

1. (a) Show that the matrix  $\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}}_A$  is orthogonal.

$$\begin{aligned} A^T A &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta & -\cos \theta \sin \theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ -\sin \theta \cos \theta + \cos \theta \sin \theta & \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow A$  is orthogonal.

- (b) Suppose that  $a^2 + b^2 = 1$ . Show that the matrix  $\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & -a \end{pmatrix}}_B$  is orthogonal.

$$\begin{aligned} B^T B &= \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & -a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & -a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 + b^2 & ab - ba \\ ba - ab & b^2 + a^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow B$  is orthogonal.

- (c) (Try at home:) Show that all orthogonal  $2 \times 2$  matrices are of the form (a) or (b). Hence all orthogonal transformations  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  are rotations and reflections.

2. For each of the following statements, determine whether it is always, sometimes or never true.

(a) Let  $A$  be an orthogonal matrix. Then  $\det(A) = \pm 1$ .

Always If  $A$  is orthogonal then  $A^T A = I$ . So

$$\det(A^T A) = \det(A^T) \det(A) = \det(A^2) = \det(A)^2$$

$$\parallel$$

$$\det(I_n) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(A) = \pm 1$$

(b) Let  $A$  be a  $2 \times 3$  matrix. Then  $A^T A$  is orthogonal.

Never  $A^T A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix but

$$\text{rank}(A^T A) = \dim(\text{im } A^T A) \leq \dim(\text{im } A^T)$$

$$\parallel$$

$$\text{rank}(A^T) \leq 2 < 3$$

↑  
since  $A^T$  is  
a  $3 \times 2$  matrix

$\Rightarrow A^T A$  is not invertible  $\Rightarrow$  not orthogonal.

(c) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a linear transformation. If the angle between vectors  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{y}$  is  $\theta$ , then the angle between  $T(\vec{x})$  and  $T(\vec{y})$  is  $\theta$ .

Always Let  $\varphi$  be the angle between  $T(\vec{x})$  and  $T(\vec{y})$ .

Then

$$\cos \varphi = \frac{T(\vec{x}) \cdot T(\vec{y})}{\|T(\vec{x})\| \|T(\vec{y})\|} \stackrel{\text{by orthogonality}}{=} \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{\|\vec{x}\| \|\vec{y}\|} = \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi = \theta \text{ since } 0 \leq \varphi, \theta \leq \pi.$$

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(d) Suppose  $\det(A) = 1$ . Then  $A$  is orthogonal.

Sometimes

It's true when  $A = I_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \det A = 1$   
 $A^T A = I_2^2 = I_2$

It's false when  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $\det A = 1$

$$\text{but } \|A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{2} \neq 1 = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\|$$

$\Rightarrow A$  doesn't preserve lengths  $\Rightarrow A$  is not orthogonal.

(e) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a linear transformation such that

$$T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then  $T$  is orthogonal.

Sometimes

It's true if  $T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , since  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  are orthonormal  
 $\overset{= T(\vec{e}_1)}{=} \overset{= T(\vec{e}_2)}{=} \overset{= T(\vec{e}_3)}{=}$   
 $\dots$  so  $T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x \\ z \\ y \end{pmatrix}$

It's false if  $T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  since  $\|T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = 2$   
 $\dots$  so  $T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x \\ 0 \\ y+2z \end{pmatrix} \neq 1 = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\|$   
 $\Rightarrow T$  doesn't preserve lengths.

3. (a) Find an orthonormal basis of the plane  $V$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  described by the equation  $2x + y - 3z = 0$ .

$$\text{Basis of } V: \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{v_1}, \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{v_2}$$

Gram-Schmidt:

$$\vec{u}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u}_2^\perp &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{5} \left( \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{=-1} \right) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{u}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{36+9+25}} \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{70}} \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

So an orthonormal basis of  $V$  is

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{70}} \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (b) Find the matrix of orthogonal projection onto  $V$ .

Let  $Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{5} & 6/\sqrt{70} \\ -2/\sqrt{5} & 3/\sqrt{70} \\ 0 & 5/\sqrt{70} \end{pmatrix}$ . Then the matrix of orthogonal projection onto  $V$  is  $QQ^T$ :

$$\begin{aligned} &\begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{5} & 6/\sqrt{70} \\ -2/\sqrt{5} & 3/\sqrt{70} \\ 0 & 5/\sqrt{70} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{5} & -2/\sqrt{5} & 0 \\ 6/\sqrt{70} & 3/\sqrt{70} & 5/\sqrt{70} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{5} + \frac{6}{70} & -\frac{2}{5} + \frac{18}{70} & 0 + \frac{30}{70} \\ -\frac{2}{5} + \frac{18}{70} & \frac{4}{5} + \frac{9}{70} & 0 + \frac{15}{70} \\ 0 + \frac{30}{70} & 0 + \frac{15}{70} & 0 + \frac{25}{70} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{70} \begin{pmatrix} 14+6 & -28+18 & 30 \\ -28+18 & 56+9 & 15 \\ 30 & 15 & 25 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{70} \begin{pmatrix} 20 & -10 & 30 \\ -10 & 65 & 15 \\ 30 & 15 & 25 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & 6 \\ -2 & 13 & 3 \\ 6 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$