

1. Mechanical Gram-Schmidt (Fall 2016 Final)

- (a) Use Gram-Schmidt to find an orthonormal basis for the following three vectors.

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ -\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ -\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) Express \vec{v}_1 , \vec{v}_2 , and \vec{v}_3 as vectors in the basis you found in part (a).

2. Gram-Schmidt Properties

- (a) If we are performing the Gram-Schmidt method on a set of vectors, does the order in which we take the vectors matter? Consider the following set of vectors.

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Perform Gram-Schmidt on these vectors first in the order $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$ and then in the order $\vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_1$. Do you get the same answer?

- (b) What happens when we perform Gram-Schmidt on a set of n vectors $\{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}$, where only $n-1$ of them are linearly independent?

3. Orthonormal Projections

- (a) Suppose the $n \times m$ matrix \mathbf{A} has linearly independent columns. The vector \vec{y} in \mathbb{R}^n is not in the subspace spanned by the columns of \mathbf{A} . Show that the projection of \vec{y} onto the subspace spanned by the columns of \mathbf{A} is $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T\vec{y}$.
- (b) Now suppose we perform gram schmidt on \mathbf{A} to get a new matrix \mathbf{Q} . Show that the projection of \vec{y} onto the subspace spanned by the columns of \mathbf{Q} is now $\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{Q}^T\vec{y}$.