

GramSchmidt Procedure

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Assume we have linearly independent vectors $\underline{a}, \underline{b}, \underline{c}, \dots$, we want to construct orthogonal vectors $\underline{A}, \underline{B}, \underline{C}, \dots$ such that they span the same subspace as $\underline{a}, \underline{b}, \underline{c}$.

Next we want to have orthonormal basis of this subspace $\underline{q}_1, \underline{q}_2, \underline{q}_3, \dots$

Procedure

1. Take $\underline{A} = \underline{a}$
2. it is likely that vector \underline{b} is not orthogonal to \underline{A} . we want to subtract vector \underline{b} its projection doing the line defined by \underline{A} . $\underline{B} = \underline{b} - \frac{\underline{A}^T \cdot \underline{b}}{\underline{A}^T \underline{A}} \underline{A}$

Quick Check: $\langle \underline{A}, \underline{B} \rangle = \langle \underline{b}, \underline{a} \rangle - \frac{\langle \underline{A}, \underline{b} \rangle}{\langle \underline{A}, \underline{A} \rangle} \cdot \langle \underline{A}, \underline{A} \rangle$

3. we take \underline{c} and we subtract its projection along the lines defined by $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$
 $\underline{C} = \underline{c} - \frac{\underline{A}^T \underline{C}}{\underline{A}^T \underline{A}} \cdot \underline{A} - \frac{\underline{B}^T \underline{C}}{\underline{B}^T \underline{B}} \underline{B}$ and so on

4. finally we define $\underline{q}_1 = \frac{\underline{A}}{\|\underline{A}\|}, \underline{q}_2 = \frac{\underline{B}}{\|\underline{B}\|}$

Example:

$$\underline{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \underline{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

find $\underline{A}, \underline{B}, \underline{C}, \underline{q}_1, \underline{q}_2, \underline{q}_3$

$$\underline{A} = \underline{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{B} = \underline{b} - \frac{\underline{A}^T \underline{b}}{\underline{A}^T \underline{A}} \underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{2}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{C} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\underline{q1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{vmatrix}, \underline{q2} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{vmatrix}, \underline{q3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{vmatrix}$$