

# Orthogonal Matrices & Symmetric Matrices

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# Outline

## Orthogonal Matrices

- Reference: Chapter 7.5

## Symmetric Matrices

- Reference: Chapter 7.6

# Norm-preserving

- A linear operator is norm-preserving if

$$\|T(u)\| = \|u\| \quad \text{For all } u$$

Example: linear operator  $T$  on  $\mathcal{R}^2$  that rotates a vector by  $\theta$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Is  $T$  norm-preserving?

$$A_\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: linear operator  $T$  is reflection

$\Rightarrow$  Is  $T$  norm-preserving?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Norm-preserving

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$$\|T(u)\| = \|u\| \quad \text{For all } u$$

Example: linear operator  $T$  is projection  
 $\Rightarrow$  Is  $T$  norm-preserving?

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Example: linear operator  $U$  on  $\mathcal{R}^n$  that has an eigenvalue  $\lambda \neq \pm 1$ .

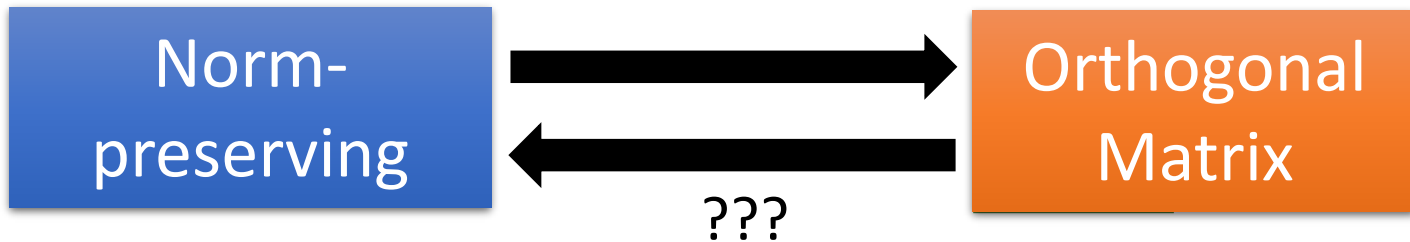
# Orthogonal Matrix

- An  $n \times n$  matrix  $Q$  is called an orthogonal matrix (or simply orthogonal) if the columns of  $Q$  form an **orthonormal basis** for  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- Orthogonal operator: standard matrix is an orthogonal matrix.

$$A_\theta = \begin{matrix} \begin{matrix} \text{unit} & \text{unit} \end{matrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{orthogonal} \end{matrix} \text{ is an orthogonal matrix.}$$

# Norm-preserving

- Necessary conditions:



Linear operator  $Q$  is norm-preserving

➔  $\|\mathbf{q}_j\| = 1$   $\|\mathbf{q}_j\| = \|Q\mathbf{e}_j\| = \|\mathbf{e}_j\|$

➔  $\mathbf{q}_i$  and  $\mathbf{q}_j$  are orthogonal 畢式定理

$$\|\mathbf{q}_i + \mathbf{q}_j\|^2 = \|Q\mathbf{e}_i + Q\mathbf{e}_j\|^2 = \|Q(\mathbf{e}_i + \mathbf{e}_j)\|^2 = \|\mathbf{e}_i + \mathbf{e}_j\|^2 = 2 = \|\mathbf{q}_i\|^2 + \|\mathbf{q}_j\|^2$$

# Orthogonal Matrix

Those properties are used to check orthogonal matrix.

- $Q$  is an orthogonal matrix
  - $QQ^T = I_n$
  - $Q$  is invertible, and  $Q^{-1} = Q^T$
  - $Qu \cdot Qv = u \cdot v$  for any  $u$  and  $v$
  - $\|Qu\| = \|u\|$  for any  $u$
- Simple inverse
- $Q$  preserves dot products
- $Q$  preserves norms



# Orthogonal Matrix

- Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrices

- $\det Q = \pm 1$

- $PQ$  is an orthogonal matrix

Check by  $(PQ)^{-1} = (PQ)^T$

- $Q^{-1}$  is an orthogonal matrix

Check by  $(Q^{-1})^{-1} = (Q^{-1})^T$

- $Q^T$  is an orthogonal matrix

**Proof**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rows and columns



# Orthogonal Operator

- Applying the properties of orthogonal matrices on orthogonal operators
- $T$  is an orthogonal operator
  - $T(u) \cdot T(v) = u \cdot v$  for all  $u$  and  $v$
  - $\|T(u)\| = \|u\|$  for all  $u$
- $T$  and  $U$  are orthogonal operators, then  $TU$  and  $T^{-1}$  are orthogonal operators.

Preserves dot product

Preserves norms

Example: Find an orthogonal operator  $T$  on  $\mathcal{R}^3$  such that

$$T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Norm-preserving

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Av = e_2$$

$$v = A^{-1}e_2$$

Find  $A^{-1}$  first

Because  $A^{-1} = A^T$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} * & 1/\sqrt{2} & * \\ * & 0 & * \\ * & 1/\sqrt{2} & * \end{bmatrix}$$

Also orthogonal

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = (A^{-1})^T$$

# Conclusion

- Orthogonal Matrix (Operator)
  - Columns and rows are orthogonal unit vectors
  - Preserving norms, dot products
  - Its inverse is equal its transpose

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## Symmetric Matrices

- Reference: Chapter 7.6

# Eigenvalues are real

- The eigenvalues for symmetric matrices are always **real**.

Consider 2 x 2 symmetric matrices

$$A = A^T = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$$

How about more general cases?

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$$\det(A - tI_2) = t^2 - (a + c)t + ac - b^2$$

$$\text{Since } (a + c)^2 - 4(ac - b^2) = (a - c)^2 + 4b^2 \geq 0$$

The symmetric matrices always have real eigenvalues.

# Orthogonal Eigenvectors

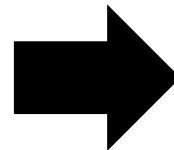
$$\det(A - tI_n) \quad \text{Factorization}$$

A is symmetric

$$= (t - \lambda_1)^{\underline{m_1}} (t - \lambda_2)^{\underline{m_2}} \dots (t - \lambda_k)^{\underline{m_k}} (\dots \dots)$$

Eigenvalue:  $\lambda_1$   $\lambda_2$  .....  $\lambda_k$   
Eigenspace:  
(dimension)  $d_1 \leq m_1$   $d_2 \leq m_2$  .....  $d_k \leq m_k$


Independent

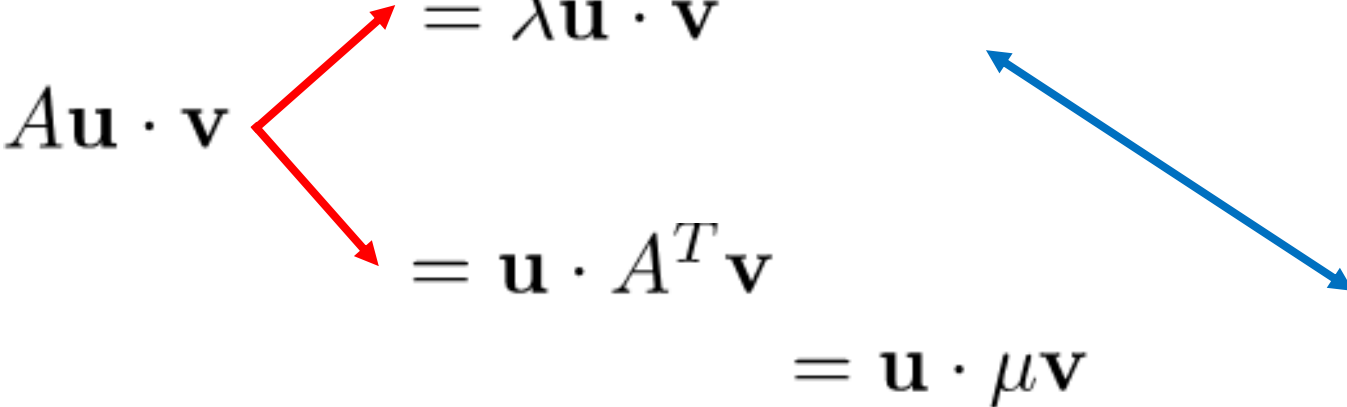


orthogonal

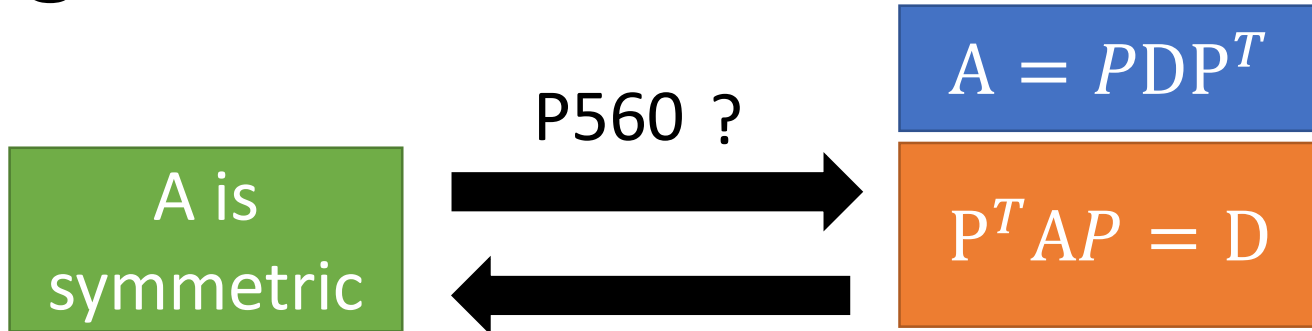
# Orthogonal Eigenvectors

- $A$  is symmetric.
- If  $u$  and  $v$  are eigenvectors corresponding to eigenvalues  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  ( $\lambda \neq \mu$ )

  $u$  and  $v$  are orthogonal.

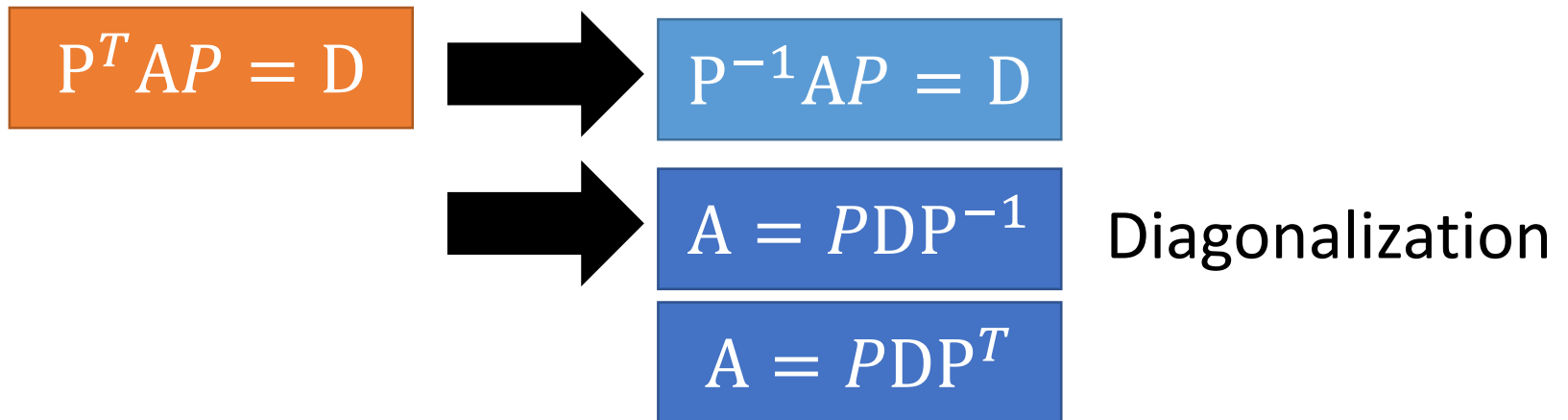
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} &= \lambda \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} \\ &= \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{v} \\ &= \mathbf{u} \cdot \mu \mathbf{v} \end{aligned}$$


# Diagonalization



P is an orthogonal matrix  
D is a diagonal matrix

← : simple



P consists of eigenvectors , D are eigenvalues

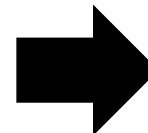


# Diagonalization

- Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = PDP^{-1}$$



$$A = PDP^T$$

$$P^T AP = D$$

A has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 6$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1$ ,

with corresponding eigenspaces  $\mathcal{E}_1 = \text{Span}\{[-1 \ 2]^T\}$  and  $\mathcal{E}_2 = \text{Span}\{[2 \ 1]^T\}$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{B}_1 = \{[-1 \ 2]^T/\sqrt{5}\}$  and  $\mathcal{B}_2 = \{[2 \ 1]^T/\sqrt{5}\}$

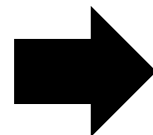
orthogonal

$$P = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } D = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

# Example of Diagonalization of Symmetric Matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = PDP^{-1}$$



$$A = PDP^T$$

P is an orthogonal matrix

$$\lambda_1 = 2$$

Intendent

Gram-Schmidt  
normalization

Eigenspace:  $Span \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$$Span \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{6} \\ -2/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\lambda_2 = 8$$

Not orthogonal

normalization

Eigenspace:  $Span \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$$Span \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 0 & -2/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Diagonalization

P is an orthogonal matrix



P consists of eigenvectors , D are eigenvalues

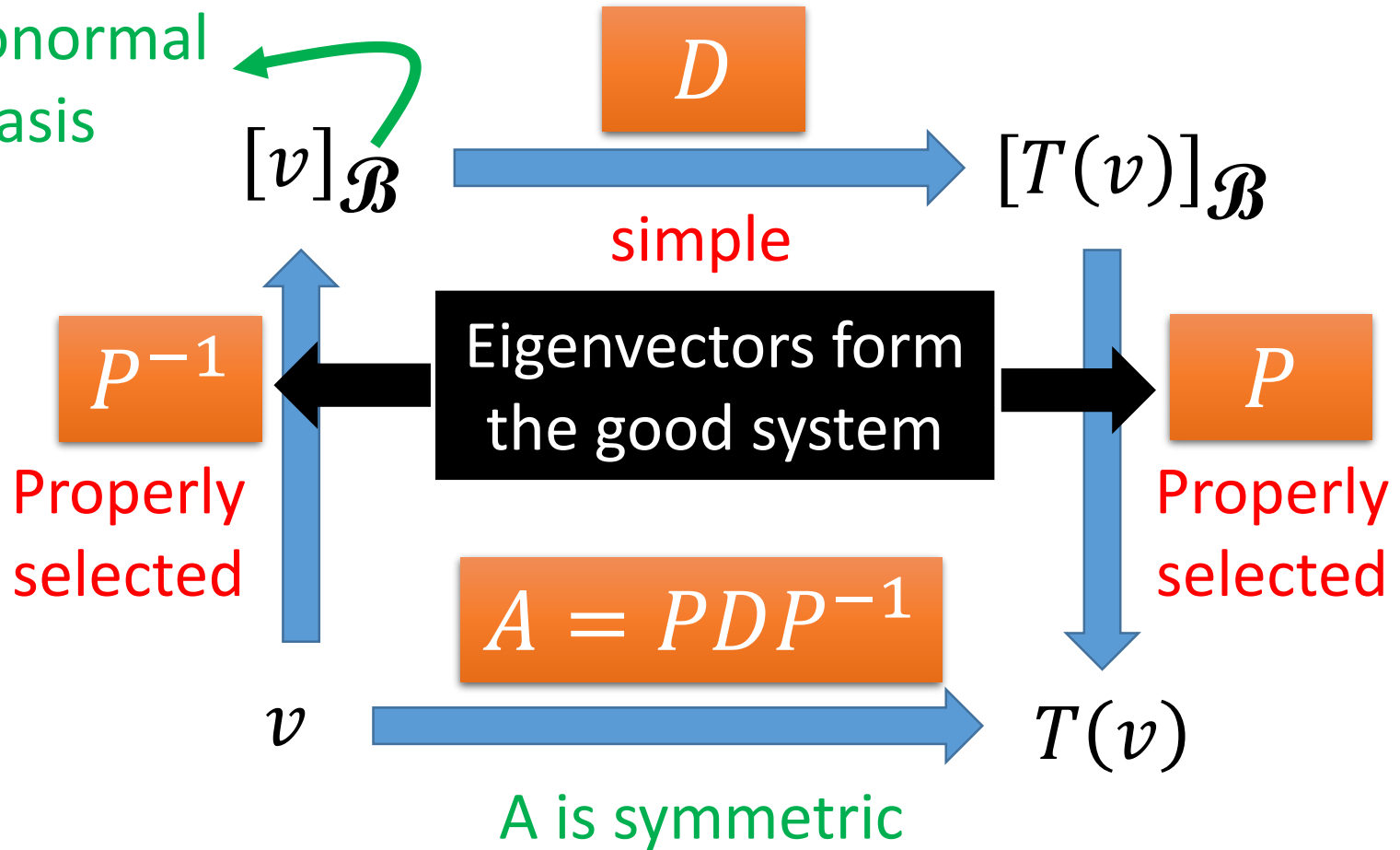
Finding an orthonormal basis consisting of eigenvectors of A

# Diagonalization of Symmetric Matrix

$$u = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k$$

$\downarrow$                        $\downarrow$                        $\downarrow$   
 $u \cdot v_1$                        $u \cdot v_2$                        $u \cdot v_k$

Orthonormal basis



# Spectral Decomposition

Orthonormal basis

$$A = PDP^T \quad \text{Let } P = [\mathbf{u}_1 \ \mathbf{u}_2 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{u}_n] \text{ and } D = \text{diag}[\lambda_1 \ \lambda_2 \ \cdots \ \lambda_n].$$

$$= P[\lambda_1 \mathbf{e}_1 \ \lambda_2 \mathbf{e}_2 \ \cdots \ \lambda_n \mathbf{e}_n]P^T$$

$$= [\lambda_1 P\mathbf{e}_1 \ \lambda_2 P\mathbf{e}_2 \ \cdots \ \lambda_n P\mathbf{e}_n]P^T$$

$$= [\lambda_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \ \lambda_2 \mathbf{u}_2 \ \cdots \ \lambda_n \mathbf{u}_n] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1^T \\ \mathbf{u}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_n^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$P_1$

$P_2$

$P_n$

$$= \lambda_1 P_1 + \lambda_2 P_2 + \cdots + \lambda_n P_n \quad P_i \text{ are symmetric}$$

# Spectral Decomposition

Orthonormal basis

$A = PDP^T$  Let  $P = [\mathbf{u}_1 \ \mathbf{u}_2 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{u}_n]$  and  $D = \text{diag}[\lambda_1 \ \lambda_2 \ \cdots \ \lambda_n]$ .

$$= \lambda_1 P_1 + \lambda_2 P_2 + \cdots + \lambda_n P_n$$

$$\text{rank } P_i = \text{rank } \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T = 1.$$

$$P_i P_i = \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T = \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T$$

$$P_i P_j = \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{u}_j^T = O$$

$$P_i \mathbf{u}_i$$

$$P_i \mathbf{u}_j$$

# Spectral Decomposition

- Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Find spectrum decomposition.}$$

Eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 5$  and  $\lambda_2 = -5$ .

$$P_1 = u_1 u_1^T$$

An orthonormal basis consisting of eigenvectors of  $A$  is

$$B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2/\sqrt{5} \\ 1/\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{5} \\ 2/\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$u_1 \qquad u_2$

$$P_2 = u_2 u_2^T$$

$$A = \lambda_1 P_1 + \lambda_2 P_2$$

# Conclusion

- Any symmetric matrix
  - has only real eigenvalues
  - has orthogonal eigenvectors.
  - is always diagonalizable



P is an orthogonal matrix



# Appendix

# Diagonalization

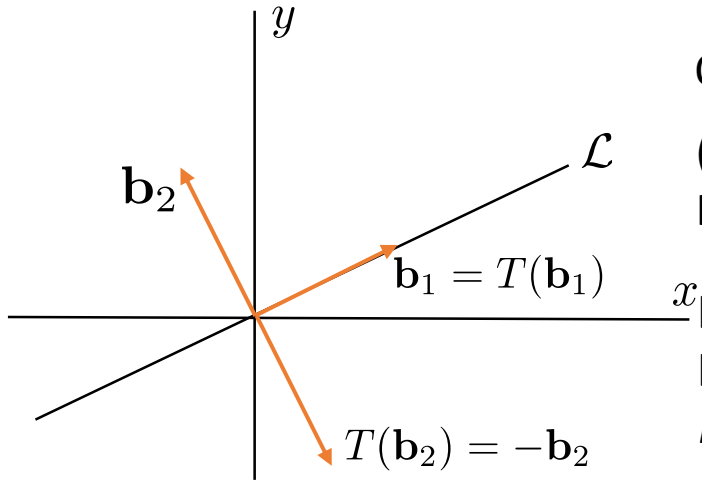
- By induction on  $n$ .
- $n = 1$  is obvious.
- Assume it holds for  $n \geq 1$ , and consider  $A \in \mathcal{R}^{(n+1) \times (n+1)}$ .
- $A$  has an eigenvector  $\mathbf{b}_1 \in \mathcal{R}^{n+1}$  corresponding to a real eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , so  $\exists$  an orthonormal basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}\}$ 
  - by the **Extension Theorem** and Gram-Schmidt Process.

$$\begin{aligned}
B^T AB &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1^T \\ \mathbf{b}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{b}_{n+1}^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A\mathbf{b}_1 & A\mathbf{b}_2 & \cdots & A\mathbf{b}_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1^T A\mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{b}_1^T A\mathbf{b}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{b}_1^T A\mathbf{b}_{n+1} \\ \mathbf{b}_2^T A\mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{b}_2^T A\mathbf{b}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{b}_2^T A\mathbf{b}_{n+1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{b}_{n+1}^T A\mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{b}_{n+1}^T A\mathbf{b}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{b}_{n+1}^T A\mathbf{b}_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \lambda & \mathbf{0}^T \\ \hline \mathbf{0} & S \end{array} \right], \text{ since } \mathbf{b}_1^T A\mathbf{b}_1 = \lambda \mathbf{b}_1^T \mathbf{b}_1 = \lambda \text{ and } \mathbf{b}_j^T A\mathbf{b}_1 = \mathbf{b}_1^T A\mathbf{b}_j = 0 \forall j \neq 1.
\end{aligned}$$

$S = S^T \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n} \Rightarrow \exists$  an orthogonal  $C \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$  and a diagonal  $L \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$  such that  $C^T S C = L$  by the induction hypothesis.

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0}^T \\ \mathbf{0} & C^T \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{orthogonal } P^T} B^T AB \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0}^T \\ \mathbf{0} & C \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{orthogonal } P} &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0}^T \\ \mathbf{0} & C^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & \mathbf{0}^T \\ \mathbf{0} & S \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0}^T \\ \mathbf{0} & C \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & \mathbf{0}^T \\ \mathbf{0} & C^T S C \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & \mathbf{0}^T \\ \mathbf{0} & L \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{diagonal } D}
\end{aligned}$$

Example: reflection operator  $T$  about a line  $\mathcal{L}$  passing the origin.



Question: Is  $T$  an orthogonal operator?

(An easier) Question:

Is  $T$  orthogonal if  $\mathcal{L}$  is the  $x$ -axis?

$\mathbf{b}_1$  is a **unit vector along  $\mathcal{L}$** .

$\mathbf{b}_2$  is a **unit vector perpendicular to  $\mathcal{L}$** .

$P = [\mathbf{b}_1 \ \mathbf{b}_2]$  is **an orthogonal matrix**.

$\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathcal{R}^2$ .

$[T]_{\mathcal{B}} = \text{diag}[1 \ -1]$  is **an orthogonal matrix**.

Let the standard matrix of  $T$  be  $Q$ . Then  $[T]_{\mathcal{B}} = P^{-1}QP$ , or  $Q = P[T]_{\mathcal{B}}P^{-1} \Rightarrow Q$  is an orthogonal matrix.  $\Rightarrow T$  is an orthogonal operator.