

## Lecture 23: Quick review from previous lecture

- The basis  $\{1, x, x^2\}$  for  $\mathcal{P}^{(2)}$  do NOT form an orthogonal basis.
- (Gram-Schmidt Process)  $(\hat{v}, \hat{v})$

Suppose that  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$  are linearly independent.

Turn  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$  to **orthogonal** vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ :

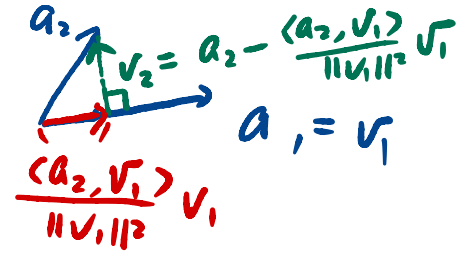
$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{a}_1$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{a}_2 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{v}_1 \rangle}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|^2} \mathbf{v}_1$$

$$\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{a}_3 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{a}_3, \mathbf{v}_1 \rangle}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|^2} \mathbf{v}_1 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{a}_3, \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle}{\|\mathbf{v}_2\|^2} \mathbf{v}_2$$

$\vdots$

$$\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{a}_n - \frac{\langle \mathbf{a}_n, \mathbf{v}_1 \rangle}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|^2} \mathbf{v}_1 - \dots - \frac{\langle \mathbf{a}_n, \mathbf{v}_{n-1} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{v}_{n-1}\|^2} \mathbf{v}_{n-1}$$



Thus,  $\langle \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_1 \rangle = 0$ .

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Today we will discuss examples for the Gram-Schmidt process and introduce the Orthogonal Matrices.

- Lecture will be recorded -

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**Example.** Let the subspace  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^4$  consist of all vectors orthogonal to  $\mathbf{a} = [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]^T$ . Find an orthonormal basis for  $W$ .

1)  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$  (ONB),  $\text{pivot}$   $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$

$\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{a} = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0$ .

free variables



$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x_1 = -x_2 - x_3 - x_4}$$

$$W = \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid \begin{pmatrix} -x_2 - x_3 - x_4 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$x_2 = 1, x_3 = x_4 = 0$  ;  $x_3 = 1, x_2 = x_4 = 0$  ;  $x_4 = 1, x_2 = x_3 = 0$

$$w_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} ; w_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} ; w_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus,  $\{w_1, w_2, w_3\}$  is a basis for  $W$ .  
 ( $W = \text{span}\{w_1, w_2, w_3\}$ ).

2) To find ONB basis for  $W$ .

First, we use Gram-Schmidt to find orthogonal basis

$$v_1 = w_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v_2 = w_2 - \frac{\langle w_2, v_1 \rangle}{\|v_1\|^2} v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1/2 \\ -1/2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v_3 = w_3 - \frac{\langle w_3, v_1 \rangle}{\|v_1\|^2} v_1 - \frac{\langle w_3, v_2 \rangle}{\|v_2\|^2} v_2$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Next, ONB for  $W$  is

$$\rightarrow \left\{ \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|}, \frac{v_2}{\|v_2\|}, \frac{v_3}{\|v_3\|} \right\}.$$

EX: To find explicit vectors. #

### 4.3 Orthogonal Matrices

**Definition:** A square matrix  $A$  is called an **orthogonal matrix** if it satisfies

$$A^T A = A A^T = I.$$

Some Properties about an orthogonal matrix  $A$ :

- The inverse of  $A$  is

$$A^T = A^{-1}.$$

- It is easy to solve the system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}$ .

[Since  $A^T A = I$ , we immediately have the solution  $\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{v} = A^T \mathbf{v}$ .

Thus there is no need to apply Gaussian elimination to solve the system.]

- If  $A$  is orthogonal, then  $\det(A) = \pm 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma \quad A^T A = I &\Rightarrow \det(A^T A) = \det I \\ &\Rightarrow (\det A^T)(\det A) = 1 \\ &\Rightarrow \det A \det A = 1 \Rightarrow \det A = \pm 1 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, we have

**Fact 1:** A square matrix  $A$  is an **orthogonal matrix** if and only if its columns form an orthonormal basis on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with respect to the Euclidean dot product.

(ONB)

[To see this:]  $A = [v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n]_{n \times n}$ .

( $\Rightarrow$ )  $A$  is orthogonal.

$$A^T A = I \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} v_1^T \\ v_2^T \\ \vdots \\ v_n^T \end{bmatrix} [v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n] = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} v_1^T v_1 & v_1^T v_2 & \dots & v_1^T v_n \\ v_2^T v_1 & v_2^T v_2 & \dots & v_2^T v_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ v_n^T v_1 & v_n^T v_2 & \dots & v_n^T v_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus  
Hence

$v_i^T v_j = 0, \quad 4i \neq j; \quad v_i^T v_i = 1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$   
 $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  ONB. #

Recall = The inverse of A:

$\overline{A} A = A \overline{A} = I.$   
left inverse of A  $\rightarrow$  right inverse of A.

- If  $A$  is orthogonal, so is  $A^T$  (since  $(A^T)^T = A$ ). This implies that the column vectors of  $A^T$  (they are row vectors of  $A$ ) also form an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  $A$  is orthogonal  $\Rightarrow A^T$  is orthogonal  $\xRightarrow{\text{Fact!}}$  ONB. columns of  $A^T$  is ONB, rows of  $A^T$  is ONB.

**Example.** The matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{rows of } A^T \text{ is ONB.}$$

is orthogonal.

[To see this:] check  $A^T A = A A^T = I_2$ .

$$A^T A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 2}.$$

since  $\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$ .

Similarly,

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

is also orthogonal.

(Exercise :  $B^T B = B B^T = I_2$ ).

[\*\*\* One can easily see that the rows (columns) of the matrix form an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . ]

$$\left\{ (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)^T, (\sin \theta, -\cos \theta)^T \right\} \text{ is ONB for } \mathbb{R}^2. \#$$

**Fact 2:** If  $A$  and  $B$  are orthogonal matrices, then  $AB$  is orthogonal too.

[To see this:]

$$(AB)^T(AB) = B^T(A^T A)B = B^T I B = \underline{B^T B} = I.$$

Similarly,

$$(AB)(AB)^T = I. \quad \#.$$

- If  $A$  is orthogonal, then the matrix  $A$  preserve length in the sense that

$$\underline{\|A\mathbf{x}\|} = \underline{\|\mathbf{x}\|} \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad (\text{Homework problem})$$