

$$v_i = \sum a_{ji} e_j, \quad e_j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad | \quad j$$

We may assume that ${}^t v_i v_i = 1 \Leftrightarrow a_{1i}^2 + a_{2i}^2 + a_{3i}^2 + a_{4i}^2 = 1$. No!!! We may have ${}^t v_i v_i = 0$.

Thus we can say that this is wrong approach.

$\exists v_i \neq 0$ s.t. $Q(v_i, v_i) \neq 0$, where $Q(v_i, v_i) = {}^t v_i Q v_i$, for, if not so, ${}^t e_i Q e_j = Q_{ij} = 0 \Rightarrow Q$ is a zero matrix. This is a contradiction to the fact that Q is nonsingular.

Consider $v_i, e_2 - \frac{Q(v_i, e_2)}{Q(v_i, v_i)} v_i, e_3 - \frac{Q(v_i, e_3)}{Q(v_i, v_i)} v_i,$

$$e_4 - \frac{Q(v_i, e_4)}{Q(v_i, v_i)} v_i. \Rightarrow$$

(See P90, 42:1. O'Meara
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$$Q(v_i, e_i - \frac{Q(v_i, e_i)}{Q(v_i, v_i)} v_i) = Q(v_i, e_i) - \frac{Q(v_i, e_i)}{Q(v_i, v_i)} Q(v_i, v_i)$$

$= 0$, and those four vectors form a basis for \mathbb{C}^4 .

$$\text{Let } W = \langle e_i - \frac{Q(v_i, e_i)}{Q(v_i, v_i)} v_i \rangle_{i=2}^4$$

$\Rightarrow \exists v_2 \neq 0 \in W$ s.t. $Q(v_2, v_2) \neq 0$. Otherwise

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad *$$

In this way, we have v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4 s.t.
 $\langle v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4 \rangle = \mathbb{C}^4, \quad Q(v_i, v_j) = 0 \text{ if } i \neq j,$