

Orthogonal problems

1. Let a be a vector in \mathbb{R}^n , $L = y + tx$ a line in \mathbb{R}^n
 - a. Translate the coordinate space so the line passes through the origin, $L = tx$, $a = a - y$
 - b. Let the orthogonal vector to L distance t_p on L be defined as $(a - y) - t_p x$
 - c. Then $((a - y) - t_p x) \cdot x = 0$
 - i. Solving for t_p :
 - a. $(a - y) \cdot x - t_p x \cdot x = 0$
 - b. $t_p = \frac{(a-y) \cdot x}{x \cdot x}$
 - d. This gives the projection of $(a - y)$ onto the line tx : $\frac{(a-y) \cdot x}{x \cdot x} x$
 - e. Translate back, so the final projection would be: $\frac{(a-y) \cdot x}{x \cdot x} x + y$

2. Let z be a vector in \mathbb{R}^n .
 - a. Since $z^T x = 0$, z is orthogonal to x
 - b. Find the vector that translates tx to the same location as y , but is orthogonal to x
 - i. This should be the vector $y - t_p x$, with t_p such that $(y - t_p x) \cdot x = 0$
 - ii. Solve for t_p :
 - a. $(y \cdot x) - t_p (x \cdot x) = 0$
 - b. $t_p = \frac{y \cdot x}{x \cdot x}$
 - c. Thus the vector $z = y - \frac{y \cdot x}{x \cdot x} x$
 - d. Note that unless y is also orthogonal to x , although the lines $y + tx$ and $z + tx$ are identical, for a given point the t values will not be the same unless y is also orthogonal to x .

3. From 1. the orthogonal projection should be $\frac{(a-y) \cdot x}{x \cdot x} x + y$ which can now be simplified:
 - i. $\frac{a \cdot x - y \cdot x}{x \cdot x} x + y$
 - ii. $\frac{a \cdot x - 0}{1} x + y$
 - iii. $(a \cdot x)x + y$

The final vector would then be $(a \cdot x)x + y$