

MATH 425 Lecture 17

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The gram schmidt process

Given a basis $\{x_1, \dots, x_p\}$ for a subspace $W \in \mathbb{F}^n$ let:

$$v_1 = x_1$$

$$u_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|} = \frac{v_1}{r_{11}}$$

$$v_2 = x_2 - (u_1 \cdot x_2)u_1 = x_2 - r_{12}u_1$$

$$u_2 = \frac{v_2}{\|v_2\|} = \frac{v_2}{r_{22}}$$

$$v_3 = x_3 - (x_3 \cdot u_1)u_1 - (x_3 \cdot u_2)u_2$$

$$u_3 = \frac{v_3}{\|v_3\|} = \frac{v_3}{r_{33}}$$

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$$v_p = x_p - (x_p \cdot u_1)u_1 - \dots - (x_p \cdot u_{p-1})u_{p-1}$$

$$u_p = \frac{v_p}{\|v_p\|} = \frac{v_p}{r_{pp}}$$

$$v_j = x_j - \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} (x_j \cdot u_k)u_k = x_j - \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} r_{kj}u_k$$

Without normalization:

$$x_j - \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \frac{(x_k \cdot x_j)}{v_k \cdot v_k} v_k$$

This yields an orthonormal basis for W $\{u_1, \dots, u_p\}$. Any non zero subspace W has an orthonormal basis.

$$\sum_{k=0}^w \binom{w}{2k} \binom{2k}{k}$$