

## Math 12C3 - Tutorial #12

1. @ Suppose  $x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find an orthogonal basis for  $\text{span}\{x_1, x_2\}$ .

Recall: • To convert a basis  $\{u_1, \dots, u_r\}$  to an orthogonal basis  $\{v_1, \dots, v_r\}$ , perform the following computations:

Gram-Schmidt Process

- ①  $v_1 = u_1$ .
- ②  $v_2 = u_2 - \text{proj}_{v_1} u_2$
- ③  $v_3 = u_3 - \text{proj}_{v_1} u_3 - \text{proj}_{v_2} u_3$
- ④  $v_4 = u_4 - \text{proj}_{v_1} u_4 - \text{proj}_{v_2} u_4 - \text{proj}_{v_3} u_4$

⋮  
etc.

• If  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is a set of orthogonal vectors  $\Rightarrow S$  is linearly independent.

We can see that  $x_1$  &  $x_2$  are not multiples of each other, so they are linearly independent  $\Rightarrow$  they form a basis for  $\text{span}\{x_1, x_2\}$ . So, we want to use Gram-Schmidt to orthogonalize these vectors.

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

$$v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \text{proj}_{v_1} x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{x_2 \cdot v_1}{\|v_1\|^2} v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{4}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . So,  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  form an orthogonal basis for  $\text{span}\{x_1, x_2\}$ .

Check:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$ . ✓

⑥ Find an orthonormal basis for  $\text{span}\{x_1, x_2\}$ .

Recall: An orthogonal set in which each vector has norm 1 is said to be orthonormal.

So, we must normalize  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  &  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\| \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \| = \sqrt{2}. \quad \| \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \| = \sqrt{9} = 3.$$

So,  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  forms an orthonormal

basis for  $\text{span}\{x_1, x_2\}$ .

Check  $\| \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \| = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}} = 1 \checkmark \quad \| \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \| = \sqrt{1} = 1 \checkmark$

2. Suppose  $x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $x_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , &

$\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  forms a basis for a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .  
Find an orthonormal basis for this subspace.

Again, we will use Gram-Schmidt & normalize:

$$\underline{v_1} = (1, 1, 1, 1). \quad \underline{v_2} = x_2 - \text{proj}_{v_1} x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}{4} (1, 1, 1, 1)$$

$$= (-1, 4, 4, 1) - \frac{8}{4} (1, 1, 1, 1) = (-3, 2, 2, -1).$$

$$\underline{v_3} = x_3 - \text{proj}_{v_1} x_3 - \text{proj}_{v_2} x_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}{4} (1, 1, 1, 1) - \frac{\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}{4+4+4+1} (-3, 2, 2, -1)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{4}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{12}{18} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 + \frac{4}{3} \\ 1 + \frac{4}{3} \\ -1 - \frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5/3 \\ 7/3 \\ -5/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

So,  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5/3 \\ 7/3 \\ -5/3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  forms an orthogonal basis. Now we need to normalize:

$$\frac{27}{4\sqrt{108}}$$

$$\|v_1\| = \sqrt{4} = 2, \quad \|v_2\| = \sqrt{9+4+4+1} = \sqrt{18} = \sqrt{9 \cdot 2} = 3\sqrt{2},$$

$$\|v_3\| = \sqrt{1 + \frac{25}{9} + \frac{49}{9} + \frac{25}{9}} = \sqrt{\frac{108}{9}} = \sqrt{\frac{4 \cdot 27}{9}} = \sqrt{\frac{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 9}{9}} = 2\sqrt{3}.$$

So,  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 2/3\sqrt{2} \\ 2/3\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1/2\sqrt{3} \\ -5/6\sqrt{3} \\ 7/6\sqrt{3} \\ -5/6\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  forms an orthonormal basis.

"  $\left( -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$

3. (see #3 From Tutorial #11 Notes).

4. Suppose  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  are linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Let  $W = \text{span}\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ .

(a) What is  $\dim(W)$ , (i.e. the dimension of  $W$ )?

Recall: • All bases of a finite dim'l vector space have the same number of vectors.

- If a finite dim'l vector space  $V$  has a basis consisting of  $n$  vectors, then by def'n,  $\dim(V) = n$ .

So, since  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  are linearly independent and they span  $W \Rightarrow \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  is a basis for  $W$   
 $\Rightarrow \dim(W) = 3$ .

- (b) Let  $x_4 \in W$ .  <sup>$\text{span}\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$</sup>  Is the set  $Y = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$  linearly independent?

Recall: Let  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  be a basis for  $V$ . Then:

- (a) IF  $S \subseteq V$  has  $> n$  vectors  $\Rightarrow S$  linearly dependent.  
 (b) IF  $S \subseteq V$  has  $< n$  vectors  $\Rightarrow S$  does not span  $V$ .

So, since  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  is a basis for  $W$ ,  $Y \subseteq W$ , but  $Y$  has  $4 > 3$  vectors  $\Rightarrow Y$  is not linearly independent.

- (c) Let  $x_5, x_6 \in W$ . Does  $\text{span}\{x_5, x_6\} = W$ ?  
 $x_5, x_6 \in W$ , but  
 $2 < 3 \Rightarrow \{x_5, x_6\}$  does not span  $W \Rightarrow \text{span}\{x_5, x_6\} \neq W$ .
- (d) Which familiar vector space does  $W$  equal?

Recall: • Let  $V$  be a vector space s.t.  $\dim(V) = n$ .

Let  $S = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  s.t.  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in V$ .

Then,  $S$  is a basis for  $V \Leftrightarrow S$  is linearly independent  
or  $S$  spans  $V$ .

- The standard basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

Since the standard basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  has 3 elements  $\Rightarrow \dim(\mathbb{R}^3) = 3$ .

Let  $S = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ . We know  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .  
We also know  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  are 3 linearly independent vectors.  
 $\Rightarrow S$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3 \Rightarrow \text{span}\{x_1, x_2, x_3\} = \mathbb{R}^3$   
 $\Rightarrow W = \mathbb{R}^3$ .

(We could have also used the theorem that says:  
IF  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ , then  $W=V \Leftrightarrow \dim(W) = \dim(V)$ ).

5. Suppose I gave you a homogeneous system of equations, you solved it, and found:

$$x = 2s + t - 3r$$

$$y = 2t$$

$$z = t$$

$$w = s$$

$$u = r.$$

(a) What would be a basis for your solution space?

(b) What is the dimension of this solution space?

(a) We can rewrite this solution as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \\ u \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} s + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} t + \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} r$$

So,  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for this homogeneous system (a.k.a. basis for the nullspace).

decomposing this way always guarantees that these vectors are linearly independent.

(b)  $\therefore$  The dimension of this solution space is 3.