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Q) Apply the Gram-Schmidt orthonormal process to find the ON bases of the vector spanned by the basis vectors.

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Soln:- $\vec{u}_1 = \frac{\vec{v}_1}{\|\vec{v}_1\|} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \hat{e}_1$

$$\vec{v}_2'' = \text{proj}_{\vec{u}_1} \vec{v}_2 = \langle \vec{u}_1, \vec{v}_2 \rangle \vec{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_2^\perp = \vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_2'' = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \vec{u}_2 = \frac{\vec{v}_2^\perp}{\|\vec{v}_2^\perp\|} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \hat{e}_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_3'' &= \langle \vec{u}_1, \vec{v}_3 \rangle \vec{u}_1 + \langle \vec{u}_2, \vec{v}_3 \rangle \vec{u}_2 \\ &= \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_3^\perp &= \vec{v}_3 - \vec{v}_3'' = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \vec{u}_3 = \frac{\vec{v}_3^\perp}{\|\vec{v}_3^\perp\|} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \hat{e}_3$$

$\{\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3\}$ are the ON basis of \mathbb{R}^3 spanned by \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 , and \vec{v}_3 .

QR factorization

The Gram-Schmidt process represents a change of basis from the old basis $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m$ to a new orthonormal basis $\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_m$ of V . The QR factorization involves a change of basis matrix R such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} | & | & | & | & | \\ \vec{v}_1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \vec{v}_m \\ | & | & | & | & | \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & | & | & | \\ \vec{u}_1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \vec{u}_m \\ | & | & | & | & | \end{pmatrix} R$$

i.e. $M = QR$;

where R is an upper triangle matrix with entries:

$$r_{11} = \|\vec{v}_1\|, \quad r_{jj} = \|\vec{v}_j^\perp\| \quad (\text{for } j = 2, \dots, m), \quad \text{and } r_{ij} = \langle \vec{u}_i, \vec{v}_j \rangle \quad (\text{for } i < j).$$

Example: Find the QR factorization of the matrix $M = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 7 \\ -2 & -8 \end{pmatrix}$.

Solution: $Q = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $R = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 9 \\ 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$.