

**LARSON—MATH 511—HOMEWORK WORKSHEET 18**  
**Claims from Class**

**Be verbose. Write definitions, examples, etc, in order to be maximally clear.**

1. Show that: if (non-zero) vectors  $\hat{v}_1, \hat{v}_2, \dots, \hat{v}_n$  are orthogonal then they are linearly independent.
2. Find examples  $Q_1, Q_2$  of  $3 \times 3$  orthogonal matrices. Explain. Show that  $Q_1 Q_2$  is orthogonal.
3. Show that: if  $Q_1, Q_2$  are square orthogonal matrices, then  $Q_1 Q_2$  is orthogonal.
4. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ . Show that: the diagonal elements are eigenvalues of  $A$ .
5. Let  $A$  be any triangular matrix. Show that: the diagonal elements are eigenvalues of  $A$ .
6. What are *similar* matrices? Give an example. Show that: the matrices in your example have the same eigenvalues.
7. Show that: similar matrices have the same eigenvalues.

**Gram-Schmidt**

**Idea:** Given linearly independent vectors  $\hat{a}_1, \hat{a}_2, \dots, \hat{a}_n$ , let  $\hat{q}_1 = \frac{1}{\|\hat{a}_1\|} \hat{a}_1$ , and at each step  $i$  ( $i = 2, \dots, n$ ):

- Let  $\hat{a}'_i$  be  $\hat{a}_i$  minus the projection of  $\hat{a}_i$  on each of the previously found  $\hat{q}_1, \dots, \hat{q}_{i-1}$ .
- Let  $\hat{q}_i = \frac{1}{\|\hat{a}'_i\|} \hat{a}'_i$ .

8. Use Gram-Schmidt to find an orthogonal basis,  $\hat{q}_1, \hat{q}_2, \hat{q}_3$ , of the columns of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

9. Let  $Q$  be the matrix whose columns are  $\hat{q}_1, \hat{q}_2$ , and  $\hat{q}_3$ . Write  $A = QR$  (for some matrix  $R$ ).

## Improved Gram-Schmidt

**Idea:** Given linearly independent vectors  $\hat{a}_1, \hat{a}_2, \dots, \hat{a}_n$ , let  $\hat{q}_j = \frac{1}{\|\hat{a}_j\|} \hat{a}_j$ , where  $\|\hat{a}_i\|$  is a maximum, and at each step  $i$  ( $i = 2, \dots, n$ ):

- For remaining (not-yet-processed)  $\hat{a}_i$ 's, let new  $\hat{a}_i$  be current  $\hat{a}_i$  minus the projection of  $\hat{a}_i$  on  $\hat{q}_{i-1}$  (update  $\hat{a}_i$ 's on each step).
- Find the largest-norm remaining  $\hat{a}_i$ .
- Let  $\hat{q}_i = \frac{1}{\|\hat{a}_i\|} \hat{a}_i$ .

10. Use Gram-Schmidt to find an orthogonal basis,  $\hat{q}_1, \hat{q}_2, \hat{q}_3$ , of the columns of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$