

# Financial Mathematics

Rotations, reflections  
and orthogonal transformations

Definition:

The **length** of a vector  $v = (a_1, \dots, a_k)$  is

$$|v| := \sqrt{a_1^2 + \dots + a_k^2}$$

Note:  $v \cdot v = a_1^2 + \dots + a_k^2 = |v|^2$

Definition:  $v$  is **normal** if  $|v| = 1$ .

Definition:  $v$  and  $w$  are **orthogonal**,  
written  $v \perp w$ , if  $v \cdot w = 0$ .

Definition:

A collection  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  of vectors is **orthonormal** if both of the following hold:

- for all integers  $i \in [1, n]$ ,  $|v_i| = 1$
- for all integers  $i, j \in [1, n]$ ,  
 $i \neq j$  implies  $v_i \perp v_j$ .

## Definition:

The **Kronecker delta** is defined by

$$\boxed{\delta_j^k} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } j \neq k \\ 1, & \text{if } j = k. \end{cases}$$

## Definition:

A collection of vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is **orthonormal** if,  $\forall$  integers  $j, k \in [1, n]$ ,

$$v_j \cdot v_k = \delta_j^k.$$

*i.e.:*  $j \neq k$  implies  $v_j \perp v_k$  (pairwise) orthogonal

and

$\forall j, |v_j| = 1.$  normal

**Fact:** A (real) square matrix  $M$  is orthogonal if and only if the columns of  $M$  “are” orthonormal.

**Proof:**  $M$  is orthogonal iff  $M^t M = I$ .

$\forall$  integers  $j \in [1, n]$ ,

let  $v_j \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be the vector whose entries are the entries of the  $j$ th column of  $M$ .

**only if:**  $\forall$  integers  $j, k \in [1, n]$ ,

the  $j$ th row of  $M^t$  “is”  $v_j$  and the  $k$ th column of  $M$  “is”  $v_k$ ,

so the  $(j, k)$  entry of  $M^t M$  is  $\delta_j^k$ .

**if:** Similar.

**QED**

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# Gram-Schmidt Orthonormalization

**Definition:** The **flag** of  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is  $\langle v_1 \rangle, \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle, \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle, \dots, \langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle$ .

Gram-Schmidt **attempts** to replace  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  with an **O.N.**  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  with the same flag.

orthonormal

$$x_1 := v_1$$

$$w_1 := x_1 / |x_1| \quad \text{normal}$$

$$x_2 := v_2 - (w_1 \cdot v_2)w_1 \quad \perp w_1$$

$$w_2 := x_2 / |x_2| \quad \text{normal and orthog. to } w_1$$

$$x_3 := v_3 - (w_1 \cdot v_3)w_1 - (w_2 \cdot v_3)w_2 \quad \perp w_1, w_2$$

$$w_3 := x_3 / |x_3| \quad \text{normal and orthog. to } w_1, w_2$$

etc.

**WARNING:** If  $x_k = 0$ , then STOP.

e.g.:  $v_1 = (1, 2, 0, -1)$ ,  $v_2 = (2, 3, -1, 1)$ ,  $v_3 = (1, 1, 2, 4)$

$|v_1| = \sqrt{6}$

$\langle w_1 \rangle = \langle v_1 \rangle$

$a := 1/\sqrt{6}$   $w_1 := a(1, 2, 0, -1)$  normal

$(2, 3, -1, 1) - a(2 + 6 + 0 - 1)a(1, 2, 0, -1) =$   
 $(2, 3, -1, 1) - 7a^2(1, 2, 0, -1) =$   
 $(2 - (7/6), 3 - (14/6), -1, 1 + (7/6)) =$

same as normalizing  $(5, 4, -6, 13)$  normalize:  $(5, 4, -6, 13)/6 \perp w_1$

$b := 1/\sqrt{5^2 + 4^2 + 6^2 + 13^2} = 1/\sqrt{246}$

$\langle w_1, w_2 \rangle = \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$   $w_2 := b(5, 4, -6, 13)$  normal  $\perp w_1$

$(1, 1, 2, 4) - a(1 + 2 + 0 - 4)a(1, 2, 0, -1) -$   
 $- b(5 + 4 - 12 + 52)b(5, 4, -6, 13) =$

$(1, 1, 2, 4) + a^2(1, 2, 0, -1) - 49b^2(5, 4, -6, 13)$

$a^2 = 1/6$   
 $= 41/246$

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$$b := 1/\sqrt{246} \qquad w_2 := b(5, 4, -6, 13)$$

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$$b := \qquad a^2 = 1/6 \qquad 49b^2 = 49/246$$

$$246(1, 1, 2, 4) + 41(1, 2, 0, -1) - 49(5, 4, -6, 13) =$$

$$246 - b(5 + 4 - 12 + 52)b(5, 4, -6, 13) =$$

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$$\frac{246(1, 1, 2, 4) + 41(1, 2, 0, -1) - 49(5, 4, -6, 13)}{246} =$$

$$\frac{(42, 132, 786, 306)}{246} = \frac{(7, 22, 131, 51)}{41}$$

Normalize

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$$(1, 1, 2, 4) + a^2(1, 2, 0, -1) - 49b^2(5, 4, -6, 13)$$

$$a^2 = 1/6 \\ = 41/246$$

$$49b^2 = 49/246$$

$$c := 1/\sqrt{7^2 + 22^2 + 131^2 + 51^2} \\ = 1/\sqrt{20,295}$$

$$w_3 := c(7, 22, 131, 51)$$

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## SKILLS:

Find the length of a vector.

Determine if two vectors are orthogonal.

Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization.

# Rotations and reflections

**Fact:** If  $R$  is an orthogonal matrix, then either  $\det(R) = 1$  or  $\det(R) = -1$ .

**Proof:**  $[\det(R)]^2 = [\det(R)][\det(R^t)]$   
 $= \det(RR^t) = \det(I) = 1.$  **QED**

**Definitions:** An orthogonal matrix of determinant 1 called a **rotation**. esp. in three dims sometimes: "special orthogonal"

An orthogonal matrix of determinant  $-1$  called a **reflection**. esp. in three dims

A lin. transf.  $L : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is **orthogonal** if  $L = L_M$ , for some orthogonal  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .

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Fact: Let  $n \geq 2$  be an integer. Let  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .  
Assume that  $|v| = 1$ .  
Then  $\exists$  a rotation  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$   
s.t. the entries of  $v$  are  
the entries of the 1st col. of  $R$ .

Pf: later ...

e.g.: Find a  $4 \times 4$  rotation whose first column  
has entries  $1/\sqrt{2}$ ,  $1/\sqrt{3}$ ,  $0$ ,  $1/\sqrt{6}$ .



Either  $[v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3 \ v_4]$  or  $[v_1 \ -v_2 \ v_3 \ v_4]$  is a rotation matrix.

$[v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3 \ v_4]$  is an orthogonal matrix whose first column "is"  $v$ .

**Exercise:** Apply Gram-Schmidt to  $v, e_1, e_2, e_3$ , getting  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$ . **Note:**  $v = v_1$

$v, e_1, e_2, e_3$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

**WARNING:**  $v, e_1, e_2, e_4$  is **not** a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , **because**  $e_3$  is **not** in their span.

$$v = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \right) \quad \begin{array}{l} e_1 = (1, 0, 0, 0) \\ e_2 = (0, 1, 0, 0) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} e_3 = (0, 0, 1, 0) \\ e_4 = (0, 0, 0, 1) \end{array}$$

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**Proof:** Let  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  be the std basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  
Let  $j$  be the index of the first  
nonzero entry of  $v$ .

Then  $v, e_1, \dots, e_{j-1}, e_{j+1}, \dots, e_n$   
is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Apply Gram-Schmidt,  
getting the o.n. basis  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ ,  
with  $v = v_1$ .

Either  $R = [v_1 \quad v_2 \quad v_3 \quad \cdots \quad v_n]$   
or  $R = [v_1 \quad -v_2 \quad v_3 \quad \cdots \quad v_n]$   
works. **QED**

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**Definition:** A **unit vector** is a vector of length one.

**SKILL:**

Given a unit vector  $v$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ ,  
make a rotation matrix  
whose first column “is”  $v$ .

Fact: Let  $n \geq 2$  be an integer. Let  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Assume that  $|v| = 1 = |w|$ .

Then  $\exists$  a rotation  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$   
s.t.  $L_R(v) = w$ .

Proof: Let  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  be the std basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let  $S$  be a rotation whose first column "is"  $v$ .

Then  $L_S(e_1) = v$ . Then  $L_{S^{-1}}(v) = e_1$ .

Let  $T$  be a rotation whose first column "is"  $w$ .

Then  $L_T(e_1) = w$ .

Then  $L_{TS^{-1}}(v) = (L_T(L_{S^{-1}}(v))) = L_T(e_1) = w$ .

Let  $R := TS^{-1}$ . QED

Fact: Let  $n \geq 2$  be an integer. Let  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .  
Assume that  $|v| = |w|$ .

Then  $\exists$  a rotation  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$   
s.t.  $L_R(v) = w$ .

Proof: Let  $a := |v| = |w|$ .

We may assume that  $a \neq 0$ .

Let  $\tilde{v} := v/a, \quad \tilde{w} := w/a$ .

Then  $v = a\tilde{v}, \quad a\tilde{w} = w$ .

Choose a rotation  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  s.t.  $L_R(\tilde{v}) = \tilde{w}$ .  
using preceding slide

Then  $L_R(v) = a(L_R(\tilde{v})) = a\tilde{w} = w$ . QED

SKILL: Given two vectors  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^n, n \geq 2$ ,  
of the same length,  
make a rotation matrix  
that “carries”  $v$  to  $w$ .

**Definition:** The **angle** between two vectors  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the angle between the line through 0 and  $v$  and the line through 0 and  $w$ .

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Fact: Let  $a$  and  $b$  be unit vectors.

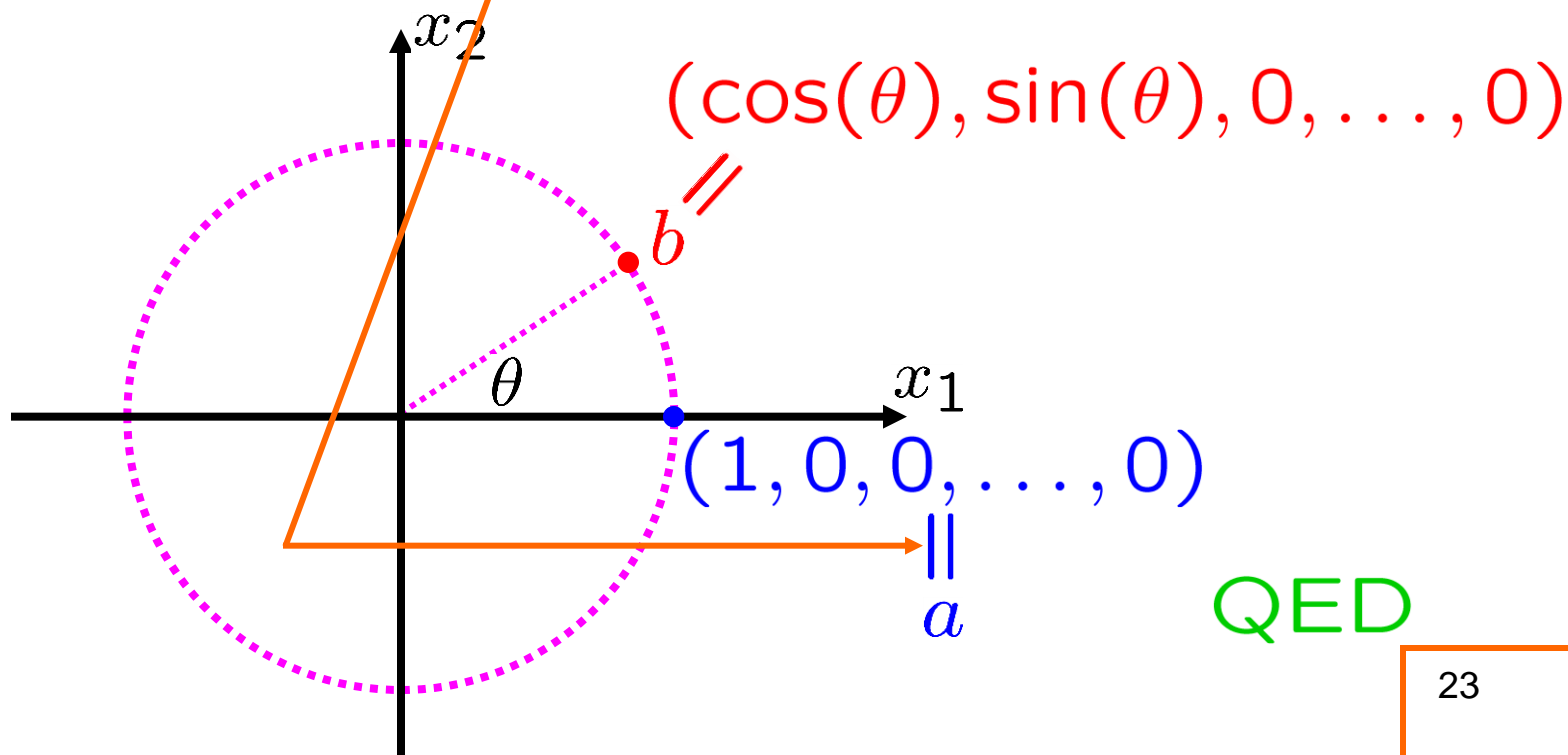
Assume that  $a = (1, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$

Assume that  $b$  is in the  $x_1, x_2$ -plane.

Let  $\theta$  be the angle between  $a$  and  $b$ .

Then  $a \cdot b = \cos(\theta)$ .

Proof:



**Fact:** Let  $v$  and  $w$  be unit vectors.

Let  $\theta$  be the angle between  $v$  and  $w$ .

Then  $v \cdot w = \cos(\theta)$ .

Here's how to find such an  $M$ ...

$$\begin{array}{l}
 Mv^{\text{CV}} \\
 \parallel \\
 ([1] \oplus Q)Pv^{\text{CV}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 Mw^{\text{CV}} \\
 \parallel \\
 ([1] \oplus Q)(Pw^{\text{CV}}) = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ |u| \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

$$Pw^{\text{CV}} = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} c \\ u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_{n-1} \end{array} \right\} u \quad Qu = \begin{bmatrix} |u| \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$M := ([1] \oplus Q)P$$

**Pf:** Let  $M$  be a rotation matrix

such that  $L_M(v) = (1, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$

and such that  $L_M(w)$  is in the  $x_1, x_2$ -plane.

Let  $a := L_M(v)$  and  $b := L_M(w)$ .

Then  $a \cdot b = v \cdot w$ . using preceding slide

The angle between  $a$  and  $b$  is  $\theta$ .

Then  $\cos(\theta) = a \cdot b = v \cdot w$ .

**QED**



Fact: Let  $a$  and  $b$  be vectors.

Let  $\theta$  be the angle between  $a$  and  $b$ .

Then  $a \cdot b = [|a|][|b|][\cos(\theta)]$ .

Proof: If  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ , then

$a \cdot b = 0$  and

$[|a|][|b|][\cos(\theta)] = 0$ ,

so we may assume that  $a \neq 0 \neq b$ .

Let  $v := a/|a|$  and let  $w := b/|b|$ .

Then  $v \cdot w = \cos(\theta)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} a \cdot b &= [|a|v] \cdot [|b|w] = [|a|][|b|][v \cdot w] \\ &= [|a|][|b|] \cos(\theta). \end{aligned}$$

QED

## Summary:

Defined orthogonal = distance-preserving  
same as length-preserving  
same as dot-product-preserving  
same as (inverse = transpose)  
same as orthonormal rows  
same as orthonormal columns

**Fact:** orthogonal = rotation or reflection

**Fact:**  $a \cdot b = (|a|)(|b|)(\cos(\theta))$

Let  $B$  be the polarization of a pos. semidef.  $Q$ .

$$\text{iff } \begin{array}{l} |x| \leq y \\ -y \leq x \leq y \end{array} \quad \overbrace{|B(v, w)|}^x \leq \overbrace{\sqrt{Q(v)}\sqrt{Q(w)}}^y$$

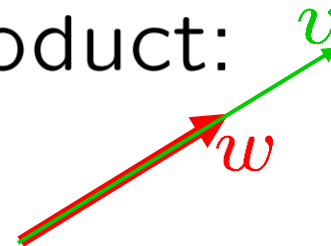
$$-\sqrt{Q(v)}\sqrt{Q(w)} \leq B(v, w) \leq \sqrt{Q(v)}\sqrt{Q(w)}$$

$v$  and  $w$  are said to be

**perfectly correlated** (under  $Q$ ) if

$$B(v, w) = \sqrt{Q(v)}\sqrt{Q(w)}$$

Picture, when  $Q$  is length squared,  
and  $B$  is dot product:



Let  $B$  be the polarization of a pos. semidef.  $Q$ .

$$|B(v, w)| \leq \sqrt{Q(v)}\sqrt{Q(w)}$$

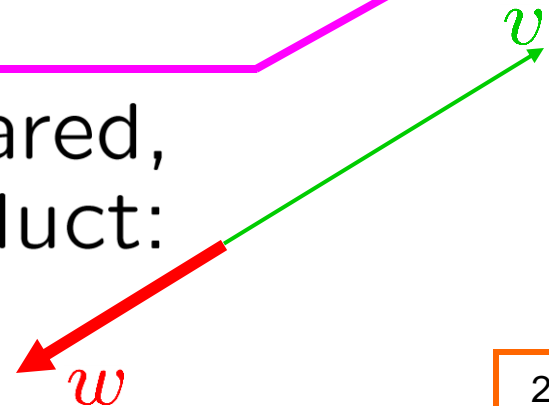
$$-\sqrt{Q(v)}\sqrt{Q(w)} \leq B(v, w) \leq \sqrt{Q(v)}\sqrt{Q(w)}$$

$v$  and  $w$  are said to be

**perfectly anti-correlated** (under  $Q$ ) if

$$-\sqrt{Q(v)}\sqrt{Q(w)} = B(v, w)$$

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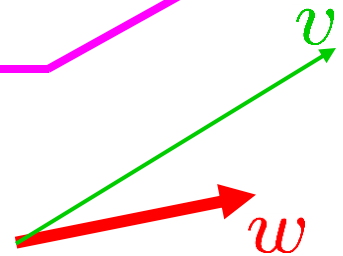
$$-\sqrt{Q(v)}\sqrt{Q(w)} \leq B(v, w) \leq \sqrt{Q(v)}\sqrt{Q(w)}$$

$v$  and  $w$  are said to be

**positively correlated (under  $Q$ )** if

$$B(v, w) > 0$$

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$$|B(v, w)| \leq \sqrt{Q(v)}\sqrt{Q(w)}$$

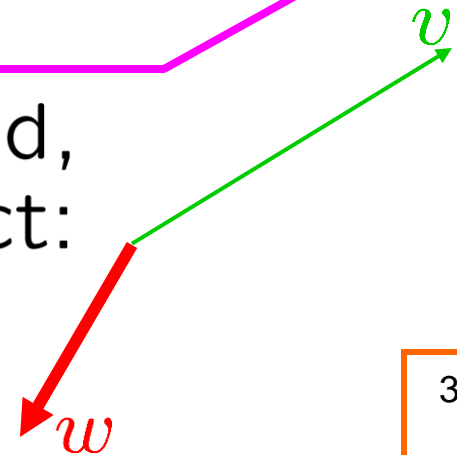
$$-\sqrt{Q(v)}\sqrt{Q(w)} \leq B(v, w) \leq \sqrt{Q(v)}\sqrt{Q(w)}$$

$v$  and  $w$  are said to be

**negatively correlated (under  $Q$ )** if

$$B(v, w) < 0$$

Picture, when  $Q$  is length squared,  
and  $B$  is dot product:



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$$|B(v, w)| \leq \sqrt{Q(v)}\sqrt{Q(w)}$$

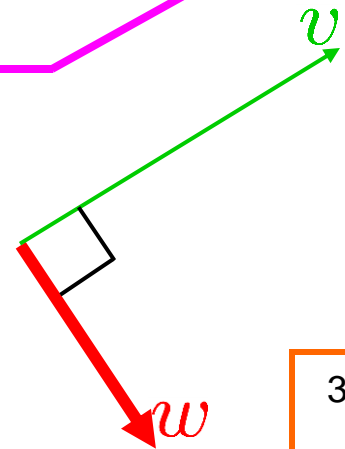
$$-\sqrt{Q(v)}\sqrt{Q(w)} \leq B(v, w) \leq \sqrt{Q(v)}\sqrt{Q(w)}$$

$v$  and  $w$  are said to be

**uncorrelated (under  $Q$ )** if

$$B(v, w) = 0$$

Picture, when  $Q$  is length squared,  
and  $B$  is dot product:



## Another BIG IDEA: SPECTRAL THEORY

Let  $Q : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the quadratic form def'd by

$$Q(x, y) = 3x^2 + 4xy + 3y^2$$

Let  $D : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the quadratic form def'd by

$$D(x, y) = 2x^2 + 7y^2$$

$$[Q] = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[D] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Graphing  $\{(x, y) \mid D(x, y) = 7.3\}$  is “easy”,  
because  $D(x, y)$  has no “mixed” term.

Def'n: A quadratic form is **diagonal**  
if its matrix is diagonal.

The SPECTRAL THEOREM: proof later...

Let  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a quadratic form.

Then  $\exists$  a rotation  $R : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

s.t.  $F \circ R : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is diagonal.



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e.g.:  $n = 2$  and  $F = Q$

$$R(x, y) = \left( \frac{x - y}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{x + y}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$



$$(Q \circ R)(x, y) = 5x^2 + y^2 \quad \text{no mixed "xy" term, i.e., diagonal}$$

Def'n: A quadratic form is **diagonal** if its matrix is diagonal.

The SPECTRAL THEOREM: proof later...

Let  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a quadratic form.

Then  $\exists$  a rotation  $R : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

s.t.  $F \circ R : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is diagonal.