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We need to show that $v_1 v_1^T + v_2 v_2^T + \dots + v_n v_n^T = I$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 v_1^T &= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ a_{31} \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1} \end{bmatrix} (a_{11}, a_{21}, a_{31}, \dots, a_{n1}) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}^2 & a_{11}a_{21} & a_{11}a_{31} & \dots & a_{11}a_{n1} \\ a_{21}a_{11} & a_{21}^2 & a_{21}a_{31} & \dots & a_{21}a_{n1} \\ a_{31}a_{11} & a_{31}a_{21} & a_{31}^2 & \dots & a_{31}a_{n1} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{n1}a_{11} & a_{n1}a_{21} & a_{n1}a_{31} & \dots & a_{n1}^2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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Similarly, we get

$$\begin{aligned} v_2 v_2^T &= \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \\ a_{32} \\ \vdots \\ a_{n2} \end{bmatrix} (a_{12}, a_{22}, a_{32}, \dots, a_{n2}) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a_{12}^2 & a_{12}a_{22} & a_{12}a_{32} & \dots & a_{12}a_{n2} \\ a_{22}a_{12} & a_{22}^2 & a_{22}a_{32} & \dots & a_{22}a_{n2} \\ a_{32}a_{12} & a_{32}a_{22} & a_{32}^2 & \dots & a_{32}a_{n2} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{n2}a_{12} & a_{n2}a_{22} & a_{n2}a_{32} & \dots & a_{n2}^2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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From $v_1 v_1^T$ and $v_2 v_2^T$, we can write down $v_i v_i^T$.

$$\begin{aligned}
v_i v_i^T &= \begin{bmatrix} a_{1i} \\ a_{2i} \\ a_{3i} \\ \vdots \\ a_{ni} \end{bmatrix} (a_{1i}, a_{2i}, a_{3i}, \dots, a_{ni}) \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} a_{1i}^2 & a_{1i}a_{2i} & a_{1i}a_{3i} & \dots & a_{1i}a_{ni} \\ a_{2i}a_{1i} & a_{2i}^2 & a_{2i}a_{3i} & \dots & a_{2i}a_{ni} \\ a_{3i}a_{1i} & a_{3i}a_{2i} & a_{3i}^2 & \dots & a_{3i}a_{ni} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{ni}a_{1i} & a_{ni}a_{2i} & a_{ni}a_{3i} & \dots & a_{ni}^2 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

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Therefore, $v_i v_i^T$ is always an n by n matrix. When we add all these n matrices, the resultant matrix is also an n by n matrix.

The first diagonal entry of this matrix is $a_{11}^2 + a_{12}^2 + \dots + a_{1n}^2$, which is equal to 1. Similarly, all the diagonal entries can be shown to be equal to 1.

Consider the entry in the first row and second column: It is $a_{11}a_{21} + a_{12}a_{22} + a_{13}a_{33} + \dots + a_{1n}a_{nn}$, which has to be equal to be zero, because this is the inner product of v_1 and v_2 .

On similar lines, it can be shown that the entry in the i^{th} row and j^{th} column is the inner product of v_i and v_j .

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Therefore, we observe that the diagonal entries are 1 each and the non diagonal entries are 0 each. Thus, the resultant matrix is the identity matrix.

Therefore, we get $v_1 v_1^T + v_2 v_2^T + \dots + v_n v_n^T = I$.