

# Lecture 18 recap



- 1) Definition of a vector orthogonal to a space. How to find 'all' vectors orthogonal to a space.
- 2) Definition (and uniqueness) of orthogonal projection.
- 3) Orthogonal projection theorem. The requirement for orthogonal (orthonormal) bases.
- 4) Using orthogonal projections to find orthogonal bases - Gram-Schmidt Process.
- 5) Orthogonal projections and best approximations.
- 6) What is a least squares solution to a linear system.



# LECTURE 19

Best approximation (cont'd)

Orthogonal matrices

Orthogonal diagonalization (Section 6.3)



# Theorem (Least squares solution)

Let  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  be a linear system. Then  $\mathbf{x}$  is a least squares solution to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  if and only if  $\mathbf{x}$  is a solution to

$$A^T A\mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{b}$$

**Proof:** Let  $A = (\mathbf{u}_1 \quad \mathbf{u}_2 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{u}_n)$       $\mathbf{u}_i = i\text{th column of } A$

Let  $V = \text{span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\} = \text{column space of } A$ .

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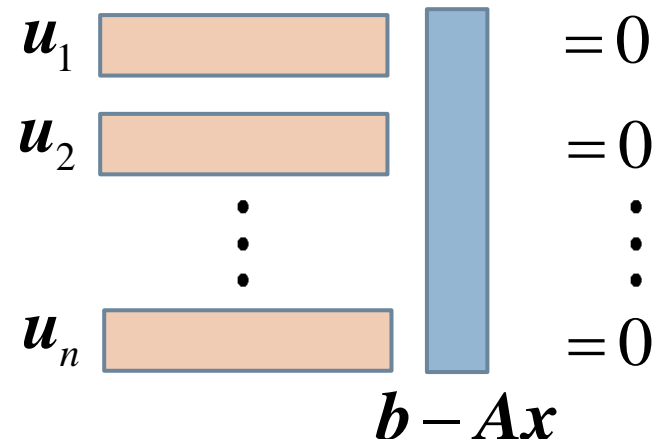
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$\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}$  is orthogonal to  $V$

$\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{u}_i \cdot (\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}) = 0$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

$\Leftrightarrow A^T(\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow A^T A\mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{b}$



# Back to our experiments!

$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$r_i$	0	0	1	1	2	2
$s_i$	0	1	2	0	1	2
$t_i$	0.5	1.6	2.8	0.8	5.1	5.9

$$\begin{pmatrix} r_1^2 & s_1 & 1 \\ r_2^2 & s_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ r_6^2 & s_6 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \\ e \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ \vdots \\ t_6 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 \\ 1.6 \\ 2.8 \\ 0.8 \\ 5.1 \\ 5.9 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Back to our experiments!

$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 34 & 14 & 10 \\ 14 & 10 & 6 \\ 10 & 6 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 47.6 \\ 24.1 \\ 16.7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solving

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we have  $c = 0.9275$ ,  $d = 0.9225$ ,  $e = 0.3150$ .

# Example

Let  $V = \text{span}\{(1, -1, 1, -1), (1, 2, 0, 1), (2, 1, 1, 0)\}$ . Find the projection of  $(1, 1, 1, 1)$  onto  $V$ .

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that  $V$  is the column space of  $A$ .

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Solving  $A^T A\mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{b}$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 6 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

solving...

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -t + \frac{2}{5} \\ -t + \frac{4}{5} \\ t \end{pmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

choose one:  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{5} \\ \frac{4}{5} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Infinitely many  
least squares solutions



# Example

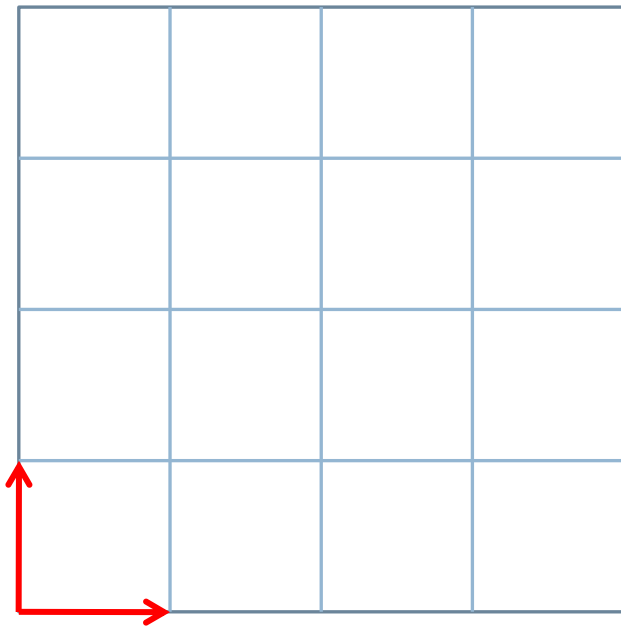
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$$A \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{5} \\ \frac{4}{5} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{6}{5} \\ \frac{6}{5} \\ \frac{2}{5} \\ \frac{2}{5} \end{pmatrix} \text{ is the projection of } (1, 1, 1, 1) \text{ onto } V.$$

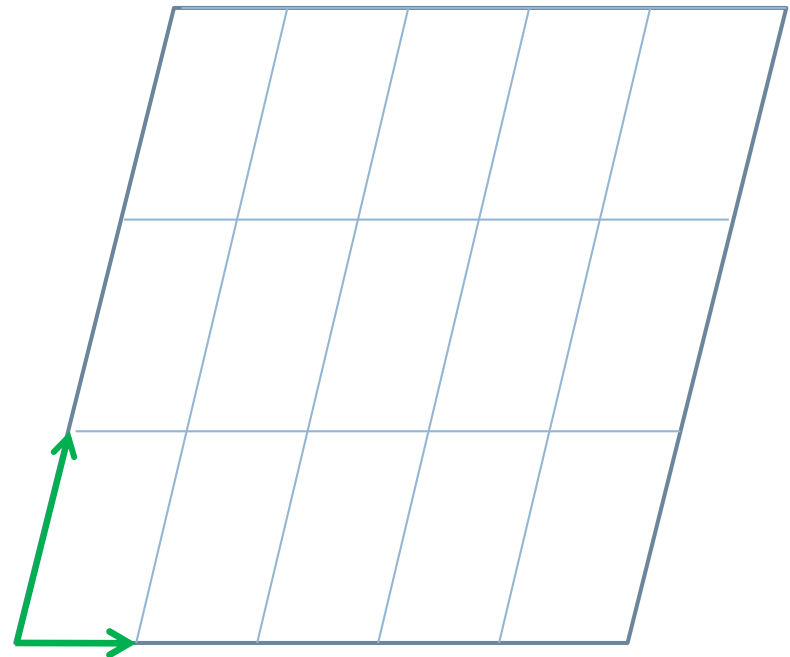
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# Orthonormal bases

Coordinate systems built on orthonormal bases are convenient and has advantages.



orthonormal basis

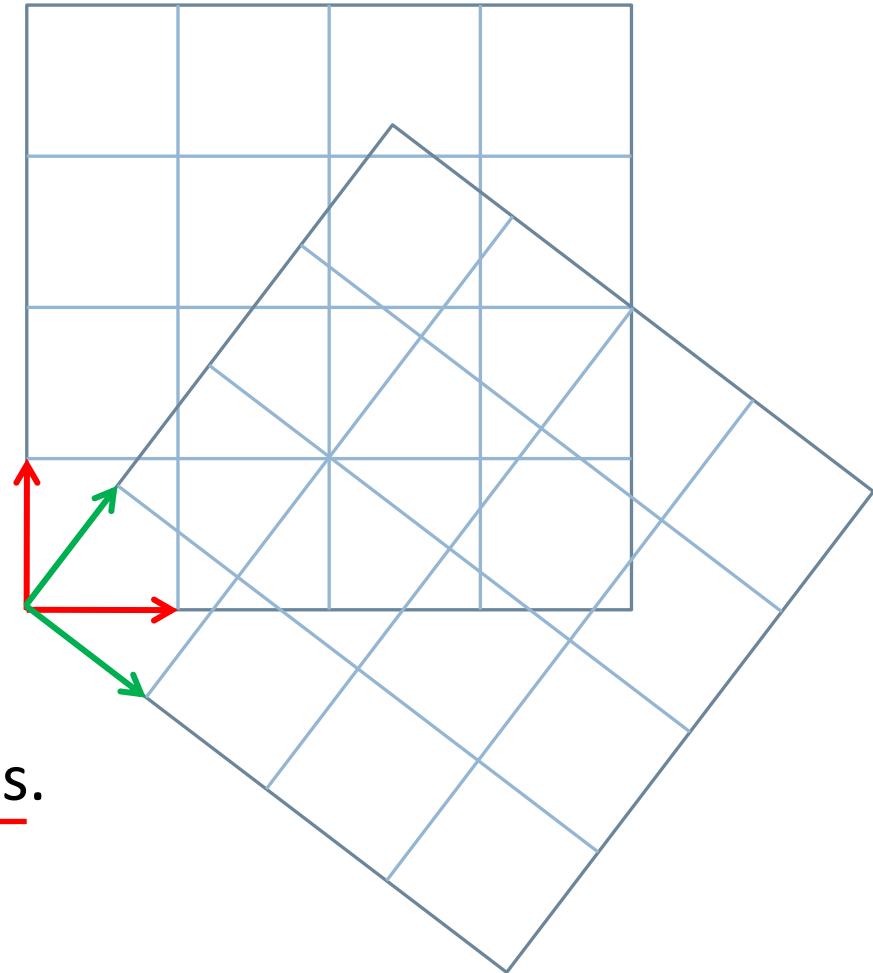


not orthonormal basis

# Orthonormal bases

At the same time, it is often necessary to shift between bases when we study vector spaces.

We will now study the **transition matrix** arising between two orthonormal bases.



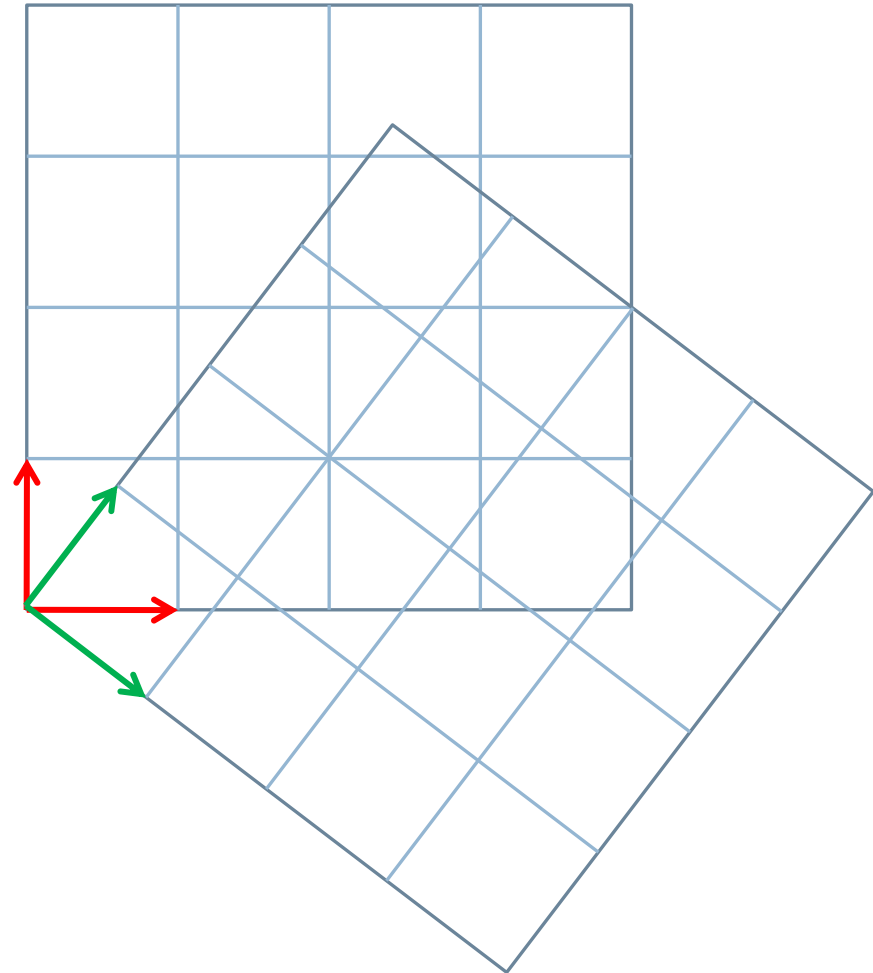
# Orthonormal bases

Recall that if  $S = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k\}$  and  $T = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$  are two orthonormal bases for a vector space  $V$ , then the transition matrix from  $S$  to  $T$  is

$$\mathbf{P} = \left( \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 \end{bmatrix}_T \quad \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_2 \end{bmatrix}_T \quad \dots \quad \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_k \end{bmatrix}_T \right)$$



(column) coordinate vector  
of  $\mathbf{u}_1$  (from  $S$ ) relative to  $T$



# Orthonormal bases

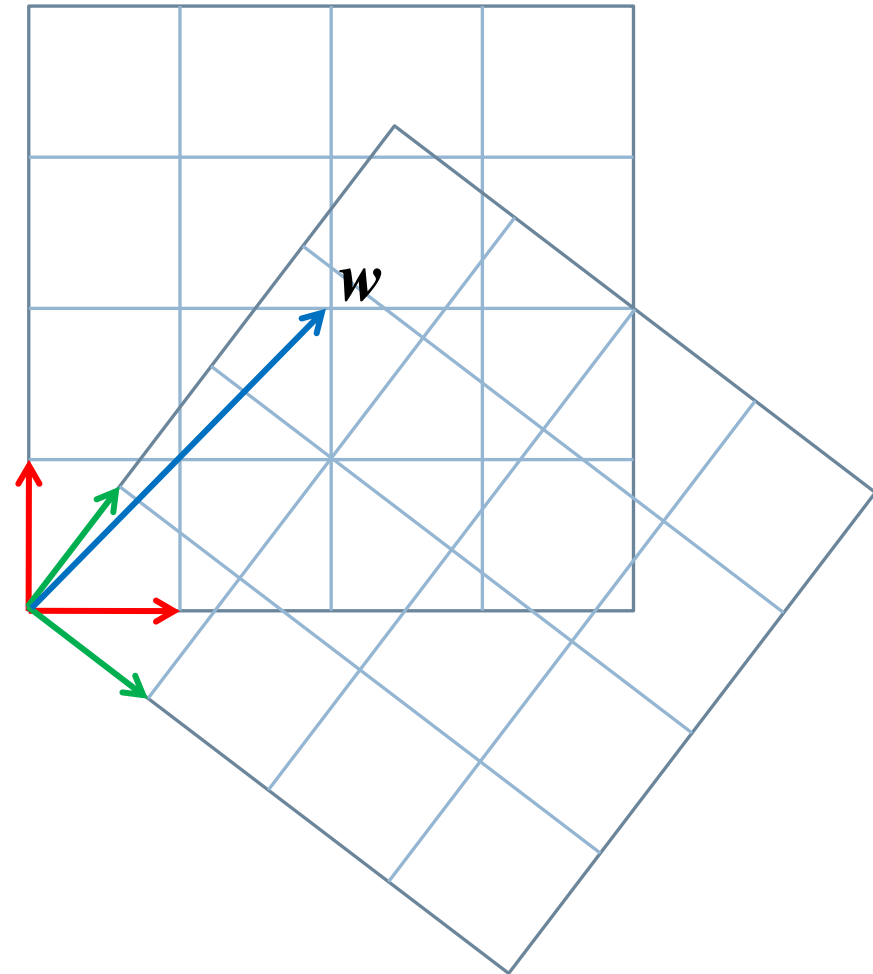
Then for all vectors  $\mathbf{w} \in V$ ,

$$P[\mathbf{w}]_S = [\mathbf{w}]_T$$

$$P = \left( [\mathbf{u}_1]_T \quad [\mathbf{u}_2]_T \quad \dots \quad [\mathbf{u}_k]_T \right)$$



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# Example (transition matrix between two orthonormal bases)

Let  $E = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$  be the standard basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $S = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$  where

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1, 1, 1) \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 0, -1) \quad \mathbf{u}_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(1, -2, 1)$$

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = (1, 0, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{e}_2 = (0, 1, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{e}_3 = (0, 0, 1)$$

$E$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \mathbf{u}_j = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$   $\|\mathbf{u}_i\| = 1$  for all  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

$S$  is also an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

What is the transition matrix from  $S$  to  $E$ ?

Need to write vectors in  $S$  in terms of vectors in  $E$ .

# Example (transition matrix between two orthonormal bases)

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1,1,1) = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\mathbf{e}_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\mathbf{e}_2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\mathbf{e}_3$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1,0,-1) = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\mathbf{e}_1 + 0\mathbf{e}_2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\mathbf{e}_3$$

$$\mathbf{u}_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(1,-2,1) = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\mathbf{e}_1 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\mathbf{e}_2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\mathbf{e}_3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & \frac{-2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}$$

is the transition matrix from  $S$  to  $E$ .

# Example (transition matrix between two orthonormal bases)

What about the transition matrix from  $E$  to  $S$ ?

$$e_1 = (e_1 \cdot u_1)u_1 + (e_1 \cdot u_2)u_2 + (e_1 \cdot u_3)u_3$$

Since  $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$  is an orthonormal basis, computing the coefficients is easy.

$$e_2 = (e_2 \cdot u_1)u_1 + (e_2 \cdot u_2)u_2 + (e_2 \cdot u_3)u_3$$

$$e_3 = (e_3 \cdot u_1)u_1 + (e_3 \cdot u_2)u_2 + (e_3 \cdot u_3)u_3$$

Need to write vectors in  $E$  in terms of vectors in  $S$ .



# Example (transition matrix between two orthonormal bases)

What about the transition matrix from  $E$  to  $S$ ?

$$e_1 = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) u_1 + \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) u_2 + \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \right) u_3$$

$$e_2 = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) u_1 + \left( 0 \right) u_2 + \left( \frac{-2}{\sqrt{6}} \right) u_3$$

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Need to write vectors in  $E$  in terms of vectors in  $S$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{-2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}$$

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# Example (transition matrix between two orthonormal bases)

Transition matrix from  $S$  to  $E$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & \frac{-2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Transition matrix from  $E$  to  $S$

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{-2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Observe that

1)  $Q = P^T$

But we also know that

2)  $Q = P^{-1}$  (from Chapter 3)

So  $P^T = P^{-1}$  for this example. Is this a coincidence?

# Definition (orthogonal matrix)

A square matrix  $A$  is said to be **orthogonal** if

$$A^{-1} = A^T$$

(orthogonal matrices must be invertible)

'orthogonal' can be used to describe

between two  
vectors  $u, v$

$$u \cdot v = 0$$

a set  $S$

between a  
vector  $u$  and  
a space  $V$

$$u \cdot v = 0 \quad \forall v \in V$$

a matrix  $A$

# How to check if a matrix is orthogonal?

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By 'half-price' theorem, it suffices to check

$$AA^T = I \quad \text{or} \quad A^T A = I$$

# Example (orthogonal matrices)

The following are example of orthogonal matrices.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{-2}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Orthogonal are 'special' invertible matrices

Remember that orthogonal matrices are 'special' invertible matrices where  $A^{-1} = A^T$ .

Recall also that we have the following:      What about...

$A$  is an invertible square matrix of order  $n$

$\Leftrightarrow$  the rows of  $A$  forms a

basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$\Leftrightarrow$  the columns of  $A$  forms a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$A$  is an orthogonal square matrix of order  $n$

$\Leftrightarrow ??$

If  $A$  is 'special' will the rows or columns of  $A$  be special?

# Theorem (equivalent statements)

Let  $A$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ . The following statements are equivalent.

- 1)  $A$  is orthogonal
- 2) The rows of  $A$  forms an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- 3) The columns of  $A$  forms an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .



# We will now prove that this is not a coincidence...

Transition matrix from  $S$  to  $E$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & \frac{-2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Transition matrix from  $E$  to  $S$

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{-2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}$$

So  $\mathbf{P}^T = \mathbf{P}^{-1}$  for this example (that is,  $\mathbf{P}$  is orthogonal).

If  $\mathbf{P}$  is the transition matrix between a pair of orthonormal bases for some vector space  $V$ , will  $\mathbf{P}$  always be an orthogonal matrix?



# Theorem (transition matrix between orthonormal bases)

Let  $S$  and  $T$  be two orthonormal bases for a vector space and let  $\mathbf{P}$  be the transition matrix from  $S$  to  $T$ . Then  $\mathbf{P}$  is an orthogonal matrix (that is,  $\mathbf{P}^{-1} = \mathbf{P}^T$  is the transition matrix from  $T$  to  $S$ ).

**Proof:**

Let  $S = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k\}$  and  $T = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ .

Since  $T$  is an orthonormal basis,

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = (\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1)\mathbf{v}_1 + (\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2)\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + (\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_k)\mathbf{v}_k$$

$$[\mathbf{u}_1]_T = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 \\ \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_k \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$[u_2]_T = \begin{pmatrix} u_2 \cdot v_1 \\ u_2 \cdot v_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_2 \cdot v_k \end{pmatrix}$$

Transition matrix from  $S$  to  $T$

$$P = \left( [u_1]_T \quad [u_2]_T \quad \cdots \quad [u_k]_T \right)$$

# Theorem (transition matrix between orthonormal bases)

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Transition matrix from  $S$  to  $T$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{u}_k \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 \\ \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 & \mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{u}_k \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_k & \mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_k & \cdots & \mathbf{u}_k \cdot \mathbf{v}_k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[\mathbf{u}_1]_T = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 \\ \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[\mathbf{u}_2]_T = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 \\ \mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_k \end{pmatrix}$$

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Note that  $\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_j = \mathbf{v}_j \cdot \mathbf{u}_i$

So  $Q = P^T$ .

Similarly, we can find the transition matrix from  $T$  to  $S$  to be

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_k \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 \\ \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 & \mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_k \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_k & \mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_k & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_k \cdot \mathbf{u}_k \end{pmatrix}$$

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Transition matrix from  $S$  to  $T$   
 $= \mathbf{P}$

Transition matrix from  $T$  to  $S$   
 $= \mathbf{Q}$

So  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{P}^T$ .

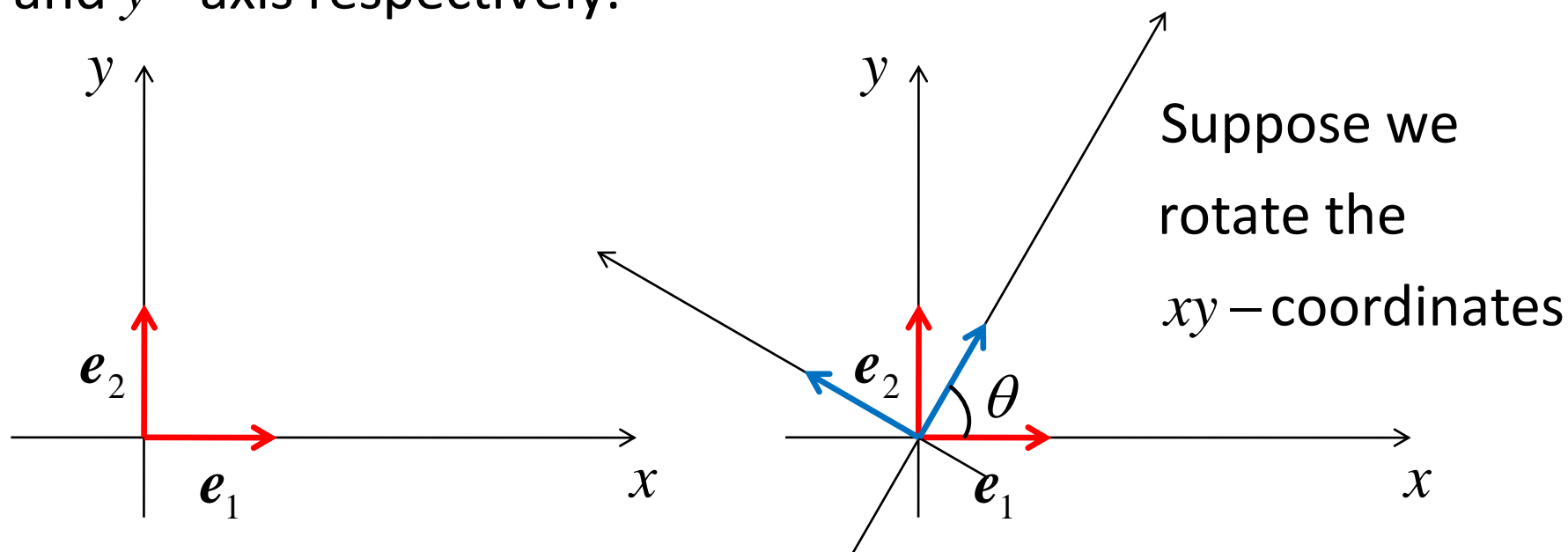
But we also know that  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{P}^{-1}$ , so we conclude that

$\mathbf{P}^T = \mathbf{P}^{-1}$ , that is,  $\mathbf{P}$  is an orthogonal matrix.

# Example (rotation of $xy$ -coordinates)

Consider the standard basis  $\{(1,0), (0,1)\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .  
 $e_1$        $e_2$

Note that  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are in the directions of the  $x$ -axis and  $y$ -axis respectively.



# Example (rotation of $xy$ -coordinates)

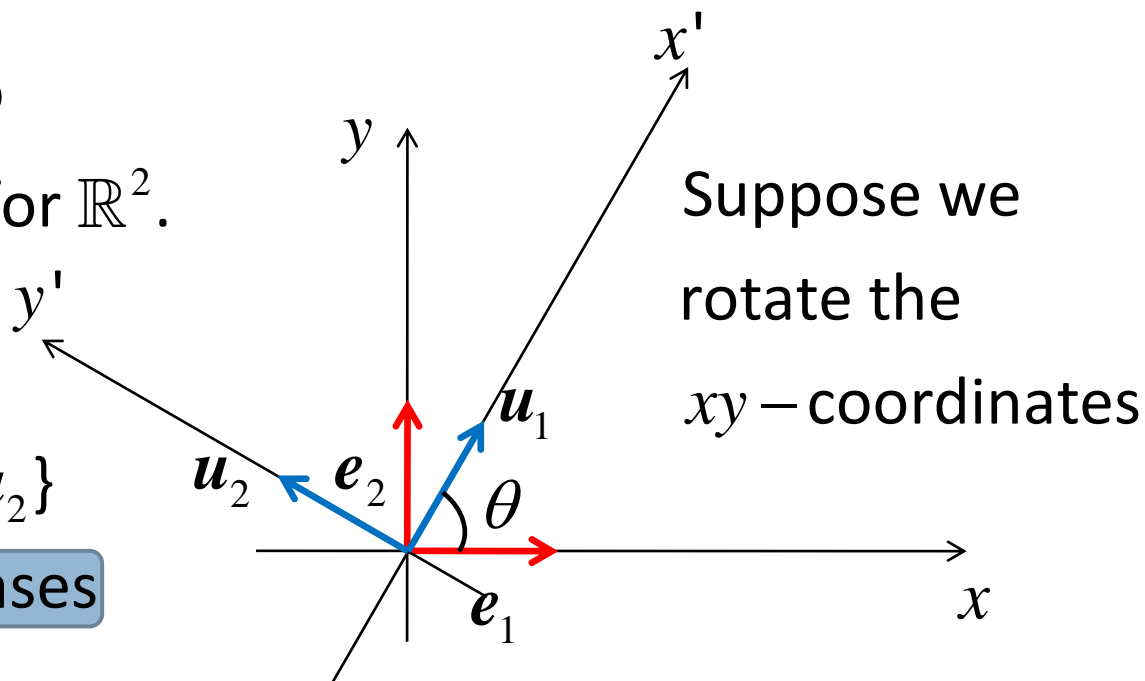
We now have a new  $x'y'$ -coordinate system.

Let  $\mathbf{u}_1$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2$  be unit vectors along the new axes  $x'$  and  $y'$  respectively.

Then  $S = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$  is also an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

orthogonal      unit vectors

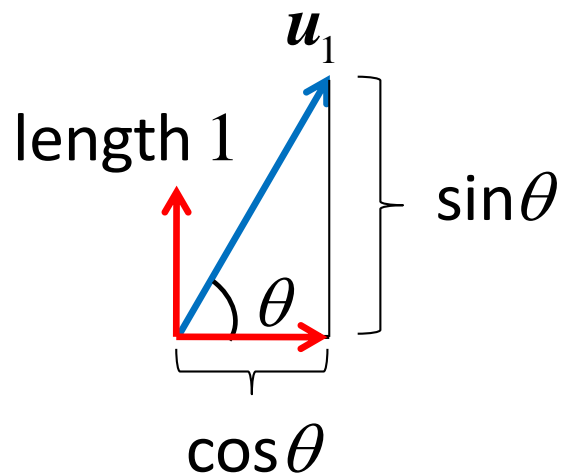
$E = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2\}$  and  $S = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$  are two orthonormal bases for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .



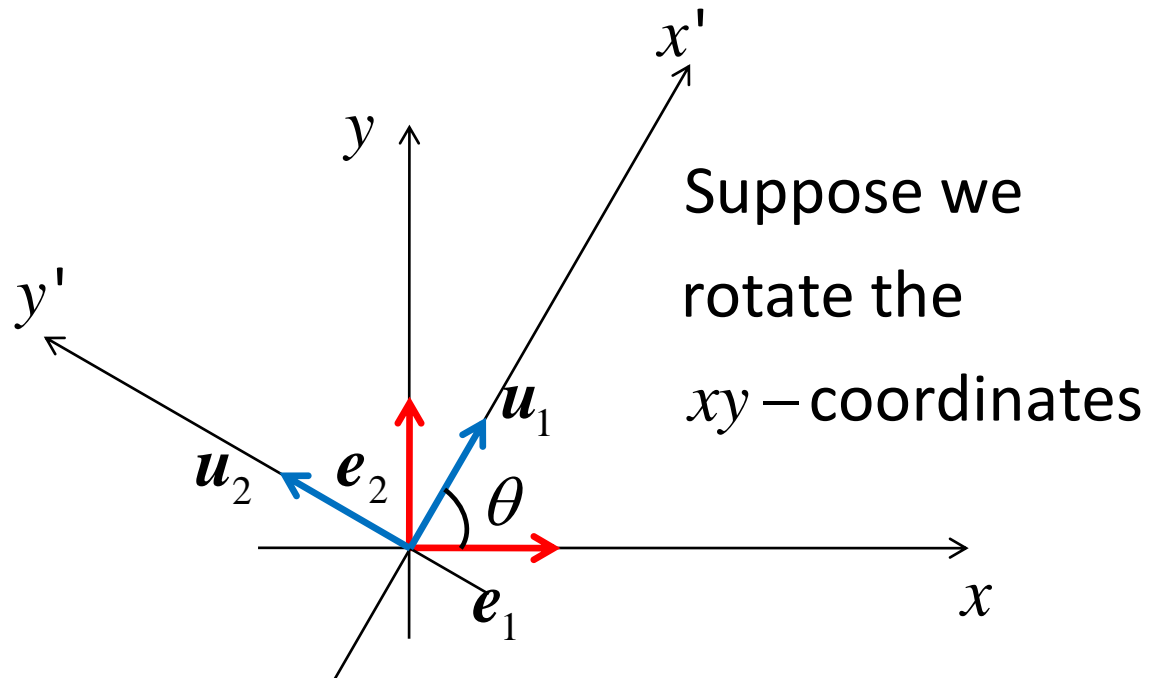
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Let us find the transition matrix from  $S$  to  $E$ .

$$E = \{e_1, e_2\} \text{ and } S = \{u_1, u_2\}$$



$$u_1 = (\cos \theta)e_1 + (\sin \theta)e_2$$

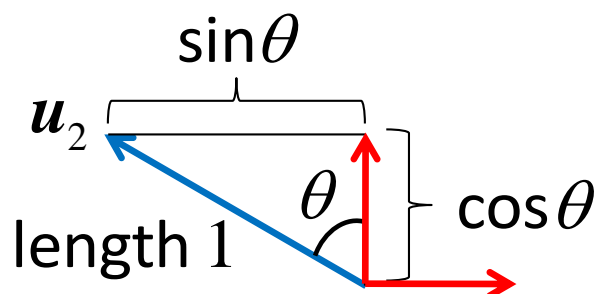




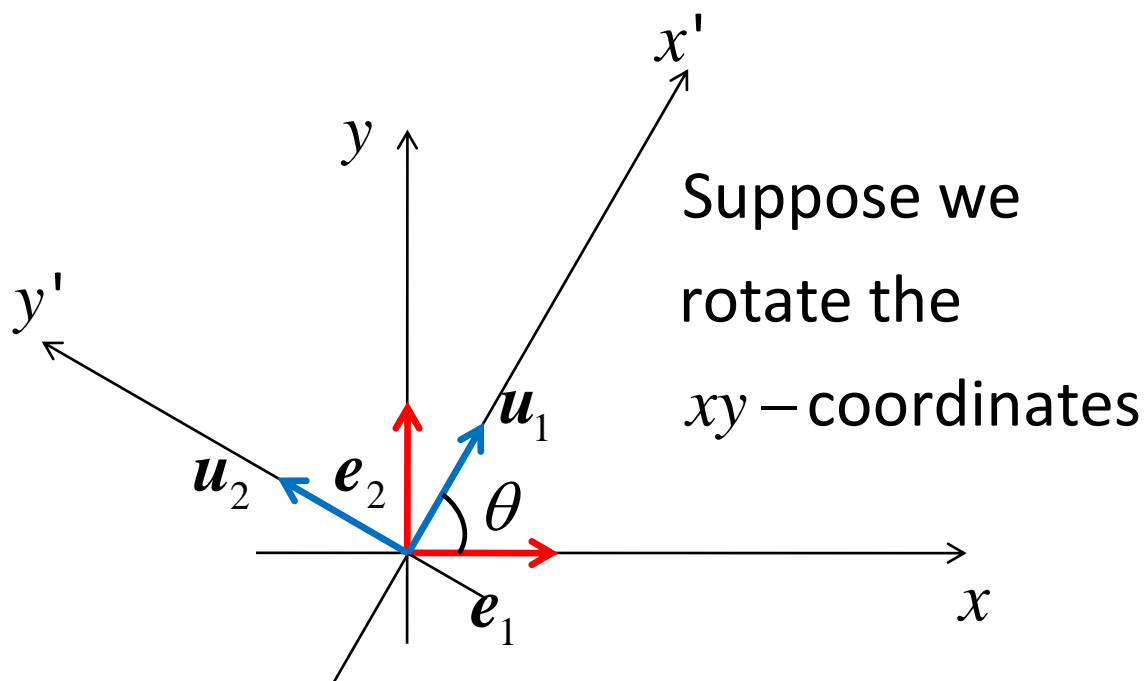
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$$u_2 = (-\sin \theta)e_1 + (\cos \theta)e_2$$



# Example (rotation of $xy$ -coordinates)

Let us find the transition matrix from  $S$  to  $E$ .

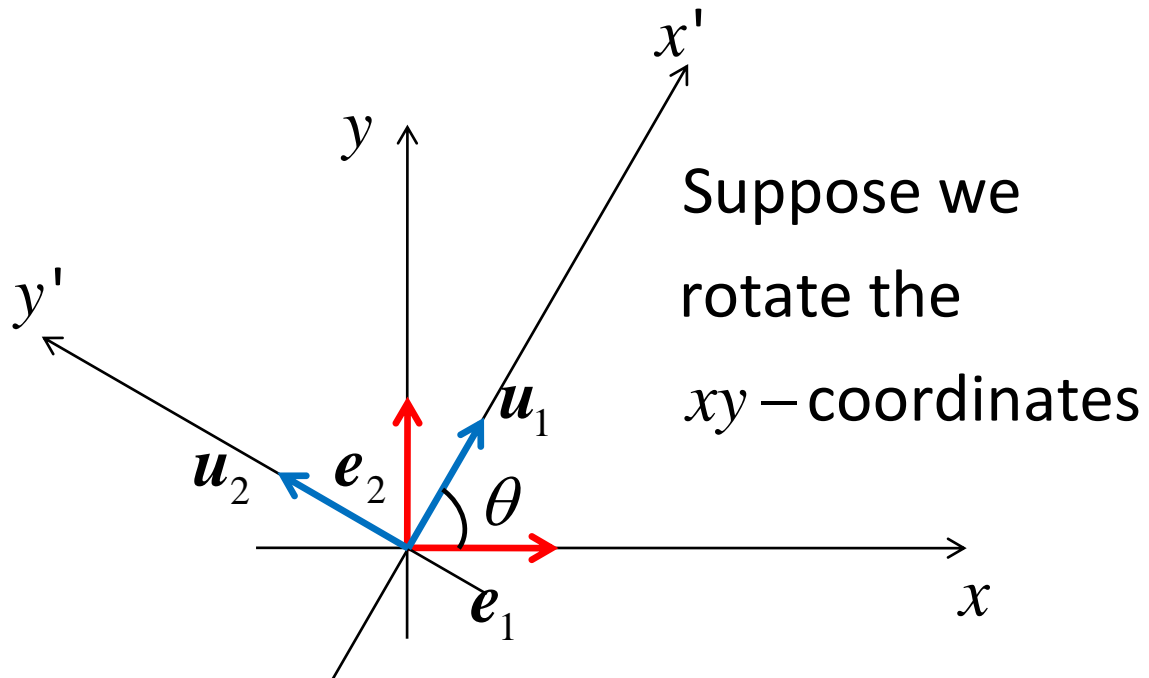
$$\mathbf{u}_1 = (\cos \theta) \mathbf{e}_1 + (\sin \theta) \mathbf{e}_2 \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = (-\sin \theta) \mathbf{e}_1 + (\cos \theta) \mathbf{e}_2$$

Transition matrix from  $S$  to  $E$

$$= \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$\mathbf{P}$  is orthogonal and the transition matrix from  $E$  to  $S$  is

$$\mathbf{P}^T = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}.$$




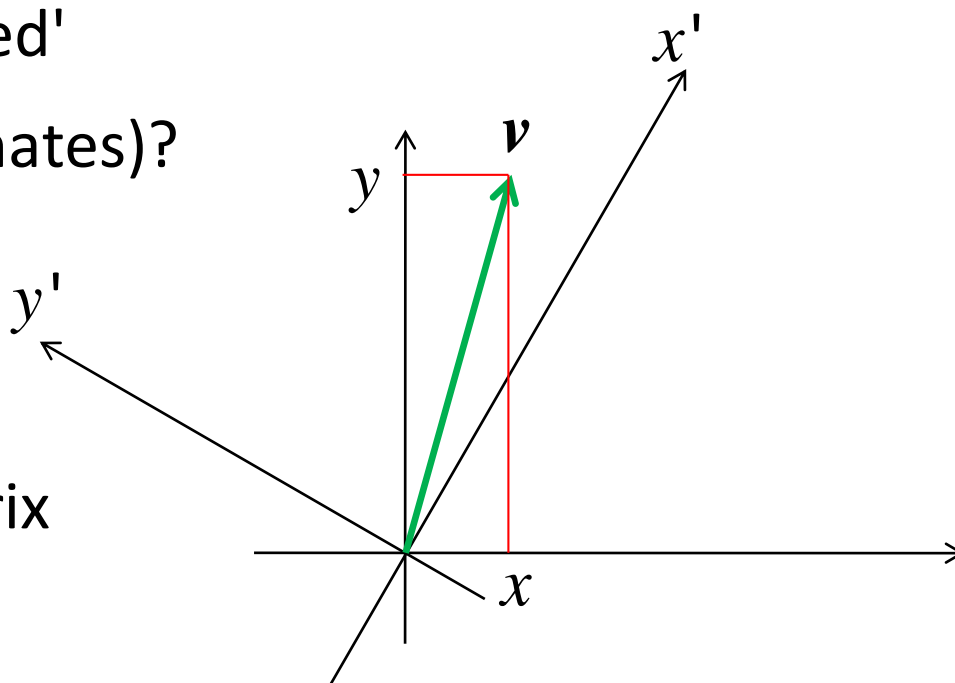
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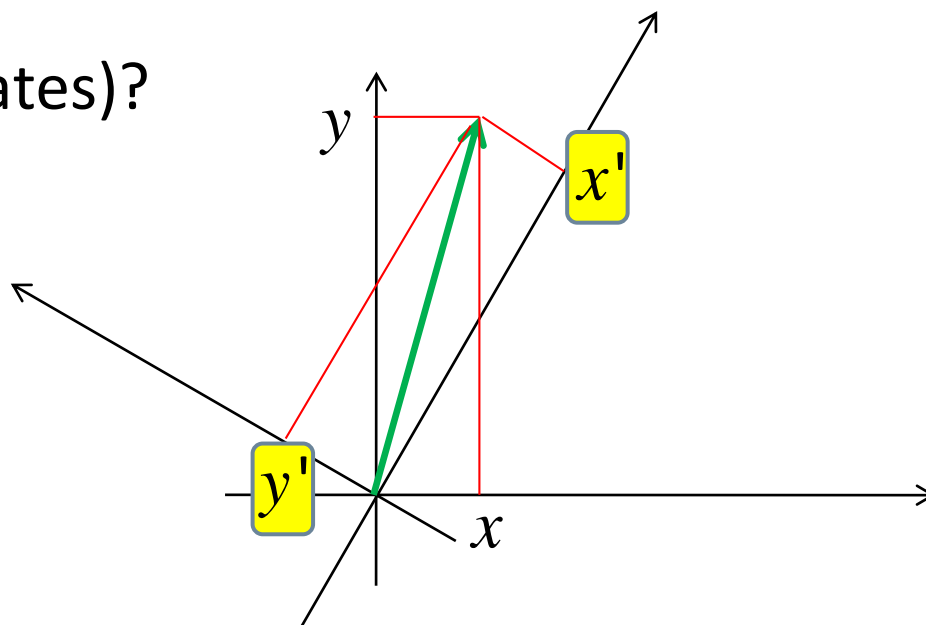
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$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{v}]_S &= \mathbf{P}^T [\mathbf{v}]_E \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta \\ -x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta \\ y' &= -x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

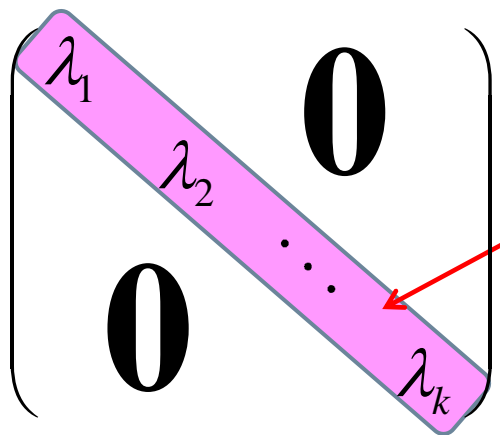


# Recall diagonalization

A square matrix  $A$  is said to be diagonalizable if there exists an invertible matrix  $P$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is a diagonal matrix.

$$P^{-1}AP = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_k \\ & 0 & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues of  $A$



To check whether  $A$  is diagonalizable we need to determine if we have the required number (equal to the order of  $A$ ) of linearly independent eigenvectors.

# Recall diagonalization example

$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  Recall that 3 and 0 are the eigenvalues of  $B$  and

$$E_3 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \quad E_0 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Let  $R = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}$ .

(G-S Process)

$$= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Note that  $R$  is an orthogonal matrix.

That is,  $R^T = R^{-1}$ . Thus  $R^T B R = R^{-1} B R = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

# Definition (orthogonal diagonalization)

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# Theorem (characterization)

To check whether  $A$  is diagonalizable we need to determine if we have the required number (equal to the order of  $A$ ) of linearly independent eigenvectors.

How do we know whether a matrix is orthogonally diagonalizable?

A square matrix is orthogonally diagonalizable if and only if it is symmetric.

Proof: Omitted.

# Algorithm (orthogonal diagonalization)

Given a symmetric matrix  $A$ , we wish to find an orthogonal matrix  $P$  such that  $P^T A P$  is a diagonal matrix.

**Step 1:** Solve the characteristic equation

as before  $\det(\lambda I - A) = 0$

to find all the distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$ .

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**NEW!** (b) Apply Gram-Schmidt Process to transform  $S_{\lambda_i}$  into an orthonormal basis  $T_{\lambda_i}$ .

**Step 3:** Let  $T = T_{\lambda_1} \cup T_{\lambda_2} \cup \dots \cup T_{\lambda_k}$ , say  $T = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ ,

put as columns

**as before** Then  $\mathbf{P} = (\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \mathbf{v}_2 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{v}_n)$  is an orthogonal matrix that will orthogonally diagonalize  $\mathbf{A}$ .

# Will this always work?

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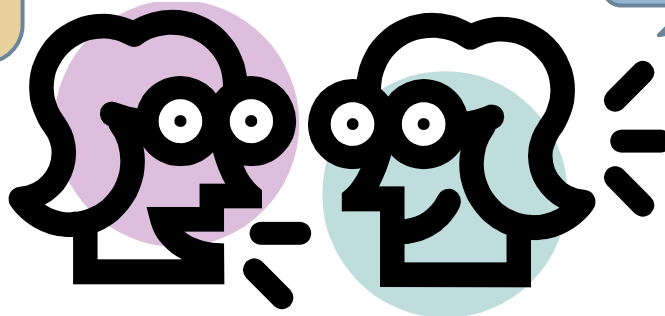
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Will I always have  
 $n$  vectors in the set  $T$ ?

I promise you...



# Some remarks

- 1) All the eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  are real numbers, that is, the eigenvalues of symmetric matrices are all real.
- 2) From previous discussion, we know that if we factorise

$$\det(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = (\lambda - \lambda_1)^{r_1} (\lambda - \lambda_2)^{r_2} \dots (\lambda - \lambda_k)^{r_k}$$

then for each  $i = 1, \dots, k$ ,

$$r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_k = n$$

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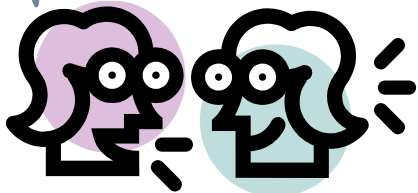
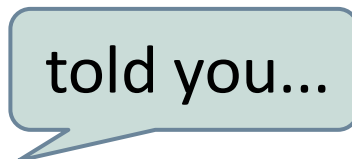
no. of vectors in basis  $S_{\lambda_i} = \dim(E_{\lambda_i}) = r_i$  for all  $i$ .

$\Rightarrow$  no. of vectors in basis  $T_{\lambda_i} = \dim(E_{\lambda_i}) = r_i$  for all  $i$ .

So the number of vectors in  $T (= T_{\lambda_1} \cup T_{\lambda_2} \cup \dots \cup T_{\lambda_k})$

will always be

equal to  $r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_k = n$ .



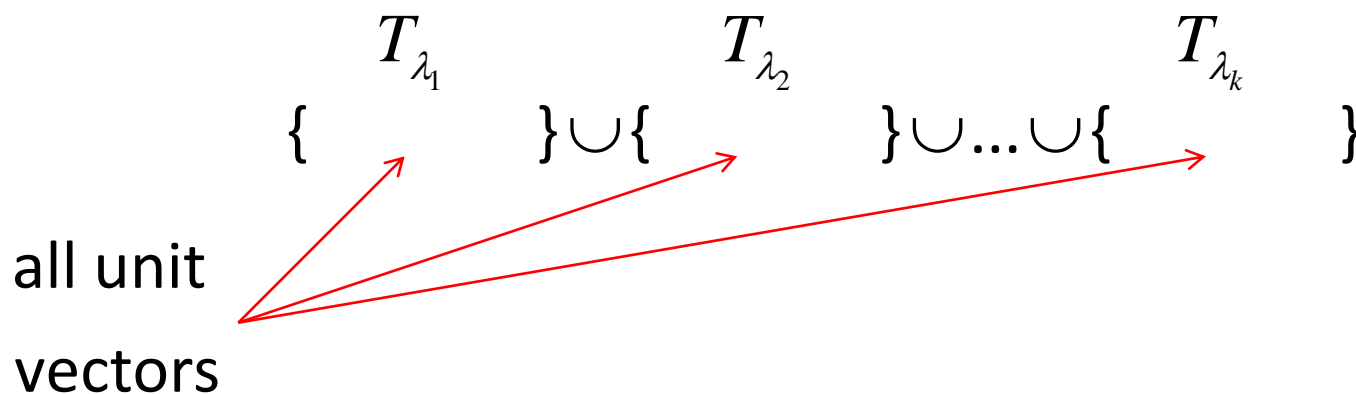
# Some remarks

3) In **Step 3**, the set

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} T_{\lambda_1} & T_{\lambda_2} & T_{\lambda_k} \\ \{ \text{blue circle} \quad \text{yellow circle} \} \cup \{ \text{pink circle} \} \cup \dots \cup \{ \text{green circle} \} \end{array}$$

$$\text{blue circle} \cdot \text{yellow circle} = 0 \text{ (due to Gram-Schmidt Process)} \quad \text{pink circle} \cdot \text{green circle} = 0?$$

(See Question 6.26)



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4) Since  $T$  is always an orthonormal set with  $n$  vectors, the matrix  $\mathbf{P} = (\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \mathbf{v}_2 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{v}_n)$  is always an orthogonal matrix.

# Example

Find an orthogonal matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  that orthogonally diagonalizes the following symmetric matrix.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



# END OF LECTURE 19

Lecture 20

Linear transformations from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$   
(till end of Section 7.1)