

ORTHONORMAL MATRICES

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Definition

An *orthonormal* matrix is a matrix whose columns are an orthonormal family of vectors.

Some authors call these *orthogonal* matrices or *real orthogonal* or *unitary* matrices.

Notation

Let $A \in \mathbf{F}^{m \times n}$. Something something

$$AA^T = I$$
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Characterizations

Prop. 1. A matrix is orthonormal if and only if its transpose product with the matrix is the identity.

Prop. 2. A matrix is orthonormal if and only if its transpose is orthonormal.

¹Future editions will include.

