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## ➤ Gram-Schmidt Orthonormalization (GSO).

# Orthogonal and orthonormal vector systems

The set of non-zero vectors  $\{\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n\}$ , in a normed linear space, is said

- an **orthogonal system** if the vectors are mutually orthogonal

$$\langle \varphi_k, \varphi_j \rangle = \begin{cases} = 0 & k \neq j \\ \neq 0 & k = j \end{cases}$$

- an **orthonormal system** if, **in addition**, they have unit norm

$$\langle \varphi_k, \varphi_j \rangle = \begin{cases} = 0 & k \neq j \\ = 1 & k = j \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \|\varphi_k\| = 1$$

An **orthogonal basis** corresponds to introduce a **Coordinate Reference System** with orthogonal axes.  
An **orthonormal basis** corresponds to a **Coordinate Reference System** with orthogonal axes, all measured in the same unit of length (**monometric orthogonal reference system**).

# Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization in $\mathbb{R}^n$

This algorithm transforms any subspace basis into an orthonormal basis

**input:**  $n$  linearly independent vectors  $\{a_i\}$

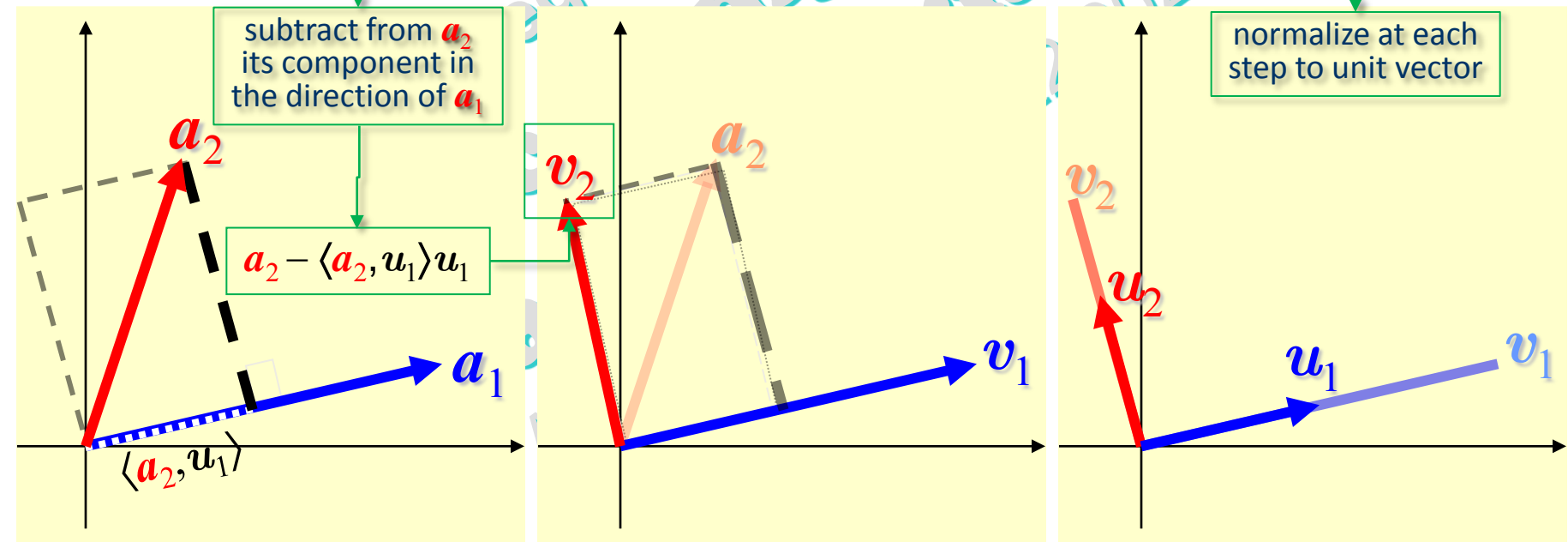
**output:**  $n$  orthogonal vectors  $\{v_i\}$  and  $n$  orthonormal vectors  $\{u_i\}$

## Idea (in $\mathbb{R}^2$ )

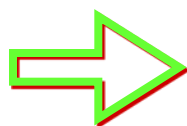
subtract from  $a_2$   
its component in  
the direction of  $a_1$

$$a_2 - \langle a_2, u_1 \rangle u_1$$

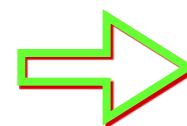
normalize at each  
step to unit vector



Linearly independent  
vector system  $\{a_1, a_2\}$



Orthogonal vector system



Orthonormal vector system

# Gram-Schmidt Orthonormalization algorithm: steps

input vectors  $a_1$  and  $a_2$ : linearly independent

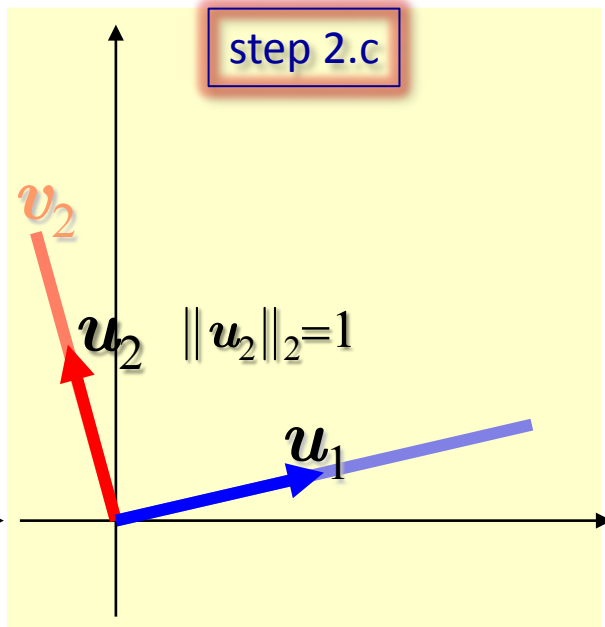
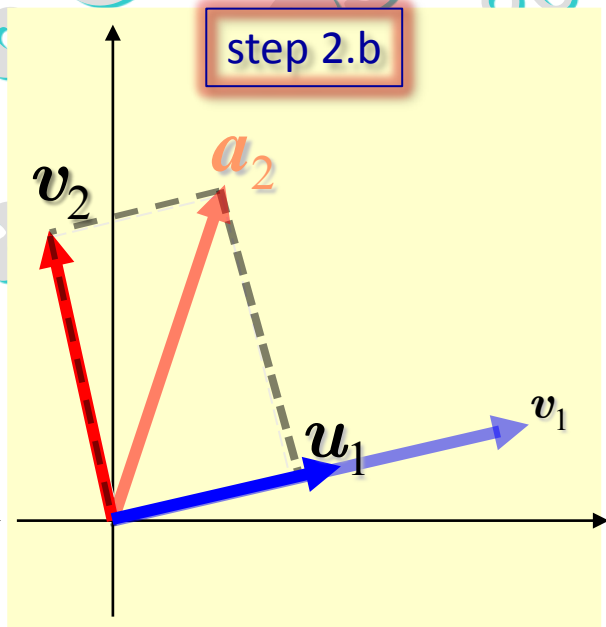
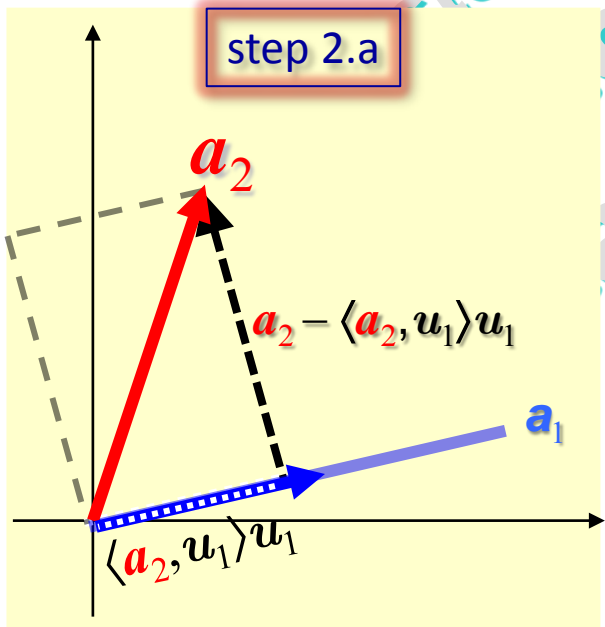
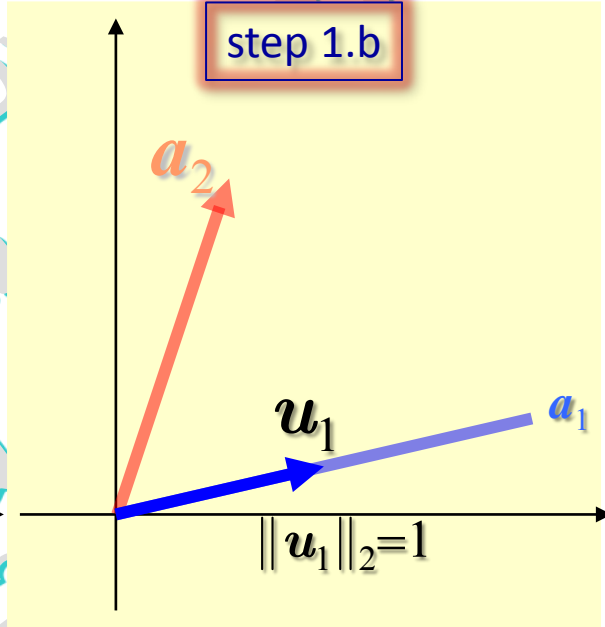
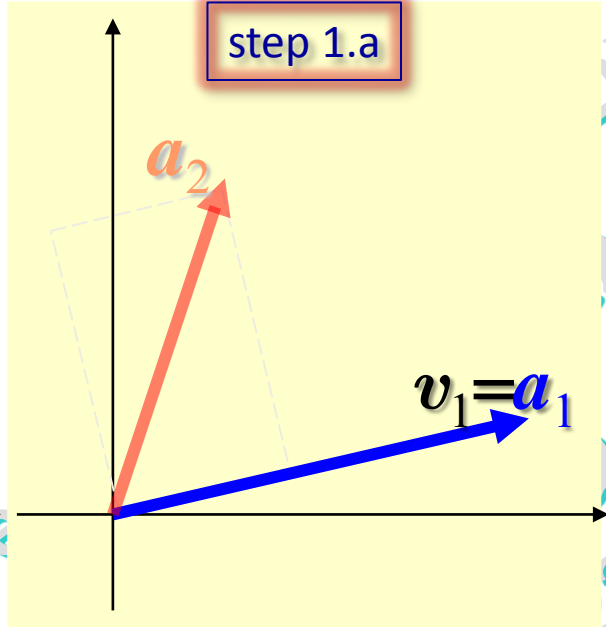
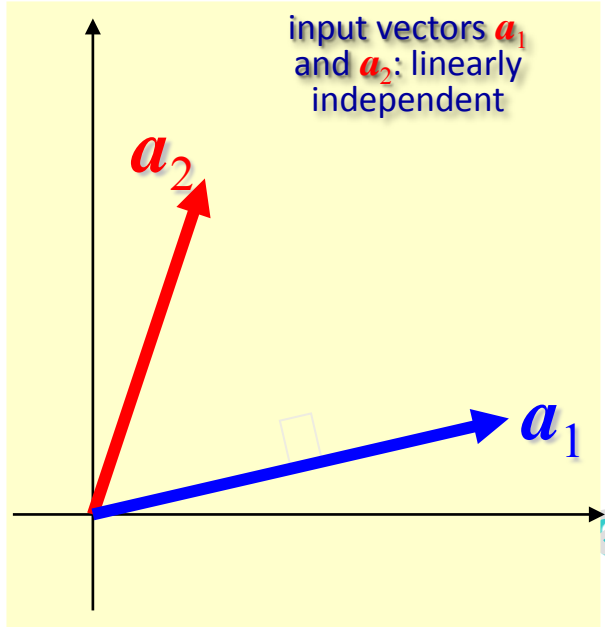
step 1.a

step 1.b

step 2.a

step 2.b

step 2.c



# Gram-Schmidt Orthonormalization algorithm (GSO)

step 1.a

$$v_1 = a_1;$$

step 1.b

$$u_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|}$$

the 1st vector is only normalized to a unit vector

$$v_k = a_k - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \langle a_k, u_j \rangle u_j$$

step k.a

for  $k = 2, 3, \dots, n$

step k.c

$$u_k = \frac{v_k}{\|v_k\|}$$

**Idea:** subtract, from each input vector, its components along the already orthonormalized vectors

# Lab.: compute an orthonormal basis

parametric eq. of the plane  $\pi$   $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$

non-orthonormal basis

GSO algorithm

numerical MATLAB

```
A=[-2 1 0; 1 0 1]';
disp(orth(A))
-0.9129 -0.0000
 0.3651 -0.4472
-0.1826 -0.8944
```

symbolic

GSO algorithm

```
a1=sym([-2 1 0]'); a2=sym([1 0 1]');
v1=a1; u1=v1/norm(v1);
v2=a2-a2'*u1*u1; u2=v2/norm(v2);
disp([u1 u2])
[-(2*5^(1/2))/5, (5^(1/2)*6^(1/2))/30]
 [5^(1/2)/5, (5^(1/2)*6^(1/2))/15]
 [0, (5^(1/2)*6^(1/2))/6]
disp(double([u1 u2]))
-0.8944 0.1826
 0.4472 0.3651
 0 0.9129
```

orthonormal basis

$$v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/5 \\ 2/5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u_2 = \frac{v_2}{\|v_2\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
disp(orth([a1 a2]))
```

$$\pi = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

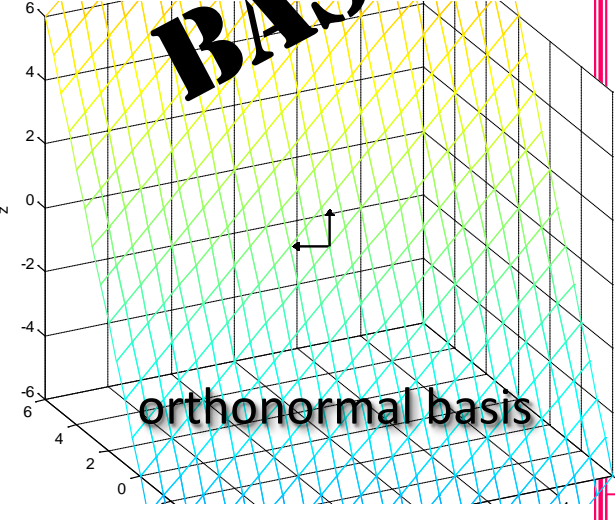
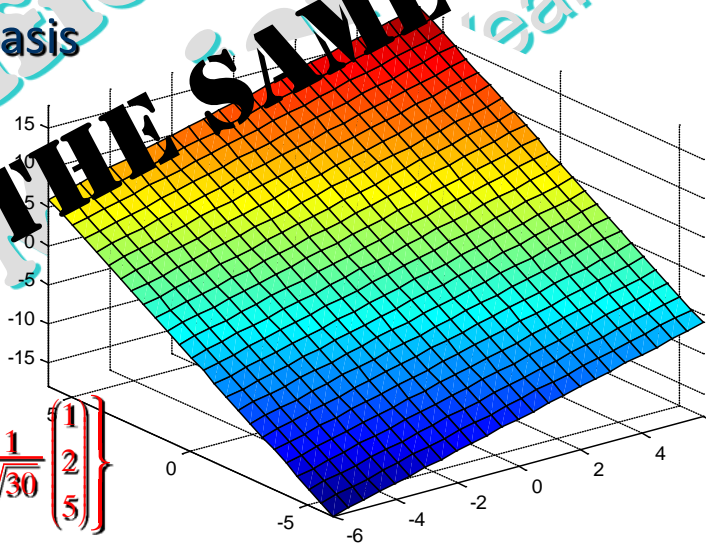
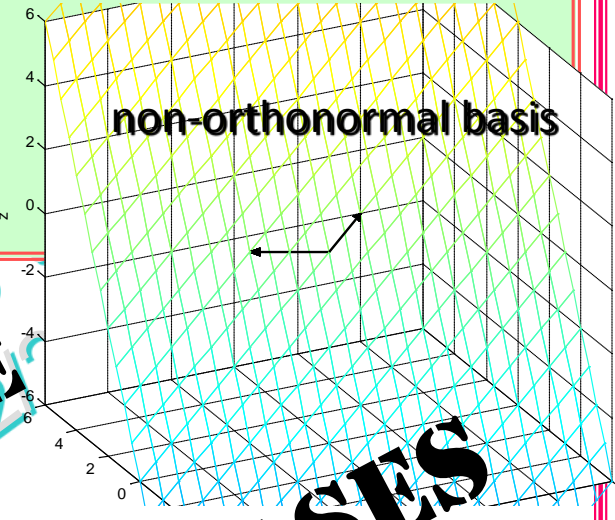
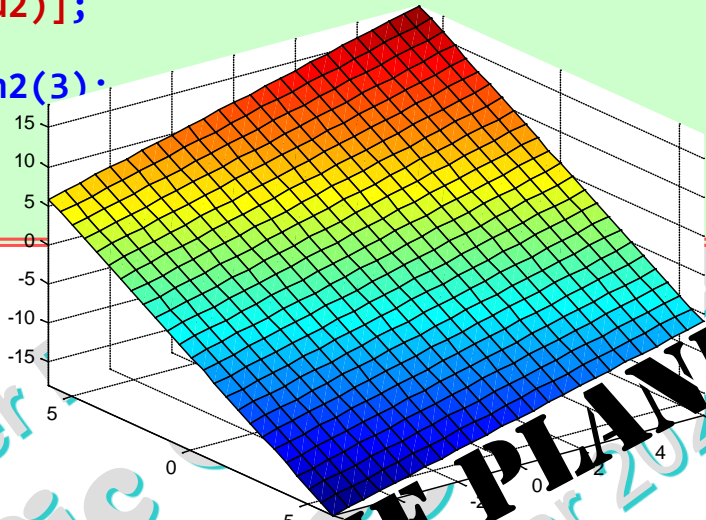
check

```
disp(rank([orth(A) double([u1 u2])]))
2 the same subspace
```

# Lab (contd)

```

... [x,y]=meshgrid(linspace(-6,6,25)); A=[-2 1 0;1 0 1]'; n1=null(A');
P1=(-n1(1)*x-n1(2)*y)/n1(3); % cartesian eq.
subplot(2,2,1); surf(x,y,P1); axis('tight'); subplot(2,2,2); mesh(x,y,P1); hidden off
hold on; axis equal; quiver3([0 0],[0 0],[0 0],A(1,:),A(2,:),A(3,:),1)
view([n1(1),n1(2),n1(3)])
A2=[double(u1) double(u2)];
n2=null(A2');
P2=(-n2(1)*x-n2(2)*y)/n2(3);
subplot(2,2,3);
surf(x,y,P2);...
...
    
```



$$\pi = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

non-orthonormal basis

orthonormal basis

$$\pi = \text{span} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

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# Matrix with orthonormal columns

A real matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$ , of size  $(m \times n)$ , with **orthonormal columns**, satisfies the following equation:  $\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$  ( $\mathbf{Q}^T$ : *left inverse*) but, in general,  $\mathbf{Q} \mathbf{Q}^T = \mathbf{I}$  **does not hold**.  $\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{Q}$  is known as “Gram matrix” of  $\mathbf{Q}$ .

If  $\mathbf{Q}$  has **orthonormal columns** then it

- preserves std scalar products:  $\langle \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{y} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$  
- leaves vector lengths unchanged:  $\|\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \|\mathbf{x}\|_2$
- preserves distances:  $\|\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{y}\|_2 = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2$
- and preserves angles between vectors:  
 $\cos(\angle \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{y}) = \langle \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{y} \rangle / (\|\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{x}\|_2 \|\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{y}\|_2) = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle / (\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \|\mathbf{y}\|_2) = \cos(\angle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$

If  $\mathbf{Q}$  is a **real square matrix**, and  $\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I} = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{Q}^T \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{Q}^T = \mathbf{Q}^{-1}$  i.e., the transpose matrix is its inverse, then  $\mathbf{Q}$  is called an **orthogonal matrix**.

If  $\mathbf{Q}$  is a **complex square matrix**, and  $\mathbf{Q}^H \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I} = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{Q}^H \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{Q}^H = \mathbf{Q}^{-1}$  i.e., the transpose and conjugate matrix is its inverse, then  $\mathbf{Q}$  is called a **unitary matrix**.

Examples of orthogonal matrices: Permutations, Rotations, Reflections.  
Do you know what they are?

... later

# Gram-Schmidt Orthonormalization (GSO)

It can be applied to any kind of vectors

**Example 1** compute an orthonormal basis, with respect to the standard dot product in  $[-1, 1]$ , in the subspace  $\Pi_1$  containing the **real algebraic polynomials of degree at most 1**.

$$P_1(x) = b + ax$$

$$\Pi_1 = \text{span}\{1, x\}$$

standard dot product in  $[-1, 1]$ :  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x)dx$

orthogonal, but non-orthonormal, basis

GSO Alg.

orthonormal basis

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, x\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \right\}$$

$$u_1 = \frac{\varphi_1}{\|\varphi_1\|_2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

since  $\|\varphi_1\|_2 = \sqrt{\int_{-1}^1 1 dx}$

$$v_2 = \varphi_2 - \langle \varphi_2, u_1 \rangle u_1 = x \quad \text{since} \quad \langle \varphi_2, u_1 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} dx = 0$$

$$u_2 = \frac{v_2}{\|v_2\|_2} = x\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$$

since  $\|v_2\|_2 = \sqrt{\int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$

# GSO: Example 1 in MATLAB

subspace  $\Pi_1$

$$\Pi_1 = \{ax + b, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

MATLAB Symbolic Math Toolbox

```
dotProd = @(f,g) int(f*g,-1,1);
```

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x)dx$$

```
syms x real; A=[sym(1) x] % basis for  $\Pi_1$ 
```

```
A =
[ 1, x]
v(1)=A(1);
```

```
u(1)=v(1)/sqrt(dotProd(v(1),v(1)));
v(2)=A(2) - dotProd(A(2),u(1))*u(1);
u(2)=v(2)/sqrt(dotProd(v(2),v(2)));
```

```
disp(v) v orthogonal system
```

```
[ 1, x]
```

```
disp(u) u orthonormal system
```

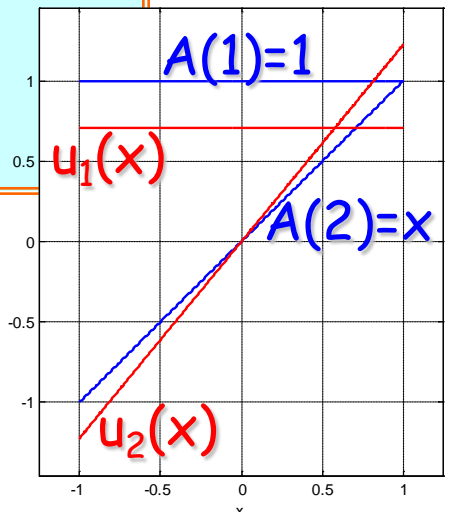
```
[ 2^(1/2)/2, (2^(1/2)*3^(1/2)*x)/2]
```

```
disp(A'*A)
[ 1, x]
[x, x^2]
disp(kron(A',A))
[ 1, x]
[x, x^2]
```

outer product of two vectors = Kronecker product of vectors

```
disp(int(A'*A,-1,1))
[ 2, 0] orthogonal
[ 0, 2/3]
disp(int(v'*v,-1,1))
[ 2, 0] orthogonal
[ 0, 2/3]
disp(int(u'*u,-1,1))
[ 1, 0] orthonormal
[ 0, 1]
```

$$\|f(x)\| = \sqrt{\int_{-1}^1 [f(x)]^2 dx}$$



Function plots do not represent the vectors of  $\Pi_1$ ; to think about them as vectors of a linear subspace, we have to consider the vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , the real plane.

# GSO Algorithm

It can be applied to any kind of vectors

**Example 2** compute an orthonormal basis, with respect to the standard dot product in  $[-1, 1]$ , in the subspace  $\Pi_2$  containing the **real algebraic polynomials of degree at most 2**.

$$P_2(x) = c + bx + ax^2$$

$$\text{standard dot product in } [-1, 1]: \langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x)dx$$

$$\Pi_2 = \text{span}\{1, x, x^2\}$$

orthogonal, but non-orthonormal, basis

GSO Alg.



orthonormal basis

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, x\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}, \frac{3}{2}\left(x^2 - \frac{1}{3}\right)\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \right\}$$

$$v_1 = \varphi_1 \quad u_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|_2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{since } \|v_1\|_2 = \sqrt{\int_{-1}^1 1 dx}$$

$$v_2 = \varphi_2 = \langle \varphi_2, u_1 \rangle u_1 = x$$

$$\text{since } \langle \varphi_2, u_1 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} dx = 0$$

$$u_2 = \frac{v_2}{\|v_2\|_2} = x\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\text{since } \|v_2\|_2 = \sqrt{\int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$v_3 = \varphi_3 = \langle \varphi_3, u_1 \rangle u_1 - \langle \varphi_3, u_2 \rangle u_2$$

$$u_3 = \frac{v_3}{\|v_3\|_2}$$

# GSO: Example 2 in MATLAB

subspace  $\Pi_2 = \{ax^2 + bx + c, \quad a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\}$

outer product of two vectors = Kronecker product of vectors

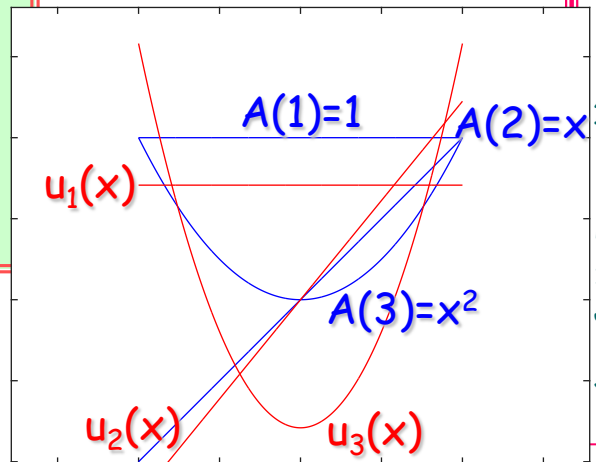
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```
dotProd = @(f,g) int(f*g,-1,1);
syms x real; A=[sym(1) x x^2] % base per  $\Pi_2$ 
A =
[ 1, x, x^2]
v(1)=A(1);
u(1)=v(1)/sqrt(dotProd(v(1),v(1)));
v(2)=A(2) - dotProd(A(2),u(1))*u(1);
u(2)=v(2)/sqrt(dotProd(v(2),v(2)));
v(3)=A(3) - dotProd(A(3),u(1))*u(1) - dotProd(A(3),u(2))*u(2);
u(3)=v(3)/sqrt(dotProd(v(3),v(3)));
disp(v) v: orthogonal system
[ 1, x, x^2 - 1/3]
u=simplify(u) orthonormal system
u =
[2^(1/2)/2, (6^(1/2)*x)/2, (3*2^(1/2)*5^(1/2)*(x^2 - 1/3))/4]
```

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x) dx$$

$$\|f(x)\| = \sqrt{\int_{-1}^1 [f(x)]^2 dx}$$

```
disp(int(A'*A, -1,1))
[ 2, 0, 2/3]
[ 0, 2/3, 0]
[ 2/3, 0, 2/5]
disp(int(v'*v, -1,1))
[ 2, 0, 0]
[ 0, 2/3, 0]
[ 0, 0, 8/45]
disp(int(u'*u, -1,1))
[ 1, 0, 0]
[ 0, 1, 0]
[ 0, 0, 1]
```



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