

Motivation In  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , special basis:  $\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_n\}$  basis =  $L \perp \& Spin$

Special:  $\vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{e}_j = \langle 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle 0, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0 \rangle$

$$= (1)(0) + (0)(1) + (0)(0) + \dots + (0)(0) = 0$$

$$\|\vec{e}_i\| = 1$$

$$\vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{e}_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases} \quad \text{say } \{\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n\}$$

is orthonormal basis

↳ orthogonal → length = 1

Goal Start w/ a basis  $B = \{\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \dots, \vec{w}_n\}$  for  $V$ ,  $\dim(V) = n$ .

End w/ a orthonormal basis  $\tilde{B} = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$

def  $\tilde{B}$  is an orthonormal basis if:

(1) orthogonal condition:  $\langle \vec{v}_i, \vec{v}_j \rangle = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \\ \neq 0 & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$

(2) normal condition:  $\|\vec{v}_i\| = 1$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$



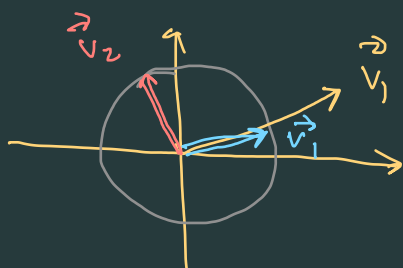
A set  $S$  is called orthogonal if it satisfies just condition (1).

Example Warmup: all intuition comes from  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

Build O.N. basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

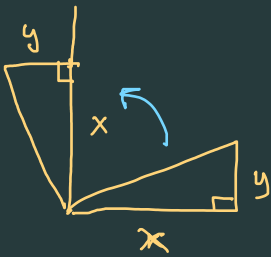
$\vec{v}_1 =$  any non-zero vector.

$\vec{v}_2 =$  any unit length vector.  $\vec{v}_1 = \langle x, y \rangle$



condition:  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

$\vec{v}_2 = \langle -y, x \rangle$  so  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  is an O.N. basis



$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 &= \langle x, y \rangle \cdot \langle -y, x \rangle \\ &= (x)(-y) + (y)(x) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

★ Thm ★ Let  $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is orthogonal set.

Then  $S$  is linearly independent.

Pf Exercise. □ Good test! ☺

Let  $B = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  O.N. basis for  $V$   
 $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_B \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{LI, \& \text{Span}}$

Thm Let  $\vec{v} \in V$ .

$$\langle \vec{v} \rangle_B = \langle c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \rangle \quad \& \quad c_i = \langle \vec{v}, \vec{v}_i \rangle$$

Pf  $\vec{v} \in V = \text{Span}(\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\})$  so  $\exists c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$\vec{v} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_n \vec{v}_n. \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Important Technique}} \star$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \text{ Compute: } \langle \vec{v}, \vec{v}_1 \rangle &= \langle c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_n \vec{v}_n, \vec{v}_1 \rangle \\ &= c_1 \underbrace{\langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 \rangle}_{\neq 0} + c_2 \underbrace{\langle \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_1 \rangle}_{=0} + \dots + c_n \underbrace{\langle \vec{v}_n, \vec{v}_1 \rangle}_{=0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } \langle \vec{v}, \vec{v}_1 \rangle = c_1 \underbrace{\langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 \rangle}_{=1} = c_1$$

so  $\langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 \rangle = c_1$ . True  $i=1$ .

Similarly:

$$\langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \rangle = \dots = c_2.$$

$$\langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_i \rangle = c_i.$$

□

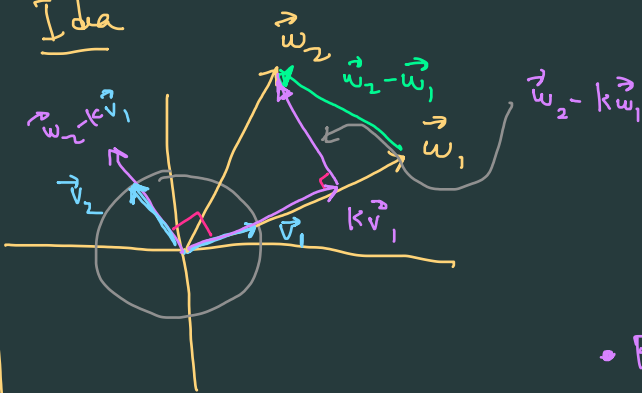
## Gram-Schmidt Algorithm $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n, \dim(V) = n$ .

start  $B = \{ \vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \dots, \vec{w}_n \}$  basis for  $V$ .  $\text{Span}(B) = V$ ,  $B$  LI

end  $\tilde{B} = \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n \}$  orthonormal basis for  $V$

- LI
- $\text{Span}(\tilde{B}) = \text{Span}(B) = V$
- orthonormal:  $\langle \vec{v}_i, \vec{v}_j \rangle = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \text{ (unit length)} \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \text{ (orthogonal)} \end{cases}$

### Idea



• find the correct scalar  $k$  so that

$$\vec{w}_2 - k\vec{v}_1 \perp \vec{v}_1$$

•  $\vec{w}_2 - k\vec{v}_1$  is right "direction" of  $\vec{v}_2$   
so we just make it unit length.

• Finding  $k$ :

$$\text{want } \langle \vec{w}_2 - k\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 \rangle = 0$$

$$\text{iff } \langle \vec{w}_2, \vec{v}_1 \rangle - k \underbrace{\langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 \rangle}_{=1} = 0 \quad \text{iff } \frac{\langle \vec{w}_2, \vec{v}_1 \rangle}{\langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 \rangle} = k \quad \text{!}$$

# Gram-Schmidt Algorithm \* Modified \*

Start  $B = \{ \vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \dots, \vec{w}_n \}$  basis. Intermediate:  $B' = \{ \vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n \}$  is orthogonal. NOT length 1.

END

$\vec{B}$  = divide vectors in  $B'$  to make them unit length.

Step 1  $\vec{v}_1 = \vec{w}_1$

- If  $\dim V = 1$ , done! Since  $S_{\text{span}}(\{ \vec{v}_1 \}) = S_{\text{span}}(\{ \vec{w}_1 \}) = V$ , since  $\vec{w}_1 \neq \vec{0}$ .
- Otherwise, continue:

Step 2  $\vec{v}_2 = \vec{w}_2 - \frac{\langle \vec{w}_2, \vec{v}_1 \rangle}{\langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 \rangle} \vec{v}_1$

- If  $\dim(V) = 2$ , done!

• check  $\langle \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_1 \rangle = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \vec{w}_2 - \left( \frac{\langle \vec{w}_2, \vec{v}_1 \rangle}{\langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 \rangle} \right) \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 \rangle \\ &= \langle \vec{w}_2, \vec{v}_1 \rangle - \left( \frac{\langle \vec{w}_2, \vec{v}_1 \rangle}{\langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 \rangle} \right) \langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 \rangle \\ &= \langle \vec{w}_2, \vec{v}_1 \rangle - \langle \vec{w}_2, \vec{v}_1 \rangle = 0 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

• check  $S_{\text{span}}(\{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \}) = S_{\text{span}}(\{ \vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2 \})$

•  $\vec{v}_2 \in \mathbb{I}$  &  $\vec{v}_1 \in \mathbb{I}$  so  $\{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \} \subset \mathbb{I}$  &  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2$  is orthogonal  $\Rightarrow$  LI.  
so  $S_{\text{span}}(\{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \}) = \mathbb{I}$ .

Step 3  $\vec{v}_3 = \vec{w}_3 - \frac{\langle \vec{w}_3, \vec{v}_1 \rangle}{\langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 \rangle} \vec{v}_1 - \frac{\langle \vec{w}_3, \vec{v}_2 \rangle}{\langle \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_2 \rangle} \vec{v}_2$

If  $\dim(V) = 3$ , done. Otherwise continue.

• check  $\langle \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_1 \rangle = 0$  &  $\langle \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_2 \rangle = 0$

• check

$S_{\text{span}}(\{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3 \}) = S_{\text{span}}(\{ \vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \vec{w}_3 \})$   
•  $\vec{v}_1 \in \mathbb{I}, \vec{v}_2 \in \mathbb{I}$

$\langle \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_2 \rangle = \langle \vec{w}_3 - \left( \frac{\langle \vec{w}_3, \vec{v}_1 \rangle}{\langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 \rangle} \right) \vec{v}_1 - \left( \frac{\langle \vec{w}_3, \vec{v}_2 \rangle}{\langle \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_2 \rangle} \right) \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_2 \rangle$

• formula for  $\vec{v}_3$  says it's LC of  $\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \vec{w}_3$  b/c  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2$  are LC of those. so  $\vec{v}_3 \in \mathbb{I}$ .

$= \langle \vec{w}_3, \vec{v}_2 \rangle - \left( \frac{\langle \vec{w}_3, \vec{v}_1 \rangle}{\langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 \rangle} \right) \langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \rangle - \left( \frac{\langle \vec{w}_3, \vec{v}_2 \rangle}{\langle \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_2 \rangle} \right) \langle \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_2 \rangle = \langle \vec{w}_3, \vec{v}_2 \rangle - \langle \vec{w}_3, \vec{v}_2 \rangle = 0$

so  $\{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3 \} \in \mathbb{I}$  & orthogonal set so LI.

Step  $k+1$  Assume  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  are already constructed & Orthog. set.  
 &  $\text{Span}(\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}) = \text{Span}(\{\vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_k\})$

$$\vec{v}_{k+1} = \vec{w}_{k+1} - \frac{\langle \vec{w}_{k+1}, \vec{v}_1 \rangle}{\langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 \rangle} \vec{v}_1 - \frac{\langle \vec{w}_{k+1}, \vec{v}_2 \rangle}{\langle \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_2 \rangle} \vec{v}_2 - \dots - \frac{\langle \vec{w}_{k+1}, \vec{v}_k \rangle}{\langle \vec{v}_k, \vec{v}_k \rangle} \vec{v}_k$$

- check  $\langle \vec{v}_{k+1}, \vec{v}_i \rangle = 0, i=1, \dots, k$ .
- check  $\text{Span}(\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_{k+1}\}) = \text{Span}(\{\vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_{k+1}\})$ .
- At some point this process must end!  
 why? B/c  $\dim(V) = n$

At this point:  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  constructed is LI, orthogonal  
 but not unit length! this constructs  $B'$ .

- At each step, can do helpful simplification:  
 can replace each  $\vec{v}_i$  w/ a parallel of it with NO fractions & NO radicals

FINAL STEP  $\tilde{B} = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  w/ replace  $\vec{v}_i$  from  $B'$  w/  $\frac{\vec{v}_i}{\|\vec{v}_i\|}$

at this final step,  $\tilde{B}$  is all unit length vectors!

Example  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , usual dot product. Let  $B$  be a basis. Use Gram-Schmidt to find an O.N. basis  $\tilde{B}$

$$B = \left\{ \begin{aligned} \vec{w}_1 &= \langle 1, -1, 1, 0 \rangle, \\ \vec{w}_2 &= \langle 1, 0, 1, -1 \rangle, \\ \vec{w}_3 &= \langle -1, 1, 1, 1 \rangle, \\ \vec{w}_4 &= \langle 1, 1, 1, -1 \rangle \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Step 1  $\vec{v}_1 = \vec{w}_1$   $\vec{v}_1 = \langle 1, -1, 1, 0 \rangle$  Note  $\|\vec{v}_1\|^2 = \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1 = 3$   $\|\vec{v}_1\| = \sqrt{3}$

Step 2  $\vec{v}_2 = \vec{w}_2 - \frac{\vec{w}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_1}{\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1} \vec{v}_1 =$

$$= \langle 1, 0, 1, -1 \rangle - \left( \frac{\langle 1, 0, 1, -1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, -1, 1, 0 \rangle}{\langle 1, -1, 1, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, -1, 1, 0 \rangle} \right) \langle 1, -1, 1, 0 \rangle = \langle 1, 0, 1, -1 \rangle - \left\langle \frac{2}{3}, \frac{-2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, 0 \right\rangle$$

$1+0+1+0 = 2$   
 $1+1+1 = 3$

$\vec{v}_2 = \langle \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, -1 \rangle$   $\vec{v}_2 = \langle 1, 2, 1, -3 \rangle$  Note  $\|\vec{v}_2\|^2 = \vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = 15$   $\|\vec{v}_2\| = \sqrt{15}$

Step 3  $\vec{v}_3 = \vec{w}_3 - \frac{\vec{w}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_1}{\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1} \vec{v}_1 - \frac{\vec{w}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_2}{\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_2} \vec{v}_2$

$$= \langle -1, 1, 1, 1 \rangle - \left( \frac{\langle -1, 1, 1, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, -1, 1, 0 \rangle}{\langle 1, -1, 1, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, -1, 1, 0 \rangle} \right) \langle 1, -1, 1, 0 \rangle - \left( \frac{\langle -1, 1, 1, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 2, 1, -3 \rangle}{\langle 1, 2, 1, -3 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 2, 1, -3 \rangle} \right) \langle 1, 2, 1, -3 \rangle$$

$-1-1+1+0 = -1$   
 $-1+2+1-3 = -1$   
 $1+4+1+9 = 15$

$$= \langle -1, 1, 1, 1 \rangle - \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) \langle 1, -1, 1, 0 \rangle - \left(-\frac{1}{15}\right) \langle 1, 2, 1, -3 \rangle$$

$$= \left\langle \left[-1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{15}\right], \left[1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{15}\right], \left[1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{15}\right], \left[1 + 0 - \frac{3}{15}\right] \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle -\frac{9}{15}, \frac{12}{15}, \frac{21}{15}, \frac{12}{15} \right\rangle = \frac{\langle -3, 4, 7, 4 \rangle}{5}$$

$\vec{v}_3 = \langle -3, 4, 7, 4 \rangle$   $\|\vec{v}_3\|^2 = \langle \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_3 \rangle = 90$

$\|\vec{v}_3\| = \sqrt{90}$

Step 4  $\vec{v}_4 = w_4 - \left( \frac{w_4 \cdot v_1}{v_1 \cdot v_1} \right) v_1 - \left( \frac{w_4 \cdot v_2}{v_2 \cdot v_2} \right) v_2 - \left( \frac{w_4 \cdot v_3}{v_3 \cdot v_3} \right) v_3$

$$= \langle 1, 1, 1, -1 \rangle - \left( \frac{\langle 1, 1, 1, -1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, -1, 1, 0 \rangle}{3} \right) \langle 1, -1, 1, 0 \rangle$$

$$- \left( \frac{\langle 1, 1, 1, -1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 2, 1, -3 \rangle}{15} \right) \langle 1, 2, 1, -3 \rangle$$

$$- \left( \frac{\langle 1, 1, 1, -1 \rangle \cdot \langle -3, 4, 7, 4 \rangle}{\langle -3, 4, 7, 4 \rangle \cdot \langle -3, 4, 7, 4 \rangle} \right) \langle -3, 4, 7, 4 \rangle$$

$$9 + 16 + 49 + 16 = 90$$

$$= \langle 1, 1, 1, -1 \rangle - \frac{1}{3} \langle 1, -1, 1, 0 \rangle - \frac{7}{15} \langle 1, 2, 1, -3 \rangle - \frac{4}{90} \langle -3, 4, 7, 4 \rangle$$

$$= \left\langle \frac{15}{45}, \frac{10}{45}, \frac{-5}{45}, \frac{10}{45} \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{9}, \frac{-1}{9}, \frac{2}{9} \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{v}_4 = \langle 3, 2, -1, 2 \rangle$$

$$\|\vec{v}_4\| = \sqrt{9+4+1+4} = \sqrt{18}$$

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- orthogonal set  $B' = \{ \langle 1, -1, 1, 0 \rangle, \langle 1, 2, 1, -3 \rangle, \langle -3, 4, 7, 4 \rangle, \langle 3, 2, -1, 2 \rangle \}$
- orthonormal set  $\tilde{B} = \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \langle 1, -1, 1, 0 \rangle, \frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} \langle 1, 2, 1, -3 \rangle, \frac{1}{\sqrt{90}} \langle -3, 4, 7, 4 \rangle, \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} \langle 3, 2, -1, 2 \rangle \right\}$

Ex let  $\vec{v} = \langle 4, 2, -1, 3 \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^4$ . Find  $\langle \vec{v} \rangle_{\tilde{B}} = \langle c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4 \rangle_{\tilde{B}}$

$$\langle 4, 2, -1, 3 \rangle = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + c_3 \vec{v}_3 + c_4 \vec{v}_4$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc|c} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \vec{v}_3 & \vec{v}_4 & \\ \hline \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} & -\frac{3}{\sqrt{90}} & \frac{3}{\sqrt{18}} & 4 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{15}} & \frac{4}{\sqrt{90}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{18}} & 2 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} & \frac{7}{\sqrt{90}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} & -1 \\ 0 & -\frac{3}{\sqrt{15}} & \frac{4}{\sqrt{90}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{18}} & 3 \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & c_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & c_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & c_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & c_4 \end{array}$$

Ex  $W = \text{span} \left\{ \vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2 \right\}$

$W^\perp$  o.n. basis

Find o.n. basis for  $W^\perp$

$\{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \}$  of  $\tilde{B}$   $\{ \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_4 \}$

