

Givens rotation matrix

An $m \times m$ rotation matrix G is composed by modifying rows and columns k and i of the identity matrix as follows:

$$G(m, k, i, u, t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & c & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & s & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 1 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & -s & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & c & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Will use \mathbb{R}^5 as an example

$$\text{Matrix } G \text{ with modified coordinates } 2 \text{ \& } 4 = \left[\vec{e}_1 \mid \vec{g}_2 \mid \vec{e}_3 \mid \vec{g}_4 \mid \vec{e}_5 \right]$$

and a size-compatible vector $\vec{v} =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \\ v_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

\mathbb{R}^5 can be decomposed into 2 orthogonal complementary subspaces:

- $\mathcal{P} = \text{span} \{ \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_4 \}$, denoted as \mathcal{P}_{24}
- orthogonal complement \mathcal{P}^\perp

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\vec{v} can be decomposed into

$$\bullet \vec{v}_{\parallel} \in \mathcal{P}_{24} \text{ or } \vec{v}_{\parallel} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ v_2 \\ 0 \\ v_4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \bullet \vec{v}_{\perp} \in \mathcal{P}^\perp \text{ or } \vec{v}_{\perp} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ 0 \\ v_3 \\ 0 \\ v_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$G \vec{v}_{\perp} = \left[\vec{e}_1 \mid \vec{g}_2 \mid \vec{e}_3 \mid \vec{g}_4 \mid \vec{e}_5 \right] \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ 0 \\ v_3 \\ 0 \\ v_5 \end{bmatrix} = \left[\vec{e}_1 v_1 + \vec{e}_3 v_3 + \vec{e}_5 v_5 \right] = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ 0 \\ v_3 \\ 0 \\ v_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$G \vec{v} \parallel = \left[\vec{e}_1 \mid \vec{g}_2 \mid \vec{e}_3 \mid \vec{g}_4 \mid \vec{e}_5 \right] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ v_2 \\ 0 \\ v_4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \left[\vec{g}_2 v_2 + \vec{g}_4 v_4 \right]$$

- G rotates vectors inside \mathcal{P}_{24}
- G leaves vectors in \mathcal{P}^\perp unchanged



Algorithm description

Givens QR factorization algorithm employs repeated left-multiplication by specific rotation matrices to eliminate below-diagonal entries, which

- transforms an $m \times n$ matrix A to upper-triangular matrix R
- accumulates rotation product G_{cum} , so $R = G_{cum} A$
- $Q = G_{cum}^{-1} = G_{cum}^T$

For any below-diagonal entry $t = A_{ik}$, where $i > k$

① pivot entry is chosen as the diagonal entry A_{kk} and denoted as 'u'

② following quantities are computed:

$$\bullet \rho = \sqrt{u^2 + t^2}$$

$$\bullet c = \frac{u}{\rho} \text{ (cosine of rotation angle } \theta \text{)}$$

$$\bullet s = \frac{t}{\rho} \text{ (sine of rotation angle } \theta \text{)}$$

$$\text{so that } c^2 + s^2 = 1$$

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④ product $G A$ is computed
for clarity, G and A are presented as 5×5 matrices:

$$G A = \begin{bmatrix} (\vec{e}_1)^T \\ (\vec{e}_2)^T \\ (\vec{g}_3)^T \\ (\vec{e}_4)^T \\ (\vec{g}_5)^T \end{bmatrix} \left[\vec{a}_1 \mid \vec{a}_2 \mid \vec{a}_3 \mid \vec{a}_4 \mid \vec{a}_5 \right] =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} (\vec{e}_1)^T \vec{a}_1 & (\vec{e}_1)^T \vec{a}_2 & (\vec{e}_1)^T \vec{a}_3 & (\vec{e}_1)^T \vec{a}_4 & (\vec{e}_1)^T \vec{a}_5 \\ (\vec{e}_2)^T \vec{a}_1 & (\vec{e}_2)^T \vec{a}_2 & (\vec{e}_2)^T \vec{a}_3 & (\vec{e}_2)^T \vec{a}_4 & (\vec{e}_2)^T \vec{a}_5 \\ (\vec{g}_3)^T \vec{a}_1 & (\vec{g}_3)^T \vec{a}_2 & (\vec{g}_3)^T \vec{a}_3 & (\vec{g}_3)^T \vec{a}_4 & (\vec{g}_3)^T \vec{a}_5 \\ (\vec{e}_4)^T \vec{a}_1 & (\vec{e}_4)^T \vec{a}_2 & (\vec{e}_4)^T \vec{a}_3 & (\vec{e}_4)^T \vec{a}_4 & (\vec{e}_4)^T \vec{a}_5 \\ (\vec{g}_5)^T \vec{a}_1 & (\vec{g}_5)^T \vec{a}_2 & (\vec{g}_5)^T \vec{a}_3 & (\vec{g}_5)^T \vec{a}_4 & (\vec{g}_5)^T \vec{a}_5 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} & a_{15} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} & a_{25} \\ (\vec{g}_3)^T \vec{a}_1 & (\vec{g}_3)^T \vec{a}_2 & (\vec{g}_3)^T \vec{a}_3 & (\vec{g}_3)^T \vec{a}_4 & (\vec{g}_3)^T \vec{a}_5 \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} & a_{45} \\ (\vec{g}_5)^T \vec{a}_1 & (\vec{g}_5)^T \vec{a}_2 & (\vec{g}_5)^T \vec{a}_3 & (\vec{g}_5)^T \vec{a}_4 & (\vec{g}_5)^T \vec{a}_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

only rows \vec{g}_k^T and \vec{g}_i^T of G differ from identity rows



- only rows k and i of A are modified
- all remaining rows are copied unchanged from A

⑤ target entry in the product is eliminated

suppose target entry $t = A_{53}$ is eliminated using pivot entry $u = A_{33}$
therefore rows 3 and 5 of A are modified as follows:

$$\text{new row}_3 = c \cdot \text{row}_3(A) + s \cdot \text{row}_5(A)$$

$$\text{new row}_5 = -s \cdot \text{row}_3(A) + c \cdot \text{row}_5(A)$$

in column 3 this produces:

$$\text{new } A_{53} = -s \cdot u + c \cdot t$$

$$\text{using } c = \frac{u}{\rho} \text{ and } s = \frac{t}{\rho} \text{ gives:}$$

$$\text{new } A_{53} = - \left(\frac{t}{\rho} \right) u + \left(\frac{u}{\rho} \right) t = 0$$

⑥ the previously obtained zeros in the product are preserved

Example below shows

- intermediate 5×5 matrix $A(\ell)$
- current rotation plane $\mathcal{P}_{53} = \text{span} \{ \vec{e}_3, \vec{e}_5 \}$
- corresponding matrix $G(\ell)$ to eliminate t

$$A(\ell+1) = G(\ell) A(\ell) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c & 0 & s \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -s & 0 & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} & a_{15} \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} & a_{25} \\ 0 & 0 & u & a_{34} & a_{35} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{44} & a_{45} \\ 0 & 0 & t & a_{54} & a_{55} \end{bmatrix}$$

① multiplication by $G(\ell)$ changes only pivot row k and target row i



previously created zeros in the same column are preserved

② for any preceding column \vec{a}_h , where $h < k$, entries a_{kh} and a_{ih} are already zero



\vec{a}_h has no component in the current rotation plane \mathcal{P}_{ki}



$$\vec{a}_h \in \mathcal{P}_{ki}^\perp, \text{ so } G(\ell)\vec{a}_h = \vec{a}_h$$



previously created zeros in the preceding columns are preserved



Elimination order

① Elimination of columns proceeds left to right
(reason is outlined on previous page)

② Elimination within a given column does not have a defined order

Suppose we are eliminating column 3 in the following matrix:

$$A(j) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} & a_{15} \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} & a_{25} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} & a_{34} & a_{35} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{43} & a_{44} & a_{45} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{53} & a_{54} & a_{55} \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{where } j \text{ is step index})$$

To finish column 3, the algorithm must eliminate a_{43} and a_{53}

Before these eliminations, the active part of column 3 is

$$[u, x, t]^T$$

where

- $u = a_{33}$
- $x = a_{43}$
- $t = a_{53}$

Each Givens rotation replaces two entries by

$$[\text{pivot}, \text{target}]^T \rightarrow \left[\sqrt{\text{pivot}^2 + \text{target}^2}, 0 \right]^T$$

After both a_{43} and a_{53} are eliminated, the diagonal entry satisfies

$$\rho = \pm \sqrt{u^2 + x^2 + t^2}$$

This expression is symmetric in x and t



either elimination order gives the same diagonal magnitude

Alternative explanation:

- any orthogonal matrix G preserves lengths
- each elimination step affects only the pivot row and target row



the length of the eliminated target entry is absorbed into the pivot entry

Suppose $A^{(j+2)} = G^{(j+1)} G^{(j)} A$

- $G^{(j)}$ eliminates entry a_{43}
- $G^{(j+1)}$ eliminates entry a_{53}
 - sign of ρ is fixed

$$G^{(j+1)} G^{(j)} \begin{bmatrix} a_{13} \\ a_{23} \\ a_{33} \\ a_{43} \\ a_{53} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{13} \\ a_{23} \\ \rho \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- entries above the pivot row are unchanged
 - entries below the pivot row are eliminated
 - diagonal magnitude is fixed by length preservation
 - as shown on the previous page,
- completed columns to the left are not changed by later steps



each completed column of R is unique up to sign,
independent of elimination order within that column

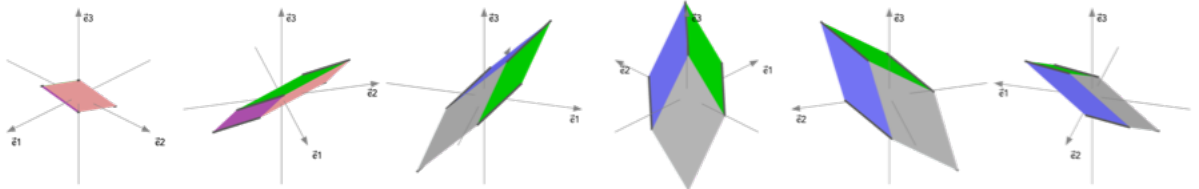


Elimination order within column: geometric comparison

Two possible orders of eliminating col 1 of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.82 & 0.3 & 1.38 \\ 0.92 & 1.48 & 0.2 \\ 0.72 & 0.88 & 1.33 \end{bmatrix}$

① Bottom to top elimination order

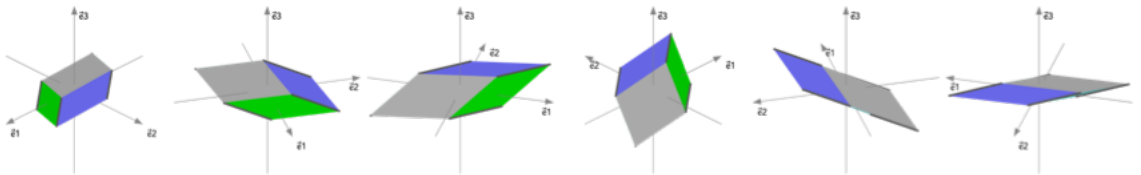
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Transformation by G1

- Rotation in the \vec{e}_1 & \vec{e}_3 plane by $\theta \approx 0.721$ rad
- In \mathbb{R}^3 , this is equivalent to rotation around \vec{e}_2
- \vec{a}_1 loses its \vec{e}_3 component and lands in the \vec{e}_1 & \vec{e}_2 coordinate plane (gray lines track \vec{a}_1)

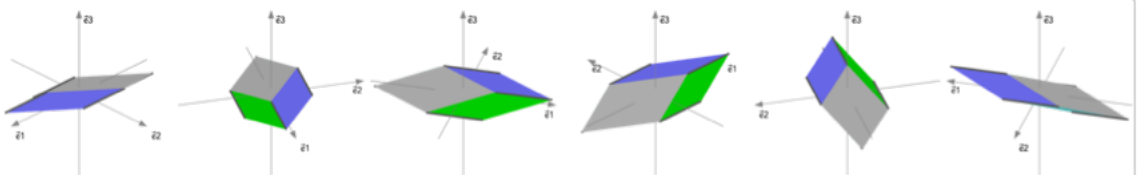
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0.92	1.48	0.2
0	≈ 0.463	≈ 0.089



Transformation by G2

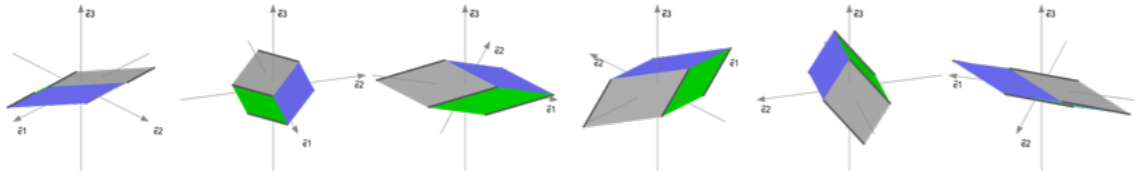
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≈ 1.427	≈ 1.57	≈ 1.593
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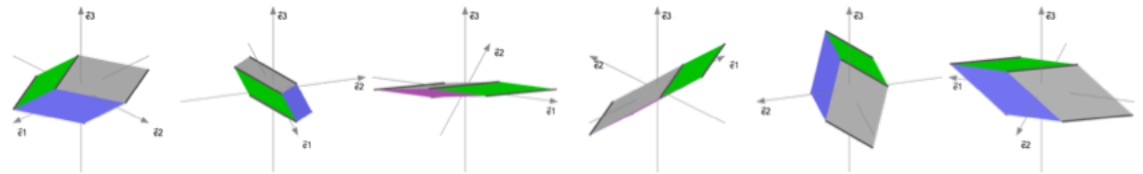
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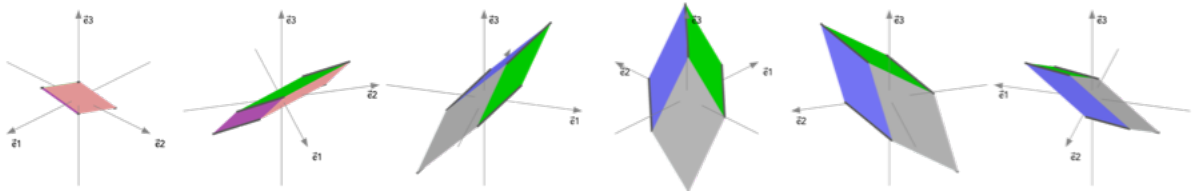
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0	0	≈ 0.723



② Top to bottom elimination order

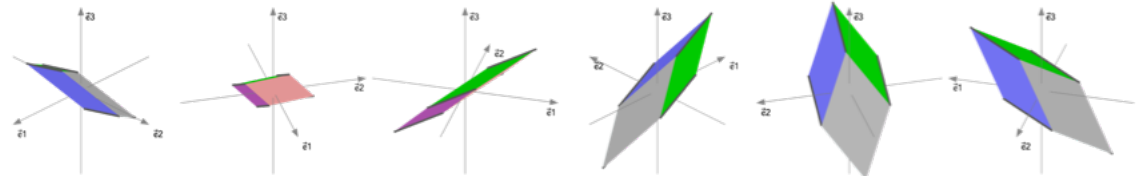
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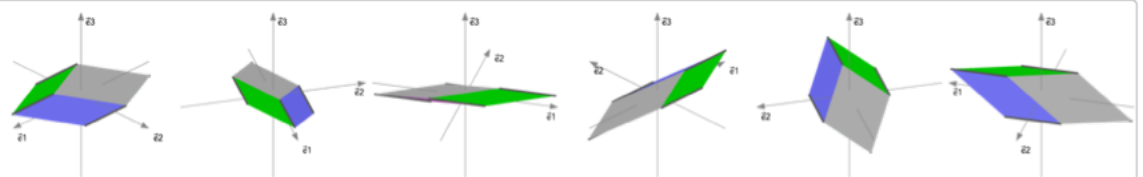
≈ 1.232	≈ 1.304	≈ 1.068
0	≈ 0.761	≈ -0.897
0.72	0.88	1.33



Transformation by G2

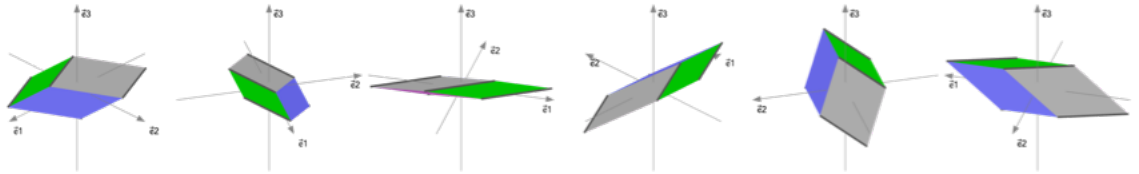
- Rotation in the \vec{e}_1 & \vec{e}_3 plane by $\theta \approx 0.529$ rad
- In \mathbb{R}^3 , this is equivalent to rotation around \vec{e}_2
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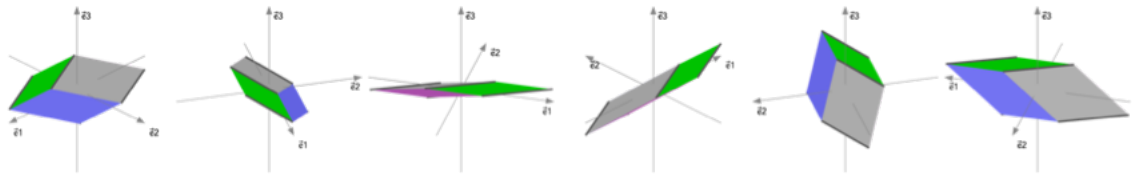
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- Compare the bordered images after elimination of the first column where \vec{a}_1 aligns with \vec{e}_1 :
The intermediate transformations are different, showing that column 1 can be aligned with the \vec{e}_1 axis in more than one way

- Compare the final matrices.

After the algorithm is completed, the final upper-triangular matrix R is the same with the only remaining ambiguity is the usual sign choice

- Teaching analogy:

Like a Rubik's cube, different sequences of moves can pass through different intermediate states, but still arrive at the same final solved state



Comparison with Gram-Schmidt algorithm

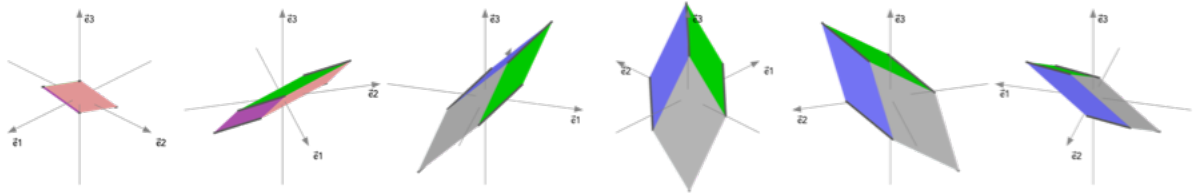
	Givens rotation	Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization
Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transforms A to R by left-multiplication • Gcum is accumulated from rotations • $Q = (Gcum)^T$ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transforms columns of A into Q • R is computed at the end as $Q^T A$
Sign of diagonal entries of R	always non-negative	any
Dimensions of Q & R	usually full: Q is $m \times m$, R is $m \times n$	usually thin: Q is $m \times n$, R is $n \times n$
Step operation	rotates two rows	orthogonalizes and normalizes one column
How entries of R appear	below-diagonal entries are eliminated directly	entries of R are projection coefficients of column \vec{a}_j onto preceding \hat{q}_i directions
Geometric idea	rotation in a coordinate plane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • subtracting projection onto previous directions • normalization
Numerical stability	stable	can lose orthogonality if <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • columns are nearly dependent • residual vectors become short
Efficiency for dense matrices	similar	similar
Efficiency for sparse matrices	superior due to fewer steps required	inferior



Numerical example

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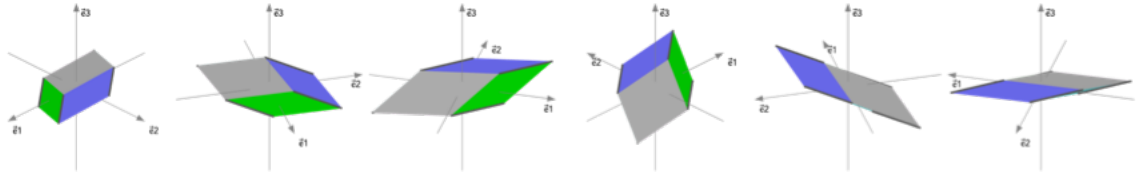
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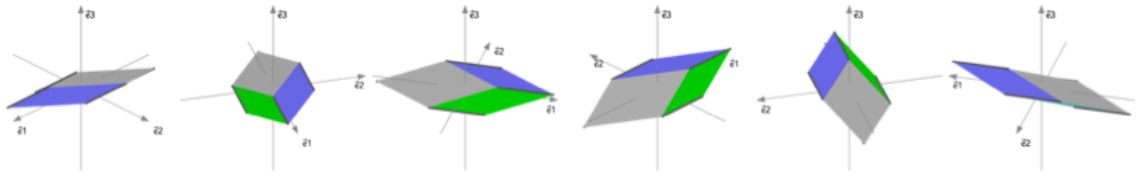
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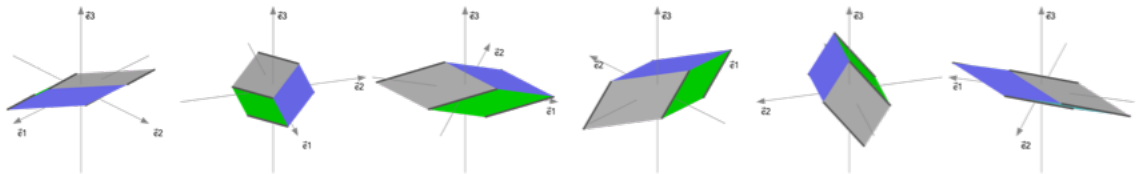
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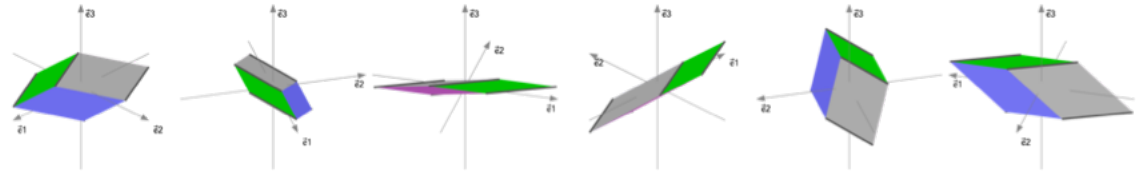
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$$G1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{a_{11}}{\sqrt{a_{11}^2 + a_{31}^2}} & 0 & \frac{a_{31}}{\sqrt{a_{11}^2 + a_{31}^2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{a_{31}}{\sqrt{a_{11}^2 + a_{31}^2}} & 0 & \frac{a_{11}}{\sqrt{a_{11}^2 + a_{31}^2}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \approx 0.751 & 0 & \approx 0.66 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \approx -0.66 & 0 & \approx 0.751 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$G2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{a_{11}}{\sqrt{a_{11}^2 + a_{21}^2}} & \frac{a_{21}}{\sqrt{a_{11}^2 + a_{21}^2}} & 0 \\ -\frac{a_{21}}{\sqrt{a_{11}^2 + a_{21}^2}} & \frac{a_{11}}{\sqrt{a_{11}^2 + a_{21}^2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \approx 0.765 & \approx 0.645 & 0 \\ \approx -0.645 & \approx 0.765 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$G3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{a_{22}}{\sqrt{a_{22}^2 + a_{32}^2}} & \frac{a_{32}}{\sqrt{a_{22}^2 + a_{32}^2}} \\ 0 & -\frac{a_{32}}{\sqrt{a_{22}^2 + a_{32}^2}} & \frac{a_{22}}{\sqrt{a_{22}^2 + a_{32}^2}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \approx 0.797 & \approx 0.604 \\ 0 & \approx -0.604 & \approx 0.797 \end{bmatrix}$$

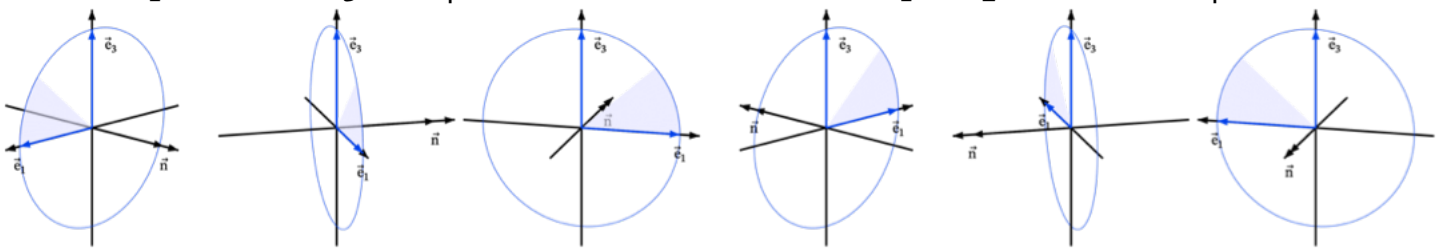


Rotation matrices visualized (same numerical example)

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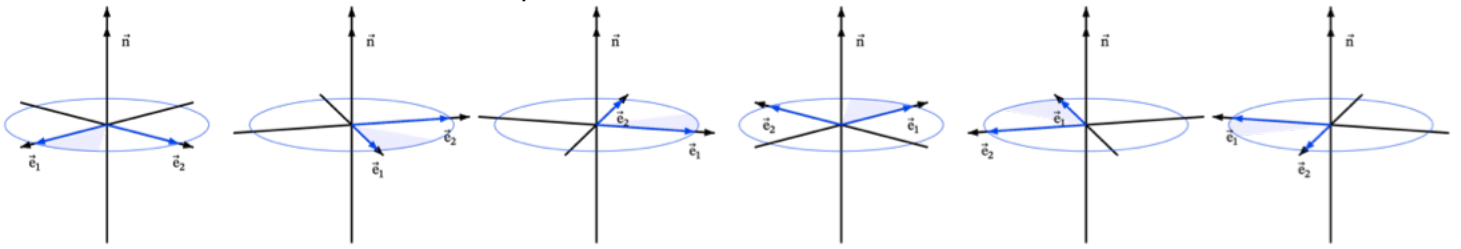
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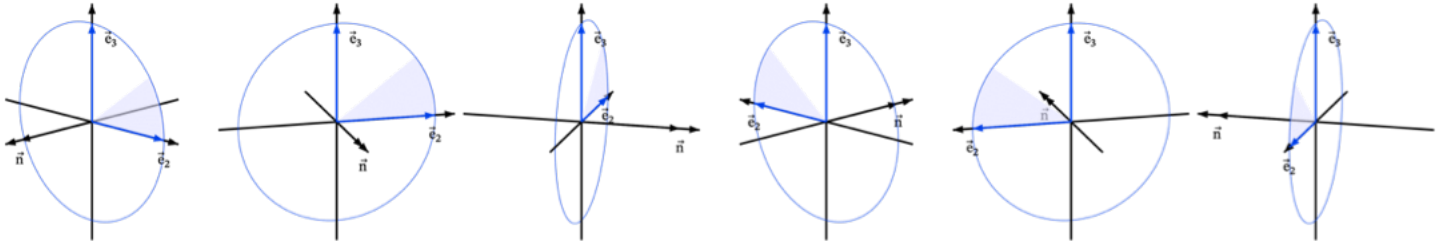
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- In \mathbb{R}^3 , this is equivalent to rotation around \vec{e}_3

- \vec{a}_1 loses its \vec{e}_2 component and is now aligned with the \vec{e}_1 line



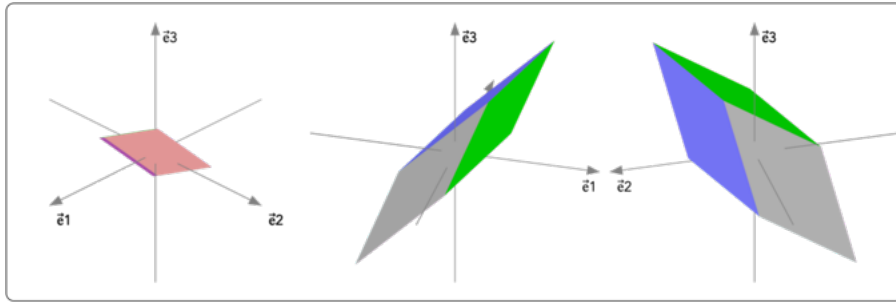
$$G3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \approx 0.797 & \approx 0.604 \\ 0 & \approx -0.604 & \approx 0.797 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Rotation in the \vec{e}_2 & \vec{e}_3 plane by $\theta \approx 0.648$ rad
- In \mathbb{R}^3 , this is equivalent to rotation around \vec{e}_1
- \vec{a}_2 loses its \vec{e}_3 component and lands in the \vec{e}_1 & \vec{e}_2 coordinate plane



Visual comparison between GS orthogonalization & Givens rotation

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.82 & 0.3 & 1.38 \\ 0.92 & 1.48 & 0.2 \\ 0.72 & 0.88 & 1.33 \end{bmatrix} = QR = \begin{bmatrix} \approx 0.575 & \approx -0.784 & \approx -0.234 \\ \approx 0.645 & \approx 0.61 & \approx -0.461 \\ \approx 0.504 & \approx 0.115 & \approx 0.856 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \approx 1.427 & \approx 1.57 & \approx 1.593 \\ 0 & \approx 0.768 & \approx -0.808 \\ 0 & 0 & \approx 0.723 \end{bmatrix}$$



GS orthogonalization:
Serial column shear and scaling
reshape the figure so that

- columns become orthogonal
- each column has unit length



- A is transformed into Q
- R is computed as $Q^T A$



Givens rotation:

Serial row rotations
reorient the figure so that

- \vec{a}_1 aligns with \vec{e}_1
- \vec{a}_2 lies in the $\vec{e}_1 \vec{e}_2$ plane



- A is transformed into R
- $Q = (G_j \dots G_1)^{-1}$

