

Step-1

$$\begin{aligned} Q^T Q &= (I - 2uu^T)^T (I - 2uu^T) \\ &= [I^T - 2(uu^T)^T] (I - 2uu^T) \\ &= [I - 2(u^T)^T u^T] (I - 2uu^T) \\ &= (I - 2uu^T) (I - 2uu^T) \end{aligned}$$

Since $(kA)^T = kA^T$, $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$ and $(A^T)^T = A$, we get the above product as

$$\begin{aligned} Q^T Q &= I - 2uu^T - 2uu^T + 4uu^T uu^T \\ &= I - 4uu^T + 4u(u^T u)u^T \end{aligned}$$

Since u is the unit vector, we follow that $u^T u = 1$

So, the above equation becomes $= I - 4uu^T + 4uu^T$

$$\Rightarrow Q^T Q = I$$

Therefore, Q is an orthogonal matrix.

Step-2

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } Q^T &= (I - 2uu^T)^T \\ &= I^T - 2(uu^T)^T \\ &= I - 2(u^T)^T u^T \quad \text{By the properties of transposing matrices} \\ &= I - 2uu^T \\ &= Q \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, Q is a symmetric matrix.

Step-3

$$\text{Given that } u = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u^T u = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{-1}{2} \\ \frac{-1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= 1$$

Step-4

$$uu^T = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{-1}{2} \\ \frac{-1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Also,

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{-1}{4} & \frac{-1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{-1}{4} & \frac{-1}{4} \\ \frac{-1}{4} & \frac{-1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{-1}{4} & \frac{-1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2uu^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} \\ \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Step-5

$$Q = I - 2uu^T$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} \\ \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore,