12 Homework 12 (Orthogonal Projection)

1. Let \mathcal{P}_2 denote a vector space of all polynomial of degree ≤ 2 ,

$$\mathcal{P}_2 = \{ax^2 + bx + c \,|\, a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

(a) Is the following product $\langle p,q\rangle = p(1)q(1) + 2p(0)q(0) + p(-1)q(-1)$ inner product for \mathcal{P}_2 ?

(b) For subspace $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{P}_2$ generated by $p_1(x) = 1$ and $p_2(x) = x$ find an orthogonal complement.

(c) Find the orthogonal projection of $p(x) = -2x^2 + x + 2$ on \mathcal{L} .

2. In inner product space \mathbb{R}^4 , with standard inner product, let \mathcal{M} denote subspace spanned by vectors $(2, 1, 0, 0)^{\top}$ and $(1, 1, 1, 1)^{\top}$. Find a basis for orthogonal complement of \mathcal{M} and find the orthogonal projection of $\boldsymbol{a} = (3, -4, 5, -5)^{\top}$ onto \mathcal{M} .

3. Let $\mathcal{M} = \operatorname{span}\{a, b\}$ denote subspace of inner product space \mathbb{R}^n (with standard inner product) spaned by vectors $\boldsymbol{a} = (0, 1, 2, ..., n - 1)^\top$ and $\boldsymbol{b} = (1, 1, 1, ..., 1)^\top$. Find orthogonal complement \mathcal{M}^\perp and find the orthogonal projection of \boldsymbol{z} onto \mathcal{M} where

$$\boldsymbol{z} = \left(\frac{1}{2}n(3-n), \frac{1}{2}n(n-1), 0, 0, ..., 0\right)^{\top} \in \mathbb{R}^{n}.$$

4. Find the orthogonal projection of $\boldsymbol{x} = (-12, -13, 5, 2)^{\top}$ onto \mathcal{M} if we have that

$$\mathcal{M} = \operatorname{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^4$$

(with respect to standard inner product).

5. In inner product space $\mathcal{P}_3 = \{at^3 + bt^2 + ct + d \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}\}$ of all polynomials of degree ≤ 3 with an inner product

$$\langle p,q \rangle = \int_{-1}^{1} p(t)q(t) \,\mathrm{d}t$$

let $\mathcal{M} = \text{span}\{t, 1+t\}$ be a given subspace. Find the orthogonal projection of $r(t) = -5t^3 - 12t^2 + 6t + 6$ onto \mathcal{M} .

6. Space \mathcal{L} is defined as set of solutions for the following system

$$2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + 3x_4 = 0$$

$$3x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 = 0$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 - 9x_4 = 0$$

Find the orthogonal projection of $x = (7, -4, -1, 2)^{\top}$ onto \mathcal{L} in \mathbb{R}^4 .

7. (challenge) (Volume, Gram-Schmidt, and QR). A solid in \mathbb{R}^m with parallel opposing faces whose adjacent sides are defined by vectors from a linearly independent set $\{x_1, x_2, ..., x_n\}$ is called an *n*-dimensional parallelepiped. As shown in the shaded portions of figure below, a two-dimensional parallelepiped is a parallelogram, and a three-dimensional parallelepiped is a skewed rectangular box.

Problem: Determine the volumes of a two-dimensional and a three-dimensional parallelepiped, and then make the natural extension to define the volume of an *n*-dimensional parallelepiped.



8. Affine Projections. If $v \neq 0$ is a vector in a space \mathcal{V} , and if \mathcal{M} is a subspace of \mathcal{V} , then the set of points $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{v} + \mathcal{M}$ is called an affine space in \mathcal{V} . Strictly speaking, \mathbf{A} is not a subspace (e.g., it doesn't contain 0), but, as depicted in figure below, \mathbf{A} is the translate of a subspace - i.e., \mathbf{A} is just a copy of \mathcal{M} that has been translated away from the origin through \mathbf{v} . Consequently, notions such as projection onto \mathbf{A} and points closest to \mathbf{A} are analogous to the corresponding concepts for subspaces.



Problem: For $b \in \mathcal{V}$, determine the point p in $A = v + \mathcal{M}$ that is closest to b. In other words, explain how to project b orthogonally onto A.