

**Definition 0.1** (Isometric matrix). Let  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$ , and let  $Q \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times k}$ . If  $Q^*Q = I$  holds,  $Q$  is called isometric. A square isometric matrix is called **unitary**.

**Remark 0.2.** Given isometric  $Q$ , one cannot have  $Q^*Q = QQ^*$  and  $QQ^*$  is just a orthogonal projection in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For example,

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We will use this technique in invariant subspace by simultaneous iterations.

Let me give a general example about **orthogonal projection**. Given

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

One can check  $Q^TQ = I_2$  which justifies the isometric of  $Q$  and

$$QQ^T = \begin{bmatrix} 5/6 & -1/6 & 1/3 \\ -1/6 & 5/6 & 1/3 \\ 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

which is usually denoted by  $P$ .

One can see the action of  $QQ^T$  to  $v$  by

$$\begin{bmatrix} q_1 & q_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} q_1^* \\ q_2^* \end{bmatrix} v = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 & q_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} q_1^* v \\ q_2^* v \end{bmatrix} = C_1 q_1 + C_2 q_2 \quad (1)$$

which means  $QQ^T$  sends  $v$  to the subspace spanned by  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ . Of course, one can guess that it is similar to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

because we have  $Pq_i = q_i, i = 1, 2$ , i.e. two eigenvectors with eigenvalue 1. It's easy to use eq(1) to check that  $QQ^T$  has the diagonal form under basis

$$\begin{bmatrix} q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

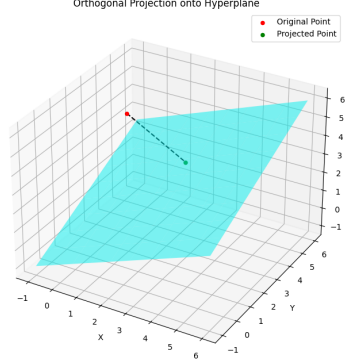


Figure 1:  $QQ^T$  projects vector  $v$  to the hyperplane generated by the column vector of  $Q$ , i.e.  $q_1 = [1/\sqrt{3}, 1\sqrt{3}, 1\sqrt{3}]$  and  $q_2 = [1/\sqrt{2}, -1/\sqrt{2}, 0]$ . For instance, point  $[1 \ 2 \ 6]^T$  in red is projected to  $[1.5 \ 2.5 \ 3]^T$

where  $q_3$  is the extended normalized vector. The illustration is given in the following figure.

We need prepare some lemmas to be at bottom of simultaneous iteration, assume  $V$  is matrix consisting of linearly independent columns  $[v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k]$  and we have the following proposition

- Lemma 0.3.**    1.  $V$  is injective is equivalent to  $\widehat{V}$  is injective.
2.  $PV$  is injective is equivalent to  $\widehat{P}\widehat{V}$  is injective.
3.  $PV$  is injective implies that  $V$  is injective.

*Proof.* The first can be easily proven by  $v_i = QQ^*v_i = Q\widehat{v}_i$ .

We can view  $PV$  as new matrix consisting of  $w_i$  and find that  $\widehat{P\widehat{V}} = \widehat{P}\widehat{V}$ . □