or not is also clear.)

Idea: Do operations on both A and b to get something as above.

→ If $Ax_0 = b$, i.e., x_0 is a particular solⁿ, and $S = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1} : Ax = 0\}$.

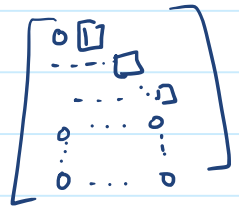
Then, all solutions of $(*)$ are precisely of the form $x_0 + s$ for some $s \in S$.

Idea: Row echelon form (REF)

(i) All zero rows at bottom. (Possibly none.)

(No zero row can be above a nonzero row.)
first $\neq 0$ element from left

(2) Pivots should be strictly from left to right as you go from top to bottom.



Week 2

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Outline:

1. Recall REF. n variables, r pivots $\Rightarrow (n - r)$ free variables
2. $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ has **only** the zero solution $\Leftrightarrow n = r$ \leftarrow every column has a pivot
3. EROs
4. GEM
5. $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ has **only** the zero solution \Leftrightarrow any REF of \mathbf{A} has n non-zero rows
6. Inverse
7. $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ has **only** the zero solution $\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{A}$ is invertible
8. Let $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$. $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{I} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{BA} = \mathbf{I}$
9. RCF. REF + pivots are 1 + the entries above the pivots are 0s
10. \mathbf{A} can be transformed to \mathbf{I} via EROs $\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{A}$ is invertible
11. GJM
12. Linear (in)dependence
13. Row rank
14. Given n column vectors, make a matrix with those as columns and find its row rank r .
We know $r \leq n$. The vectors are linearly independent $\Leftrightarrow r = n$.
15. EROs don't change row rank. Thus, \mathbf{A} and $\text{REF}(\mathbf{A})$ have the same row rank.
16. If \mathbf{A}' is in REF, then $\text{row-rank}(\mathbf{A}') = \text{number-of-non-zero-rows}(\mathbf{A}')$.

3. EROs \rightarrow Elementary Row operations

Type I : Interchange two rows

Type II : Add a scalar multiple of R_i
to R_j where $i \neq j$.

Type III : Multiplying a row with a non-zero scalar

4. GEM \rightarrow Gauss Elimination Method

\hookrightarrow Algo to convert a matrix into an REF using EROs.

5. # non-zero rows of $\mathbf{A}' = \#$ pivots of \mathbf{A}'
(\mathbf{A}' is in REF)

5 follows from 2.

6. If $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, then $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is an the inverse of \mathbf{A} if $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{I} = \mathbf{BA}$.

9. RCF if (i) it is REF

(ii) it has all pivots as 1

(iii) everything above pivot are also 0

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} \boxed{1} & & & & & \\ 0 & & & & & \\ \vdots & & & & & \\ 0 & & & & & \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} & & & \vdots & & \\ & & & 0 & & \\ & & & 0 & & \\ & & & \vdots & & \\ & & & \boxed{1} & \dots & \\ & & & 0 & & \\ & & & \vdots & & \end{array} \right]$$

RCF is unique. (REF need not be.)

10. A is invertible \Leftrightarrow RCF of A is I

$\Leftrightarrow A$ can be transformed to I

via EROs

11. Take $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.

Make the augmented matrix

$$[A \mid I]$$

performs EROs to make A into its RCF (so same operations on I as well)

$$[A' \mid B]$$

If A is inv., then $A' = I$ and $B = A^{-1}$.

If A is not inv., then $A' \neq I$.

11. Linear dependence

$$S \subset \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1} \text{ (or } \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n})$$

(possibly infinite)

- S is **linearly dependent** if there exist (distinct) $v_1, \dots, v_s \in S$ and $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s \in \mathbb{R}$, not all zero such that

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_s v_s = \mathbf{0}$$

\hookrightarrow in $\mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$ (or $\mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$)

- For example, if $\alpha_1 \neq 0$ and $n \geq 2$, then

$$v_1 = -\frac{1}{\alpha_1} (\alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_s v_s).$$

- if $\mathbf{0} \in S$, then S is lin. dep.

Take $n=1$, $v_1 = \mathbf{0}$, $\alpha_1 = 1 \neq 0$.

Then, $1 \cdot \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$.

- If $S = \{v\}$ and $v \neq \mathbf{0}$. Then, S is not lin. dep.

- if $S = \emptyset$, then S is not lin. dep.

- S is **linearly independent** if S is not linearly dependent.

- \emptyset is lin. indep. $\{v\}$ is lin indep iff $v \neq \mathbf{0}$.

13. row-rank (A) = maximum no. of lin. indep rows of A .

if $A = \mathbf{0}$, then row-rank $(A) = 0$.

$$\text{row-rank} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 1$$

this is lin indep

$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is lin. dep.

15. In general, $\text{row-rank}(A) = \text{row-rank}(A')$
where A' is an REF of A .

Week 4

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Outline:

1. Linear transformations
2. Model example
3. $M^E_F(T)$
4. Composite
5. Null space, image space (relate with A, T_A)
6. Eigen(value, vector, space)
7. Characteristic polynomial
8. Algebraic, geometric multiplicity
9. Similarity of square matrices
10. When is $B \sim A$?
11. Diagonalisable, how do we get P ?

1. $V, W \rightarrow$ vector spaces over K
($K = \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{C})

A linear transformation from V to W is a function
 $T: V \rightarrow W$
with the following properties:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad T(v_1 + v_2) &= T(v_1) + T(v_2) & \forall v_1, v_2 \in V, \\ \text{(ii)} \quad T(\alpha v) &= \alpha \cdot T(v) & \forall \alpha \in K, \forall v \in V. \end{aligned}$$

Consequences: (i) $T(\mathbf{0}_V) = \mathbf{0}_W$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad \text{For all } \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s \in K \text{ and } v_1, \dots, v_s \in V: \\ T(\alpha_1 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_s v_s) &= T(\alpha_1 v_1) + \dots + T(\alpha_s v_s) \\ &= \alpha_1 T(v_1) + \dots + \alpha_s T(v_s). \end{aligned}$$

2. let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$. This gives a linear transformation
 $T_A: \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m \times 1}$
defined as

$$T_A(x) = Ax$$

3. $M_F^E(T)$

Let $T: V \rightarrow W$ be a lin. transf.
 Fix ordered bases E of V and F of W .

Say, $E = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$ and
 $F = (w_1, \dots, w_m)$.

The matrix $M = M_F^E(T)$ is defined as:

(i) Compute $T(v_1)$ and write it as a lin. combination of F . (Can do this since F is a basis of W .)
 (This combination is unique.)

$$T(v_1) = a_{11}w_1 + a_{21}w_2 + \dots + a_{m1}w_m.$$

The first column of M is $\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{bmatrix}$.

(ii) Do the same for $T(v_2)$.

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(n) Do it for $T(v_n)$.

M $\begin{matrix} \text{dom} \\ \text{codomain} \end{matrix}$

4. v -spaces $V \xrightarrow{T} W \xrightarrow{S} U$

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 (ordered!) bases $\begin{matrix} v \\ E \end{matrix}$ $\begin{matrix} w \\ F \end{matrix}$ $\begin{matrix} u \\ G \end{matrix}$

T and S are lin. transf.

Note $S \circ T : V \rightarrow U$ is also linear. (check!)

$$M_G^E(S \circ T) = M_G^F(S) M_F^E(T).$$

5. $T: V \rightarrow W$ lin. transf.

$\mathcal{N}(T) := \{ v \in V : T(v) = \mathbf{0}_W \} \subseteq V$
 vector subspaces of V and W

$\mathcal{I}(T) := \{ w \in W : \exists v \in V \text{ st. } T(v) = w \} \subseteq W$

If $V = \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$, $W = \mathbb{R}^{m \times 1}$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}(T_A) &= \mathcal{N}(A) \text{ and} \\ \mathcal{I}(T_A) &= \mathcal{C}(A). \end{aligned}$$

6. Let $A \in \mathbb{K}^{m \times n}$.

Suppose $v \in \mathbb{K}^{n \times 1} \setminus \{ \mathbf{0} \}$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$ is such that

$$Av = \lambda v.$$

Then, v is called an **eigenvector** of A and λ an **eigenvalue**.

The **eigenspace** of λ is defined as

$$\mathcal{N}(A - \lambda I) = \{ v \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1} : Av = \lambda v \}.$$

↑
All eigenvectors along with 0.

7. Let $P_A(t) := \det(A - tI)$.

↖ This is the characteristic polynomial of A .

Thm. $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$ is an e-val of $A \Leftrightarrow P_A(\lambda) = 0$.

8. geometric multiplicity of $\lambda := \dim(\mathcal{N}(A - \lambda I))$
algebraic multiplicity of $\lambda :=$ largest m s.t.
 $(t - \lambda)^m$ is a factor
of $P_A(t)$.

9. Let $A, B \in \mathbb{K}^{n \times n}$.

$$A \sim B \stackrel{\text{defn}}{\iff} \exists P \in \mathbb{K}^{n \times n} \text{ invertible such that } P^{-1}AP = B$$

Check: \sim is an equivalence relation.

11. $A \in \mathbb{K}^{n \times n}$ is said to be diagonalisable if
 A is similar to a diagonal matrix.

Proposition

A matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{K}^{n \times n}$ is diagonalizable if and only if there is a basis for $\mathbb{K}^{n \times 1}$ consisting of eigenvectors of \mathbf{A} . In fact,

$\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{D}$, where $\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{K}^{n \times n}$ are of the form

$\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{x}_1 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{x}_n]$ and $\mathbf{D} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$

$\iff \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$ is a basis for $\mathbb{K}^{n \times 1}$ and

$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_k = \lambda_k\mathbf{x}_k$ for $k = 1, \dots, n$.

Week 5

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• Diagonalisability

(i) Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$ be an eigenvalue of A

• alg-mult of $\lambda = AM(\lambda) =$ largest $m \in \mathbb{N}$ st $(t - \lambda)^m$ divides $P_A(t) = \det(A - tI)$

• geo-mult of $\lambda = GM(\lambda) = \text{nullity}(A - \lambda I)$

Note if λ is an e-val, then $GM(\lambda) \geq 1$, by defⁿ

• In general, $GM(\lambda) \leq AM(\lambda)$

(ii) Let $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \in \mathbb{K}$ be all the eigenvalues of A

Then,

A is diagonal'ble $\Leftrightarrow GM(\lambda_1) + \dots + GM(\lambda_k) = n$

In particular, diagonal'ble $\Rightarrow GM(\lambda_i) = AM(\lambda_i) \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$

Corollary If A has n distinct eigenvalues, then A is diagonalisable.

(Even if $k < n$, the matrix MAY be diagonalisable Eg $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$)

(iii) Procedure for checking diagonalisability of $A \in \mathbb{K}^{n \times n}$

(I) Compute $P_A(t) = \det(A - tI)$

(II) Find all roots $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \in \mathbb{K}$ of $P_A(t)$

(III) Compute $GM(\lambda_1), \dots, GM(\lambda_k)$

[Convert $A - \lambda_i I$ to a REF to get rank Use rank-nullity theorem to get $\text{nullity}(A - \lambda_i I) = GM(\lambda_i)$]

[rank-nullity theorem to get nullity $(A - \lambda_i I) = -GM(\lambda_i)$]

(IV) If $\sum_{i=1}^k GM(\lambda_i) = n$, then "diagonalisable",

else, "not diagonalisable"

(iv) Suppose A is diagonalisable, how do we get an invertible $P \in K^{n \times n}$ s.t. $P^{-1}AP$ is diagonal?

For each $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ as in (I), compute a basis for $\mathcal{N}(A - \lambda_i I)$.

↳ this was the eigenspace of A corresp to λ_i

[Again, convert to an REF and calculate the basic solⁿs of $(A - \lambda_i I)x = 0$]

Then, the union of these bases will have n elements,

say $v_1, \dots, v_n \in K^{n \times 1}$
Construct $P = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & & v_n \end{bmatrix} \in K^{n \times n}$

This is a desired P

(You can have multiple P s. In fact, take $P' = \alpha P$ for $\alpha \in K \setminus \{0\}$)

• Inner product

(i) $\langle, \rangle : K^{n \times 1} \times K^{n \times 1} \rightarrow K$ satisfying

• $\langle v, v \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in K^{n \times 1}$ and

$\langle v, v \rangle = 0 \iff v = 0$

$$\cdot \langle u, \alpha v + v' \rangle = \alpha \langle u, v \rangle + \langle u, v' \rangle$$

$$\forall u, v, v' \in \mathbb{K}^{n \times 1} \text{ and } \alpha \in \mathbb{K}$$

$$\cdot \langle u, v \rangle = \overline{\langle v, u \rangle} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{If } \mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}, \text{ then} \\ \langle u, v \rangle = \langle v, u \rangle \end{array} \right)$$

$$\cdot \|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}$$

(i) Projection let $u, v \in \mathbb{K}^{n \times 1}$

Suppose $v \neq 0$ Then,

$$P_v(u) = \frac{\langle v, u \rangle}{\langle v, v \rangle} v = \frac{\langle v, u \rangle}{\|v\|^2} v$$

Note that this was updated There was originally an error

$$\langle u - P_v(u), v \rangle = 0$$

That is, $(u - P_v(u)) \perp v$

(ii) G-S OP

Start with (w_1, \dots, w_k) where $w_1, \dots, w_k \in \mathbb{K}^{n \times 1}$

Compute

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 &:= w_1, \\ v_2 &:= w_2 - P_{v_1}(w_2), \\ v_3 &:= w_3 - P_{v_2}(w_3) - P_{v_1}(v_3), \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

$$v_k = w_k - P_{v_1}(w_k) - \dots - P_{v_{k-1}}(w_k)$$

If some v_i is 0, ignore the $P_{v_i}(w_j)$ term

Then, (v_1, \dots, v_k) are orthogonal

Moreover, the cumulative span (from the beginning) is maintained, i.e.,

$$\text{span}\{w_1, \dots, w_j\} = \text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_j\} \text{ for all } j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$$

- Application Suppose $\{w_1, \dots, w_k\}$ is a basis of some subspace $V \subset \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$.
Then, using GSOP, we can get an orthogonal basis for V . Further, we can divide by the norm to get an ortho NORMAL basis.

- Benefit of orthonormal basis?

Suppose (u_1, \dots, u_k) is an orthonormal basis for V .
Let $b \in V$. We know that $\exists \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

$$b = \alpha_1 u_1 + \dots + \alpha_k u_k$$

Q How to get $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$?

(In general, need to solve a system of equations. NOT very good)

But here, we have it more easily as $\alpha_i = \underline{\underline{\langle u_i, b \rangle}}$

Week 7

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1. Spectral Theorem
2. Perpendicular complement
3. \oplus
4. Projection
5. Best approximation

1. A matrix $A \in \mathbb{K}^{n \times n}$ is called **normal** if $AA^* = A^*A$.

↳ Self-adjoint : $A = A^*$

Skew self-adjoint: $A = -A^*$

Unitary : $AA^* = I = A^*A$ (these are invertible)

Thm. (Spectral theorem for normal matrices)

Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$. Suppose that A is normal.

Then, \exists a unitary matrix $U \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ and a diagonal matrix $D \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ s.t.

$$U^{-1} A U = D.$$

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$$U^* A U$$

→ If $A = A^*$, then $D \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.

(That is, all eigenvalues of A are real, even if A has non-real entries)

→ If $A = -A^*$, then $iD \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.

(That is, all e-vals of A are purely imaginary.)

In particular, we always have an orthogonal (and hence, orthonormal) eigenbasis. The columns of U will form an ortho NORMAL eigenbasis.

2. Let V be an inner product space and $E \subset V$.
(E need not be a subspace.)

$$E^\perp := \{ v \in V : \langle v, x \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } x \in E \}.$$

(i) E^\perp is always a subspace.

(ii) Suppose $Y \subseteq V$ is a subspace. Then, Y^\perp is also a subspace. Moreover, $V = Y \oplus Y^\perp$.

3. Let V be a vector space. Let $U, W \subseteq V$ be subspaces. We write

$$V = U \oplus W$$

if

(i) Every $v \in V$ can be written as
 $v = u + w$ for some $u \in U$ and $w \in W$,

(ii) the u and w above are unique (depend only on v).

For example, consider $V = \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 1}$, $U = \text{span}\{e_1\}$ and $W = \text{span}\{e_2\}$.

Then, $V = U \oplus W$.

Suppose $v \in V$. Then, $v = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}^T$ for some $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$(i) \quad v = \underbrace{ae_1}_u + \underbrace{be_2}_w.$$

$$u \in U, \quad w \in W.$$

(ii) Suppose $\exists u', w'$ s.t. $v = u' + w'$.
Then,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} u - u' & = & w' - w \\ \cap & & \cap \\ U & & W \end{array}$$

$$\therefore u - u' \in U \cap W. \quad \text{But } U \cap W = \{0\}.$$

$$\therefore u - u' = 0 = w' - w.$$

$$\therefore u = u' \text{ \& } w = w'. \quad \square$$

$$\rightarrow V = \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 1}, \quad U = \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 1}, \quad W = \text{span}\{e_2\}.$$

Then, (i) is true but (ii) is not.

Thus, " $V = U \oplus W$ " is not true.

4. • Suppose V is v. space and $Y, Z \subseteq V$ are subspaces s.t.

$$V = Y \oplus Z.$$

Then, every $v \in V$ can be written

$$v = y + z \quad \text{for some unique } y \in Y \text{ and } z \in Z.$$

Define $P: V \rightarrow Y$ by

$$P(v) = y. \quad (\text{where } y \text{ is as above.})$$

(General projection.)

Then P is well-defined and linear.

$$\text{Moreover, } \mathcal{N}(P) = Z \text{ and } \mathcal{I}(P) = Y.$$

By rank-nullity,

$$\dim(V) = \dim(Y) + \dim(Z).$$

↑
rank

↑
nullity

then P is called the orthogonal projection onto Y .

3. In general, given a v -space V and subspaces $Y_1, \dots, Y_k \subseteq V$, we write

$$V = Y_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Y_k$$

if

(i) Every $v \in V$ can be written as $v = y_1 + \dots + y_k$ for $y_i \in Y_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq k$);

(ii) The $y_i \in Y_i$ above are uniquely determined.

Then, once again, we can define the projections

$$P_i : V \rightarrow Y_i \text{ by } P_i(v) := y_i \quad (1 \leq i \leq k)$$

5. Best approximations.

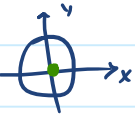
Defn. Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{K}^{n \times 1}$ be any subset and $b \in \mathbb{K}^{n \times 1}$. $a \in E$ is called a best approximation of b from E if

$$\|b - a\| \leq \|b - x\| \text{ for all } x \in E.$$

Note: There may be none, one, many, infinitely many best approximations.

$$= \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 1} : \|x\| = 1\}$$

Then, every $a \in E$ is a best approximation
for $b = 0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}^T$.



Others: try yourself.

In this case that E is a subspace, the best approximation (exists and is unique) and is given by

$P_E(b)$, where P_E is the orthogonal

projection onto E .