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Question:

Consider the set of vectors in three-dimensional real vector space \mathbb{R}^3 ,

$$S = \{(1, 1, 1), (1, -1, 1), (1, 1, -1)\}.$$

Which one of the following statements is true?

- a) S is not a linearly independent set.
- b) S is a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .
- c) The vectors in S are orthogonal.
- d) An orthogonal set of vectors cannot be generated from S .

Solution:

let the vectors in S be:

Point	Vector
\mathbf{v}_1	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
\mathbf{v}_2	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
\mathbf{v}_3	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

TABLE 0: Variables used

Let A be the matrix with its columns as vectors of S

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (0.1)$$

these vectors are linearly independent if and only if

$$\det(A) \neq 0 \quad (0.2)$$

$$\det(A) = 1(0) - 1(-2) + 1(2) \quad (0.3)$$

$$= 4 \neq 0 \quad (0.4)$$

∴ Vectors are linearly independent

∴ Since there are 3 linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^3
they form a basis for \mathbb{R}^3

Let the vector be $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$.

$$\mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2 \neq 0 \quad (0.5)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_3 \neq 0 \quad (0.6)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2^T \mathbf{v}_3 \neq 0 \quad (0.7)$$

∴ These vectors are not orthogonal

Applying Gram-Schmidt process :

let the orthogonal vectors be $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3$ generated from $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.8)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{v}_2 - (\mathbf{u}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2) \hat{\mathbf{u}}_1 \quad (0.9)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{v}_2 - \left(\frac{\mathbf{v}_2^T \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1^T \mathbf{u}_1} \right) \mathbf{u}_1 \quad (0.10)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2/3 \\ -4/3 \\ 2/3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.11)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_3 = \mathbf{v}_3 - (\hat{\mathbf{u}}_2^T \mathbf{v}_3) \hat{\mathbf{u}}_2 \quad (0.12)$$

$$= \mathbf{v}_3 - \left(\frac{\mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{v}_3}{\mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{u}_2} \right) \mathbf{u}_2 \quad (0.13)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.14)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_1^T \mathbf{u}_2 = 0 \quad (0.15)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{u}_3 = 0 \quad (0.16)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_1^T \mathbf{u}_3 = 0 \quad (0.17)$$

∴ an orthogonal set of vectors can be generated from S.

∴ Options b and d are correct.