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## ORTHONORMAL BASIS

**Def<sup>n</sup>** An orthonormal basis  $\{\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2, \dots, \vec{q}_n\}$  is a set of vectors with

$$\vec{q}_i \cdot \vec{q}_j = \vec{q}_i^T \vec{q}_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

• Each vector,  $\vec{q}_j$  in the orthonormal basis (ONB) must have length 1

since  $\vec{q}_i \cdot \vec{q}_j = \|\vec{q}_j\| = 1$ .

Example  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

# ORTHOGONAL MATRIX

**Def<sup>n</sup>** An orthogonal matrix,  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , is a matrix whose column vectors are an orthonormal basis.

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \\ | & | & & | \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\text{then } Q^T Q = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \\ \hline \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \\ \hline \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \\ \hline \vec{v}_n & \vec{v}_n & \dots & \vec{v}_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \dots \\ \vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_2 & \vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_3 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ \vec{v}_n \cdot \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_n \cdot \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \cdot \vec{v}_n \end{pmatrix} = I \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

## CONSEQUENCES OF ORTHOGONALITY

① If  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is orthogonal, then  $Q^T = Q^{-1}$ !

(Why?  $Q^T Q = I$   
 $\Rightarrow (Q^T Q) Q^{-1} = I Q^{-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow Q^T (Q Q^{-1}) = Q^{-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow Q^T = Q^{-1}$ )

② If  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is orthogonal, then

$$\begin{aligned}\|Q\vec{x}\|^2 &= (Q\vec{x}) \cdot (Q\vec{x}) = (Q\vec{x})^T (Q\vec{x}) \\ &= \vec{x}^T \underbrace{(Q^T Q)}_I \vec{x} \\ &= \vec{x}^T \vec{x} \\ &= \vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} \\ &= \|\vec{x}\|^2\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $Q$  preserves the length of all vectors  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

## CONSEQUENCES OF ORTHOGONALITY

③ Let  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be orthogonal. Then  $Q\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has solution  $\vec{x} = Q^T \vec{b}$

$$\vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{b} \\ \vdots \\ \vec{q}_n \cdot \vec{b} \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence  $\vec{x} = \sum_{j=1}^n (\vec{q}_j \cdot \vec{x}) \vec{q}_j \quad \forall \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Why?  $Q\vec{x} = \vec{b}$

$$\Rightarrow Q^{-1}(Q\vec{x}) = Q^{-1}\vec{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{(Q^{-1}Q)}_{I} \vec{x} = Q^{-1}\vec{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x} = Q^{-1}\vec{b} = Q^T \vec{b}$$

↪ Rewriting  $\vec{x}$  as a sum of an orthonormal basis

④ Let  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be orthogonal; then projecting onto  $C(Q)$  is simple.

(Projection matrix)  $P = Q \underbrace{(Q^T Q)^{-1}}_I Q^T = QQ^T$

EXAMPLE Project  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  onto  $\text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

$$\text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

this vector has length 1  
it is an ONB for the 1D subspace

The projection of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  onto  $\text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is  $P \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  where  $P = Q Q^T$  and  $Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$

Hence

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}}_Q \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}}_{Q^T} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Projection matrix is  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$

## FINDING ORTHONORMAL BASES - GRAM-SCHMIDT

Suppose we want an orthonormal basis for  $\text{span}\{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}$ . We can build one using Gram-Schmidt procedure.

### PROCEDURE

Step 0  $\vec{q}_1 = \frac{\vec{a}_1}{\|\vec{a}_1\|}$  (normalizing to unit length)

Step 1  $\vec{q}_2 = \frac{\vec{a}_2 - P_{\text{span}\{\vec{q}_1\}} \vec{a}_2}{\|\vec{a}_2 - P_{\text{span}\{\vec{q}_1\}} \vec{a}_2\|}$  We have  $P_{\text{span}\{\vec{q}_1\}} \vec{a}_2 = (\vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{a}_2) \vec{q}_1$

Step 2  $\vec{q}_3 = \frac{\vec{a}_3 - P_{\text{span}\{\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2\}} \vec{a}_3}{\|\vec{a}_3 - P_{\text{span}\{\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2\}} \vec{a}_3\|}$  where  $P_{\text{span}\{\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2\}} \vec{a}_3 = (\vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{a}_3) \vec{q}_1 + (\vec{q}_2 \cdot \vec{a}_3) \vec{q}_2$

...  
continue