

We show that the scalar $1'U\alpha = 0$. Assumptions:

$$\begin{aligned} 1'W &= 0, \\ G &= WW' = UDU', \\ U'U &= UU' = I. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} 1'WW' &= 0, \\ 1'UDU' &= 0, \\ 1'UD &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Write

$$\begin{aligned} 1'UD &= 1'[U_1U_2 \dots U_n] D \\ &= [m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n] D \\ &= [m_1\lambda_1, m_2\lambda_2, \dots, m_n\lambda_n] \\ &= 0, \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where $m_i\lambda_i$ are scalars. The implication of (1) is that $m_1 = m_2 = \dots = m_{n-1} = 0$, because D is a diagonal matrix of positive eigenvalues, except the last one which is equal to zero; that is $\lambda_n = 0$.

The vector α has elements $\alpha_i \sim N(0, \lambda_i\sigma_b^2)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$, with $\alpha_n \sim N(0, \lambda_n\sigma_b^2)$, $\lambda_n = 0$. Therefore $\alpha_n = 0$ a posteriori (with probability 1), and

$$\begin{aligned} 1'U\alpha &= [m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n] [\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n]' \\ &= [0, 0, \dots, m_n] [\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, 0]' = 0. \end{aligned}$$