

NCERT 12.10.5.14

1. If $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$ are mutually perpendicular vectors of equal magnitudes, show that the $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}$ is equally inclined to \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{C} .

Suppose we have the following vectors:

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = [3, -3, 0] \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = [0, 3, 2] \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_3 = [-5, -2, -1] \quad (3)$$

Step 1: Initialize

Set $\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{v}_1$:

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = [3, -3, 0]$$

Step 2: Orthogonalization

For \mathbf{v}_2 :

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{v}_2 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{u}_1 \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_1 \rangle} \mathbf{u}_1 \quad (4)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{v}_2 - \left(\mathbf{u}_1^\top \mathbf{v}_2 \right) \mathbf{u}_1 \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{v}_2 - \left(-\frac{3}{2} \right) \mathbf{u}_1 \implies [1.5, 1.5, 2] \quad (6)$$

For \mathbf{v}_3 :

$$\mathbf{u}_3 = \mathbf{v}_3 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{u}_1 \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_1 \rangle} \mathbf{u}_1 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{u}_2 \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_2 \rangle} \mathbf{u}_2 \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_3 = \mathbf{v}_3 - \left(\mathbf{u}_2^\top \mathbf{v}_3 \right) \mathbf{u}_2 - \left(\mathbf{u}_1^\top \mathbf{v}_3 \right) \mathbf{u}_1 \quad (8)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_3 = \mathbf{v}_3 - (-2.121) \mathbf{u}_1 - (-4.28) \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 \quad (9)$$

$$\implies [-1.302, -1.302, 1.93] \quad (10)$$

Step 3: Normalization

Normalize each vector:

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \frac{\mathbf{u}_1}{\|\mathbf{u}_1\|} \quad (11)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{\mathbf{u}_2}{\|\mathbf{u}_2\|} \quad (12)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_3 = \frac{\mathbf{u}_3}{\|\mathbf{u}_3\|} \quad (13)$$

The final orthonormal basis is:

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = [0.707, -0.707, 0] \quad (14)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = [0.514, 0.514, 0.685] \quad (15)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_3 = [-0.487, -0.487, -0.724] \quad (16)$$

$$(17)$$

Step 4: QR Decoposition

we calculate Q by means of Gram-Schmidt process

Q is an orthogonal matrix

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 0.707 & 0.514 & -0.487 \\ -0.707 & 0.514 & -0.487 \\ 0 & 0.685 & -0.724 \end{pmatrix}$$

To verify it as a orthonormal matrix we have to check this property i.e, $Q^{\top}.Q = I$

$$\Rightarrow Q^{\top}Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence we can say that $A + B + C$ is equally inclined to A, B and C