

DEFINITIONS 10

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1. Orthonormal Vectors

Vectors $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ are said to be orthonormal when they are unit vectors and $\vec{v}_i \perp \vec{v}_j$ for all $i \neq j$

$$\vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_j = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = j \\ 0, & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

Example:

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

are orthonormal since $\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = 1 \cdot (-1) + 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 5 = 0$

2. A square matrix Q is said to be an orthogonal matrix when its columns form an orthonormal basis for R^n

Ex) 2x2 matrix

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is an orthogonal matrix since its column vectors are linearly independent, orthogonal to each other and span of them equal R^2 .

3. For subspace W, the orthogonal complement of W is given by $W^\perp = \{\vec{v} : \vec{v} \perp W\}$ example:

$$W = \text{span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$W^\perp = \text{span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \text{null} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$