

# Linear Systems: Orthogonality Assignment

1. Consider an orthonormal set of vectors  $V = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r\}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n \ \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, r\}$ . If there is a vector  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{w} = 0 \ \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, r\}$ . Prove that  $\mathbf{w} \notin \text{span}(V)$ .
2. Consider the following set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
$$V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Find the set of all vectors that are orthogonal to  $V$ ?
3. For a matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , prove that  $C(\mathbf{A}) \perp N(\mathbf{A}^T)$  and  $C(\mathbf{A}^T) \perp N(\mathbf{A})$ .
4. If the columns of a matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  are orthonormal, prove that  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^T$ . What is  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$  when  $\mathbf{A}$  is rectangular ( $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ) with orthonormal columns?
5. What will happen when the Gram-Schmidt procedure is applied to: (a) orthonormal set of vectors; and (b) orthogonal set of vectors? If the set of vectors are columns of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , then what are the corresponding  $\mathbf{Q}$  and  $\mathbf{R}$  matrices for the orthonormal and orthogonal cases?
6. Consider the linear map,  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ , such that  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . Let us assume that  $\mathbf{A}$  is full rank. What conditions must  $\mathbf{A}$  satisfy for the following statements to be true,
  - (a)  $\|\mathbf{y}\|_2 = \|\mathbf{x}\|_2$ , for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$  such that  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ .
  - (b)  $\mathbf{y}_1^T \mathbf{y}_2 = \mathbf{x}_1^T \mathbf{x}_2$ , for all  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2$  such that  $\mathbf{y}_1 = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_1$  and  $\mathbf{y}_2 = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_2$ .

**Note:** A linear map  $\mathbf{A}$  with the aforementioned properties preserves lengths and angle between vectors. Such maps are encountered in rigid body mechanics.
7. Prove that the rank of an orthogonal projection matrix  $\mathbf{P}_S = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^T$  onto a subspace  $S$  is equal to the  $\dim S$ , where the columns of  $\mathbf{U}$  form an orthonormal basis of  $S$ .
8. If the columns of  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  represent a basis for the subspace  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ . Find the orthogonal projection matrix  $\mathbf{P}_S$  onto the subspace  $S$ . Hint: Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization.
9. Consider two orthogonal matrices  $\mathbf{Q}_1$  and  $\mathbf{Q}_2$ . Is the  $\mathbf{Q}_2^T \mathbf{Q}_1$  an orthogonal matrix? If yes, prove that it is so, else provide a counter-example showing  $\mathbf{Q}_2^T \mathbf{Q}_1$  is not orthogonal.
10. Let  $\mathbf{P}_S$  represent an orthogonal projection matrix onto to the subspace  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ . What can you say about the rank of the matrix  $\mathbf{P}_S$ ? Explain how you can obtain an orthonormal basis for  $S$  from  $\mathbf{P}_S$ .
11. Consider a 1 dimensional subspace spanned by the vector  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . What kind of a geometric operation does the matrix  $\mathbf{I} - 2 \frac{\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T}{\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u}}$  represent?
12. Prove that when a triangular matrix is orthogonal, it is diagonal.
13. If an orthogonal matrix  $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is to be partitioned such that,  $\mathbf{Q} = [\mathbf{Q}_1 \ \mathbf{Q}_2]$ , then prove that  $C(\mathbf{Q}_1) \perp C(\mathbf{Q}_2)$ .
14. Find an orthonormal basis for the subspace spanned by
$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$