

# Ângulo de Grassmann, Produtos de Multivetores, e Teoremas de Pitágoras Generalizados

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# Principal Angles between Subspaces

$X$  = real or complex  $n$ -dimensional vector space, with inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ .

### Definition

Let  $V, W \subset X$  be subspaces,  $p = \dim V$ ,  $q = \dim W$ ,  $m = \min\{p, q\}$ .  
A singular value decomposition gives orthonormal *principal bases*

$$(e_1, \dots, e_p) \text{ of } V, \quad (f_1, \dots, f_q) \text{ of } W,$$

in which the orthogonal projection  $P : V \rightarrow W$  is given by a  $q \times p$  diagonal matrix, with the diagonal formed by the  $\cos \theta_i$ 's of their *principal angles*

$$0 \leq \theta_1 \leq \dots \leq \theta_m \leq \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

### Proposition

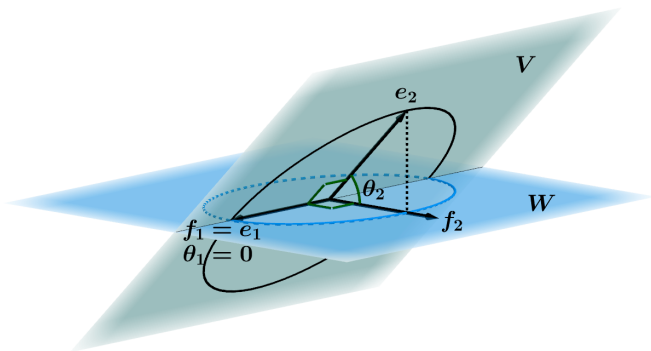
*Orthonormal bases*  $(e_1, \dots, e_p)$  of  $V$  and  $(f_1, \dots, f_q)$  of  $W$ , and angles  $0 \leq \theta_1 \leq \dots \leq \theta_m \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ , constitute *principal bases and angles* if

$$\langle e_i, f_j \rangle = \delta_{ij} \cos \theta_i.$$

## Geometric interpretation:

- unit sphere of  $V$  projects to an ellipsoid in  $W$ ;
- the  $e_i$ 's project onto its semi-axes;
- the  $f_i$ 's point along the semi-axes;
- the semi-axes have lengths  $\cos \theta_i$ .

In the complex case, for each  $i$  there are 2 semi-axes of equal lengths, corresponding to projections of  $e_i$  and  $ie_i$ .



### Example (A)

In  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ,

$$e_1 = (1, 0, 1, 0)/\sqrt{2}$$

$$f_1 = (1, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$e_2 = (0, 1, 0, 1)/\sqrt{2}$$

$$f_2 = (0, 1, 0, 0)$$

are principal vectors for  $V = \text{span}(e_1, e_2)$  and  $W = \text{span}(f_1, f_2)$ , with principal angles  $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = 45^\circ$ .

### Example (B)

In  $\mathbb{C}^4$ ,

$$e_1 = (i, \sqrt{3}, 0, 0)/2$$

$$f_1 = (i, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$e_2 = (0, 0, 1, 1)/\sqrt{2}$$

$$f_2 = (0, 0, 1 + i, 1 - i)/2$$

are principal vectors for  $V = \text{span}_{\mathbb{C}}(e_1, e_2)$  and  $W = \text{span}_{\mathbb{C}}(f_1, f_2)$ , with principal angles  $\theta_1 = 60^\circ$  and  $\theta_2 = 45^\circ$ .

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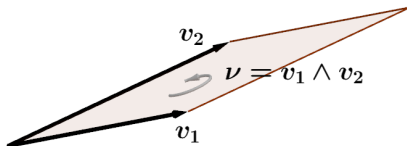
*Given pairs of subspaces  $(V, W)$  and  $(V', W')$ , with  $\dim V' = \dim V$  and  $\dim W' = \dim W$ , there is an orthogonal/unitary transformation taking  $V$  to  $V'$  and  $W$  to  $W'$   $\Leftrightarrow$  both pairs have the same principal angles.*

We need all principal angles to describe the relative position of subspaces. But it is often convenient if we can combine them into a single number describing the property of interest.

# Grassmann angle

# Grassmann algebra

A ( $p$ -)blade is a decomposable multivector  $\nu = v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_p \in \Lambda^p X$ .



If  $\nu \neq 0$  the vectors are L.I., so  $\nu$  determines the  $p$ -dimensional subspace  $V = \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_p)$ , and  $\Lambda^p V = \text{span}(\nu)$  is a line in  $\Lambda^p X$ .

Inner product of  $p$ -blades  $\nu = v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_p$  and  $\omega = w_1 \wedge \dots \wedge w_p$  is

$$\langle \nu, \omega \rangle = \det \langle v_i, w_j \rangle = \begin{vmatrix} \langle v_1, w_1 \rangle & \cdots & \langle v_1, w_p \rangle \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \langle v_p, w_1 \rangle & \cdots & \langle v_p, w_p \rangle \end{vmatrix}.$$

Real case:  $\|\nu\| = \sqrt{\langle \nu, \nu \rangle} = p$ -dim volume of parallelepiped  $v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_p$ .  
Complex case:  $\|\nu\|^2 = 2p$ -dim volume of  $v_1 \wedge_{\mathbb{R}} i v_1 \wedge_{\mathbb{R}} \dots \wedge_{\mathbb{R}} v_p \wedge_{\mathbb{R}} i v_p$ .



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- $\cos \Theta_{V,W} = \begin{cases} \cos \theta_1 \cdot \dots \cdot \cos \theta_m & \text{if } \dim V \leq \dim W, \\ 0 & \text{if } \dim V > \dim W. \end{cases}$

## Example (A')

In [Example A](#), all vectors in  $V$  make a  $45^\circ$  angle with  $W$ , but  $\Theta_{V,W} = 60^\circ$ .

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- Real case:  $\cos \Theta_{V,W} = \frac{\text{vol } P(S)}{\text{vol } S}$ , for any measurable set  $S \subset V$ .

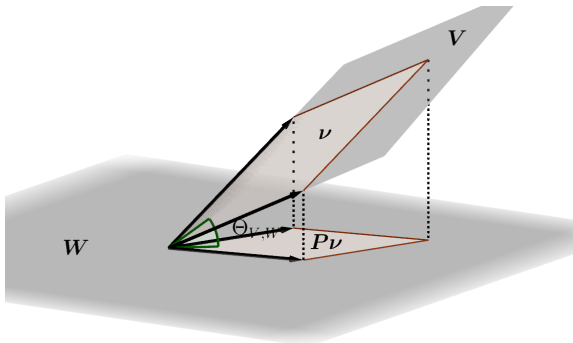
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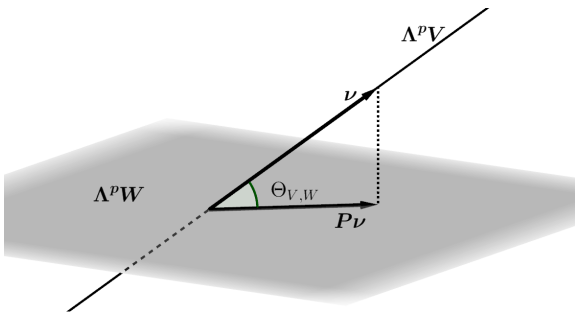
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- $\cos \Theta_{V,W} = \frac{\|P\nu\|}{\|\nu\|}$ , for any  $\nu \in \Lambda^p V$ ,  $p = \dim V$ .



## Definition (cont.)

- $\Theta_{V,W}$  = angle in  $\Lambda^p X$  between the line  $\Lambda^p V$  and the subspace  $\Lambda^p W$ .



## Proposition

- $\Theta_{V,W} = 0 \Leftrightarrow V \subset W$ .
- $\Theta_{V,W} = \frac{\pi}{2} \Leftrightarrow \exists v \in V, v \neq 0, \text{ such that } v \perp W$ .

In general this angle is asymmetric,  $\Theta_{V,W} \neq \Theta_{W,V}$ .

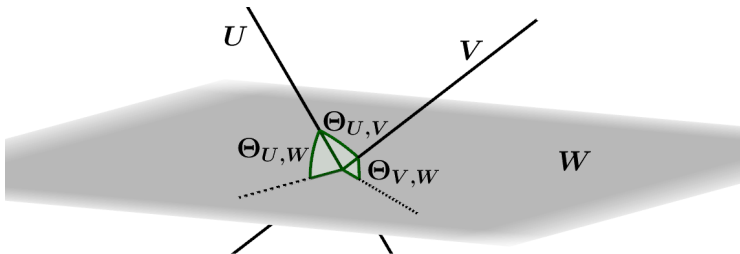
## Proposition

*If  $\dim V = \dim W$  then  $\Theta_{V,W} = \Theta_{W,V}$ .*

## Theorem (Triangle Inequality)

For any subspaces  $U, V, W \subset X$ ,

$$\Theta_{U,W} \leq \Theta_{U,V} + \Theta_{V,W}.$$



$\Theta_{V,W}$  = Fubini-Study distance in the Grassmannian of  $p$ -dim subspaces, and gives quasi-pseudo-metric in the total Grassmannian of all subspaces.

## Complementary Grassmann angle



## Definition

Complementary Grassmann angle  $\Theta_{V,W}^\perp \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  of  $V$  and  $W$  is the Grassmann angle of  $V$  with the orthogonal complement of  $W$ ,

$$\Theta_{V,W}^\perp = \Theta_{V,W^\perp}.$$

Reason for special notation: it has symmetry that was absent in  $\Theta_{V,W}$ .

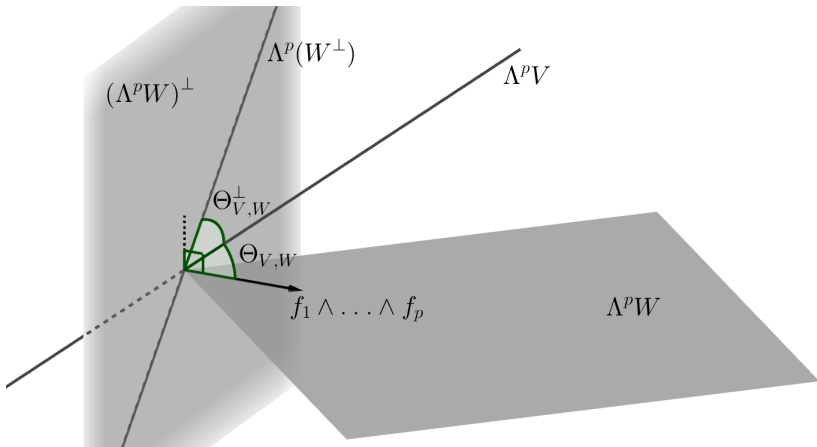
## Proposition

$$\Theta_{V,W}^\perp = \Theta_{W,V}^\perp.$$

## Example (A')

In [▶ Example A](#), all vectors in  $V$  make a  $45^\circ$  angle with both  $W$  and  $W^\perp$ , so  $\Theta_{V,W} = \Theta_{V,W}^\perp = 60^\circ$ .

In general,  $\Theta_{V,W}^\perp \neq \frac{\pi}{2} - \Theta_{V,W}$ , because  $\Lambda^p(W^\perp) \neq (\Lambda^p W)^\perp$ .



## Proposition

*For a line  $L$ , the complementary Grassmann angle is the usual complement,*

$$\Theta_{L,W}^{\perp} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \Theta_{L,W},$$

*so that*

$$\cos \Theta_{L,W}^{\perp} = \sin \Theta_{L,W}.$$

But for higher dimensional subspaces the projection on  $W^{\perp}$  will be given by a product of sines.

## Theorem

*If  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_m$  are the principal angles of  $V$  and  $W$  then*

$$\cos \Theta_{V,W}^{\perp} = \sin \theta_1 \cdot \dots \cdot \sin \theta_m.$$

# Blade Products

# Inner and Exterior products of blades

## Theorem

For any blades  $\nu, \omega \in \Lambda^p X$ , determining  $V, W \subset X$ ,

$$\langle \nu, \omega \rangle = \sigma_{\nu, \omega} \|\nu\| \|\omega\| \cos \Theta_{V, W}.$$

$\sigma_{\nu, \omega}$  is a sign  $\pm 1$  (real case) or phase factor  $e^{i\varphi}$  (complex case).

It appears because we defined  $\Theta_{V, W} \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ , for non-oriented subspaces.

## Theorem

For any blades  $\nu, \omega \in \Lambda X$ , determining  $V, W \subset X$ ,

$$\|\nu \wedge \omega\| = \|\nu\| \|\omega\| \cos \Theta_{V, W}^\perp.$$

# Interior product of blades

## Definition

Interior product  $\nu \lrcorner \omega$  of blades  $\nu \in \Lambda^p X$  and  $\omega \in \Lambda^q X$ , with  $p \leq q$ , is the unique element of  $\Lambda^{q-p} X$  such that

$$\langle \nu \lrcorner \omega, \tau \rangle = \langle \omega, \nu \wedge \tau \rangle \text{ for all } \tau \in \Lambda^{q-p} X.$$

## Theorem

*Given blades  $\nu \in \Lambda^p X$  and  $\omega \in \Lambda^q X$ , with  $p \leq q$ , determining  $V, W \subset X$ , and a principal basis  $(f_1, \dots, f_q)$  of  $W$  with respect to  $V$ ,*

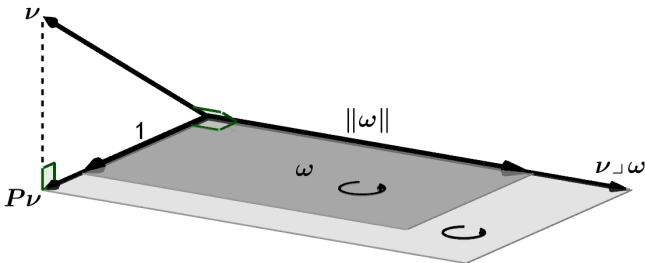
$$\nu \lrcorner \omega = \sigma_{\nu, \omega} \|\nu\| \|\omega\| \cos \Theta_{V, W} \cdot f_{p+1} \wedge \dots \wedge f_q.$$

$\nu \lrcorner \omega$  is a partial inner product, of  $\nu$  with a subblade of  $\omega$  where it projects, leaving another subblade of  $\omega$  orthogonal to  $\nu$ .

## Theorem

Let  $\nu \in \Lambda^p X$ ,  $\omega \in \Lambda^q X$  be blades, with  $p \leq q$ , determining  $V, W \subset X$ , and  $P = \text{Proj}_W$ . Then  $\nu \lrcorner \omega$  is characterized by:

- $\nu \lrcorner \omega$  is a  $(q - p)$ -subblade of  $\omega$  completely orthogonal to  $\nu$ ;
- $(P\nu) \wedge (\nu \lrcorner \omega)$  has the same orientation of  $\omega$ ;
- $\frac{\|\nu \lrcorner \omega\|}{\|P\nu\|} = \frac{\|\omega\|}{1}$ .



# Trigonometric identities



## Theorem

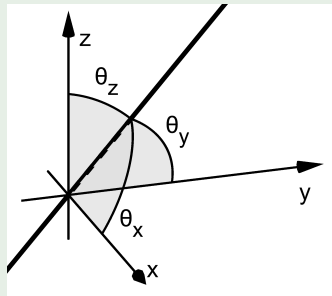
Given a line  $L \subset X$  and an orthogonal partition  $X = V_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus V_k$ ,

$$\sum_{j=1}^k \cos^2 \Theta_{L, V_j} = 1.$$

## Example (Direction cosines)

If  $\theta_x, \theta_y, \theta_z$  are the angles of a line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with the  $x, y, z$  axes then

$$\cos^2 \theta_x + \cos^2 \theta_y + \cos^2 \theta_z = 1.$$



## Theorem

For any  $p$ -dimensional subspace  $V \subset X$ ,

$$\sum_I \cos^2 \Theta_{V, W_I} = 1,$$

where the  $W_I$ 's are all  $p$ -dimensional coordinate subspaces of an orthonormal basis  $\beta = \{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$  of  $X$ , i.e.

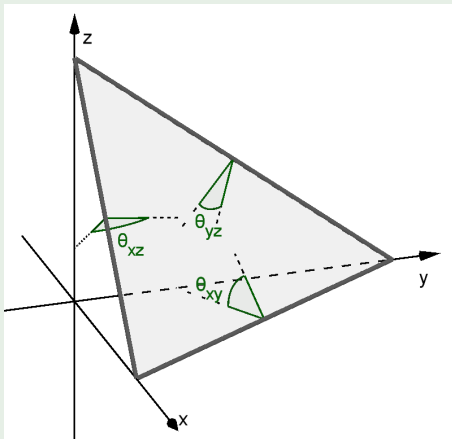
$$W_I = \text{span}(w_{i_1}, \dots, w_{i_p}),$$

for any multi-index  $I = (i_1, \dots, i_p)$  with  $1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_p \leq n$ .

## Example

If  $\theta_{xy}, \theta_{xz}, \theta_{yz}$  are the angles of a plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with the coordinate planes then

$$\cos^2 \theta_{xy} + \cos^2 \theta_{xz} + \cos^2 \theta_{yz} = 1.$$



# Generalized Pythagorean theorems

As Grassmann angles measure volume contraction, these identities give generalized Pythagorean theorems.

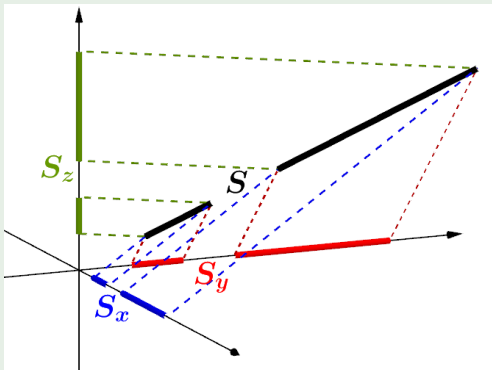
### Theorem (Pythagorean theorem for lines)

*Given a line  $L \subset X$ , an orthogonal partition  $X = V_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus V_k$ , and a measurable set  $S \subset L$ , with orthogonal projection  $S_j$  on  $V_j$ ,*

- *Real case:*  $\text{lenght}(S)^2 = \sum \text{lenght}(S_j)^2$ ;
- *Complex:*  $\text{area}(S) = \sum \text{area}(S_j)$ .

Complex case: the measure has twice the dimension, but is not squared.

## Example

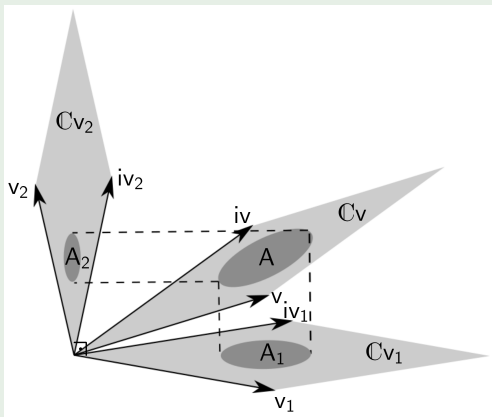


$$\text{length}(S)^2 = \text{length}(S_x)^2 + \text{length}(S_y)^2 + \text{length}(S_z)^2$$

## Example

Let  $v_1, v_2$  be orthogonal unit complex vectors, and  $v = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2$  for  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|c_1|^2 + |c_2|^2 = 1$ . Any area  $A$  in  $\mathbb{C}v$  projects to areas  $A_1 = |c_1|^2 \cdot A$  in  $\mathbb{C}v_1$  and  $A_2 = |c_2|^2 \cdot A$  in  $\mathbb{C}v_2$ , with

$$A = A_1 + A_2.$$



## Theorem (Pythagorean theorem for subspaces)

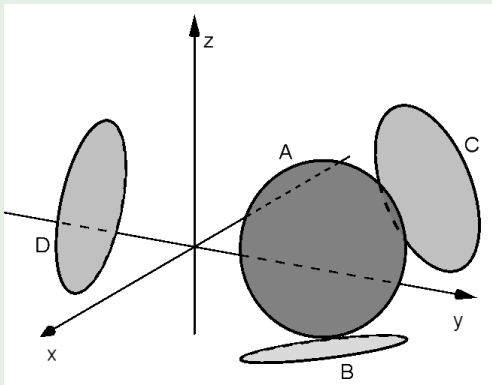
Given a measurable set  $S$  in a subspace  $V \subset X$ , with  $\dim V = p$ ,

- Real case:  $\text{vol}_p(S)^2 = \sum \text{vol}_p(S_I)^2$ ,
- Complex:  $\text{vol}_{2p}(S) = \sum \text{vol}_{2p}(S_I)$ ,

where the  $S_I$ 's are the orthogonal projections of  $S$  on all  $p$ -dimensional coordinate subspaces of an orthogonal basis of  $X$ .

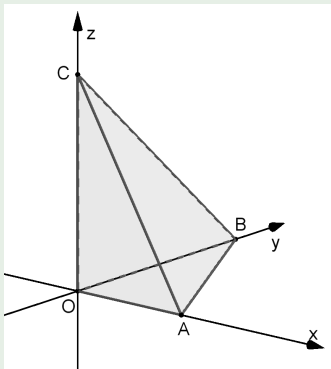


## Example



$$\text{area}(A)^2 = \text{area}(B)^2 + \text{area}(C)^2 + \text{area}(D)^2$$

## Example



$$\text{area}(ABC)^2 = \text{area}(OAB)^2 + \text{area}(OAC)^2 + \text{area}(OBC)^2$$

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