

Step-1

Let $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$ is orthogonal to both $y = (1, 1, 1)$, and $z = (1, -1, 0)$

By definition of orthogonal, $x^T y = 0$, $x^T z = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0, x_1 - x_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = -x_2 - x_3 = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$x_1 = x_2 \quad (2)$$

Using (2) in (1) $x_3 = -2x_2$

Therefore, $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = k \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ where $k = x_2$ a parameter takes infinite real values

Put $k = 1$ to obtain $x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ which is the vector orthogonal to both the given vectors.

Step-2

Ortho normal basis:

Find

1. The length $\|x\|$ of a vector;
2. The test $x^T y = 0$ for perpendicular vectors; and
3. Create perpendicular vectors from linearly independent vectors.

Step-3

The given vectors $y = (1, 1, 1)$, and $z = (1, -1, 0)$ are not the scalar multiples of each other and so, they are linearly independent.

Further, $x = (1, 1, -2)$ is perpendicular to both these and so, x, y, z are linearly independent.

Now, produce three mutually perpendicular unit vectors from $x, y,$ and z .

The unit vector along x is $\hat{x} = \frac{x}{\|x\|}$

$$= \frac{(1, 1, -2)}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + (-2)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{(1, 1, -2)}{\sqrt{6}} \text{ is the first orthonormal vector.}$$

$$t = y - \left(\hat{x}^T y \right) \hat{x}$$

$$= (1, 1, 1) - \frac{1+1-2}{\sqrt{6}} \left(\frac{(1, 1, -2)}{\sqrt{6}} \right)$$

$$= (1, 1, 1)$$

Unit vector along t is the second orthonormal vector required is $\hat{y} = \frac{t}{\|t\|} = \frac{(1, 1, 1)}{\sqrt{3}}$

Step-4

Similarly, $u = z - \left(\hat{x}^T z \right) \hat{x} - \left(\hat{y}^T z \right) \hat{y}$

$$= (1, -1, 0) - \left((1, -1, 0) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \right) \frac{(1, 1, -2)}{\sqrt{6}} - \left((1, -1, 0) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \frac{(1, 1, 1)}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= (1, -1, 0)$$

The unit vector along u is the third orthonormal vector required.

$$\hat{z} = \frac{u}{\|u\|} = \frac{(1, -1, 0)}{\sqrt{2}}$$

i.e.,

Thus, the suitable orthonormal basis corresponding to the given x, y, z is

$$\hat{x} = \frac{(1, 1, -2)}{\sqrt{6}}, \quad \hat{y} = \frac{(1, 1, 1)}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{z} = \frac{(1, -1, 0)}{\sqrt{2}}.$$