

GRAM-SCHMIDT EXAMPLE

Find an orthonormal basis for $\text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$
 where $\vec{v}_1 = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$, $\vec{v}_2 = \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle$, $\vec{v}_3 = \langle 2, 3, 4 \rangle$.
 Use Gram-Schmidt procedure.

$$1.) \text{ Let } \vec{u}_1 = \frac{1}{\|\vec{v}_1\|} \vec{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle = \hat{u}_1.$$

$$2.) \text{ Calculate } \vec{v}_2 \cdot \hat{u}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_2' &= \vec{v}_2 - (\vec{v}_2 \cdot \hat{u}_1) \hat{u}_1 \\ &= \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle \\ &= \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle - \frac{2}{3} \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle \\ &= \langle \frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \langle 1, -2, 1 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v}_2' \text{ normalized to } \hat{u}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \langle 1, -2, 1 \rangle.$$

$$3.) \vec{v}_3 \cdot \hat{u}_1 = \langle 2, 3, 4 \rangle \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle = \frac{9}{\sqrt{3}}.$$

$$\vec{v}_3 \cdot \hat{u}_2 = \langle 2, 3, 4 \rangle \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \langle 1, -2, 1 \rangle = \frac{2-6+4}{\sqrt{6}} = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_3' &= \vec{v}_3 - (\vec{v}_3 \cdot \hat{u}_1) \hat{u}_1 - (\vec{v}_3 \cdot \hat{u}_2) \hat{u}_2 \\ &= \langle 2, 3, 4 \rangle - \frac{9}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle \\ &= \langle 2, 3, 4 \rangle - 3 \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle \\ &= \langle -1, 0, 1 \rangle \Rightarrow \hat{u}_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle -1, 0, 1 \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ has $\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \langle 1, -2, 1 \rangle, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle -1, 0, 1 \rangle \right\}$
 as an orthonormal basis.