

WORKSHEET: ORTHONORMAL VECTORS AND GRAM-SCHMIDT ORTHOGONALIZATION

1. Definition: A *basis* is a set of \underline{n} linearly independent n -vectors.

2. A set of n -vectors a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k is called *orthogonal* if ^{mutually}

a_i is orthogonal to a_j for all $i \neq j$.

$a_i \perp a_j$ — $a_i^T a_j = 0$

3. Example: $S = \{v_1 = (1, 1, 1), v_2 = (1/2, 1/2, -1), v_3 = (1, -1, 0)\}$

check: $v_1^T v_2 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - 1 = 0$ $v_2^T v_3 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = 0$

$v_1^T v_3 = 1 - 1 = 0$

4. A vector a is called *normal* if $\|a\| = 1$

$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + 1 = \frac{6}{4} = \frac{3}{2}$

5. Example:

$a_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right), a_2 = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{3}}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{3}}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}\right), a_3 = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0\right)$

6. A set of n -vectors a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k is called *orthonormal* if

the a_i 's are mutually orthogonal and normal.

7. Example: $\{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$ orthonormal.

8. Suppose a_1, a_2, a_3 , and a_4 is a set of orthonormal n -vectors. Further, suppose that $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$ and β_4 have the property that

$$\beta_1 a_1 + \beta_2 a_2 + \beta_3 a_3 + \beta_4 a_4 = 0_n.$$

- (a) Take the inner product of a_3 with both sides of the equation above to get a new equation. What can you conclude?

$$a_3^T (\beta_1 a_1 + \beta_2 a_2 + \beta_3 a_3 + \beta_4 a_4) = a_3^T 0 = 0$$

$$\beta_1 a_3^T a_1 + \beta_2 a_3^T a_2 + \beta_3 a_3^T a_3 + \beta_4 a_3^T a_4 = 0$$

$$0 + 0 + \beta_3 \|a_3\|^2 + 0 = 0$$

$$\beta_3 = 0$$

- (b) What can you conclude about β_i for $i = 1, 2, 4$? $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_4 = 0$ using the same strategy w/ a_1, a_2 and a_4 .

- (c) What can you conclude about the set a_1, a_2, a_3 , and a_4 ? About any set of orthonormal vectors?

They are linearly independent.

! So, a set of n orthonormal n -vectors is a basis

9. Example: Write the vector $x = (1, 2, 3)$ as a linear combination of $T = \left\{ \begin{matrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{matrix} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Want $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$ so that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \beta_1 a_1 + \beta_2 a_2 + \beta_3 a_3 \quad \text{ugh...}$$

trick Find

$$x^T a_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{6}{\sqrt{3}} = 2\sqrt{3} = \beta_1$$

$$x^T a_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{-3\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}} = \beta_2$$

$$x^T a_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} = \beta_3$$

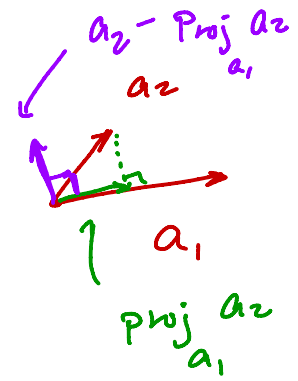
$$2\sqrt{3} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ +1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ +\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

3 orthonormal 3-vectors.

10. Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization Algorithm

Strategy: (1) Orthogonalize vectors one-by-one (2) normalize.



given: n -vectors a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k

(1) for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

middle step $\rightarrow \bar{q}_i = a_i - \left(\frac{a_i^T \bar{q}_{i-1}}{\|\bar{q}_{i-1}\|^2} \right) \bar{q}_{i-1} - \left(\frac{a_i^T \bar{q}_{i-2}}{\|\bar{q}_{i-2}\|^2} \right) \bar{q}_{i-2} - \dots - \left(\frac{a_i^T \bar{q}_1}{\|\bar{q}_1\|^2} \right) \bar{q}_1$

(2) for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

If $\bar{q}_i \neq 0_n$, then $q_i = \left(\frac{1}{\|\bar{q}_i\|} \right) \bar{q}_i$.

output: $\{q_i \mid \bar{q}_i \neq 0_n\}$ *end.*

11. Example: $a_1 = (1, -1, 1)$, $a_2 = (1, 0, 1)$, $a_3 = (1, 1, 2)$

① $\bar{q}_2 = a_2 - \left(\frac{a_2^T \bar{q}_1}{\|\bar{q}_1\|^2} \right) \bar{q}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 2/3 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix}$

$\bar{q}_3 = a_3 - \left(\frac{a_3^T \bar{q}_1}{\|\bar{q}_1\|^2} \right) \bar{q}_1 - \left(\frac{a_3^T \bar{q}_2}{\|\bar{q}_2\|^2} \right) \bar{q}_2$
 $= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \left(\frac{5}{2} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 2/3 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ 0 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$

② $q_1 = \frac{\bar{q}_1}{\|\bar{q}_1\|} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} \\ -1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}$

$q_2 = \frac{\bar{q}_2}{\|\bar{q}_2\|} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{6} \\ \sqrt{2}/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{6} \end{pmatrix}, q_3 = \frac{\bar{q}_3}{\|\bar{q}_3\|} = \begin{pmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$

output:

q_1, q_2, q_3

middle list
 $\bar{q}_1 = a_1 = (1, -1, 1)$

$\bar{q}_2 = (1/3, 2/3, 1/3)$

$\bar{q}_3 = (-1/2, 0, 1/2)$

Ingredients
 $a_2^T \bar{q}_1 = 1 + 0 + 1 = 2$

$\|\bar{q}_1\|^2 = 1 + 1 + 1 = 3$

$a_3^T \bar{q}_1 = 1 - 1 + 2 = 2$

$a_3^T \bar{q}_2 = 1/3 + 2/3 + 2/3 = 5/3$

$\|\bar{q}_2\|^2 = 1/9 + 4/9 + 1/9 = 6/9 = 2/3$

$\frac{5/3}{2/3} = \frac{5}{2}$