

Math 250:B1, Quiz #11
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1. (§6.2, #7) Let $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

Using the Gram-Schmidt process, obtain an orthonormal basis for the span of S .

from the formula sheet:

Recall that in Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization, you start with a linearly independent set $S = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. Then $S' = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ is an orthogonal set where $\text{span } S' = \text{span } S$.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_1 &= \mathbf{u}_1 \\ \mathbf{v}_2 &= \mathbf{u}_2 - \frac{\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|^2} \mathbf{v}_1 \\ &\vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_k &= \mathbf{u}_k - \frac{\mathbf{u}_k \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|^2} \mathbf{v}_1 - \dots - \frac{\mathbf{u}_k \cdot \mathbf{v}_{k-1}}{\|\mathbf{v}_{k-1}\|^2} \mathbf{v}_{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

Solution:

From the Gram-Schmidt process, we have $S' = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$, where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{v}_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{6}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Rescaling, we obtain the orthonormal basis

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$