

## Lecture 24: Quick review from previous lecture

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

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

- If  $A$  is an **orthogonal matrix**, then its columns (rows) form an **orthonormal basis** on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with respect to the Euclidean dot product.

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Today we will discuss the QR factorization and orthogonal projections.

- Lecture will be recorded -

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## § The QR Factorization

Revisit the Gram-Schmidt process:

Let  $A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \cdots \mathbf{a}_n]$  be  $n \times n$  nonsingular matrix, where  $\mathbf{a}_j$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  column vector of  $A$ . Thus,  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$  are linearly independent.

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

Gram-Schmidt

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_1 &= \mathbf{a}_1 \\ \mathbf{v}_2 &= \mathbf{a}_2 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{v}_1 \rangle}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|^2} \mathbf{v}_1 \\ \mathbf{v}_3 &= \mathbf{a}_3 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{a}_3, \mathbf{v}_1 \rangle}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|^2} \mathbf{v}_1 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{a}_3, \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle}{\|\mathbf{v}_2\|^2} \mathbf{v}_2 \\ &\vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_n &= \mathbf{a}_n - \frac{\langle \mathbf{a}_n, \mathbf{v}_1 \rangle}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|^2} \mathbf{v}_1 - \cdots - \frac{\langle \mathbf{a}_n, \mathbf{v}_{n-1} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{v}_{n-1}\|^2} \mathbf{v}_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Handwritten notes:  $q_j = v_j / \|v_j\|$ ,  $\langle a_2, q_1 \rangle q_1$ ,  $\langle a_3, q_1 \rangle q_1 = \langle a_3, q_2 \rangle q_2$ .

Normalize  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  to get orthonormal vectors  $\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n$ :

That is,

$$\mathbf{q}_j = \frac{\mathbf{v}_j}{\|\mathbf{v}_j\|} \Rightarrow r_{jj} \mathbf{q}_j = \mathbf{v}_j$$

We can get

$$\begin{aligned} r_{11} \mathbf{q}_1 &= \mathbf{a}_1 \\ r_{22} \mathbf{q}_2 &= \mathbf{a}_2 - \langle \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{q}_1 \rangle \mathbf{q}_1 \\ r_{33} \mathbf{q}_3 &= \mathbf{a}_3 - \langle \mathbf{a}_3, \mathbf{q}_1 \rangle \mathbf{q}_1 - \langle \mathbf{a}_3, \mathbf{q}_2 \rangle \mathbf{q}_2 \\ &\vdots \\ r_{nn} \mathbf{q}_n &= \mathbf{a}_n - \langle \mathbf{a}_n, \mathbf{q}_1 \rangle \mathbf{q}_1 - \cdots - \langle \mathbf{a}_n, \mathbf{q}_{n-1} \rangle \mathbf{q}_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Handwritten notes:  $r_{12}$ ,  $r_{13}$ ,  $r_{23}$ ,  $r_{1n}$ ,  $r_{n-1,n}$ .  $v_j = \|v_j\| q_j = r_{jj} q_j$ .

Let  $r_{ij} = \langle \mathbf{a}_j, \mathbf{q}_i \rangle$ , then we further have

$$r_{11}\mathbf{q}_1 = \mathbf{a}_1$$

$$r_{22}\mathbf{q}_2 = \mathbf{a}_2 - r_{12}\mathbf{q}_1$$

$$r_{33}\mathbf{q}_3 = \mathbf{a}_3 - r_{13}\mathbf{q}_1 - r_{23}\mathbf{q}_2$$

⋮

$$r_{nn}\mathbf{q}_n = \mathbf{a}_n - r_{1n}\mathbf{q}_1 - \cdots - r_{n-1,n}\mathbf{q}_{n-1}$$

We reach  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$  l. independent  $\xrightarrow{GS} \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  orthogonal

$\xrightarrow{\mathbf{q}_i = \mathbf{v}_i / \|\mathbf{v}_i\|} \{\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n\}$  ON

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = r_{11}\mathbf{q}_1$$

$$\mathbf{a}_2 = r_{12}\mathbf{q}_1 + r_{22}\mathbf{q}_2$$

$$\mathbf{a}_3 = r_{13}\mathbf{q}_1 + r_{23}\mathbf{q}_2 + r_{33}\mathbf{q}_3$$

⋮

$$\mathbf{a}_n = r_{1n}\mathbf{q}_1 + r_{2n}\mathbf{q}_2 + \cdots + r_{n-1,n}\mathbf{q}_{n-1} + r_{nn}\mathbf{q}_n$$

The Gram-Schmidt equations can then be recast into an equivalent matrix form:

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_n \end{pmatrix}}_A = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{q}_1 & \mathbf{q}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{q}_n \end{pmatrix}}_Q \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & \cdots & r_{1n} \\ & r_{22} & \cdots & r_{2n} \\ & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & r_{nn} \end{pmatrix}}_R$$

where  $r_{jj} = \|\mathbf{v}_j\|$  and  $r_{ij} = \langle \mathbf{a}_j, \mathbf{q}_i \rangle$ . This is called the **QR factorization**.

$$\langle \mathbf{a}_j, \mathbf{q}_j \rangle$$

$\downarrow$   $Q$  is orthogonal

**Fact:** Every nonsingular matrix can be factored into,  $A = QR$ , the product of an **orthogonal** matrix  $Q$  and an **upper triangular** matrix  $R$ .

The factorization is unique if  $R$  is positive upper triangular (meaning that all its diagonal entries are positive ( $r_{jj} > 0$ )).

**Example.** Let  $A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2 \ \mathbf{a}_3]$  where

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{a}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find the QR factorization of  $A$ .

[Ans: (1)] We have saw in Lecture 22 how to apply Gram-Schmidt to the vectors  $\mathbf{a}_i$ :  
We found the resulting orthogonal basis to be

$$\underline{\underline{\mathbf{v}_1}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \underline{\underline{\mathbf{v}_2}} = \begin{pmatrix} -1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \underline{\underline{\mathbf{v}_3}} = \begin{pmatrix} 2/3 \\ -2/3 \\ 2/3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus, letting  $\underline{\underline{\mathbf{q}_k}} = \frac{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{v}_k}}}{\|\underline{\underline{\mathbf{v}_k}}\|}$ , we have the **orthonormal basis** is

$$\underline{\underline{\mathbf{q}_1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \underline{\underline{\mathbf{q}_2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \begin{pmatrix} -1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \underline{\underline{\mathbf{q}_3}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} \\ -1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

It is remaining to find  $R$ .

We have known  $Q = [\mathbf{q}_1 \ \mathbf{q}_2 \ \mathbf{q}_3]$ .

To find  $R$ :  $R = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ 0 & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\begin{cases} r_{ii} = \|\mathbf{v}_i\|. & r_{11} = \|\mathbf{v}_1\| = \sqrt{2}, & r_{22} = \|\mathbf{v}_2\| = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}, \\ r_{ij} = \langle \mathbf{a}_j, \mathbf{q}_i \rangle & & r_{33} = \|\mathbf{v}_3\| = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}. \end{cases}$$

[Example Continue:]

$$r_{12} = \langle a_2, q_1 \rangle = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

$$r_{13} = \langle a_3, q_1 \rangle = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

$$r_{23} = \langle a_3, q_2 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}.$$

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \end{pmatrix}.$$

§ Use QR factorization of  $A$  to solve linear system  $Ax = b$ .

If  $A = QR$ , we want to use it to solve the system  $Ax = b$ :

From the linear system, we get

$$QRx = b$$

Since  $Q^{-1} = Q^T$  ( $Q$  is orthogonal), we have

$$Rx = Q^T b.$$

Therefore, we just need to solve

$$Rx = Q^T b$$

by applying back substitution since  $R$  is upper triangular matrix.

**Example.** Apply this to solve the system

$$\overbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}^A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = b$$

From previous example,  $A = QR$ .

$$QR \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$R \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = Q^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

[Example Continue:]

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Using back substitution,

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow z = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} y + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \Rightarrow y = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad x = \frac{1}{2}$$

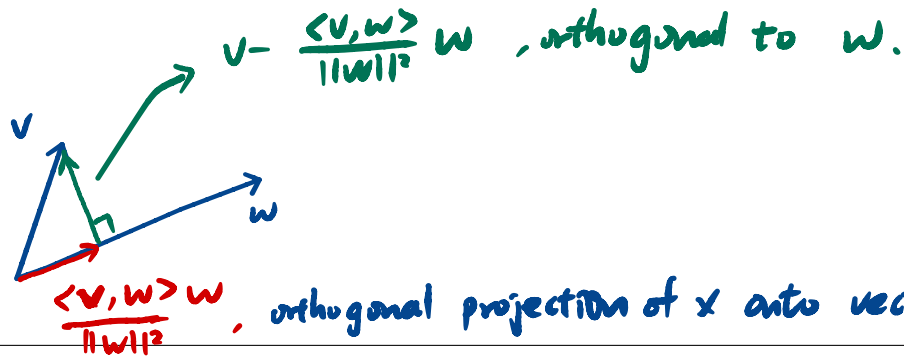
Ans:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad \neq$$

## 4.4 Orthogonal Projections and Subspaces

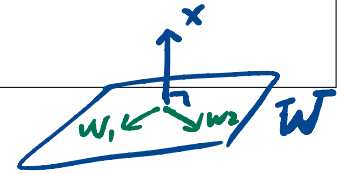
### § Orthogonal projections

Recall :



**Definition:** We call a vector  $\underline{x}$  in an inner product space  $V$  is **orthogonal** to the **subspace**  $W$  of  $V$  if it is orthogonal to every vector in  $W$ , that is,

$$\langle \underline{x}, \underline{w} \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for all } \underline{w} \in W.$$



Suppose  $\underline{w}_1, \dots, \underline{w}_n$  is the basis of  $W$ . Thus,

$$\underline{x} \text{ is orthogonal to } W \Leftrightarrow \langle \underline{x}, \underline{w}_i \rangle = 0, i = 1, \dots, n.$$

[To see this:]  $(\Rightarrow)$  Since  $\underline{w}_i \in W$ ,  $\langle \underline{x}, \underline{w}_i \rangle = 0$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

$(\Leftarrow)$  Any  $\underline{y} \in W$  can be written as

$$\underline{y} = c_1 \underline{w}_1 + \dots + c_n \underline{w}_n.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \underline{x}, \underline{y} \rangle &= \langle \underline{x}, \underline{y} \rangle \\ &= c_1 \langle \underline{x}, \underline{w}_1 \rangle + \dots + c_n \langle \underline{x}, \underline{w}_n \rangle \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

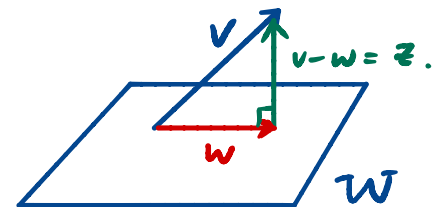
**Definition:** The **orthogonal projection** of  $\underline{v}$  onto the subspace  $W$  of  $V$  is the element  $\underline{w} \in W$  such that the difference  $\underline{z} = \underline{v} - \underline{w}$  orthogonal to  $W$ .

We use the notation

$$\underline{z} \perp W.$$

The "orthogonal projection" is "unique".

Note that such  $\underline{w}$  is the unique vector in  $W$  that is "closest to"  $\underline{v}$ .



**Fact:** Suppose  $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n$  is an orthonormal basis of subspace  $W$  of  $V$ . If  $\mathbf{w} \in W$  is the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{v} \in V$  onto  $W$ , then

$$\mathbf{w} = \underline{c_1} \mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + \underline{c_n} \mathbf{u}_n,$$

where

$$c_j = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}_j \rangle, \quad j = 1, \dots, n.$$

[To see this:]

(1)  $\mathbf{w} \in W$  can be written as linear combination of  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$ , so

$$\mathbf{w} = \underline{c_1} \mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + \underline{c_n} \mathbf{u}_n.$$

$$\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u}_j \rangle = \langle c_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + c_n \mathbf{u}_n, \mathbf{u}_j \rangle = c_j \langle \mathbf{u}_j, \mathbf{u}_j \rangle$$

(2) Since  $\mathbf{w}$  is orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{v}$  onto  $W$ ,  $\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w} \perp W$ .  $\mathbf{u}_j \in W$ .  $\langle \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u}_j \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}_j \rangle = \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u}_j \rangle = \underline{c_j}$

$$(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}) \perp W \rightarrow \mathbf{u}_j \in W$$

$$\text{so, } \langle \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u}_j \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}_j \rangle = \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u}_j \rangle = \underline{c_j}$$

• If  $\{\mathbf{u}_i\}$  is orthogonal, then  $c_j = \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}_j \rangle}{\|\mathbf{u}_j\|^2}$

**Remark:** Thus,  $\mathbf{v} - \sum_{k=1}^n \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}_k \rangle \mathbf{u}_k$  is orthogonal to  $W$ , that is,

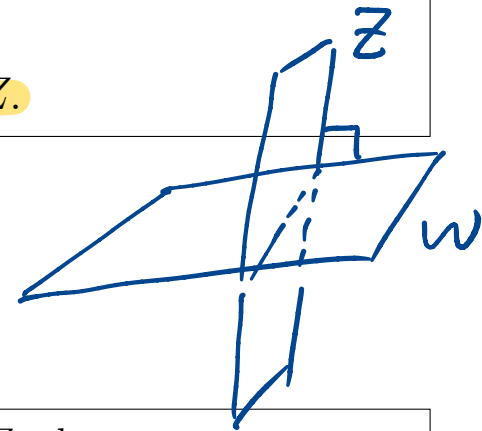
$$\underbrace{\left( \mathbf{v} - \sum_{k=1}^n \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}_k \rangle \mathbf{u}_k \right)}_{\perp W} \perp W.$$



## § Orthogonal Subspaces

**Definition:** Two subspaces  $W, Z$  of  $V$  are called **orthogonal** if every vector in  $W$  is orthogonal to every vector in  $Z$ , that is,

$$\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z} \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{w} \in W, \mathbf{z} \in Z.$$



Immediately, we also have

**Fact:** If  $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$  span  $W$  and  $\{\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_k\}$  span  $Z$ , then

$$\underline{W, Z \text{ are orthogonal}} \Leftrightarrow \underline{\langle \mathbf{w}_i, \mathbf{z}_j \rangle = 0}$$

for all  $1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq k$ .

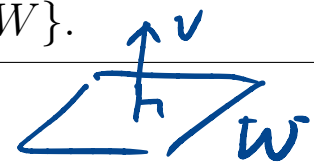
**Definition:** If  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ , its **orthogonal complement**  $W^\perp$  (pronounced “ $W$  perp”) is the set of all vectors orthogonal to  $W$ , that is,

$$W^\perp = \{ \mathbf{v} \in V \mid \underline{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = 0} \text{ for all } \mathbf{w} \in W \}.$$

• It can be checked that  $W^\perp$  is also a subspace of  $V$ .

• If  $W = \text{span}\{\mathbf{w}\}$ , we will also denote  $W^\perp$  by  $\mathbf{w}^\perp$ .

• Note that the only vector contained in both  $W$  and  $W^\perp$  is **0**.

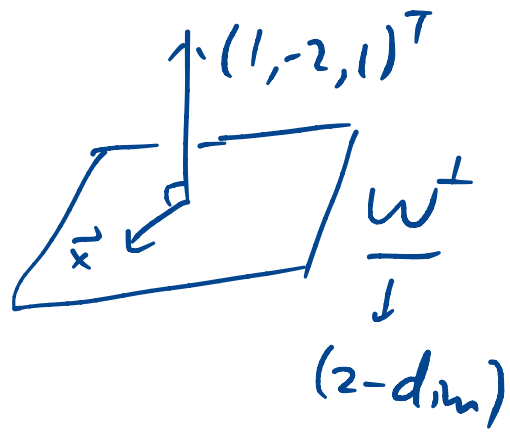


**Example.** Find  $W^\perp$ , the orthogonal complement to  $W = \text{span}\{\mathbf{w}\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , where

$$\mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x} = (x, y, z) \text{ in } W^\perp$$

$$\mathbf{w}^T \vec{x} = 0.$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

pivot      free variables.

$$x = 2y - z \quad \cdot \quad W^\perp = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2y - z \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \mid y, z \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

**Example.** Suppose  $W = \text{span}\{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2\}$ , where

$$\mathbf{w}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{w}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

To find  $W^\perp$ .

$$\mathbf{w}_1^T \vec{x} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{w}_2^T \vec{x} = 0.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{w}_1^T \\ \mathbf{w}_2^T \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = 0.$$

Continue on Monday