

# Linear Algebra

## Chapter 5: Orthogonality

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## More on Projection onto a Line

The standard matrix of a projection onto the line through the origin with direction vector  $\mathbf{d} = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{bmatrix}$ :  $P = \frac{1}{d_1^2 + d_2^2} \begin{bmatrix} d_1^2 & d_1 d_2 \\ d_1 d_2 & d_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$

- ▶ Can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \theta & \cos \theta \sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \sin \theta & \sin^2 \theta \end{bmatrix} = R_\theta \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} R_{-\theta} = R_{\theta - \frac{\pi}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} R_{\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta}$$

cf) Exercise 26 of Sec 3.6 (p.222)

- ▶  $P = \mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T$  where  $\mathbf{u} := \mathbf{d}/\|\mathbf{d}\|$ . Why? (Geometrically)  
 $\leftarrow P\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T)\mathbf{x}$
- ▶  $P^T = P$  (symmetric)  
 $\leftarrow P^T = (\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T)^T = \mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T = P$
- ▶  $P^2 = P$  (idempotent)  
 $\leftarrow P^2 = (\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T)(\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T) = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u})\mathbf{u}^T = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u})\mathbf{u}^T = \mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T = P$
- ▶ For a projection matrix  $P \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ , the line onto which it projects vectors is the column space of  $P$ .  
( $\text{col}(P) = \text{span}(\mathbf{u})$ )  $\leftarrow P\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{x})\mathbf{u}$

## More on Projections onto Planes

Let

- ▶  $\mathcal{P}$  be a plane through the origin with unit normal  $\mathbf{n}$  and
- ▶  $\text{proj}_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{v})$  be the projection of  $\mathbf{v}$  onto  $\mathcal{P}$ .

Then

- ▶ What is  $\text{proj}_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{v})$ ?  $\Leftrightarrow$  Find  $c$  such that  $(\mathbf{v} - c\mathbf{n}) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$ .  
 $\rightarrow c = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} \rightarrow \text{proj}_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v} - (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n})\mathbf{n}$
- ▶ Find  $\text{proj}_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{v})$  using two direction vectors  $\mathbf{u}_1$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2$  such that  $\|\mathbf{u}_1\| = \|\mathbf{u}_2\| = 1$  and  $\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 = 0$  (orthogonal unit vectors)  
 $\rightarrow P = \mathbf{u}_1\mathbf{u}_1^T + \mathbf{u}_2\mathbf{u}_2^T$ .
- ▶  $(\mathbf{v} - P\mathbf{v}) \perp \mathbf{u}_1$  and  $(\mathbf{v} - P\mathbf{v}) \perp \mathbf{u}_2$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathbf{v} - (\mathbf{u}_1\mathbf{u}_1^T + \mathbf{u}_2\mathbf{u}_2^T)\mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 &= ((I - \mathbf{u}_1\mathbf{u}_1^T - \mathbf{u}_2\mathbf{u}_2^T)\mathbf{v})^T \mathbf{u}_1 \\&= \mathbf{v}^T(I - \mathbf{u}_1\mathbf{u}_1^T - \mathbf{u}_2\mathbf{u}_2^T)\mathbf{u}_1 \\&= \mathbf{v}^T(\mathbf{u}_1 - \mathbf{u}_1\mathbf{u}_1^T\mathbf{u}_1 - \mathbf{u}_2\mathbf{u}_2^T\mathbf{u}_1) \\&= \mathbf{v}^T(\mathbf{u}_1 - \mathbf{u}_1 - 0) = 0\end{aligned}$$

## More on Projections onto Planes (cont'd)

- ▶  $P = P^T$  and  $P^2 = P$ . (symmetric and idempotent)
- ▶  $P = AA^T$  for some  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2}$ .

With  $A := [\mathbf{u}_1 \quad \mathbf{u}_2]$ ,

$$[\mathbf{u}_1 \quad \mathbf{u}_2] [\mathbf{u}_1 \quad \mathbf{u}_2]^T = [\mathbf{u}_1 \quad \mathbf{u}_2] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1^T \\ \mathbf{u}_2^T \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{u}_1^T + \mathbf{u}_2 \mathbf{u}_2^T$$

- ▶  $\text{rank}(P) = 2$   
(See Theorem 3.25 (p.202) and Theorem 3.28, (p.205))  
 $\text{rank}(AA^T) = \text{rank}(A^T) = \text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T A)$   
and

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1^T \\ \mathbf{u}_2^T \end{bmatrix} [\mathbf{u}_1 \quad \mathbf{u}_2] = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1^T \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_1^T \mathbf{u}_2 \\ \mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{u}_2 \end{bmatrix} = I_2$$

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# Orthogonal Sets of Vectors

What make the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  good?

- orthogonal to each other
- unit length

## Definition: Orthogonal Set

A set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called an **orthogonal set** if all pairs of distinct vectors in the set are orthogonal - that is, if

$$\mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_j = 0 \quad \text{whenever } i \neq j \quad \text{for } i, j = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

- Geometrically, they are mutually **perpendicular**.



# Orthogonal Basis

Why is it good that the vectors are orthogonal?

## Theorem 5.1

If  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$  is an orthogonal set of nonzero vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then these vectors are linearly independent.

→ Can be used as a basis.

## Definition

An **orthogonal basis** for a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a basis of  $W$  that is an orthogonal set.

- ▶ Given two orthogonal vectors, how can we get the third orthogonal vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

$$\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2$$

## Orthogonal Basis (cont'd)

- ▶ How to compute the coordinate of a vector w.r.t. an orthogonal basis?

### Theorem 5.2

Let  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$  be an orthogonal basis for a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $\mathbf{w}$  be any vector in  $W$ . Then the unique scalars  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  such that

$$\mathbf{w} = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_k \mathbf{v}_k$$

are given by

$$c_i = \frac{\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{v}_i}{\mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_i} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, k$$

$$\text{▶ } \mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^k \left( \frac{\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{v}_i}{\mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_i} \right) \mathbf{v}_i = \sum_{i=1}^k \text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}_i}(\mathbf{w})$$

# Orthonormal Basis

- ▶ Even better basis?

## Definition: Orthonormal Set and Basis

A set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is an **orthonormal set** if it is an orthogonal set of unit vectors. An **orthonormal basis** for a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a basis of  $W$  that is an orthonormal set.

- ▶ If  $\{\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_k\}$  is an orthonormal set of vectors,

$$\mathbf{q}_i \cdot \mathbf{q}_j = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 1 & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$

- ▶ How can we convert an orthogonal basis into an orthonormal basis?  $\rightarrow$  Normalize vectors ( $\mathbf{v}_i \rightarrow \mathbf{v}_i / \|\mathbf{v}_i\|$ )

## Orthonormal Basis (cont'd)

- ▶ How to compute the coordinate of a vector w.r.t. an orthonormal basis?

### Theorem 5.3

Let  $\{\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \dots, \mathbf{q}_k\}$  be an orthonormal basis for a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $\mathbf{w}$  be any vector in  $W$ . Then

$$\mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{q}_1)\mathbf{q}_1 + \dots + (\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{q}_k)\mathbf{q}_k$$

and this representation is unique.

- ▶ Standard basis case ( $\mathbf{q}_i = \mathbf{e}_i$ )?

# Orthogonal Matrices

- ▶ Given an orthonormal basis  $\{\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_k\}$ ,

$$[\mathbf{q}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{q}_k]^T [\mathbf{q}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{q}_k] = ?$$

## Theorem 5.4

The columns of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $Q$  form an orthonormal set if and only if  $Q^T Q = I_n$ .

## Definition: Orthogonal Matrix

An  $n \times n$  matrix  $Q$  whose columns form an orthonormal set is called an **orthogonal matrix**.

- ▶ Square matrix
- ▶ Not an “orthonormal matrix”

# Properties Orthogonal Matrices

## Theorem 5.5

A square matrix  $Q$  is orthogonal if and only if  $Q^{-1} = Q^T$ .

### ► Example 5.7

→ Permutation matrices, rotation matrices

## Theorem 5.6

Let  $Q$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. The following statements are equivalent:

- a.  $Q$  is orthogonal.
- b.  $\|Q\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{x}\|$  for every  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . (isometry: length-preserving)
- c.  $(Q\mathbf{x}) \cdot (Q\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}$  for every  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . (angle-preserving)

# Properties of Orthogonal Matrices (cont'd)

- $Q^T Q = I \Rightarrow Q Q^T = I.$

What does it mean?

## Theorem 5.7

If  $Q$  is an orthogonal matrix, then its rows form an orthonormal set.

- More properties...

## Theorem 5.8

Let  $Q$  be an orthogonal matrix.

- $Q^{-1}$  is orthogonal.
- $\det Q = \pm 1.$
- If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $Q$ , then  $|\lambda| = 1.$
- If  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  are orthogonal  $n \times n$  matrices, then so is  $Q_1 Q_2.$

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# Orthogonal Complements

- ▶ How can we generalize the notion of “a normal vector to a plane” to higher dimensions?

## Definition: Orthogonal Complement

Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . We say that a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is **orthogonal to**  $W$  if  $\mathbf{v}$  is orthogonal to every vector in  $W$ . The set of all vectors that are orthogonal to  $W$  is called the **orthogonal complement of**  $W$ , denoted  $W^\perp$  (“ $W$  perp”). That is,

$$W^\perp = \{\mathbf{v} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n : \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0 \text{ for all } \mathbf{w} \text{ in } W\}$$

## Example

- ▶ If  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are the direction vectors of a plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\mathbf{n}$  is its normal vector,
  - ▶  $W = \text{span}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$
  - ▶  $W^\perp = \text{span}(\mathbf{n})$

# Properties of Orthogonal Complements

## Theorem 5.9

Let  $W$  be a subspace in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

- a.  $W^\perp$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- b.  $(W^\perp)^\perp = W$
- c.  $W \cap W^\perp = \{\mathbf{0}\}$
- d. If  $W = \text{span}(\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_k)$ , then  $\mathbf{v}$  is in  $W^\perp$  if and only if  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}_i = 0$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, k$ .

► Is there a nonzero vector  $\mathbf{x}$  such that

- $\mathbf{x} \in W$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in W^\perp$ ?
- $\mathbf{x} \perp W$  and  $\mathbf{x} \perp W^\perp$ ?

►  $W \cup W^\perp = ?$

►  $\dim W + \dim(W^\perp) = ?$  (Theorem 5.13)

# Fundamental Subspaces of a Matrix

- ▶ Orthogonal complements and the subspaces associated with an  $m \times n$  matrix.

## Theorem 5.10

Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Then the orthogonal complement of the row space of  $A$  is the null space of  $A$ , and the orthogonal complement of the column space of  $A$  is the null space of  $A^T$ :

$$(\text{row}(A))^\perp = \text{null}(A) \quad \text{and} \quad (\text{col}(A))^\perp = \text{null}(A^T)$$

- ▶  $\text{null}(A^T)$  is called *left nullspace* of  $A$ .
- ▶ With  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,
  - ▶ If  $\mathbf{x}_r \in \text{row}(A)$ , then  $A\mathbf{x}_r \in \text{col}(A)$ .  
 $\text{row}(A) \xrightarrow{T_A} \text{col}(A) \subset \mathbb{R}^m$
  - ▶ If  $\mathbf{x}_n \in \text{null}(A)$ , then  $A\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{0}$ .  
 $\text{null}(A) \xrightarrow{T_A} \{\mathbf{0}\} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$
  - ▶ See Figure 5.6 on p.377.

# Orthogonal Projections

- ▶ How can we generalize “the projection of a vector onto a line or a plane”?

## Definition: Orthogonal Projection

Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k\}$  be an orthogonal basis for  $W$ . For any vector  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the **orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{v}$  onto  $W$**  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned}\text{proj}_W(\mathbf{v}) &= \left( \frac{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \right) \mathbf{u}_1 + \cdots + \left( \frac{\mathbf{u}_k \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{u}_k \cdot \mathbf{u}_k} \right) \mathbf{u}_k \\ &= \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_1}(\mathbf{v}) + \cdots + \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_k}(\mathbf{v})\end{aligned}$$

The **component of  $\mathbf{v}$  orthogonal to  $W$**  is the vector

$$\text{perp}_W(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v} - \text{proj}_W(\mathbf{v})$$

- ▶ “Orthogonal decomposition”
- ▶ See Figure 5.8 on p.380.

# Orthogonal Decomposition

- ▶ Is the orthogonal decomposition unique?

## Theorem 5.11: The Orthogonal Decomposition Theorem

Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $\mathbf{v}$  be a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then there are unique vectors  $\mathbf{w}$  in  $W$  and  $\mathbf{w}^\perp$  in  $W^\perp$  such that

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{w}^\perp$$

- ▶  $\text{proj}_W(\mathbf{v})$  and  $\text{perp}_W(\mathbf{v})$  do not depend on the choice of orthogonal basis.
- ▶ Can be used to prove

$$(W^\perp)^\perp = W$$

- ▶ Orthogonal decomposition & fundamental subspaces of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

1. For any  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_r + \mathbf{x}_n$  ( $\mathbf{x}_r \in \text{row}(A)$  &  $\mathbf{x}_n \in \text{null}(A)$ )
2.  $A\mathbf{x} = A(\mathbf{x}_r + \mathbf{x}_n) = A\mathbf{x}_r + \mathbf{0} = A\mathbf{x}_r \in \text{col}(A)$

# Orthogonal Decomposition (cont'd)

- ▶ Relationship between the dimension of  $W$  and  $W^\perp$

## Theorem 5.13

If  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then

$$\dim W + \dim W^\perp = n$$

- ▶ Special case:

## Corollary 5.14: The Rank Theorem

If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, then

$$\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A) = n$$

- ▶  $\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A^T) = m$

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# The Gram-Schmidt Process

- ▶ Given a subspace, how can we construct an orthogonal/orthonormal basis?
- ▶ The Gram-Schmidt Process: Starting from an arbitrary basis for a subspace, “orthogonalize” it one vector at a time.  
→ Example 5.12



# The Gram-Schmidt Process (cont'd)

## Theorem 5.15: The Gram-Schmidt Process

Let  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k\}$  be a basis for a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and define the following:

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{x}_1, \quad W_1 = \text{span}(\mathbf{x}_1)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{x}_2 - \left( \frac{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}_2}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \right) \mathbf{v}_1, \quad W_2 = \text{span}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{x}_3 - \left( \frac{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}_3}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \right) \mathbf{v}_1 - \left( \frac{\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{x}_3}{\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2} \right) \mathbf{v}_2, \quad W_3 = \text{span}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_k = & \mathbf{x}_k - \left( \frac{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}_k}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \right) \mathbf{v}_1 - \left( \frac{\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{x}_k}{\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2} \right) \mathbf{v}_2 - \dots \\ & - \left( \frac{\mathbf{v}_{k-1} \cdot \mathbf{x}_k}{\mathbf{v}_{k-1} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{k-1}} \right) \mathbf{v}_{k-1}, \quad W_k = \text{span}(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k) \end{aligned}$$

Then for each  $i = 1, \dots, k$ ,  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$  is an orthogonal basis for  $W_i$ . In particular,  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$  is an orthogonal basis for  $W$ .

# The $QR$ Factorization

- ▶ Factorization of a matrix according to the Gram-Schmidt process.
- ▶ Applications:  
Approximation of eigenvalues (p.395), least squares approximation (Chap. 7)

$$W_i = \text{span}(\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_i) = \text{span}(\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_i)$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{a}_i = r_{1i}\mathbf{q}_1 + r_{2i}\mathbf{q}_2 + \dots + r_{ii}\mathbf{q}_i, \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\rightarrow A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{a}_n] = [\mathbf{q}_1 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{q}_n] \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & \dots & r_{1n} \\ & r_{22} & \dots & r_{2n} \\ & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & r_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = QR$$

## The $QR$ Factorization (cont'd)

### Theorem 5.16: The $QR$ Factorization

Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix with linearly independent columns. Then  $A$  can be factored as  $A = QR$ , where  $Q$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix with orthonormal columns and  $R$  is an invertible upper triangular matrix.

- ▶ Why is  $R$  invertible?
- ▶ How can we find  $R$ ? (Example 5.15)  
 $\rightarrow R = Q^T A$

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# Real Symmetric Matrices

- ▶ Does a square matrix with real entries have real eigenvalues?

→ No.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

- ▶ Are all square matrices diagonalizable?  
→ No. (Example 4.25 on p.301)

Real symmetric matrices are good!

- ▶ All eigenvalues are real.
- ▶ Always diagonalizable.

# Real Symmetric Matrices (cont'd)

## Definition: Orthogonally Diagonalizable

A square matrix  $A$  is **orthogonally diagonalizable** if there exists an orthogonal matrix  $Q$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $Q^T A Q = D$ .

- ▶ Example 5.16
- ▶ Why is it good to be orthogonally diagonalizable?

## Theorem 5.17

If  $A$  is orthogonally diagonalizable, then  $A$  is symmetric.

- ▶ How about the converse? Is every symmetric matrix is orthogonally diagonalizable?  
→ Theorem 5.20 (p.400)

# The (Real) Spectral Theorem

## Theorem 5.18

If  $A$  is a real symmetric matrix, then the eigenvalues of  $A$  are real.

- ▶ Theorem 4.20 (p.294): “Eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are linearly independent.”  
→ How about symmetric matrices?

## Theorem 5.19

If  $A$  is a symmetric matrix, then any two eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues of  $A$  are orthogonal.

## Theorem 5.20: The Spectral Theorem

Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  real matrix. Then  $A$  is symmetric **if and only if** it is orthogonally diagonalizable.

# Spectral Decomposition

$$\begin{aligned} A &= QDQ^T = [\mathbf{q}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{q}_n] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{q}_n^T \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [\lambda_1 \mathbf{q}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \lambda_n \mathbf{q}_n] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{q}_n^T \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \lambda_1 \mathbf{q}_1 \mathbf{q}_1^T + \cdots + \lambda_n \mathbf{q}_n \mathbf{q}_n^T \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ “Projection form of the Spectral Theorem”
- ▶ Steps
  1.  $A = PDP^{-1}$  (diagonalization)
  2.  $P \rightarrow Q$  (Gram-Schmidt process)
  3.  $A = QDQ^T$  (orthogonal diagonalization)