

## FUNDAMENTALS OF LINEAR ALGEBRA

- Inner product and distance
- Orthogonality; orthogonal sets and bases
- Orthogonal projections and decompositions
- Gram-Schmidt process
- QR-factorisation

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# Inner product

**Definition:** For  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the product  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i w_i$  is called the *inner product* or *scalar product* (or *dot product*).

**Note:** Vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  can be regarded as  $n \times 1$  matrices, e.g.:

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Their transposes are then  $1 \times n$  matrices:

$$\mathbf{v}^\top = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & \dots & v_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{w}^\top = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 & \dots & w_n \end{bmatrix}$$

The result of  $\mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{w}$  is a  $1 \times 1$  matrix, that is, a scalar:

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} \equiv \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & \dots & v_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_n \end{bmatrix} = v_1 w_1 + v_2 w_2 + \dots + v_n w_n$$

# Inner product and orthogonality

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i w_i = v_1 w_1 + v_2 w_2 + \dots + v_n w_n$$

**Theorem:**  $\forall \{\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}\} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ :

- $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{v}$
- $(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}$
- $(c\mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v} \cdot (c\mathbf{w}) = c(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w})$
- $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} \geq 0$ , and  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$  if and only if  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$

**Definition:** Two vectors  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are called *orthogonal* to each other if  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0$ . The notation is  $\mathbf{v} \perp \mathbf{w}$ .

**Note:**  $\forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{v} \perp \mathbf{0}$  because  $\mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{v}$ .

# Norm and distance

## Definitions:

- The length, or *norm*, of  $\mathbf{v}$  is:  $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}} = \sqrt{\mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{v}}$ .  
 $\forall c, \quad \|c\mathbf{v}\| = |c| \|\mathbf{v}\|.$
- A vector with a unit norm (length) is called a *unit vector*.  
If we divide a non-zero vector  $\mathbf{v}$  by its length  $\|\mathbf{v}\|$  we will obtain a *unit* (or *normalised*) vector  $\mathbf{u}$ :

$$\|\mathbf{u}\| = \left\| \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \right\| = \frac{\|\mathbf{v}\|}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} = 1.$$

**Definition:** The distance between two vectors  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is

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

**Pythagorean theorem:** If and only if  $\mathbf{v} \perp \mathbf{w}$ ,

$$\|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{w}\|^2.$$

# Orthogonal complements

**Definition:** If a vector  $\mathbf{z}$  is orthogonal to every vector in a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  then  $\mathbf{z}$  is said to be orthogonal to  $W$ .

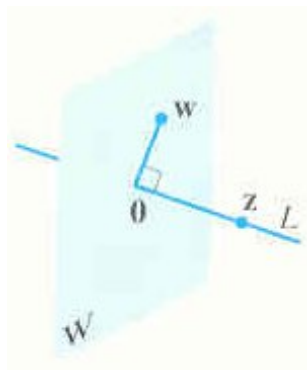
The set of all vectors that are orthogonal to  $W$  is called the *orthogonal complement* of  $W$  and is denoted by  $W^\perp$ .

## Example:

Let  $W$  be a plane through the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $L$  be a line through the origin and perpendicular to  $W$ .

If  $\mathbf{z} \in L$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in W$

then  $\mathbf{z} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0$ .



# Orthogonal complements

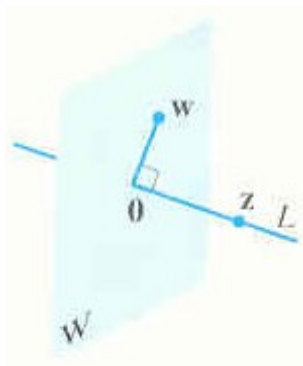
## Notes:

$L$  consists of all vectors orthogonal to  $\mathbf{w} \in W$  and  $W$  consists of all vectors orthogonal to  $\mathbf{z} \in L$ , so

$$L = W^\perp \quad \text{and} \quad W = L^\perp$$

A vector  $\mathbf{x} \in W^\perp$  if and only if  $\mathbf{x}$  is orthogonal to every vector in a set that spans  $W$ .

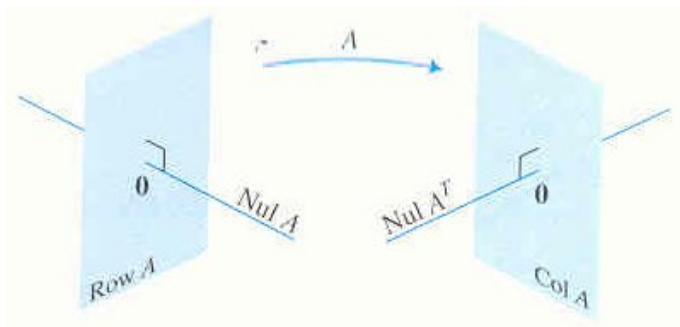
$L^\perp$  and  $W^\perp$  are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .



# Orthogonal complements

**Theorem:** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Then

$$(\text{Row } \mathbf{A})^\perp = \text{Nul } \mathbf{A} \quad \text{and} \quad (\text{Col } \mathbf{A})^\perp = \text{Nul}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$$



## Orthogonal complements

**Proof:** If  $\mathbf{x} \in \text{Nul } \mathbf{A}$ , then  $\mathbf{x}$  is orthogonal to each row of  $\mathbf{A}$  because each row can be treated as a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the rows of  $\mathbf{A}$  span  $\text{Row } \mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}$  is orthogonal to  $\text{Row } \mathbf{A}$ .

Conversely, if  $\mathbf{x}$  is orthogonal to  $\text{Row } \mathbf{A}$ , then  $\mathbf{x}$  is certainly orthogonal to each row of  $\mathbf{A}$ , and hence  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

Thus  $(\text{Row } \mathbf{A})^\perp = \text{Nul } \mathbf{A}$  is true for any matrix including  $\mathbf{A}^\top$ .

Therefore  $(\text{Col } \mathbf{A})^\perp = (\text{Row}(\mathbf{A}^\top))^\perp = \text{Nul } \mathbf{A}^\top$ .

(recall that  $\text{Row } \mathbf{A}^\top = \text{Col } \mathbf{A}$ ).



# Orthogonal sets

**Definition:** A set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called an *orthogonal set* if each pair of vectors from the set is orthogonal:

$$\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \mathbf{u}_j = 0 \quad \forall i \neq j$$

**Example:** Show that this set is orthogonal:

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

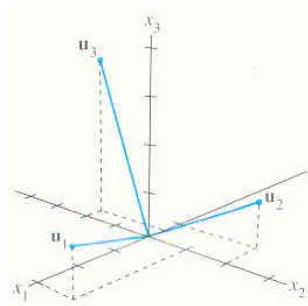
**Solution:** Consider all the possible pairs:

$$\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 = 3 \cdot (-1) + 1 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 1 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_3 = 3 \cdot (-1) + 1 \cdot (-4) + 1 \cdot 7 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_3 = -1 \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot (-4) + 1 \cdot 7 = 0$$

Each pair is orthogonal, thus  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$  is an orthogonal set.



# Orthogonal sets

**Theorem:** If  $S = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is an orthogonal set of non-zero vectors, then  $S$  is a linearly independent set and hence it is a basis for the subspace spanned by  $S$ .

**Proof:** Let us consider the equation for linear (in)dependence:

$$\mathbf{0} = c_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + c_p \mathbf{u}_p$$

Multiply this relation by  $\mathbf{u}_1$  from either side:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 &= (c_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + c_p \mathbf{u}_p) \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 \\ 0 &= c_1(\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1) + c_2(\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1) + \dots + c_p(\mathbf{u}_p \cdot \mathbf{u}_1) \\ 0 &= c_1(\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1)\end{aligned}$$

where only the first term remains since  $\mathbf{u}_1 \perp \{\mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ .

However  $\mathbf{u}_1 \neq \mathbf{0}$  so  $\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 \neq 0$  and thus we must have  $c_1 = 0$ .

Similarly  $c_2, \dots, c_p$  are also all zero. Thus  $S$  is linearly independent.

# Orthogonal basis

**Definition:** An *orthogonal basis* for a subspace  $V$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is such a basis for  $V$  which is an orthogonal set.

Coordinates with respect to an orthogonal basis are easily found:

**Theorem:** Let  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$  be an orthogonal basis for a subspace  $V$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For each  $\mathbf{x} \in V$ , the linear combination

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{u}_p \quad \text{has the weights} \quad c_i = \frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{u}_i}{\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \mathbf{u}_i}$$

**Proof:** Compute all the inner products, as in the previous proof

$$\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{u}_i = (c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{u}_p) \cdot \mathbf{u}_i = c_i(\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \mathbf{u}_i)$$

Since  $\mathbf{u}_i \neq \mathbf{0}$ , then  $\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \mathbf{u}_i \neq 0$  and we can find  $c_i = \frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{u}_i}{\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \mathbf{u}_i}$

## Orthogonal basis

**Example:** Find  $[\mathbf{y}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  in the orthogonal basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$ :

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:** To find the coordinates  $[\mathbf{y}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  we compute

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 &= 6 \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot 1 - 8 \cdot 1 = 11, & \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 &= 3^2 + 1^2 + 1^2 = 11 \\ \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 &= -6 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 - 8 \cdot 1 = -12, & \mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 &= (-1)^2 + 2^2 + 1^2 = 6 \\ \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_3 &= -6 \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot 4 - 8 \cdot 7 = -66, & \mathbf{u}_3 \cdot \mathbf{u}_3 &= (-1)^2 + (-4)^2 + 7^2 = 66 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus } \mathbf{y} = \frac{11}{11} \mathbf{u}_1 - \frac{12}{6} \mathbf{u}_2 - \frac{66}{66} \mathbf{u}_3 \quad \text{and} \quad [\mathbf{y}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

It is quite easy to find coordinates in an orthogonal basis.  
For a non-orthogonal case we would need to solve a linear system.

# Orthogonal projections

Given a non-zero vector  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , consider decomposing another vector  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  into the sum of two vectors, such that

$$\mathbf{y} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \mathbf{z}, \quad \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \alpha \mathbf{u}, \quad \mathbf{z} \perp \mathbf{u}$$

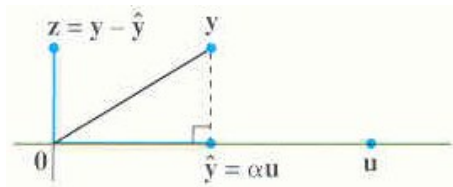
Consider  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y} - \alpha \mathbf{u}$ , which is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{u}$  if and only if

$$0 = \mathbf{z} \cdot \mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{y} - \alpha \mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u} - \alpha(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u})$$

Hence

$$\alpha = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}}{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}} \quad \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}}{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}} \mathbf{u}$$

$\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  is the *orthogonal projection* of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto  $\mathbf{u}$ , and  $\mathbf{z}$  is called the component orthogonal to  $\mathbf{u}$ .



# Orthogonal projections

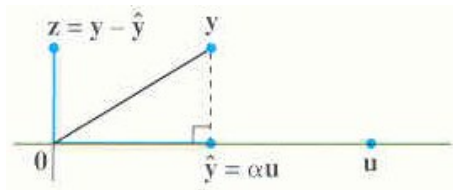
The orthogonal projection  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  does not depend on the length of  $\mathbf{u}$ . Indeed, if we replace  $\mathbf{u}$  by  $\mathbf{u}' = k\mathbf{u}$ , then

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}'}{\mathbf{u}' \cdot \mathbf{u}'} \mathbf{u}' = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot (k\mathbf{u})}{(k\mathbf{u}) \cdot (k\mathbf{u})} (k\mathbf{u}) = \frac{k(\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u})}{k^2(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u})} k\mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}}{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}} \mathbf{u}.$$

## Definition:

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} \equiv \text{proj}_L \mathbf{y} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}}{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}} \mathbf{u}$$

is the *orthogonal projection* of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto  $L = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}\}$ .



Subspace  $L = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}\}$  is a line through  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{0}$ .

## Orthogonal projections

**Example:** Find orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto  $\mathbf{u}$  and write  $\mathbf{y}$  as the sum of two vectors,  $\hat{\mathbf{y}} \in \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}\}$  and  $\mathbf{z} \perp \mathbf{u}$ , for

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Solution:** First we compute  $\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}$ :

$$\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 40,$$

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 20.$$

Then the orthogonal projection and the orthogonal component are

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}}{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}} \mathbf{u} = \frac{40}{20} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

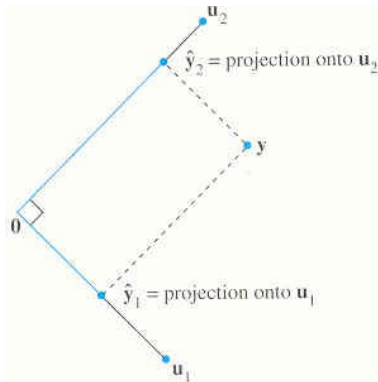
# Geometric interpretation

For two orthogonal basis vectors  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$\mathbf{y} = c_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{u}_2$$

with

$$c_j = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_j}{\mathbf{u}_j \cdot \mathbf{u}_j}$$



The first term is the projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto the line  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1\}$ , and the second term is the projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto the line  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_2\}$ .



# Orthogonal decomposition

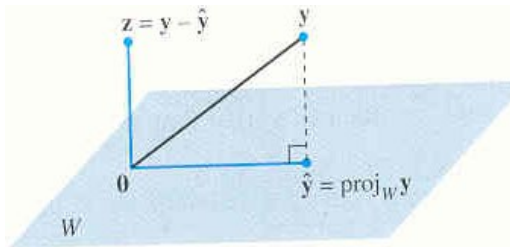
**Theorem:** (*the orthogonal decomposition theorem*)

Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Then  $\forall \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  there is a unique decomposition

$$\mathbf{y} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \mathbf{z},$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{y}} \in W$  and  $\mathbf{z} \in W^\perp$ .



If  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$  is any orthogonal basis in  $W$ ,

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_i}{\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \mathbf{u}_i} \mathbf{u}_i \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}.$$

$\hat{\mathbf{y}} \equiv \text{proj}_W \mathbf{y}$  is called the *orthogonal projection* of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto  $W$ .

# Orthogonal decomposition

## Notes:

- The uniqueness of the decomposition indicates that the orthogonal projection  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  depends only on  $W$  but not on a particular basis used in  $W$ .
- If  $\mathbf{y} \in W$  then  $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}$ .

## Example: Let

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The set  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$  is an orthogonal basis for  $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$ .

(indeed,  $\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 = -4 + 5 - 1 = 0$  so the vectors are orthogonal)

Decompose  $\mathbf{y}$  into a vector in  $W$  and a vector orthogonal to  $W$ .

## Orthogonal decomposition

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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**Solution:**

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2}{\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2} \mathbf{u}_2.$$

$$\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 = 2 + 10 - 3 = 9$$

$$\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 = -2 + 2 + 3 = 3$$

$$\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 = 4 + 25 + 1 = 30$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 = 4 + 1 + 1 = 6$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{9}{30} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{3}{6} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2/5 \\ 2 \\ 1/5 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -2/5 \\ 2 \\ 1/5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7/5 \\ 0 \\ 14/5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

## Orthogonal decomposition

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} -2/5 \\ 2 \\ 1/5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} 7/5 \\ 0 \\ 14/5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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The theorem ensures that  $(\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}) \in W^\perp$ .

We can verify that  $(\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}) \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 = 0$  and  $(\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}) \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 = 0$ .

The final decomposition is

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2/5 \\ 2 \\ 1/5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 7/5 \\ 0 \\ 14/5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

# Properties of projection

**Theorem:** (*the best approximation theorem*)

Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \text{proj}_W \mathbf{y}$ .

Then  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  is the point in  $W$  closest to  $\mathbf{y}$  in the sense that

$$\|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}\| < \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{v}\| \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \neq \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

**Definition:** The distance from a point  $\mathbf{y}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to a subspace  $W$  is defined as the distance from  $\mathbf{y}$  to the nearest point in  $W$ .

**Notes:**

- $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  is called the *best approximation* to  $\mathbf{y}$  by elements of  $W$ .
- In a sense, we approximate  $\mathbf{y}$  by a variable vector  $\mathbf{v} \in W$ .

The distance from  $\mathbf{y}$  to  $\mathbf{v}$ , given by  $\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{v}\|$ , can be regarded as the 'error' incurred by using  $\mathbf{v}$  in place of  $\mathbf{y}$ .

This error is minimised when  $\mathbf{v} = \hat{\mathbf{y}}$ .

## Properties of projection

**Example:** Find the distance from  $\mathbf{y}$  to  $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$  where

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:** Distance from  $\mathbf{y}$  to  $W$  is  $\|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}\|$ , where  $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \text{proj}_W \mathbf{y}$ .

Vectors  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2$  form an orthogonal basis for  $W$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 &= -5 + 10 + 10 = 15 & \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 &= -1 - 10 - 10 = -21 \\ \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 &= 25 + 4 + 1 = 30 & \mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 &= 1 + 4 + 1 = 6 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2}{\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2} \mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{15}{30} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{21}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Properties of projection

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Then

$$\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

and the distance from  $\mathbf{y}$  to  $W$  is

$$\|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}\| = \sqrt{0^2 + 3^2 + 6^2} = \sqrt{45} = 3\sqrt{5}$$

So,  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  is the best approximation for  $\mathbf{y}$  within  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$ ; any other vector in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$  will have a greater distance from  $\mathbf{y}$ .

# Orthonormal set and basis

**Definition:** A set  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$  is called an *orthonormal set* if it is an orthogonal set of unit vectors.

If  $V$  is the subspace spanned by such a set, then  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$  is an *orthonormal basis* for  $V$ , since this set is linearly independent.

The simplest example of an orthonormal set is the standard basis  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$  for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Any non-empty subset of  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$  is orthonormal too, and forms an orthonormal basis for the corresponding sub-space.



# Orthonormal basis and projection

**Theorem:** If  $\mathbf{U} = [\mathbf{u}_1 \ \mathbf{u}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{u}_p]$ , where  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$  is an orthonormal basis for a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $\forall \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ :

- $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1) \mathbf{u}_1 + (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2) \mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_p) \mathbf{u}_p$
- $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{y}$

**Proof:** By the definition of projection

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_p}{\mathbf{u}_p \cdot \mathbf{u}_p} \mathbf{u}_p$$

and taking into account that the basis is orthonormal

$$\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 = 1, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 = 1, \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{u}_p \cdot \mathbf{u}_p = 1$$

we immediately obtain

$$\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1) \mathbf{u}_1 + (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2) \mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_p) \mathbf{u}_p.$$

# Orthonormal basis and projection

## Proof (contnuing):

From  $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1) \mathbf{u}_1 + (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2) \mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_p) \mathbf{u}_p$  we see that  $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y}$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $\mathbf{U}$  with the coefficients  $(\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1), (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2), \dots, (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_p)$ .

Denoting  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 \\ \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_p \end{bmatrix}$  we can write  $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}$ .

In turn, the elements of  $\mathbf{x}$  can be written as

$$\mathbf{u}_1^\top \mathbf{y}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2^\top \mathbf{y}, \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{u}_p^\top \mathbf{y}$$

which are the entries of  $\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{y}$ .

Thus  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{y}$  and so  $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{y}$ .

# Gram-Schmidt process

**Theorem:** Given a basis  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_p$  for a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , define

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{x}_1$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{x}_2 - \frac{\mathbf{x}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \mathbf{v}_1$$

$$\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{x}_3 - \frac{\mathbf{x}_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \mathbf{v}_1 - \frac{\mathbf{x}_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2}{\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2} \mathbf{v}_2$$

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$$\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{x}_p - \frac{\mathbf{x}_p \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \mathbf{v}_1 - \frac{\mathbf{x}_p \cdot \mathbf{v}_2}{\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2} \mathbf{v}_2 - \dots - \frac{\mathbf{x}_p \cdot \mathbf{v}_{p-1}}{\mathbf{v}_{p-1} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{p-1}} \mathbf{v}_{p-1}$$

Then  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  is an orthogonal basis for  $W$ .

In addition,  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\} = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k\}$  for  $1 \leq k \leq p$ .

Orthonormal basis is then obtained by normalising  $\mathbf{v}_i$  to unit vectors.

## Gram-Schmidt process

Gram-Schmidt process is an algorithm for producing an orthogonal or orthonormal basis for any non-zero subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Example:** Consider a linearly independent set

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

which is a basis for a subspace  $W$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

We aim to construct an orthogonal basis  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  for  $W$ .

**Solution:**

*Step 1:* Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{x}_1$  and  $W_1 = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}_1\} = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1\}$ .

## Gram-Schmidt process

*Step 2:* Vector  $\mathbf{v}_2$  is then produced by subtracting from  $\mathbf{x}_2$  its projection onto the subspace  $W_1$ . That is,

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{x}_2 - \text{proj}_{W_1}(\mathbf{x}_2) = \mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{x}_2 - \frac{\mathbf{x}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \mathbf{v}_1.$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{3}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3/4 \\ 1/4 \\ 1/4 \\ 1/4 \end{bmatrix}$$

For the ease of further calculations, renormalise  $\mathbf{v}_2$  into  $\mathbf{v}'_2$ :

$$\mathbf{v}'_2 = 4\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and then} \quad W_2 = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}'_2\}$$

## Gram-Schmidt process

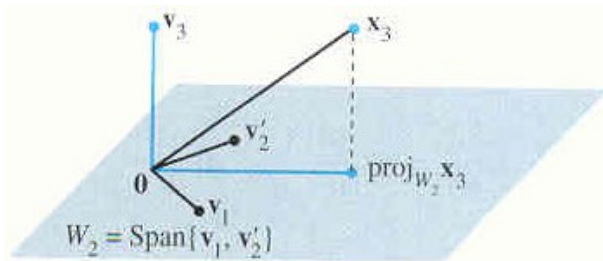
*Step 3:* Produce  $\mathbf{v}_3$  by subtracting from  $\mathbf{x}_3$  its  $W_2$ -projection:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{proj}_{W_2}(\mathbf{x}_3) &= \frac{\mathbf{x}_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \mathbf{v}_1 + \frac{\mathbf{x}_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2}{\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2} \mathbf{v}_2 \\ &= \frac{2}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{2}{12} \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2/3 \\ 2/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

Then  $\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{x}_3 - \text{proj}_{W_2}(\mathbf{x}_3)$  is

$$\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2/3 \\ 2/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{v}_3' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Gram-Schmidt process



Vector  $\mathbf{v}_3 \in W$  because  $\mathbf{x}_3$  and  $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{x}_3$  are both in  $W$ .

Thus  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2', \mathbf{v}_3\}$  is an orthogonal set in  $W$  and it is basis for  $W$ .

## Gram-Schmidt process

**Example:** Construct an orthonormal basis for

$$\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\overbrace{3 \cdot 1 + 6 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 2}^{15}}{\underbrace{3^2 + 6^2 + 0^2}_{45}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The corresponding orthonormal basis is

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \frac{\mathbf{v}_1}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{5} \\ 2/\sqrt{5} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{\mathbf{v}_2}{\|\mathbf{v}_2\|} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Orthonormal matrices

Matrices with columns forming an orthonormal set are important for applications and computing algorithms.

**Theorem:**  $\mathbf{U}$  has orthonormal columns if and only if  $\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}$ .

**Theorem:** If  $\mathbf{U}$  has orthonormal columns, then  $\forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ :

- (a)  $\|\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{x}\|$
- (b)  $(\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}) \cdot (\mathbf{U}\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}$
- (c)  $(\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}) \cdot (\mathbf{U}\mathbf{y}) = 0$  if and only if  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = 0$

Properties (a) and (c) imply that the linear mapping  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}$  preserves length and orthogonality.

# Orthogonal matrices

**Definition:** An *orthogonal matrix*  $\mathbf{U}$  is a square invertible matrix such that  $\mathbf{U}^{-1} = \mathbf{U}^T$ .

## Notes:

- An orthogonal matrix has orthonormal columns.
- Any square matrix with orthonormal columns is orthogonal.
- An orthogonal matrix has orthonormal rows.

## Example:

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} 3/\sqrt{11} & -1/\sqrt{6} & -1/\sqrt{66} \\ 1/\sqrt{11} & 2/\sqrt{6} & -4/\sqrt{66} \\ 1/\sqrt{11} & 1/\sqrt{6} & 7/\sqrt{66} \end{bmatrix}.$$

is orthogonal because it is square and its columns are orthonormal.

# QR factorisation of matrices

## **Theorem:** *QR factorisation*

An  $m \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  with linearly independent columns can be factorised as  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{R}$ , where  $\mathbf{Q}$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix with columns forming an orthonormal basis for  $\text{Col } \mathbf{A}$ , and  $\mathbf{R}$  is an  $n \times n$  upper triangular invertible matrix with positive entries on its diagonal.

**Note:** Since  $\mathbf{Q}$  is an orthonormal matrix,  $\mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$ .

Thus  $\mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q}^\top (\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{R}) = (\mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{Q})\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}$ , so  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{A}$ .

**Proof:** The columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  form a basis  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$  for  $\text{Col } \mathbf{A}$ . An orthonormal basis  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$  for  $\text{Col } \mathbf{A}$  can be constructed by using the Gram-Schmidt process.

Then  $\forall k = 1 \dots n \quad \mathbf{a}_k \in \text{Span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_k\} = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k\}$ .

Therefore, there are constants  $r_{1k}, \dots, r_{kk}$ , such that

$$\mathbf{a}_k = r_{1k}\mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + r_{kk}\mathbf{u}_k + 0 \cdot \mathbf{u}_{k+1} + \dots + 0 \cdot \mathbf{u}_n$$

In case  $r_{kk} < 0$ , multiply  $r_{kk}$  and  $\mathbf{u}_k$  by  $-1$  so that all  $r_{kk} > 0$ .

# QR factorisation of matrices

**Proof (continuing):** Rewriting the same equation in vector form,

$$\mathbf{a}_k = r_{1k}\mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + r_{kk}\mathbf{u}_k + 0 \cdot \mathbf{u}_{k+1} + \dots + 0 \cdot \mathbf{u}_n$$

$$= [\mathbf{u}_1 \ \dots \ \mathbf{u}_n] \begin{bmatrix} r_{1k} \\ \vdots \\ r_{kk} \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{r}_k$$

From  $\mathbf{r}_k$  vectors, we form matrix  $\mathbf{R} = [\mathbf{r}_1 \ \dots \ \mathbf{r}_n]$ . Then

$$\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \dots \ \mathbf{a}_n] = [\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{r}_1 \ \dots \ \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{r}_n] = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{R}$$

By construction,  $\mathbf{R}$  is triangular with positive diagonal entries.

It can be shown that  $\mathbf{R}$  is invertible because the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  are linearly independent (consider  $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  given that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ ).

# QR factorisation of matrices

**Example:**

Find a QR decomposition of:  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution:** Earlier we have found an orthogonal basis for  $\text{Col } \mathbf{A}$  as

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Upon normalisation we obtain

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -3/\sqrt{12} & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1/\sqrt{12} & -2/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/2 & 1/\sqrt{12} & 1/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/2 & 1/\sqrt{12} & 1/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix}.$$

## QR factorisation of matrices

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{A} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -3/\sqrt{12} & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1/\sqrt{12} & -2/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/2 & 1/\sqrt{12} & 1/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/2 & 1/\sqrt{12} & 1/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix}^\top \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\&= \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ -3/\sqrt{12} & 1/\sqrt{12} & 1/\sqrt{12} & 1/\sqrt{12} \\ 0 & -2/\sqrt{12} & 1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\&= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3/2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3/\sqrt{12} & 2/\sqrt{12} \\ 0 & 0 & 2/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

So the QR decomposition is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -3/\sqrt{12} & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1/\sqrt{12} & -2/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/2 & 1/\sqrt{12} & 1/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/2 & 1/\sqrt{12} & 1/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3/2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3/\sqrt{12} & 2/\sqrt{12} \\ 0 & 0 & 2/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Summary

- Inner product  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} \equiv \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{v} = \sum_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i$
- Norm  $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}}$  and distance  $\text{dist}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|$
- Orthogonal vectors, complements, sets, bases
- Orthogonal projections and decompositions
- The best approximation theorem
- Gram-Schmidt process:  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{x}_1$ , then

$$\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{x}_i + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \left( -\frac{\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_j}{\mathbf{v}_j \cdot \mathbf{v}_j} \mathbf{v}_j \right) \quad i = 2, \dots, p$$

- $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{R}$  factorisation:  $\mathbf{A} \xrightarrow{\text{Gram-Schmidt}} \mathbf{Q}$ , then  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{A}$ .

## Next lecture

See you next Wednesday

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Assignment 7 is due this week (on 22–24 May)

Assignment 8 is due next week (on 29–31 May)