

# Gram-Schmidt orthogonality process

# Recall: Dot Product (inner product)

- Think of the dot product as a matrix multiplication

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} &= \\ (x_1 \quad x_2 \quad \cdots \quad x_N) \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{pmatrix} &= x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \cdots + x_N y_N \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N x_i y_i \end{aligned}$$

1 X N

N X 1

1 X 1

- MATLAB: 'inner matrix dimensions must agree'

Outer dimensions give  
size of resulting matrix

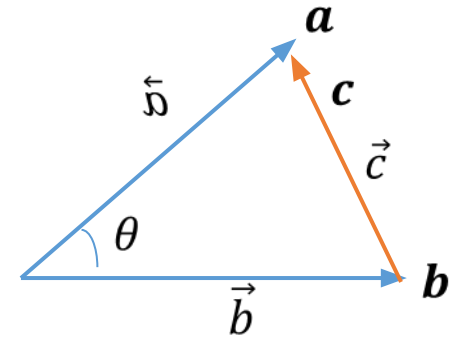
# Recall: Dot Product (inner product)

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$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \cos \theta$$

The dot product is also related to the angle between the two vectors

$\|\cdot\|$  The magnitude/length of a vector. For example, let  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2)$  be a two-dimensional vector, then the formula for its magnitude is  $\sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2}$



Law of cosines

$$\|\mathbf{c}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{a}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{b}\|^2 - 2\|\mathbf{a}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{b}\| \cos \theta \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{c} = (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b})$$

$$\|\mathbf{c}\|^2 = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{b}$$

$$\|\mathbf{c}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{a}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{b}\|^2 - 2\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} \quad (2)$$

# Recall: Dot Product Geometrical Interpretation

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \cos \theta$$

The dot product is also related to the angle between the two vectors

• In  $\triangle OLB$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{OL}{OB}$$

$$OL = OB \cos \theta$$

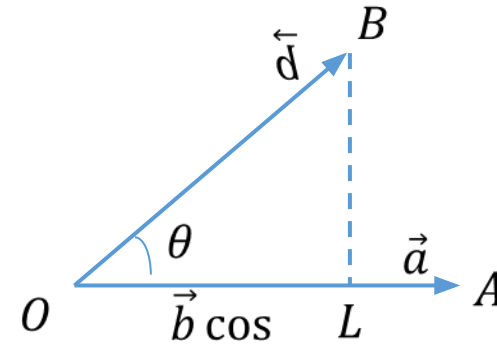
$$OL = \|\mathbf{b}\| \cos \theta$$

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = \|\mathbf{a}\| OL$$

Magnitude of vector A

Projection of vector B on A

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} \perp \mathbf{B}$$

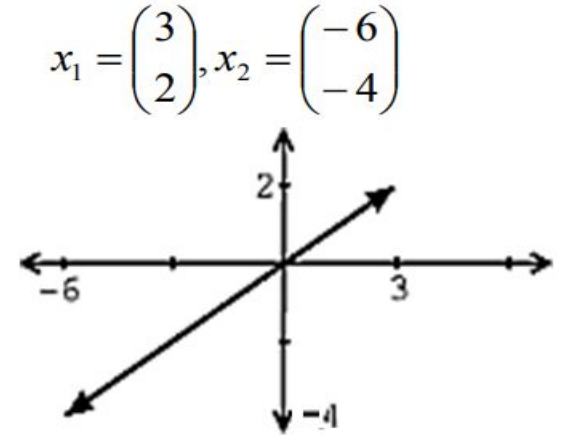


# Recall: Linear Independence

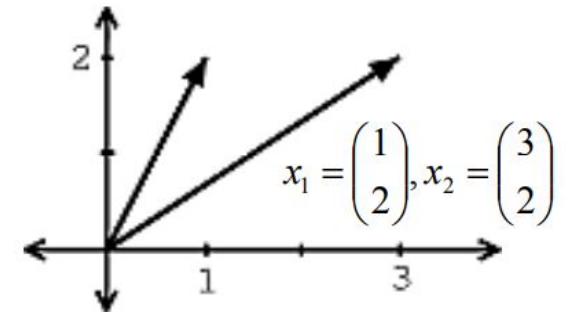
- A set of  $d$ -dimensional vectors  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , are said to be linearly independent if none of them can be written as a linear combination of the others.
- In other words,

$$c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 + \cdots + c_kx_k = 0,$$

*iff*  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 \dots = c_n = 0$



Not linearly independent vectors



Linearly independent vectors

## Recall: Span

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- A span of a set of vectors  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$  is the set of vectors that can be written as a linear combination of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$ .

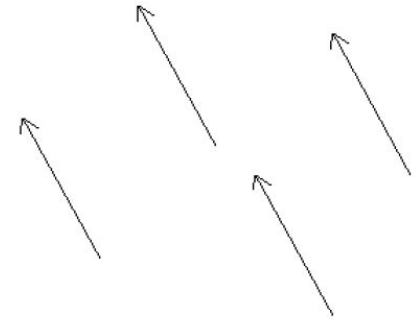
$$\begin{aligned} & \text{span}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) \\ &= \{c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 + \dots + c_kx_k \mid c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R}\} \end{aligned}$$

# Recall: Bases & Orthonormal Bases

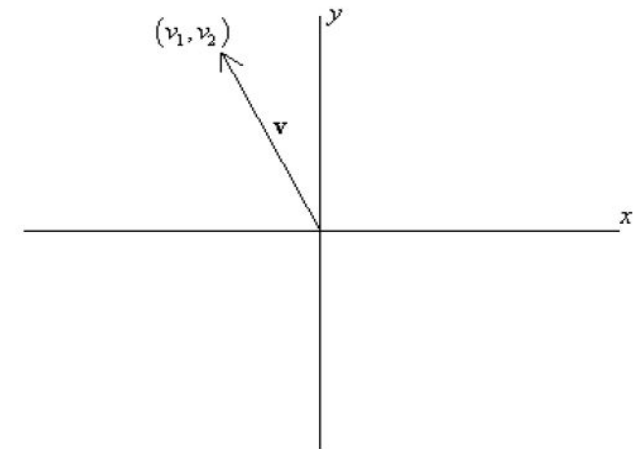
- A basis for  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is a set of vectors which:
  - Spans  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , i.e. any vector in this d-dimensional space can be written as linear combination of these basis vectors.
  - Are linearly independent
- Clearly, any set of d-linearly independent vectors form basis vectors for  $\mathbb{R}^d$
- Ortho-Normal: orthogonal + normal
  - Orthogonal: dot product is zero
  - Normal: magnitude is one

$$\begin{aligned}x &= [1 & 0 & 0]^T \\y &= [0 & 1 & 0]^T \\z &= [0 & 0 & 1]^T\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x \cdot y &= 0 \\x \cdot z &= 0 \\y \cdot z &= 0\end{aligned}$$



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# Inner product space

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- In linear algebra, an inner product space is a vector space with an additional structure called an inner product.
- This additional structure associates each pair of vectors in the space with a scalar quantity known as the inner product of the vectors.
- Let  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and let  $c$  be a scalar. Then
  1.  $u \cdot v = v \cdot u$
  2.  $(u + v) \cdot w = u \cdot w + v \cdot w$
  3.  $(cu) \cdot v = c(u \cdot v) = u \cdot (cv)$
  4.  $u \cdot u \geq 0$  ; and  $u \cdot u = 0$  if and only if  $u = 0$ .



# The Length of Vector

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- The length (or norm) of  $v = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$  is the nonnegative scalar  $\|v\|$  defined by

$$\|v\| = \sqrt{v \cdot v} = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \cdots + v_n^2}, \text{ and } \|v\|^2 = v \cdot v.$$

- $\|cv\| = |c| \cdot \|v\|, \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{R}^n, c \in \mathbb{R}$

# Normalizing $v$

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- A vector whose length is 1 is called a unit vector

- Normalizing  $v$

- Let,  $v = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$  be a non-zero vector, then  $u = \frac{v}{||v||}$  unit vector in the same direction as  $v$

# Distance between two vectors

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- For  $u$  and  $v$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the distance between  $u$  and  $v$ , written as  $\text{dist}(u, v)$ , is the length of the vector  $u - v$ . That is,

$$\text{dist}(u, v) = \|u - v\|$$

# Orthogonal sets

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- Let  $V$  be a vector space with an inner product.
- **Definition.** Nonzero vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \in V$  form an orthogonal set if they are orthogonal to each other:  $\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ .
- If, in addition, all vectors are of unit norm,  $\|v_i\| = 1$ , then  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  is called an orthonormal set.
- Any orthogonal set is linearly independent. [proof: next slide]
- If  $S = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p\}$  is an orthogonal set of nonzero vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $S$  is linearly independent and hence is a basis for the subspace spanned by  $S$ .

# Orthogonal sets are linearly independent

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- If  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is an orthogonal set of nonzero vectors in an inner product space  $V$ , then  $S$  is linearly independent.
- Proof:
  - $S$  is an orthogonal set of nonzero vectors, i.e.,  $\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = 0, i \neq j$  and  $\langle v_i, v_i \rangle > 0$ .
  - To be independent  $c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_n v_n = 0$ , *iff*  $c_1 = \dots = c_n = 0$ 
    - $\Rightarrow \langle c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_n v_n, v_i \rangle = \langle 0, v_i \rangle = 0 \quad \forall i$
    - $\Rightarrow c_1 \langle v_1, v_i \rangle + c_2 \langle v_2, v_i \rangle + \dots + c_i \langle v_i, v_i \rangle + \dots + c_n \langle v_n, v_i \rangle$
    - $\Rightarrow c_i \langle v_i, v_i \rangle \Rightarrow c_i = 0, \forall i$ , and hence  $S$  is linearly independent

# Orthogonal projection

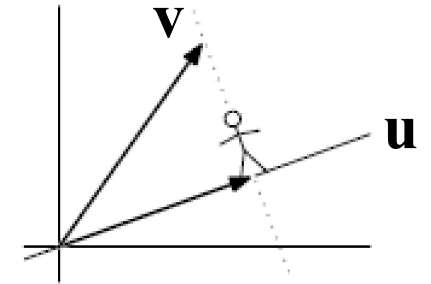
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- Let  $u$  and  $v$  be two vectors in an inner product space  $V$ , such that  $u \neq v$ . Then the orthogonal projection of  $v$  onto  $u$  is given by

$$\text{proj}_u v = \frac{\langle v, u \rangle}{\langle u, u \rangle} u$$

- Example: Use the Euclidean inner product in  $R^3$  to find the orthogonal projection of  $v=(6, 2, 4)$  onto  $u=(1, 2, 0)$ .

- $\langle v, u \rangle = (6)(1) + 2(2) + 4(0) = 10$
- $\langle u, u \rangle = 1^2 + 2^2 + 0^2 = 5$
- $\text{proj}_u v = \frac{\langle v, u \rangle}{\langle u, u \rangle} u = \frac{10}{5} (1, 2, 0) = (2, 4, 0)$

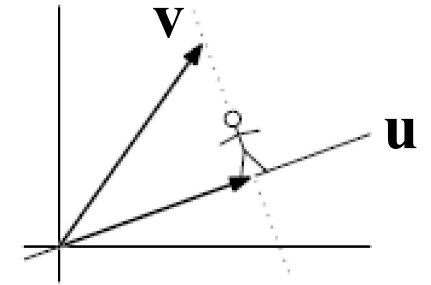


# Orthogonal projection

- Given two vectors  $u$  and  $v$ , we can decompose  $v$  into a sum of two vectors, one a multiple of  $u$  and the other orthogonal to  $u$ .

1.  $\text{proj}_u v = \frac{\langle v, u \rangle}{\langle u, u \rangle} u$  is the orthogonal projection of  $v$  onto  $u$

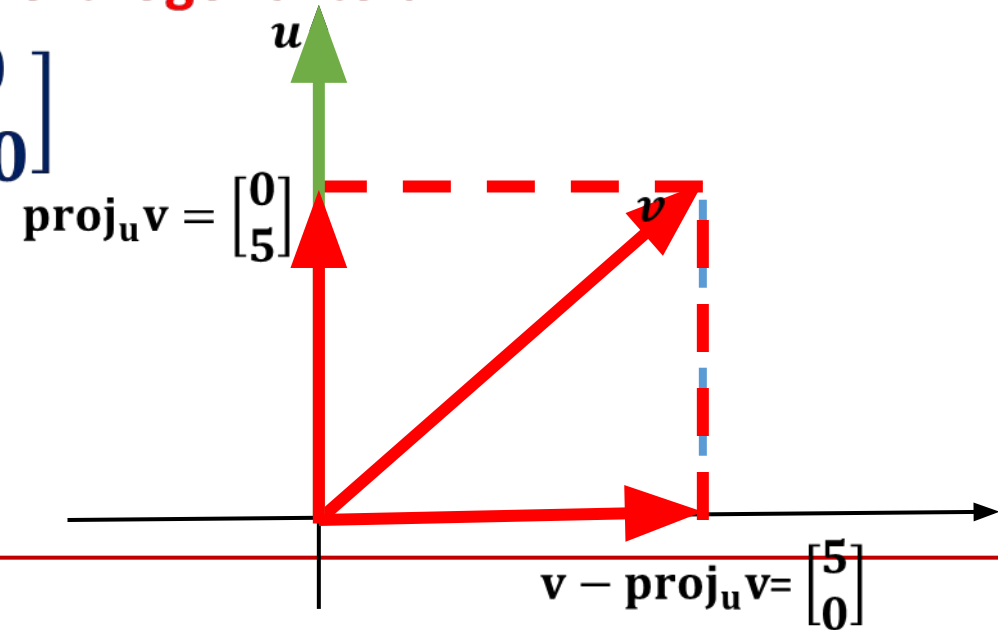
2.  $v - \text{proj}_u v$  is the component of  $v$  orthogonal to  $u$



- Example: Let  $v = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $u = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$

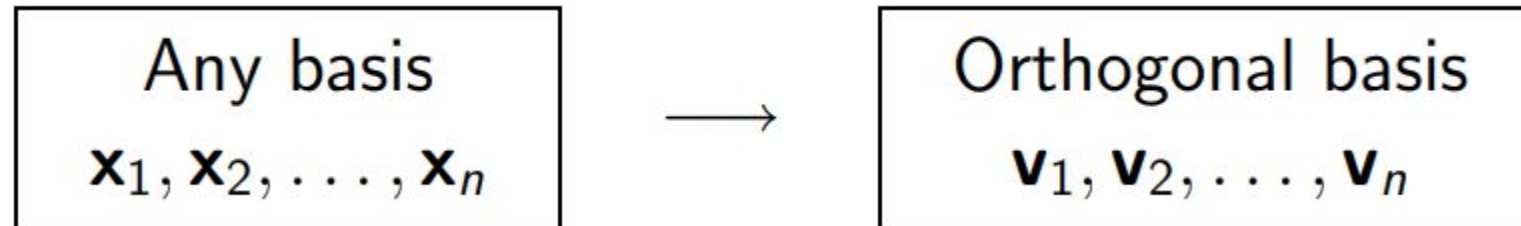
- $\text{proj}_u v = \frac{50}{100} u = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

- $v - \text{proj}_u v = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$



# Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization

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- Let  $V$  be a vector space with an inner product. Suppose  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  is a basis for  $V$ . Let

$$v_1 = x_1$$

$$v_2 = x_2 - \frac{\langle x_2, v_1 \rangle}{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle} v_1$$

$$v_3 = x_3 - \frac{\langle x_3, v_1 \rangle}{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle} v_1 - \frac{\langle x_3, v_2 \rangle}{\langle v_2, v_2 \rangle} v_2$$

$\vdots$

$$v_n = x_n - \frac{\langle x_n, v_1 \rangle}{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle} v_1 - \frac{\langle x_n, v_2 \rangle}{\langle v_2, v_2 \rangle} v_2 - \dots - \frac{\langle x_n, v_{n-1} \rangle}{\langle v_{n-1}, v_{n-1} \rangle} v_{n-1}$$

Then,  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  is an orthogonal basis for  $V$



# Properties of Gram-Schmidt Process

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- $v_k = x_k - (\alpha_1 x_1 + \dots + \alpha_{k-1} x_{k-1}), 1 \leq k \leq n$ 
  - The span of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  is the same as the span of  $x_1, \dots, x_k$
  - $v_k$  is orthogonal to  $x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}$
  - $v_k = x_k - p_k$ , where  $p_k$  is the orthogonal projection of the vector  $x_k$  on the subspace spanned by  $x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}$
  - $||v_k||$  is the distance from  $x_k$  to the subspace spanned by  $x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}$

# Normalization

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- Let  $V$  be a vector space with an inner product. Suppose  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  is an orthogonal basis for  $V$
- Let  $w_1 = \frac{v_1}{||v_1||}, w_2 = \frac{v_2}{||v_2||}, \dots, w_n = \frac{v_n}{||v_n||}$
- Then  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$  is an **orthonormal basis** for  $V$
- An alternative form of the Gram-Schmidt process combines orthogonalization with normalization

$$v_1 = x_1, w_1 = \frac{v_1}{||v_1||}$$

$$v_2 = x_2 - \frac{\langle x_2, w_1 \rangle}{\langle w_1, w_1 \rangle} w_1, w_2 = \frac{v_2}{||v_2||}$$

$\vdots$

# Example: Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization

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- Apply the Gram-Schmidt process to the following basis.

$$B = \begin{matrix} & \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_2 & \mathbf{u}_3 \\ \{ & (1, 1, 0), & (1, 2, 0), & (0, 1, 2) \} \end{matrix}$$

Sol:  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 1, 0)$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{u}_2 - \frac{\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 2, 0) - \frac{3}{2}(1, 1, 0) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_3 &= \mathbf{u}_3 - \frac{\mathbf{u}_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \mathbf{v}_1 - \frac{\mathbf{u}_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2}{\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2} \mathbf{v}_2 \\ &= (0, 1, 2) - \frac{1}{2}(1, 1, 0) - \frac{1/2}{1/2} \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0\right) = (0, 0, 2) \end{aligned}$$

## Example: Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization

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$$\Rightarrow B' = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\} = \{(1, 1, 0), (\frac{-1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0), (0, 0, 2)\}$$

Orthonormal basis

$$\Rightarrow B'' = \left\{ \frac{\mathbf{v}_1}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|}, \frac{\mathbf{v}_2}{\|\mathbf{v}_2\|}, \frac{\mathbf{v}_3}{\|\mathbf{v}_3\|} \right\} = \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \right), \left( \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \right), (0, 0, 1) \right\}$$

# The QR Factorization: Basic Idea

- If  $A$  is 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 whose columns form an orthogonal basis for  $\text{Col } A$  and  $R$  is an  $n \times n$  upper triangular invertible matrix with positive entries on its main diagonal

- Applications
  - linear equations
  - least squares problems
  - constrained least squares problems

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the Gram Schmidt process, we can find orthonormal basis for col  $A$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $A = QR$
- $Q^T A = Q^T QR = R$

$$R = Q^T A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} & \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 2\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Topics for the next class

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- **Linear Mappings**
- **Kernel and Image space of a linear map**
- **Matrix associated with linear map**
- **Eigenvectors & Eigenvalues**

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