## **Orthogonal matrices**

01. Since the matrix is  $3 \times 3$ , to find the third column, it is sufficient to calculate the cross product of the two columns of the matrix, i.e.  $(1/\sqrt{2}, -1/\sqrt{2}, 0) \wedge (1/\sqrt{6}, 1/\sqrt{6}, 2/\sqrt{6})$ . The result is  $(-2/\sqrt{12}, -2/\sqrt{12}, 2/\sqrt{12})$  or, to simplify,  $(-1/\sqrt{3} - 1/\sqrt{3}, 1/\sqrt{3})$ , so the matrix is

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{6} & -1/\sqrt{3} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{6} & -1/\sqrt{3} \\ 0 & 2/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}$$
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possible matrix is:

02. Since Q must be orthogonal, the module of the first column must be 1. Then to find the entry  $q_{31}$  we must set  $(-2/3)^2 + (2/3)^2 + q_{31}^2 = 1$ . We find  $q_{31} = \pm 1/3$ .

The same argument applies to the second column and we find  $q_{32} = \pm 2/3$ . But the two columns must be orthogonal so, if  $q_{31} = 1/3$  then  $q_{32} = 2/3$  and if  $q_{31} = -1/3$  then  $q_{32} = -2/3$ 

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In the first case  $(-2/3, 2/3, 1/3) \land (2/3, 1/3, 2/3) = (1/3, 2/3, -2/3)$ 

In the second case  $(-2/3, 2/3, -1/3) \land (2/3, 1/3, -2/3) = (-1/3, -2/3, -2/3)$ 

But the third column can also be the opposite of the cross product, so there are four possible ways to construct the matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2/3 & 2/3 & 1/3 \\ 2/3 & 1/3 & 2/3 \\ 1/3 & 2/3 & -2/3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2/3 & 2/3 & -1/3 \\ 2/3 & 1/3 & -2/3 \\ 1/3 & 2/3 & 2/3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2/3 & 2/3 & -1/3 \\ 2/3 & 1/3 & -2/3 \\ -1/3 & -2/3 & -2/3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2/3 & 2/3 & 1/3 \\ 2/3 & 1/3 & 2/3 \\ -1/3 & -2/3 & -2/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Spaces with a scalar product

11. a. Since the space is very simple, we can avoid Gram-Schmidt process.

First we calculate an orthogonal basis for W. First vector is (1, 1, 0).

Second vector is a vector of W, i.e. a linear combination of the two generators of W: a(1,1,0) + b(0,1,1) = (a, a + b, b). This vector should be orthogonal to (0,1,1), that is, we must have:  $\langle (a, a + b, b), (0,1,1) \rangle = 0 \implies 2a + b = 0$ . By instance a = 1; b = -2, hence the vector (1, -1, -2).

By normalization we get the o.n. basis  $\frac{(1,1,0)}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{(1,-1,-2)}{\sqrt{6}}.$ 

The projection of v onto W must be calculated by means of the o.n. basis and is

$$p = \left\langle \frac{(1,1,0)}{\sqrt{2}}, (1,2,0) \right\rangle \frac{(1,1,0)}{\sqrt{2}} + \left\langle \frac{(1,-1,-2)}{\sqrt{6}}, (1,2,0) \right\rangle \frac{(1,-1,-2)}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{3}{2}(1,1,0) - \frac{1}{6}(1,-1,-2) = \left(\frac{4}{3},\frac{5}{3},\frac{1}{3}\right).$$

- b. We have  $p v = \left(\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$ . This vector is orthogonal to (1, 1, 0) and to (0, 1, 1) and so, by bilinearity it is orthogonal to any linear combination or these two vectors, i.e. to any vector in W.
- 12. To find the distance, we must calculate the projection of the vector (1,1,1,1) onto W. To do this we must find an orthonormal basis of W by means of Gram-Schmidt algorithm. Set  $v_1 = (0,1,0,0), v_2 = (0,0,1,2), v_3 = (1,1,1,0)$ . Then:  $v_1'' = (0,1,0,0)$  (since its module is 1)  $v_2'' = (0,0,1,2)/\sqrt{5}$  ( $v_2$  is already orthogonal to  $v_1$ . It is sufficient to normalize it)  $v_3' = (1,1,1,0) - \langle (1,1,1,0), (0,1,0,0) \rangle (0,1,0,0) - \langle (1,1,1,0), (0,0,1,2)/\sqrt{5} \rangle (0,0,1,2)/\sqrt{5} = (1,1,1,0) - (0,1,0,0) - (0,0,1/5,2/5) = (1,0,4/5,-2/5).$ To simplify calculation, set  $v_3' = (5,0,4,-2)$ , and get  $v_3''$  by normalization:  $v_3'' = (5,0,4,-2)/\sqrt{45}$ Now the projection is  $\langle (1,1,1,1), (0,1,0,0) \rangle (0,1,0,0) + \langle (1,1,1,1), (0,0,1,2)/\sqrt{5} \rangle (0,0,1,2)/\sqrt{5} + \langle (1,1,1,1), (5,0,4,-2)/\sqrt{45} \rangle (5,0,4,-2)/\sqrt{45} = (0,1,0,0) + 3/5(0,0,1,2) + 7/45(5,0,4,-2)$ Final result is p = (7/9, 1, 11/9, 8/9).

In order to be sure that there is no calculation error, it is advisable to verify that p - v = (7/9, 1, 11/9, 8/9) - (1, 1, 1, 1) = (2/9, 0, -2/9, 1/9) is orthogonal to W, i.e. to each of the three vectors  $v_1, v_2, v_3$ . We omit this standard calculation. The distance is the module of the vector p - v = (2/9, 0, -2/9, 1/9), that is  $\sqrt{5/81}$ .

13. The matrix is definite positive. This can be verified in several ways, by instance by observing that the two principal minors of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & | & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$  are positive. This is enough to prove that it induces the following scalar product:  $\langle (x, y), (x_1, y_1) \rangle_* = (x - y) \cdot A \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}$  To find an an o.n. basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  we apply Gram-Schmidt process to the basis  $v_1(1, 0), v_2(0, 1)$ : First normalize  $v_1$ :  $|| v_1 ||_* = \sqrt{\langle (1, 0), (1, 0) \rangle_*} = \sqrt{\langle (1, 0) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}} = \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow v_1'' = \frac{(1, 0)}{\sqrt{2}}$  Then  $v_2' = (0, 1) - \langle (0, 1), \frac{(1, 0)}{\sqrt{2}} \rangle_* \frac{(1, 0)}{\sqrt{2}} = (0, 1) - \langle (0, 1), (1, 0) \rangle_* \frac{(1, 0)}{2}$ . We must calculate the scalar product:  $\langle (0, 1), (1, 0) \rangle_* = (0, 1) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 2$  So  $v_2' = (0, 1) - 2 \frac{(1, 0)}{2} = (-1, 1)$ . To conclude the process, we must normalize  $v_2'$ 

$$\|v_2'\| = \sqrt{\langle (-1,1), (-1,1) \rangle_*} = \sqrt{(-1\ 1) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2\\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1\\ 1 \end{pmatrix}} = \sqrt{3} \quad \Rightarrow \quad v_2'' = \frac{(-1,1)}{\sqrt{3}}$$

14. a. The product is a scalar product only if the matrix is definite positive. We can easily check it by using Sylvester's law of inertia and reducing A both by rows and columns:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 8 & k \\ 0 & k & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{c} R_2 \to R_2 - 2R_1 \\ C2 \to C_2 - 2C_1 \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & k \\ 0 & k & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{c} R_3 \to R_3 - (k/4)R_2 \\ C3 \to C_3 - (k/4)C_2 \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 - k^2/4 \end{pmatrix}$$

By Sylvester's law of inertia, the eigenvalues of the reduced matrix have the same signs as those of the matrix A, so they are all positive if and only if  $1 - k^2/4 > 0$  that is if and only if -2 < k < 2.

b. Let us calculate all the three scalar products

$$\langle (1,0,1), (1,1,0) \rangle_* = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 8 & k \\ 0 & k & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2+k & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 3+k$$

So they are orthogonal if k = -3, but for this k, the product  $\langle , \rangle_*$  is not a scalar product. In the same way, we have:

 $\langle (1,0,1), (0,1,0) \rangle_* = 2 + k$  but if k = -2, the product  $\langle , \rangle_*$  is not a scalar product.

 $\langle (1,0,1), (-1,1,0) \rangle_* = 1 + k$ . This time, if k = -1, the product  $\langle , \rangle_*$  is a scalar product and the two vectors are orthogonal.

c. Let k = -1. We must choose a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and apply Gram-Schmidt algorithm. Since the two vectors (1,0,1), (-1,1,0) are already orthogonal, it is convenient to choose a basis that contains the two vectors, by instance  $\mathcal{B} : v_1(1,0,1), v_2(-1,1,0), v_3(0,0,1)$ . This way the first two step of the algorithm are very simple:

First normalize  $v_1$ : We have  $||v_1||^2 = (1 \ 0 \ 1) \cdot A \cdot (1 \ 0 \ 1)^T = 2$ . Hence  $v_1'' = (1, 0, 1)/\sqrt{2}$ . Then normalize  $v_2$ : We have  $||v_2||^2 = (-1 \ 1 \ 0) \cdot A \cdot (-1 \ 1 \ 0)^T = 5$ . Hence  $v_2'' = (-1, 1, 0)/\sqrt{5}$ .  $v_3' = (0, 0, 1) - \langle (0, 0, 1), (1, 0, 1)/\sqrt{2} \rangle_* (1, 0, 1)/\sqrt{2} - \langle (0, 0, 1), (-1, 1, 0)/\sqrt{5} \rangle_* (-1, 1, 0)/\sqrt{5} =$ We must calculate the two scalar products:  $\langle (0, 0, 1), (1, 0, 1)/\sqrt{2} \rangle_* = (0 \ 0 \ 1) \cdot A \cdot (1 \ 0 \ 1)^T = 1/\sqrt{2}$  $\langle (0, 0, 1), (-1, 1, 0)/\sqrt{5} \rangle_* = (0 \ 0 \ 1) \cdot A \cdot (-1 \ 1 \ 0)^T/\sqrt{5} = 1/\sqrt{5}$ . So  $v_3' = (-7/10, 1/5, 1/2)$ . To simplify calculation set  $v_3'(-7, 2, 5)$ , and get  $v_3''$  by normalization:  $||v_3''||^2 = (-7, 2, 5) \cdot A \cdot (-7, 2, 5)^T = 30$ . Finally, we get the following o.n. basis:  $(1, 0, 1)/\sqrt{2}$ ,  $(-1, 1, 0)/\sqrt{5}$ ,  $(-7, 2, 5)/\sqrt{30}$ .

15. The inequality is 
$$|\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle| \leq ||f_1|||||f_2|||$$
. So we must calculate three scalar products:  
 $\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle = \int_1^2 \frac{ax^2 + b}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx = \int_1^2 \frac{ax^2 + b}{x^2} dx = \left[ax - \frac{b}{x}\right]_1^2 = a + \frac{b}{2}$   
 $||f_1||^2 = \langle f_2, f_2 \rangle = \int_1^2 \left(\frac{ax^2 + b}{x}\right)^2 dx = \left[\frac{a^2 + a}{3} + 2abx - \frac{b^2}{2}\right]_1^2 = \frac{7}{3}a^2 + 2ab + \frac{b^2}{2}$   
 $||f_2||^2 = \langle f_2, f_2 \rangle = \int_1^2 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2 dx = \left[-\frac{1}{x}\right]_1^2 = \frac{1}{2}$   
So we must verify that  $||a + \frac{b}{2}|| \leq \sqrt{\left(\frac{7}{3}a^2 + 2ab + \frac{b^2}{2}\right)\frac{1}{2}}$ .  
Taking squares:  $a^2 + \frac{b^2}{4} + ab \leq \frac{7}{6}a^2 + ab + \frac{b^2}{4}$  which is obviously true for any  $a$  and  $b$ .  
Furthermore it is an equality when  $a = 0$  and any  $b$ .  
16. Set  $v_1 = 1, v_2 = x, v_3 = x^2$ .  
a. To find an an orthonormal basis of  $V$  we apply Gram-Schmidt process to the basis  $v_1, v_2$ :  
First normalize  $v_1$ . But  $||v_1||^2 = \int_0^1 1 dx = 1$ . Hence  $v_1'' = 1$ .  
Then  $v_2' = x - \langle 1, x \rangle 1 = x - \left(\int_0^1 x dx\right) 1 = x - \frac{1}{2}$ . To conclude we must normalize  $v_2'$   
 $||v_2'||^2 = \int_0^1 \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 dx = \left[\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x}{4}\right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{12}$ . Hence  $v_1'' = \sqrt{12}\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{3}(2x-1)$ .  
To find an an orthonormal basis of  $V_1$  we must continue the Gram-Schmidt process up to  
the vector  $v_1$ :  
 $v_3' = x^2 - \langle 1, x' \rangle 1 - \langle \sqrt{3}(2x - 1), x^2 \rangle \sqrt{3}(2x - 1) =$   
 $= x^2 - \left(\int_0^1 x^d x\right) 1 - 3 \left(\int_0^1 (2x^3 - x^2) dx\right) (2x-1) = x^2 - \frac{1}{3} - 3 \left[\frac{x^4}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3}\right]_0^1 (2x-1) =$   
 $= x^2 - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2}(2x-1) = x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6}$ .  
To conclude we must normalize  $v_3'$   
 $||v_3'||^2 = \int_0^1 \left(x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6}\right) \sqrt{180} = \sqrt{5}(6x^2 - 6x + 1)$   
b. The projection of  $f$  onto  $V$  must be calculated by means of the on, basis and is  
 $p = (1, x^2) 1 + (\sqrt{3}(2x-1), x^2)\sqrt{3}(2x-1) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 1 + 3\frac{1}{6}(2x-1) = x - \frac{1}{6}$ .  
The relation between  $f(x)$  and its projection  $p(x)$  is that  $f(x) - p(x)$  is orthogonal to  $V$ . In  
fact  $f(x) - p(x) = x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6}$  and, as it follows from the previsus calculations, this function  
is orthogonal to 1 and t

First normalize  $v_1$ . But  $||v_1||^2 = \int_1^2 \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2}$ . Hence  $v_1'' = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{x}$ .

Then 
$$v_2' = x - \left\langle \frac{\sqrt{2}}{x}, x \right\rangle \frac{\sqrt{2}}{x} = x - 2 \left( \int_1^2 dx \right) \frac{1}{x} = x - \frac{2}{x}$$
. Now we must normalize  $v_2'$   
 $\|v_2'\|^2 = \int_0^1 \left(x - \frac{2}{x}\right)^2 dx = \left[\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{4}{4} - 4x\right]_1^2 = \frac{1}{3}$ . Hence  $v_2' = \sqrt{3} \left(x - \frac{2}{x}\right)$   
b. The projection of onto V must be calculated by means of the o.n. basis and is  
 $p = \left\langle x^2, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{x} \right\rangle \frac{\sqrt{2}}{x} + \left\langle x^3, \sqrt{3} \left(x - \frac{2}{x}\right) \right\rangle \sqrt{3} \left(x - \frac{2}{x}\right) = 2 \left(\int_1^2 dx\right) \frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{3} \left(\int_1^2 (x^3 - 2x) dx\right) \left(x - \frac{2}{x}\right) = 2 \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \frac{1}{x} + 3 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \left(x - \frac{2}{x}\right) = -\frac{3}{2x} + \frac{9}{4}x$   
c. We have:  $\int_1^2 f(x)p(x) dx = \langle f(x), p(x) \rangle = \left\langle f(x), \sqrt{f(x)}, \frac{1}{x} \right\rangle \frac{1}{x} + \langle f(x), x \rangle x \right\rangle$   
By bilinearity, the second side is  
 $\left\langle f(x), \frac{1}{x} \right\rangle \left\langle f(x), \frac{1}{x} \right\rangle + \langle f(x), x \rangle \langle f(x), x \rangle = \left\langle f(x), \frac{1}{x} \right\rangle^2 + \langle f(x), x \rangle^2 = - \left(\int_1^2 f(x)\frac{1}{x} dx\right)^2 + \left(\int_1^2 f(x)x dx\right)^2$  From here easily the conclusion.  
18. a. We have to prove that  $\langle , \rangle_1$  is symmetric, bilinear and positive. The first two are obvious. As for the third one, observe that  $\langle f, f_1 = \int_{-1}^{-1} f^2(x)x^2 dx$  cannot be negative since  $f^2(x)x^2$  is non negative and  $-1 < 1$ . The product  $\langle f, f_1 = x + x^2 dx = 0$ . This means that to conclude we have only one zero in  $[-1, 1]$ .  
b. Just apply Gram-Schmidt process; let us set  $v_1 = 1$  and  $v_2 = x$   
First normalize  $v_1$ . But  $\|v_1\|_{1}^2 = \int_{-1}^{-1} 1 \cdot 1 \cdot x \cdot x^2 dx = \frac{2}{5}$ . Hence  $v_1'' = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}x$ .  
19. Let us calculate  $\left\{ 2 - x, x \right\} = \int_{0}^{0} \left\{ 2 - x \right\} dx = \int_{0}^{0} \frac{3}{4} - 4x + x^2 dx = \left[ 4x - 2x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 \right]_{0}^{0} = 3$   
 $\||x||^2 = \int_{0}^{3} x^2 dx = \left[ \frac{1}{3}x^3 \right]_{0}^{2} = 9$  The one basis is:  $\frac{2 - x}{\sqrt{3}} : \frac{x}{3}$   
The projection is:  
 $p = \left\langle x^2, \frac{2 - x}{\sqrt{3}} \right\rangle \frac{2 - x}{\sqrt{3}} + \left\langle x^2, \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}} \right\rangle \frac{x}{3} = \left( \frac{1}{3} \int_{0}^{0} 2x^2 - x^3 dx \right) \left(2 - x\right) + \left( \frac{1}{9} \int_{0}^{3} x^3 dx \right) x = \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{2x}{3} - \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}} \right]_{0}^{2} (2 - x) + \frac{1}{9} \left[ \frac{x}{4} \right]_{0}^{3} x = \frac{1}{3} \left( -\frac{9}{4} \right) \left(2 - x\right) + \frac{1}{9} \frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{$ 

21. Since A is symmetric it suffices to calculate its eigenvalues: det  $\begin{pmatrix} 1-x & -2 \\ -1 & -1-x \end{pmatrix} = x^2 - 5$ So  $\lambda_1 = \sqrt{5}$   $\lambda_2 = -\sqrt{5}$ . It follows that  $||A||_2 = \sqrt{5}$  and  $\operatorname{cond}_2(A) = 1$ . Orthonormal bases, norms and condition number - Answers

22. Since A is non-symmetric we must use 
$$A^T A$$
  
 $A^T A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$   
The eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  are  $\lambda_1 = 2 \ \lambda_2 = 8 \ \lambda_2 = 8 \ \lambda_3 = 8 \ \lambda_1 = 8 \ \lambda_1 = 3$ .  
The 1-norms of the columns of  $A$  are all  $3$ , so  $\|A\|_{1} = 3$ .  
The 1-norms of the columns of  $A$  are  $A_1 = 3 \ A_1 = 3 \ A_2 = 4 \ A_3 = 0 \ \|A\|_{1} = 4$ .  
To calculate cond<sub>1</sub>(A) and cond<sub>26</sub>(A) we need to use  $A^{-1}$ .  
With few passages we get  $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/4 & 0 \\ 1/2 & -1/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/3 \end{pmatrix}$ .  
The 1-norms of the columns of  $A^{-1}$  are  $3/4$ ,  $3/4$ ,  $1/3$ , so  $\|A^{-1}\|_{\infty} = 3/4$ .  
We conclude: cond<sub>1</sub>(A) =||A|| \cdot ||A^{-1}||\_{1} = 3 \ A\_1 = 4 \ A\_2 = 1 \ A

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