

# QR Factorization

## Orthonormal Basis

If vectors have unit lengths they are orthonormal.

To find the orthonormal basis of  $\vec{v}$ ,  $\hat{v}$

$$\hat{v} = \frac{1}{\|\vec{v}\|} \vec{v}$$

### QR Factorization

For a  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  linearly independent columns,

$$A = QR$$

$Q$  is an  $m \times n$ , with columns are an orthonormal basis for  $\text{Col}A$ .

$R$  is  $n \times n$ , upper triangular, with positive entries on its diagonal.

We can get  $Q$  using the Gram-Schmidt process.

To find  $R$ , we can use  $R = Q^T A$  due to  $Q^T Q = I$

## Properties

Length of the  $j^{\text{th}}$  column of  $R$  = length of the  $j^{\text{th}}$  column of  $A$