

1. Given:  $u_1, \dots, u_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are ON vectors  
RTP:

$$\sum u_i u_i^T = I$$

Proof:

Let  $A = \sum u_i u_i^T$ .

Since the  $u_i$  are ON, they are linearly indept. and therefore form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Consider the product  $A u_j$  for any  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

$$A u_j = \sum u_i u_i^T u_j$$

$$= \sum u_i \langle u_i, u_j \rangle = \sum u_i \delta_{ij} \leftarrow$$

$$= u_j \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$= I u_j$$

[orthonormality]

$$\therefore A u_j = I u_j \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\}.$$

Further, let  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be an arbitrary vector.

Since the  $u_i$  form a basis, we can say

$$v = a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_n u_n$$

for <sup>some</sup> scalars  $a_i$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } Av &= A(a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_n u_n) \\ &= a_1 (Au_1) + \dots + a_n (Au_n) \quad [\text{distributivity}] \\ &= a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_n u_n \quad [\text{from } \textcircled{1}] \\ &= v \\ &= Iv \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore Av = Iv \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

If we let  $v = e_k$  [the  $k$ 'th standard basis vector] we see that the  $k$ 'th column of  $A$  [ $= Ae_k$ ] is equal to the  $k$ 'th column of  $I$  [ $= Ie_k$ ], for all  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ .

Therefore  $A = I$ , i.e.,  
$$\sum u_i u_i^T = I,$$

QED.