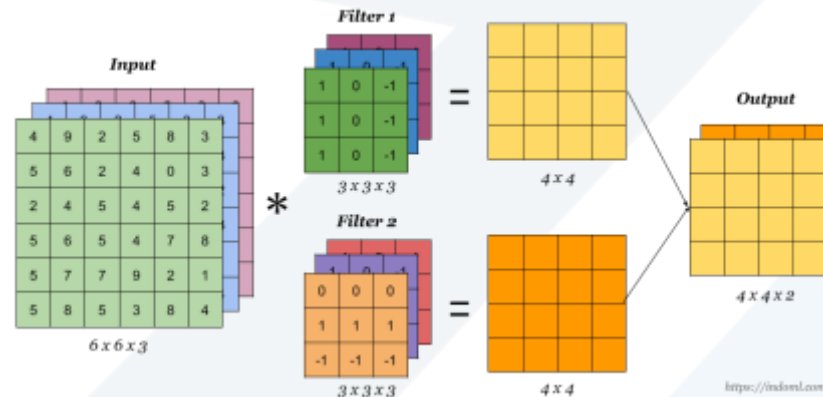


# CECC122: Linear Algebra and Matrix Theory

## Lecture Notes 6: Inner Product Spaces



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## Chapter 5

# Inner Product Spaces

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## 1. General Inner Product

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

$$(1) \langle u, v \rangle = \langle v, u \rangle$$

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

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

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

- **Notes:**

(1)  $u \cdot v$  = dot product (**Euclidean inner** product for  $R^n$ )

(2)  $\langle u, v \rangle$  = **general inner product** for vector space  $V$

- **Note:** A **vector space**  $V$  with an **inner product** is called an **inner product space**.

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

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

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

The dot product in  $R^n$  satisfies the four axioms of an inner product.

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

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + \dots + u_nv_n$$

- **Example 2: (A different inner product for  $R^n$ )**

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

$\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$ :  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = u_1v_1 + 2u_2v_2$ .

$$(1) \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = u_1v_1 + 2u_2v_2 = v_1u_1 + 2v_2u_2 = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} \rangle &= u_1(v_1 + w_1) + 2u_2(v_2 + w_2) \\ &= u_1v_1 + u_1w_1 + 2u_2v_2 + 2u_2w_2 \\ &= (u_1v_1 + 2u_2v_2) + (u_1w_1 + 2u_2w_2) \\ &= \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$(3) c \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = c(u_1v_1 + 2u_2v_2) = (cu_1)v_1 + 2(cu_2)v_2 = \langle c\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$$

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

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

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

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = c_1u_1v_1 + c_2u_2v_2 + \cdots + c_nu_nv_n, \quad c_i > 0 \text{ (weights)}$$

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

Show that the following function is not an inner product on  $R^3$

$$\langle u, v \rangle = u_1v_1 - 2u_2v_2 + u_3v_3$$

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  $R^3$

- **Theorem 1: (Properties of inner products)**

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

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

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

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

- **Example 4: (The Standard Inner Product on  $M_n(R)$ )**

$$A, B \in M_n(R), \quad \langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(AB^T)$$

for the  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ a_3 & a_4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & b_2 \\ b_3 & b_4 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(AB^T) = a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3 + a_4b_4$$

$$\|A\| = \sqrt{\langle A, A \rangle} = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 + a_4^2}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(AB^T) = 1(-1) + 2(0) + 3(3) + 4(2) = 16$$

$$\|A\| = \sqrt{\langle A, A \rangle} = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{30}, \quad \|B\| = \sqrt{\langle B, B \rangle} = \sqrt{14}$$

- **Example 5: (The Standard Inner Product on  $P_n$ )**

$$p, q \in P_n \quad p = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n \quad q = b_0 + b_1x + \cdots + b_nx^n$$

$$\langle p, q \rangle = a_0b_0 + a_1b_1 + \cdots + a_nb_n \quad \|p\| = \sqrt{\langle p, p \rangle} = \sqrt{a_0^2 + a_1^2 + \cdots + a_n^2}$$

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

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

- **Distance between  $u$  and  $v$ :**  $d(u, v) = \|u - v\| = \sqrt{\langle u - v, u - v \rangle}$

- **Angle between two nonzero vectors  $u$  and  $v$ :**  $\cos \theta = \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|u\| \|v\|}, 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$

- **Orthogonal: ( $u \perp v$ )**  $u$  and  $v$  are **orthogonal** if  $\langle u, v \rangle = 0$



- Notes:

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

(2)  $\|v\| \neq 1$ ,  $v \neq \mathbf{0}$   $\xrightarrow{\text{Normalizing}}$   $\frac{v}{\|v\|}$  (the unit vector in the direction of  $v$ )

- Properties of norm:

(1)  $\|u\| \geq 0$                       (2)  $\|u\| = 0$  if and only if  $u = \mathbf{0}$                       (3)  $\|cu\| = |c|\|u\|$

- (Properties of distance)

(1)  $d(u, v) \geq 0$                       (2)  $d(u, v) = 0$  if and only if  $u = v$                       (3)  $d(u, v) = d(v, u)$

- Note: Norm, Distance and Orthogonality depend on the inner product being used.

- **Example 6:**  $u = (1, 0)$  and  $v = (0, 1)$  in  $R^2$

Euclidean inner product:

$$\|u\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 0^2} = 1, \quad \|v\| = \sqrt{0^2 + 1^2} = 1, \quad d(u, v) = \|u - v\| = \sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

Weighted Euclidean inner product:  $\langle u, v \rangle = 3u_1v_1 + 2u_2v_2$

$$\|u\| = \sqrt{3(1)^2 + 2(0)^2} = \sqrt{3}, \quad \|v\| = \sqrt{3(0)^2 + 2(1)^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$d(u, v) = \|u - v\| = \sqrt{3(1)^2 + 2(-1)^2} = \sqrt{5}$$

- **Example 7:**  $u = (1, 1)$  and  $v = (1, -1)$  in  $R^2$

Euclidean inner product:  $u \cdot v = 1(1) + (-1)(1) = 0 \Rightarrow u \perp v$

Weighted Euclidean inner product:  $\langle u, v \rangle = 3u_1v_1 + 2u_2v_2$

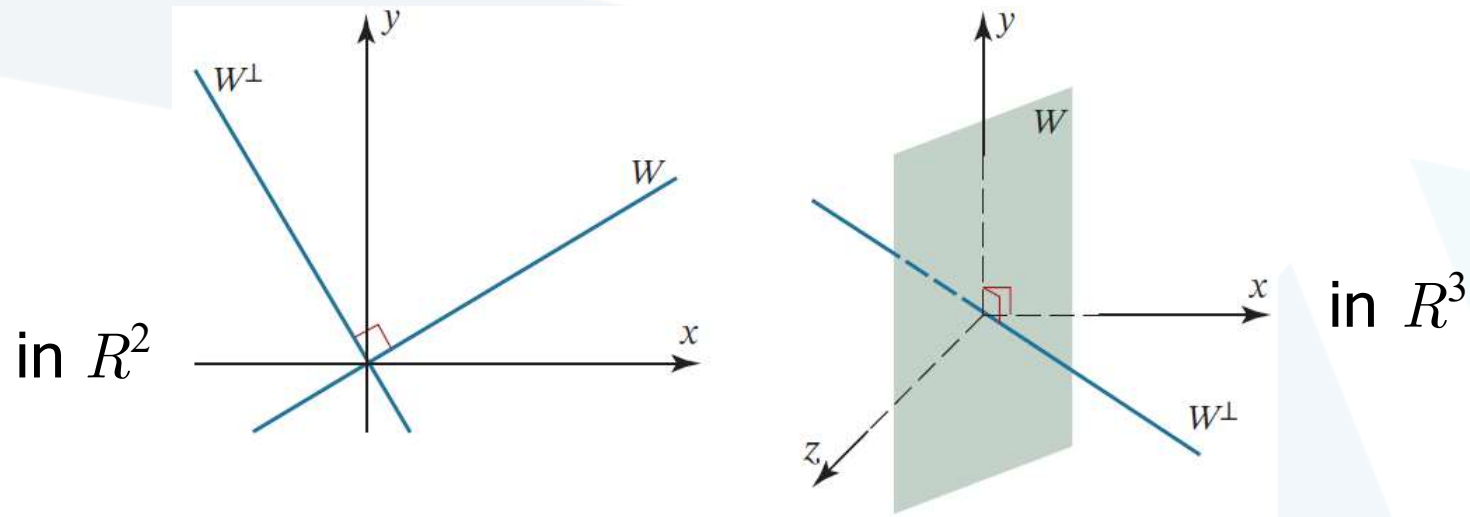
$$\langle u, v \rangle = 3u_1v_1 + 2u_2v_2 = 3(1)(1) + 2(-1)(1) = 1 \neq 0$$

- Theorem 2:** Let  $u$  and  $v$  be vectors in an inner product space  $V$ .
  - Cauchy-Schwarz inequality:  $|\langle u, v \rangle| \leq \|u\| \|v\|$
  - Triangle inequality:  $\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$
  - Pythagorean theorem:  $u$  and  $v$  are orthogonal iff  $\|u + v\|^2 = \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2$

## Orthogonal Complements

- Definition:** If  $W$  is a subspace of a real inner product  $V$ , then the set of all vectors in  $V$  that are orthogonal to every vector in  $W$  is called the **orthogonal complement** of  $W$  and is denoted by the symbol  $W^\perp$ .
- Theorem 3: (Properties of Orthogonal Complements)**  
 If  $W$  is a subspace of a real inner product  $V$ , then:
  - $W^\perp$  is a subspace of  $V$
  - $W^\perp \cap W = \{\mathbf{0}\}$

- Example 8: (Orthogonal Complements)



## 2. Orthonormal Bases: Gram-Schmidt Process

**Definition:** 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.

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

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

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

- **Note:** If  $S$  is a basis, then it is called an **orthogonal/orthonormal basis**.
- **Example 9:** (A nonstandard orthonormal basis for  $R^3$ )

Show that the following set is an orthonormal basis.

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

$$v_1 \cdot v_2 = -\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + 0 = 0 \quad \|v_1\| = \sqrt{v_1 \cdot v_1} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + 0} = 1$$

$$v_1 \cdot v_3 = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{2}} - \frac{2}{3\sqrt{2}} + 0 = 0 \quad \|v_2\| = \sqrt{v_2 \cdot v_2} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{36} + \frac{2}{36} + \frac{8}{9}} = 1$$

$$v_2 \cdot v_3 = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{9} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{9} + \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{9} = 0 \quad \|v_3\| = \sqrt{v_3 \cdot v_3} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{9} + \frac{4}{9} + \frac{1}{9}} = 1$$

Thus  $S$  is an  
orthonormal set

- **Example 10: (An orthonormal basis for  $P_3$ )**

with the inner product  $\langle p, q \rangle = a_0b_0 + a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3$

the standard basis  $B = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$  is orthonormal

- **Theorem 4: (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.

- **Theorem 5: (Coordinates relative to an orthonormal basis)**

If  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is an orthogonal/orthonormal basis for an inner product space  $V$ , and if  $u$  is any vector in  $V$ , then

$$u = \frac{\langle u, v_1 \rangle}{\|v_1\|^2} v_1 + \frac{\langle u, v_2 \rangle}{\|v_2\|^2} v_2 + \dots + \frac{\langle u, v_n \rangle}{\|v_n\|^2} v_n \quad S \text{ orthogonal}$$

$$u = \langle u, v_1 \rangle v_1 + \langle u, v_2 \rangle v_2 + \cdots + \langle u, v_n \rangle v_n \quad S \text{ orthonormal}$$

- **Note:** If  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is an orthogonal/orthonormal basis for an inner product space  $V$  and  $w \in V$ , then the corresponding coordinate matrix of  $w$  relative to  $B$  is

$$[u]_S = \left( \frac{\langle u, v_1 \rangle}{\|v_1\|^2}, \frac{\langle u, v_2 \rangle}{\|v_2\|^2}, \dots, \frac{\langle u, v_n \rangle}{\|v_n\|^2} \right)^T \quad S \text{ orthogonal}$$

$$[w]_S = \left( \langle u, v_1 \rangle, \langle u, v_2 \rangle, \dots, \langle u, v_n \rangle \right)^T \quad S \text{ orthonormal}$$

- **Example 11: (Representing vectors relative to an orthonormal basis)**

Find the coordinates of vector  $w = (5, -5, 2)$  relative to the following orthonormal basis for  $R^3$   $S = \left\{ \left( \frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}, 0 \right), \left( -\frac{4}{5}, \frac{3}{5}, 0 \right), (0, 0, 1) \right\}$

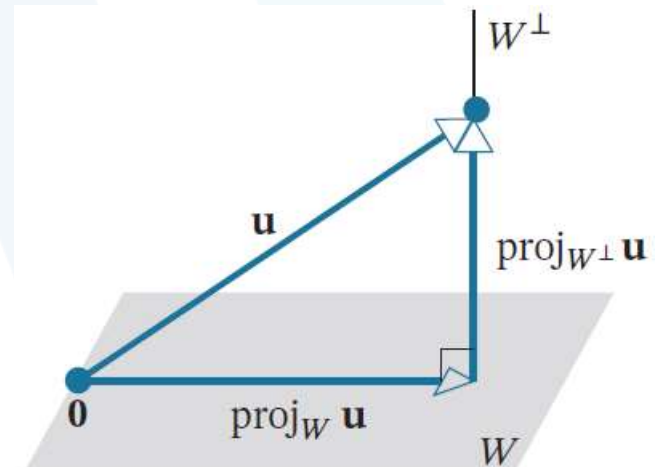
$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle w, v_1 \rangle &= w \cdot v_1 = (5, -5, 2) \cdot \left(\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}, 0\right) = -1 \\
 \langle w, v_2 \rangle &= w \cdot v_2 = (5, -5, 2) \cdot \left(-\frac{4}{5}, \frac{3}{5}, 0\right) = -7 \\
 \langle w, v_3 \rangle &= w \cdot v_3 = (5, -5, 2) \cdot (0, 0, 1) = 2
 \end{aligned}
 \Rightarrow [w]_S = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -7 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Orthogonal Projections

- Theorem 6: (Projection Theorem)**

If  $W$  is a finite-dimensional subspace of an inner product space  $V$ , then every vector  $u$  in  $V$  can be expressed in exactly one way as  $u = w_1 + w_2$ , where  $w_1$  is in  $W$  and  $w_2$  is in  $W^\perp$ .

$$u = \text{proj}_W u + \text{proj}_{W^\perp} u = \text{proj}_W u + (u - \text{proj}_W u)$$





- **Theorem 7: (formulas for calculating orthogonal projection)**

Let  $W$  be a finite-dimensional subspace of an inner product space  $V$ . If  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r\}$  is an orthogonal/orthonormal basis for  $W$ , then

$$\text{proj}_W \mathbf{u} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}, v_1 \rangle}{\|v_1\|^2} v_1 + \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}, v_2 \rangle}{\|v_2\|^2} v_2 + \dots + \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}, v_r \rangle}{\|v_r\|^2} v_r \quad S \text{ orthogonal}$$

$$\text{proj}_W \mathbf{u} = \langle \mathbf{u}, v_1 \rangle v_1 + \langle \mathbf{u}, v_2 \rangle v_2 + \dots + \langle \mathbf{u}, v_r \rangle v_r \quad S \text{ orthonormal}$$

## The Gram-Schmidt Process

- **Theorem 8: (Projection Theorem)**

Every nonzero finite-dimensional inner product space has an orthonormal basis.

**Proof** (Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization construction)

Let  $W$  be any nonzero finite-dimensional subspace of an inner product space, and suppose that  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r\}$  is any basis for  $W$ .

**Step 1:** Let  $v_1 = u_1$

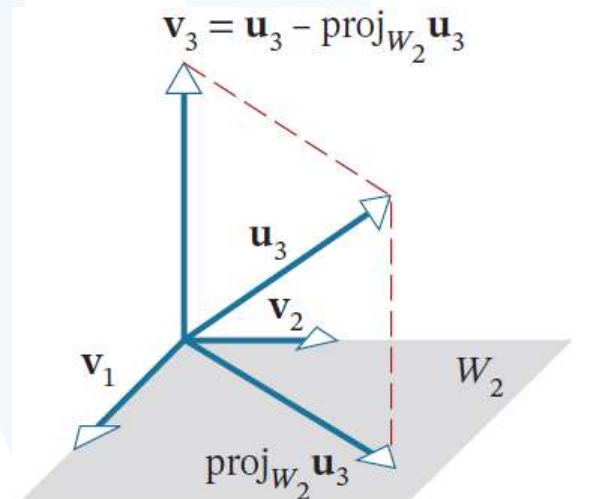
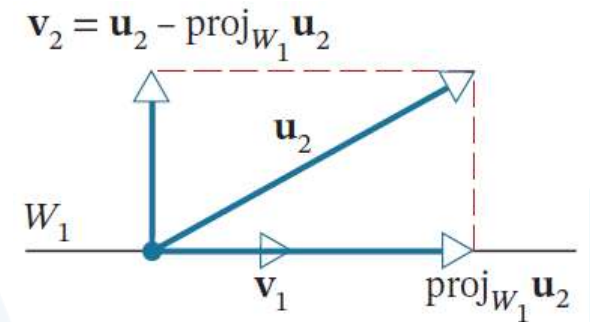
**Step 2:**  $v_2 = u_2 - \text{proj}_{W_1} u_2 = u_2 - \frac{\langle u_2, v_1 \rangle}{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle} v_1$

$W_1 = \text{span}(v_1)$  and  $v_2 \perp v_1, v_2 \neq \mathbf{0}$

**Step 3:**  $v_3 = u_3 - \text{proj}_{W_2} u_3 = u_3 - \frac{\langle u_3, v_1 \rangle}{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle} v_1 - \frac{\langle u_3, v_2 \rangle}{\langle v_2, v_2 \rangle} v_2$

$W_2 = \text{span}(v_1, v_2)$  and  $v_3 \perp W_2, v_3 \neq \mathbf{0}$

Continuing in this way we will produce after  $r$  steps an orthogonal set of nonzero vectors  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r\}$ .



By **normalizing** these basis vectors we can obtain an **orthonormal basis**.

- **Theorem 9: (Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization process)**

(1) Let  $B = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  is a basis for an inner product space  $V$

(2) Let  $B' = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ , where

$$v_1 = u_1$$

$$v_2 = u_2 - \frac{\langle u_2, v_1 \rangle}{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle} v_1$$

$$v_3 = u_3 - \frac{\langle u_3, v_1 \rangle}{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle} v_1 - \frac{\langle u_3, v_2 \rangle}{\langle v_2, v_2 \rangle} v_2$$

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

Then  $B'$  is an orthogonal basis for  $V$

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

Then  $B'' = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $V$

Also,  $\text{span}\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\} = \text{span}\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$

■ **Example 12: (Applying the Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization process)**

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

$$B = \{u_1 = (1, 1), u_2 = (0, 1)\}$$

$$v_1 = u_1 = (1, 1)$$

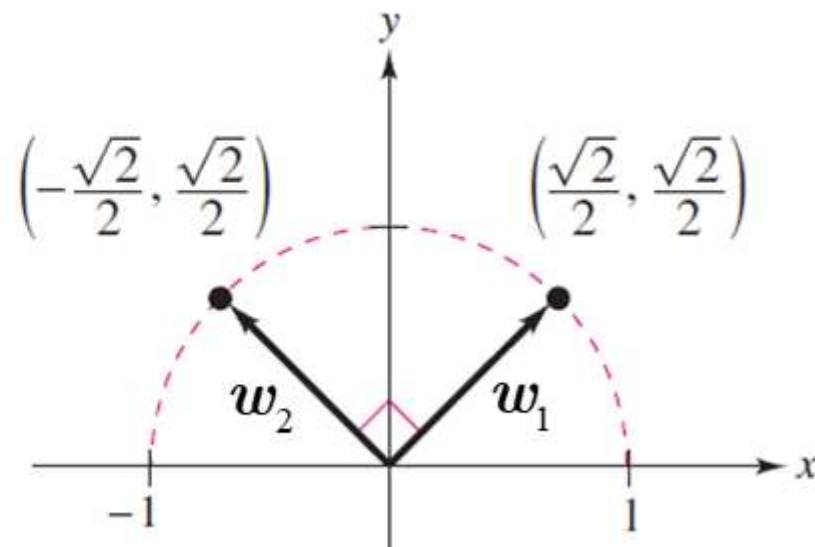
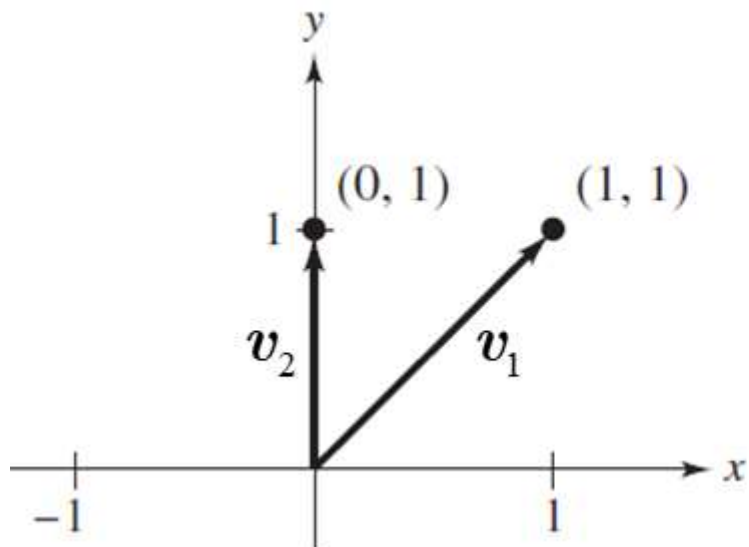
$$v_2 = u_2 - \frac{\langle u_2, v_1 \rangle}{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle} v_1 = (0, 1) - \frac{1}{2}(1, 1) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

The set  $B' = \{v_1, v_2\}$  is an orthogonal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$w_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 1) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$$

$$w_2 = \frac{v_2}{\|v_2\|} = \frac{1}{1/\sqrt{2}}\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$$

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



- **Example 13: (Applying the Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization process)**

Apply the Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization process to the basis  $B$  for  $R^3$

$$B = \{ \mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 1, 0), \mathbf{u}_2 = (1, 2, 0), \mathbf{u}_3 = (0, 1, 2) \}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 1, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{u}_2 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{v}_1 \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_1 \rangle} \mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 2, 0) - \frac{3}{2}(1, 1, 0) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{u}_3 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{v}_1 \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_1 \rangle} \mathbf{v}_1 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle} \mathbf{v}_2 = (1, 2, 0) - \frac{1}{2}(1, 1, 0) - \frac{1/2}{1/2} \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0\right) = (0, 0, 2)$$

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

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

$$w_2 = \frac{v_2}{\|v_2\|} = \frac{1}{1/\sqrt{2}} \left( -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0 \right) = \left( -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 0 \right)$$

$$w_3 = \frac{v_3}{\|v_3\|} = \frac{1}{2} (0, 0, 2) = (0, 0, 1)$$

The set  $B'' = \{w_1, w_2, w_3\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $R^3$

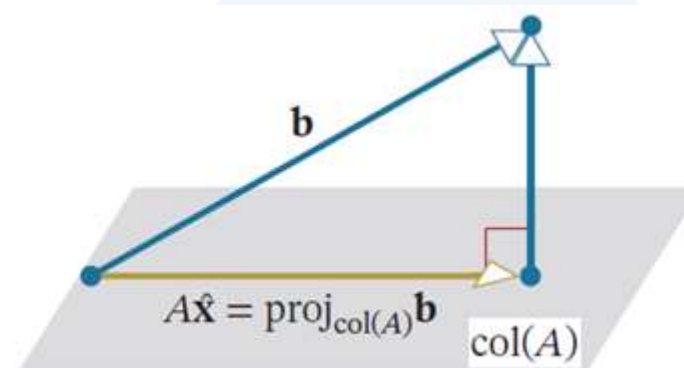
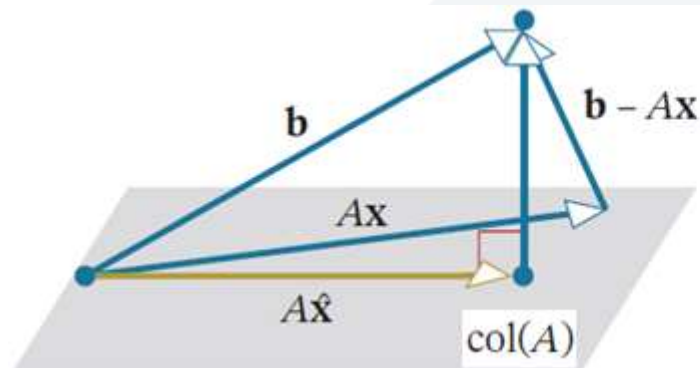
### 3. Mathematical Models and Least Square Analysis

#### Best Approximation; Least Squares

- **Least Squares Problem:** Given  $Ax = b$  of  $m$  equations in  $n$  unknowns, find  $x$  in  $R^n$  that minimizes  $\|b - Ax\|$  with respect to the Euclidean inner product on  $R^m$ . We call  $x$ , if it exists, a **least squares solution** of  $Ax = b$ ,  $b - Ax$  the **least squares error vector**, and  $\|b - Ax\|$  the **least squares error**.

$$\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_m \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\|^2 = e_1^2 + e_2^2 + \cdots + e_m^2$$

- Note:** For every vector  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $R^n$ , the product  $A\mathbf{x}$  is in the **column space** of  $A$  because it is a **linear combination** of the column vectors of  $A$ . Find a least squares solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is equivalent to find a vector  $A\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  in the  $\text{col}(A)$  that is **closest** to  $\mathbf{b}$  (it **minimizes** the length of the vector  $\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}$ )  $\Rightarrow A\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \text{proj}_{\text{col}(A)} \mathbf{b}$ .





- **Theorem 10: (Best Approximation Theorem)**

If  $W$  is a **finite-dimensional** subspace of an **inner product space**  $V$ , and if  $b$  is a vector in  $V$ , then  $\text{proj}_W b$  is the **best approximation** to  $b$  from  $W$  in the sense that  $\|b - \text{proj}_W b\| < \|b - w\|$  for every vector  $w$  in  $W$  that is different from  $\text{proj}_W b$ .

- If  $V = R^n$  and  $W = \text{col}(A)$ , then the **best approximation** to  $b$  from  $\text{col}(A)$  is  $\text{proj}_{\text{col}(A)} b$ .

- **Finding Least Squares Solutions:**  $A^T A x = A^T b$

This is called the **normal equations** associated with  $Ax = b$ .

- **Example 14: (Finding Least Squares Solutions)**

Find the Least Squares Solution, the least squares error vector, and the least squares error of the linear system:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x & - & y = 4 \\ 3x & + & 2y = 1 \\ -2x & + & 4y = 3 \end{array}$$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 14 & -3 \\ -3 & 21 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T A \mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{b} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 14 & -3 \\ -3 & 21 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 17/95 \\ 143/285 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1232/285 \\ -154/285 \\ 77/57 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\| \approx 4.556$$

- **Theorem 11: (a unique least squares solution)**

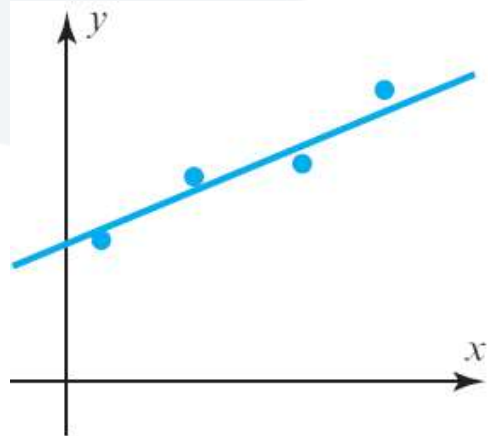
If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix with linearly independent column vectors, then for every  $m \times 1$  matrix  $b$ , the linear system  $Ax = b$  has a unique least squares solution. This solution is given by:  $x = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$ .

Moreover, if  $W$  is the column space of  $A$ , then the orthogonal projection of  $b$  on  $W$  is:  $\text{proj}_W b = Ax = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$ .

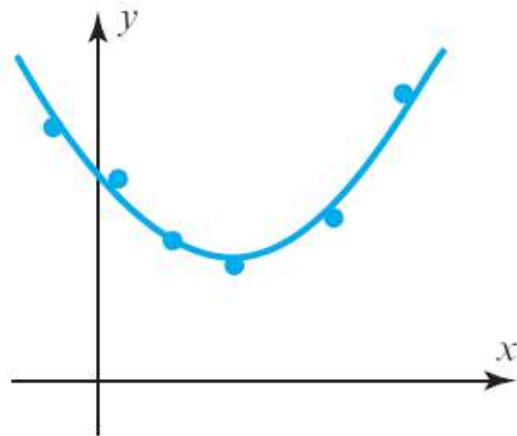
## Mathematical Modeling Using Least Squares

- **Fitting a Curve to Data**

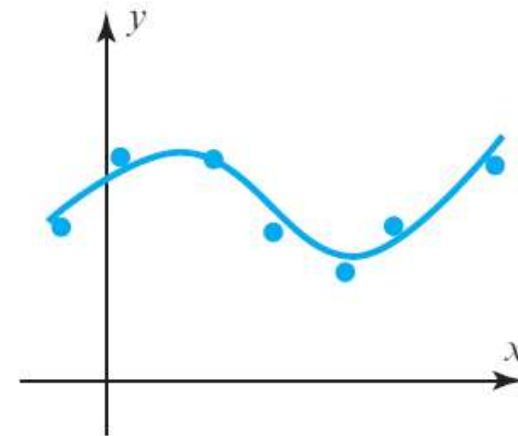
A common problem in experimental work is to find a mathematical relationship  $y = f(x)$  between two variables  $x$  and  $y$  by “fitting” a curve to points in the plane  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ .



(a)  $y = a + bx$



(b)  $y = a + bx + cx^2$



(c)  $y = a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3$

mathematical model

Least Squares Fit of a Straight Line  $y = a + bx$

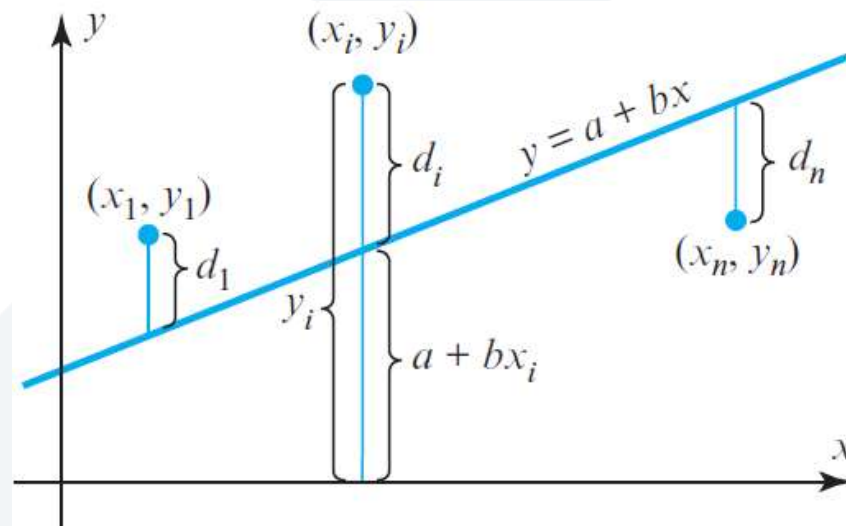
$$\begin{array}{l}
 y_1 = a + bx_1 \\
 y_2 = a + bx_2 \\
 \vdots \\
 y_n = a + bx_n
 \end{array}
 \Rightarrow
 M\mathbf{v} =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 1 & x_1 \\
 1 & x_2 \\
 \vdots & \vdots \\
 1 & x_n
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 a \\
 b
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 y_1 \\
 y_2 \\
 \vdots \\
 y_n
 \end{bmatrix}
 = \mathbf{y}$$

$$M\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{y} \Rightarrow M^T M\mathbf{v} = M^T \mathbf{y} \Rightarrow \mathbf{v}^* = \begin{bmatrix} a^* \\ b^* \end{bmatrix} = (M^T M)^{-1} M^T \mathbf{y}$$

$y = a^* + b^* x$  **Least squares line** of best fit or **the regression line**

It minimizes  $\|\mathbf{y} - M\mathbf{v}\|^2 = [y_1 - (a + bx_1)]^2 + [y_2 - (a + bx_2)]^2 + \dots + [y_n - (a + bx_n)]^2$

$d_1 = |y_1 - (a + bx_1)|, d_2 = |y_2 - (a + bx_2)|, \dots, d_n = |y_n - (a + bx_n)|$  **residuals**



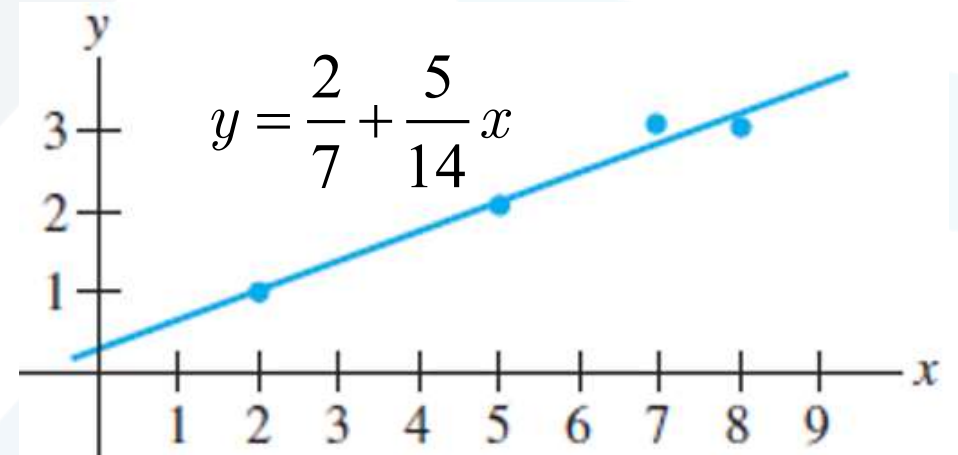
- Example 15: (Least Squares Straight Line Fit)**

Find the least squares straight line fit to the points (2, 1), (5, 2), (7, 3), and (8, 3)

$$M^T M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 7 \\ 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 22 \\ 22 & 142 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M^T \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 57 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}^* = (M^T M)^{-1} M^T \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 22 \\ 22 & 142 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 57 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{84} \begin{bmatrix} 142 & -22 \\ -22 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 57 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{7} \\ \frac{5}{14} \end{bmatrix}$$



## Least Squares Fit of a Polynomial $y = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_mx^m$

$(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$

$$a_0 + a_1x_1 + a_2x_1^2 + \cdots + a_mx_1^m = y_1$$

$$a_0 + a_1x_2 + a_2x_2^2 + \cdots + a_mx_2^m = y_2$$

$\vdots$

$$a_0 + a_1x_n + a_2x_n^2 + \cdots + a_mx_n^m = y_n$$

$$M\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \cdots & x_1^m \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \cdots & x_2^m \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \cdots & x_n^m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{y}$$

$$M\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{y} \Rightarrow M^T M\mathbf{v} = M^T \mathbf{y} \Rightarrow \mathbf{v}^* = (M^T M)^{-1} M^T \mathbf{y}$$

- Example 16: (Fitting a Quadratic Curve to Data)

Newton's second law of motion  $s = s_0 + v_0t + \frac{1}{2}gt^2$

Laboratory experiment

Time $t$ (sec)	.1	.2	.3	.4	.5
Displacement $s$ (ft)	-0.18	0.31	1.03	2.48	3.73

Approximate  $g$

Let  $s = a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2$

$(0.1, -0.18), (0.2, 0.31), (0.3, 1.03), (0.4, 2.48), (0.5, 3.73)$



$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_1 & t_1^2 \\ 1 & t_2 & t_2^2 \\ 1 & t_3 & t_3^2 \\ 1 & t_4 & t_4^2 \\ 1 & t_5 & t_5^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.1 & 0.01 \\ 1 & 0.2 & 0.04 \\ 1 & 0.3 & 0.09 \\ 1 & 0.4 & 0.16 \\ 1 & 0.5 & 0.25 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_3 \\ s_4 \\ s_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.18 \\ 0.31 \\ 1.03 \\ 2.48 \\ 3.73 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}^* = \begin{pmatrix} a_0^* \\ a_1^* \\ a_2^* \end{pmatrix} = (M^T M)^{-1} M^T \mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.4 \\ 0.35 \\ 16.1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g = 2a_2^* = 2(16.1) = 32.2 \text{ feet/s}^2$$

$$s_0 = a_0^* = -0.4 \text{ feet} \quad v_0 = a_1^* = 0.35 \text{ feet/s}$$

