

Lecture 6: Inner Product Spaces

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5.2 Inner Product Spaces

■ Inner Product:

Let \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , and \mathbf{w} be vectors in a vector space V , and let c be any scalar. An inner product on V is a function that associates a real number $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$ with each pair of vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} and satisfies the following axioms.

$$(1) \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle$$

$$(2) \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle$$

$$(3) c \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle c\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$$

$$(4) \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle \geq 0 \text{ and } \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0 \text{ if and only if } \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$$

- **Notes:**

$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ = dot product (Euclidean inner product for \mathbb{R}^n)

$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$ = general inner product for vector space V

- **Notes:**

A vector space V with an inner product is called an **inner product space**.

Vector space: $(V, +, \cdot)$

Inner product space: $(V, +, \cdot, \langle, \rangle)$

- **Ex 1: (Euclidean inner product for R^n)**

Show that the dot product in R^n satisfies the four axioms of an inner product.

Sol:

$$\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), \mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$$

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + \dots + u_n v_n$$

By Theorem 5.3, this dot product satisfies the required four axioms. Thus it is an inner product on R^n .

■ **Ex 2: (A different inner product for \mathbb{R}^n)**

Show that the function defines an inner product on \mathbb{R}^2 , where $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = u_1 v_1 + 2u_2 v_2$$

Sol:

$$(1) \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = u_1 v_1 + 2u_2 v_2 = v_1 u_1 + 2v_2 u_2 = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle$$

$$(2) \mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2)$$

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} \rangle = u_1(v_1 + w_1) + 2u_2(v_2 + w_2)$$

$$= u_1 v_1 + u_1 w_1 + 2u_2 v_2 + 2u_2 w_2$$

$$= (u_1 v_1 + 2u_2 v_2) + (u_1 w_1 + 2u_2 w_2)$$

$$= \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle$$

$$(3) c \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = c(u_1 v_1 + 2u_2 v_2) = (cu_1)v_1 + 2(cu_2)v_2 = \langle c\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$$

$$(4) \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = v_1^2 + 2v_2^2 \geq 0$$

$$\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow v_1^2 + 2v_2^2 = 0 \Rightarrow v_1 = v_2 = 0 \quad (\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0})$$

- **Note: (An inner product on \mathbb{R}^n)**

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = c_1 u_1 v_1 + c_2 u_2 v_2 + \cdots + c_n u_n v_n, \quad c_i > 0 \quad (\text{weights})$$

- **Ex 3: (A function that is not an inner product)**

Show that the following function is not an inner product on \mathbb{R}^3

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = u_1 v_1 - 2u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3$$

Sol:

Let $v = (1, 2, 1)$, then $\langle v, v \rangle = (1)(1) - 2(2)(2) + (1)(1) = -6 < 0$

Axiom 4 is not satisfied. Thus this function is not an inner product on \mathbb{R}^3

■ **Theorem 5.7: (Properties of inner products)**

Let u, v and w be vectors in an inner product space V , and let c be any real number.

$$(1) \langle \mathbf{0}, v \rangle = \langle v, \mathbf{0} \rangle = \mathbf{0}$$

$$(2) \langle u + v, w \rangle = \langle u, w \rangle + \langle v, w \rangle$$

$$(3) \langle u, cv \rangle = c \langle u, v \rangle$$

- **Norm (length) of \mathbf{u} :** $\|\mathbf{u}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle}$

- **Note:** $\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle$

- **Distance between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} :**

$$d(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} \rangle}$$

- **Angle between two nonzero vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} :**

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|}, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

- **Orthogonal:** $(\mathbf{u} \perp \mathbf{v})$

\mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are **orthogonal** if $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0$

- **Notes:**

(1) If $\|v\| = 1$, then v is called a **unit vector**

(2) $\|v\| \neq 1$ $\xrightarrow{\text{Normalizing}}$ $\frac{v}{\|v\|}$ (the unit vector in the direction of v)
 $v \neq \mathbf{0}$
 not a unit vector

- **Properties of norm:**

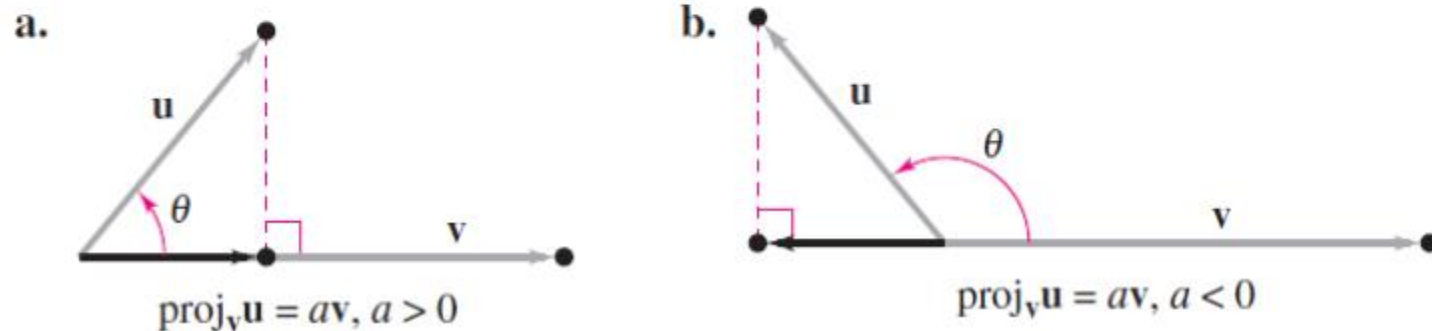
(1) $\|u\| \geq 0$

(2) $\|u\| = 0$ if and only if $u = \mathbf{0}$

(3) $\|cu\| = |c|\|u\|$

- Orthogonal projections in inner product spaces:

Let \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} be two vectors in an inner product space V , such that $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$. Then the orthogonal projection of \mathbf{u} onto \mathbf{v} is given by $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}}\mathbf{u} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle} \mathbf{v}$



- Note:

If \mathbf{v} is a unit vector, then $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = 1$.

The formula for the orthogonal projection of \mathbf{u} onto \mathbf{v} takes the following simpler form:

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}}\mathbf{u} = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle \mathbf{v}$$

- **Ex 4: (Finding an orthogonal projection in R^3)**

Use the Euclidean inner product in R^3 to find the orthogonal projection of $\mathbf{u} = (6, 2, 4)$ onto $\mathbf{v} = (1, 2, 0)$.

Sol:

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = (6)(1) + (2)(2) + (4)(0) = 10$$

$$\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 1^2 + 2^2 + 0^2 = 5$$

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle} \mathbf{v} = \frac{10}{5} (1, 2, 0) = (2, 4, 0)$$

- **Note:**

$$\mathbf{u} - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u} = (6, 2, 4) - (2, 4, 0) = (4, -2, 4) \text{ is orthogonal to } \mathbf{v} = (1, 2, 0)$$

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5.3 Orthonormal Bases: Gram-Schmidt Process

■ Orthogonal:

A set S of vectors in an inner product space V is called an **orthogonal set** if every pair of vectors in the set is orthogonal.

$$S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} \subseteq V$$
$$\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = 0, \quad i \neq j$$

■ Orthonormal:

An orthogonal set in which each vector is a unit vector is called **orthonormal**

$$S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} \subseteq V$$
$$\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

- **Note:**

If S is a basis, then it is called an **orthogonal basis** or an **orthonormal basis**.

- **Ex 1: (A nonstandard orthonormal basis for \mathbb{R}^3)**

Show that the following set is an orthonormal basis.

$$S = \left\{ \overset{v_1}{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \right)}, \overset{v_2}{\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{6}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{6}, \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \right)}, \overset{v_3}{\left(\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \right)} \right\}$$

Sol:

$$\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 = -\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + 0 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3 = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{2}} - \frac{2}{3\sqrt{2}} + 0 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3 = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{9} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{9} + \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{9} = 0$$

Show that the three vectors are mutually orthogonal.

Thus S is an orthonormal set

$$\|\mathbf{v}_1\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + 0} = 1$$

$$\|\mathbf{v}_2\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{36} + \frac{2}{36} + \frac{8}{9}} = 1$$

$$\|\mathbf{v}_3\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{v}_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{9} + \frac{4}{9} + \frac{1}{9}} = 1$$

Show that each vector is of length 1

- **Theorem 5.9: (Orthogonal sets are linearly independent)**

If $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is an orthogonal set of nonzero vectors in an inner product space V , then S is linearly independent.

- **Corollary to Theorem 5.9:**

If V is an inner product space of dimension n , then any orthogonal set of n nonzero vectors is a basis for V .

■ **Ex 2: (Using orthogonality to test for a basis)**

Show that the following set is a basis for \mathbb{R}^4

$$S = \left\{ \overset{\mathbf{v}_1}{(2, 3, 2, -2)}, \quad \overset{\mathbf{v}_2}{(1, 0, 0, 1)}, \quad \overset{\mathbf{v}_3}{(-1, 0, 2, 1)}, \quad \overset{\mathbf{v}_4}{(-1, 2, -1, 1)} \right\}$$

Sol:

$\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4$: nonzero vectors

$$\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 = 2 + 0 + 0 - 2 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3 = -1 + 0 + 0 + 1 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3 = -2 + 0 + 4 - 2 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_4 = -1 + 0 + 0 + 1 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_4 = -2 + 6 - 2 - 2 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{v}_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_4 = 1 + 0 - 2 + 1 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow S$ is orthogonal $\Rightarrow S$ is a basis for \mathbb{R}^4

- **Theorem 5.10: (Coordinates relative to an orthonormal basis)**

If $B = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is an orthonormal basis for an inner product space V , then the coordinate representation of a vector w with respect to B is

$$w = \langle w, v_1 \rangle v_1 + \langle w, v_2 \rangle v_2 + \dots + \langle w, v_n \rangle v_n$$

- **Note:**

If $B = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is an orthonormal basis for V and $w \in V$, then the corresponding coordinate matrix of w relative to B is

$$[w]_B = \begin{bmatrix} \langle w, v_1 \rangle \\ \langle w, v_2 \rangle \\ \vdots \\ \langle w, v_n \rangle \end{bmatrix}$$

■ **Ex 3: (Representing vectors relative to an orthonormal basis)**

Find the coordinates of vector $w = (5, -5, 2)$ relative to the following orthonormal basis for R^3 .

$$B = \left\{ \left(\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}, 0 \right), \left(-\frac{4}{5}, \frac{3}{5}, 0 \right), (0, 0, 1) \right\}$$

Sol:

$$\langle w, v_1 \rangle = w \cdot v_1 = (5, -5, 2) \cdot \left(\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}, 0 \right) = -1$$

$$\langle w, v_2 \rangle = w \cdot v_2 = (5, -5, 2) \cdot \left(-\frac{4}{5}, \frac{3}{5}, 0 \right) = -7$$

$$\langle w, v_3 \rangle = w \cdot v_3 = (5, -5, 2) \cdot (0, 0, 1) = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow [w]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -7 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

■ **Theorem 5.11: (Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization process)**

(1) Let $B = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is a basis for an inner product space V

(2) Let $B' = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$, where

$$w_1 = v_1$$

$$w_2 = v_2 - \frac{\langle v_2, w_1 \rangle}{\langle w_1, w_1 \rangle} w_1$$

$$w_3 = v_3 - \frac{\langle v_3, w_1 \rangle}{\langle w_1, w_1 \rangle} w_1 - \frac{\langle v_3, w_2 \rangle}{\langle w_2, w_2 \rangle} w_2$$

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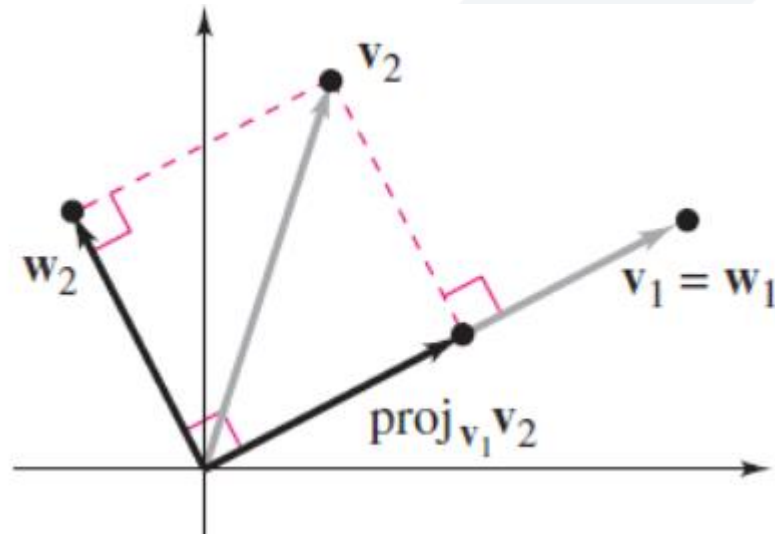
$$w_n = v_n - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{\langle v_n, w_i \rangle}{\langle w_i, w_i \rangle} w_i$$

Then B' is an orthogonal basis for V

(3) Let $u_i = \frac{w_i}{\|w_i\|}$

Then $B'' = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ is an orthonormal basis for V

Also, $\text{span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} = \text{span}\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$



■ **Ex 4: (Applying the Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization process)**

Apply the Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization process to the basis B for \mathbb{R}^2

$$B = \left\{ \overset{v_1}{(1, 1)}, \overset{v_2}{(0, 1)} \right\}$$

Sol:

$$w_1 = v_1 = (1, 1)$$

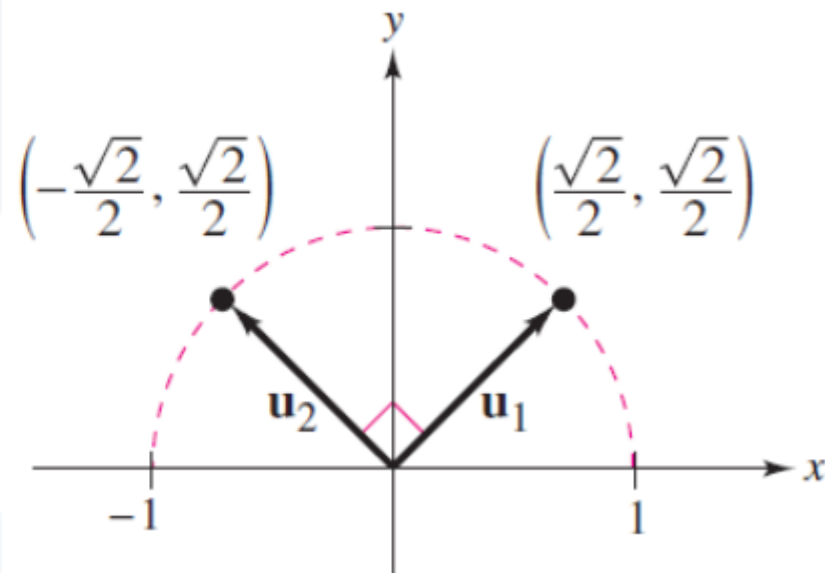
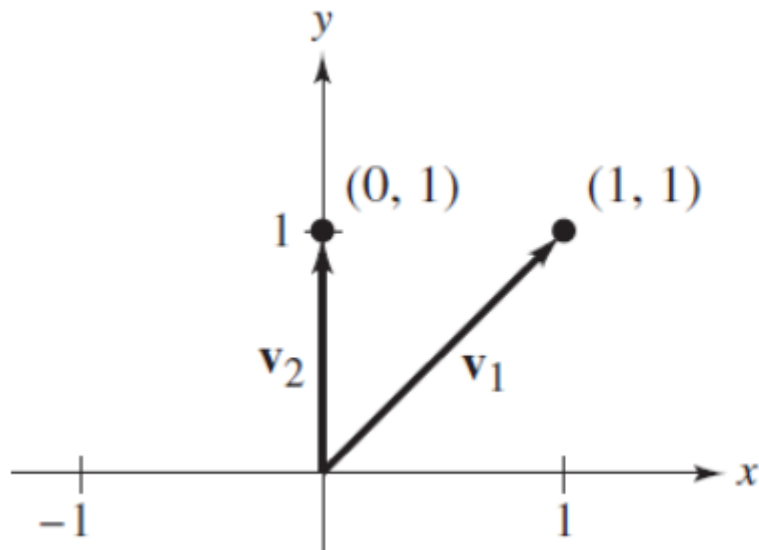
$$w_2 = v_2 - \frac{\langle v_2, w_1 \rangle}{\langle w_1, w_1 \rangle} w_1 = (0, 1) - \frac{1}{2}(1, 1) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

The set $B' = \{w_1, w_2\}$ is an orthogonal basis for \mathbb{R}^2

$$u_1 = \frac{w_1}{\|w_1\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 1) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{\mathbf{w}_2}{\|\mathbf{w}_2\|} = \frac{1}{1/\sqrt{2}} \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right) = \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right)$$

The set $B'' = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$ is an orthonormal basis for \mathbb{R}^2



■ **Ex 5: (Applying the Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization process)**

Apply the Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization process to the basis B for \mathbb{R}^3

$$B = \left\{ \overset{v_1}{(1, 1, 0)}, \overset{v_2}{(1, 2, 0)}, \overset{v_3}{(0, 1, 2)} \right\}$$

Sol:

$$w_1 = v_1 = (1, 1, 0)$$

$$w_2 = v_2 - \frac{\langle v_2, w_1 \rangle}{\langle w_1, w_1 \rangle} w_1 = (1, 2, 0) - \frac{3}{2}(1, 1, 0) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} w_3 &= v_3 - \frac{\langle v_3, w_1 \rangle}{\langle w_1, w_1 \rangle} w_1 - \frac{\langle v_3, w_2 \rangle}{\langle w_2, w_2 \rangle} w_2 \\ &= (1, 2, 0) - \frac{1}{2}(1, 1, 0) - \frac{1/2}{1/2} \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0\right) = (0, 0, 2) \end{aligned}$$

The set $B' = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \mathbf{w}_3\}$ is an orthogonal basis for R^3

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \frac{\mathbf{w}_1}{\|\mathbf{w}_1\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 1, 0) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 0\right)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{\mathbf{w}_2}{\|\mathbf{w}_2\|} = \frac{1}{1/\sqrt{2}}\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0\right) = \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 0\right)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_3 = \frac{\mathbf{w}_3}{\|\mathbf{w}_3\|} = \frac{1}{2}(0, 0, 2) = (0, 0, 1)$$

The set $B'' = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$ is an orthonormal basis for R^3