

# Module 4

# Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization Procedure

- The Gram–Schmidt orthogonalization procedure permits the representation of any set of  $M$  energy signals, as linear combinations of  $N$  orthonormal basis functions, where  $N < M$ .
- That is to say, we may represent the given set of real-valued energy signals  $s_1(t), s_2(t), \dots, s_M(t)$ , each of duration  $T$  seconds, in the form

$$s_i(t) = \sum_{j=1}^N s_{ij} \phi_j(t) \quad \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq t \leq T \\ i = 1, 2, \dots, M \end{array} \quad (1)$$

- where, the coefficients of the expansion are defined by,

$$s_{ij} = \int_0^T s_i(t) \phi_j(t) dt \quad \begin{matrix} i = 1, 2, \dots, M \\ j = 1, 2, \dots, N \end{matrix} \quad (2)$$

- The real-valued basis functions  $\phi_1(t), \phi_2(t), \dots, \phi_N(t)$  are orthonormal, that is;

$$\int_0^T \phi_i(t) \phi_j(t) dt = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

## Stage-1

- Establish whether or not the given set of signals  $s_1(t), s_2(t), \dots, s_M(t)$  is linearly independent.
- If they are not linearly independent, then there exists a set of coefficients  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_M$ , not all equal to zero, such that we may write

$$a_1 s_1(t) + a_2 s_2(t) + \cdots + a_M s_M(t) = 0 \quad 0 \leq t \leq T \quad (4)$$

- Suppose, in particular, that  $a_M(t) \neq 0$ . Then we may express the corresponding signal  $s_M(t)$  as

$$s_M(t) = - \left[ \frac{a_1}{a_M} s_1(t) + \frac{a_2}{a_M} s_2(t) + \cdots + \frac{a_{M-1}}{a_M} s_{M-1}(t) \right] \quad (5)$$

which implies that the signal  $s_M(t)$  may be expressed in terms of the remaining  $(M - 1)$  signals.

- If they are not linearly independent, then there exists a set of coefficients  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{M-1}$ , not all equal to zero, such that we may write

$$b_1 s_1(t) + b_2 s_2(t) + \dots + b_{M-1} s_{M-1}(t) = 0 \quad 0 \leq t \leq T \quad (6)$$

- Suppose, in particular, that  $b_{M-1}(t) \neq 0$ . Then we may express the corresponding signal  $s_{M-1}(t)$  as linear combination of the remaining  $M - 2$  signals as

$$s_{M-1}(t) = - \left[ \frac{b_1}{b_{M-1}} s_1(t) + \frac{b_2}{b_{M-1}} s_2(t) + \dots + \frac{b_{M-2}}{b_{M-1}} s_{M-2}(t) \right] \quad (7)$$

- Let  $s_1(t), s_2(t), \dots, s_N(t)$  denote this subset of linearly independent signals, where  $N \leq M$ .

## Stage-2

As a starting point, define the first basis function as

$$\phi_1(t) = \frac{s_1(t)}{\sqrt{E_1}} \quad (8)$$

where,  $E_1$  is the energy of the signal  $s_1(t)$ .

Rearranging Eq. (8) we get,

$$\begin{aligned} s_1(t) &= \sqrt{E_1} \phi_1(t) \\ &= s_{11} \phi_1(t) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where, the coefficient  $s_{11} = \sqrt{E_1}$  and  $\phi_1(t)$  has unit energy.



To define the second basis function, we define a new intermediate function as

$$g_2(t) = s_2(t) - s_{21}\phi_1(t) \quad (10)$$

which is orthogonal to  $\phi_1(t)$  over the interval  $0 \leq t \leq T$ .

The second basis function is then given by

$$\phi_2(t) = \frac{g_2(t)}{\sqrt{\int_0^T g_2^2(t)dt}} \quad (11)$$

Substituting Eq. (11) in Eq. (10) and simplifying we get

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_2(t) &= \frac{s_2(t) - s_{21}\phi_1(t)}{\sqrt{\int_0^T (s_2(t) - s_{21}\phi_1(t))^2}} \\ &= \frac{s_2(t) - s_{21}\phi_1(t)}{\sqrt{\int_0^T [s_2(t)]^2 dt + \int_0^T s_{21}^2 \phi_1^2(t) dt - \int_0^T 2 s_2(t) s_{21}\phi_1(t) dt}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi_2(t) &= \frac{s_2(t) - s_{21}\phi_1(t)}{\sqrt{\int_0^T s_2^2(t)dt + s_{21}^2 \int_0^T \phi_1^2(t)dt - 2 s_{21} \int_0^T s_2(t)\phi_1(t)dt}} \\
&= \frac{s_2(t) - s_{21}\phi_1(t)}{\sqrt{E_2 + s_{21}^2 - 2 s_{21} \times s_{21}}} \\
&= \frac{s_2(t) - s_{21}\phi_1(t)}{\sqrt{E_2 + s_{21}^2 - 2 s_{21}^2}} \\
\phi_2(t) &= \frac{s_2(t) - s_{21}\phi_1(t)}{\sqrt{E_2 - s_{21}^2}} \tag{12}
\end{aligned}$$

where,  $E_2$  is the energy of signal  $s_2(t)$  given as

$$E_2 = \int_0^T s_2^2(t)dt$$



Continuing in this fashion, we may define

$$g_i(t) = s_i(t) - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} s_{ij} \phi_j(t) \quad (13)$$

where the coefficients  $s_{ij}$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, i - 1$ , are themselves defined by

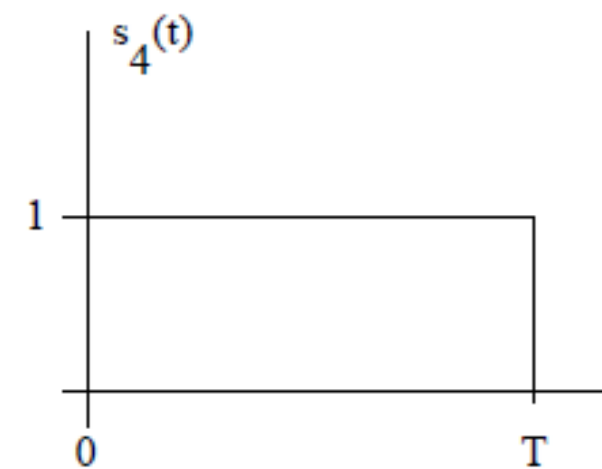
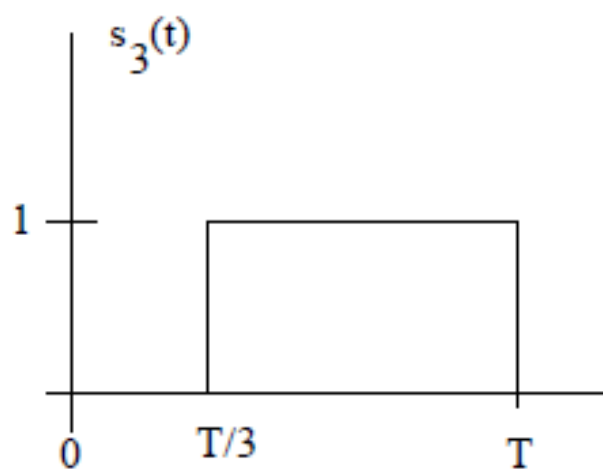
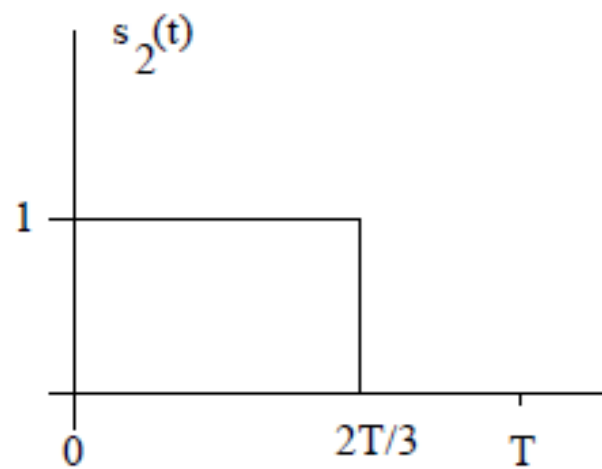
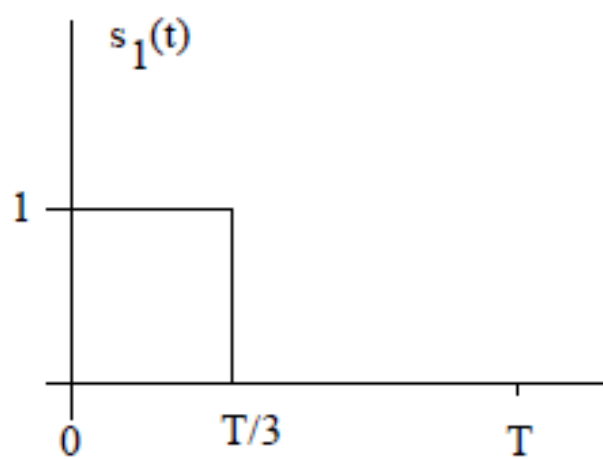
$$s_{ij} = \int_0^T s_i(t) \phi_j(t) dt \quad (14)$$

Then it follows that the set of functions

$$\phi_i(t) = \frac{g_i(t)}{\sqrt{\int_0^T g_i^2(t) dt}} \quad (15)$$

forms an orthonormal set.

**Example.** A set of four waveform is illustrated as below.  
Find an orthonormal set for this set of signals by applying the Gram-Schmidt procedure.



**Step 1:** This signal set is not linearly independent because

$$s_4(t) = s_1(t) + s_3(t)$$

Therefore, we will use  $s_1(t)$ ,  $s_2(t)$ , and  $s_3(t)$  to obtain the complete set of basis functions.

**Step 2:**

a)

$$E_1 = \int_0^T s_1^2(t) dt = T/3$$

$$f_1(t) = \frac{s_1(t)}{\sqrt{E_1}} = \begin{cases} \sqrt{3/T} & , \quad 0 \leq t \leq T/3 \\ 0 & , \quad \text{else} \end{cases}$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned}s_{21} &= \int_0^T s_2(t) f_1(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{T/3} \sqrt{3/T} dt = \sqrt{T/3}\end{aligned}$$

$$E_2 = \int_0^T s_2^2(t) dt = 2T/3$$

$$\begin{aligned}f_2(t) &= \frac{s_2(t) - s_{21}f_1(t)}{\sqrt{E_2 - s_{21}^2}} \\ &= \begin{cases} \sqrt{3/T} & , \quad T/3 \leq t \leq 2T/3 \\ 0 & , \quad \text{else} \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

c)

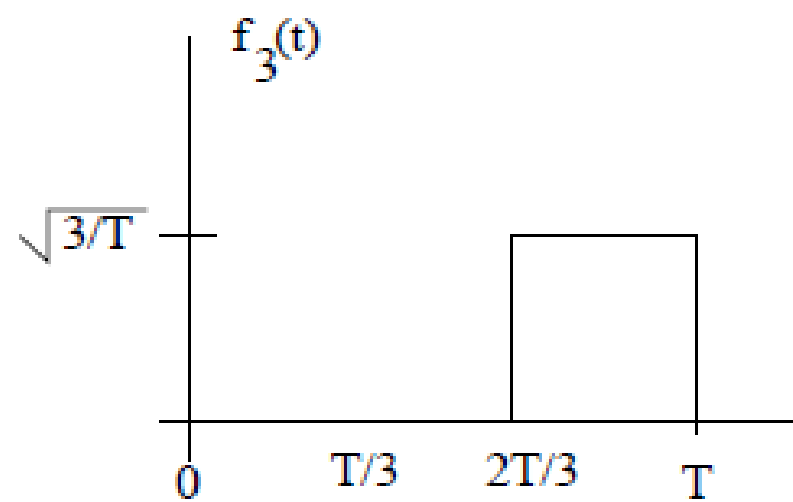
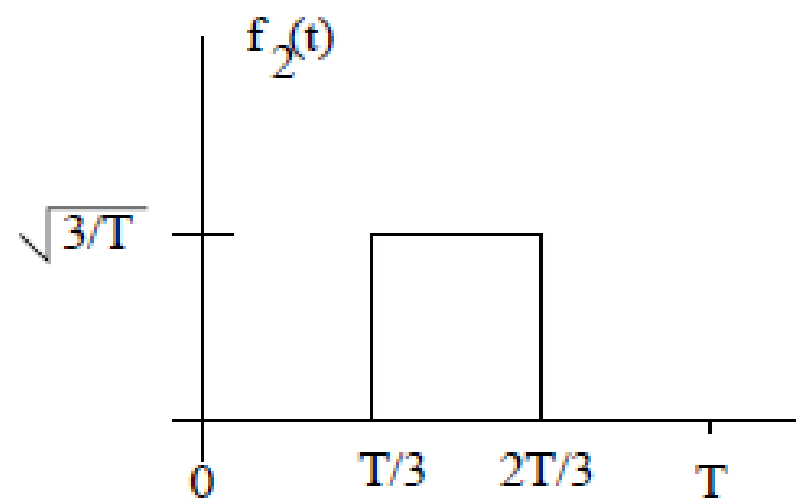
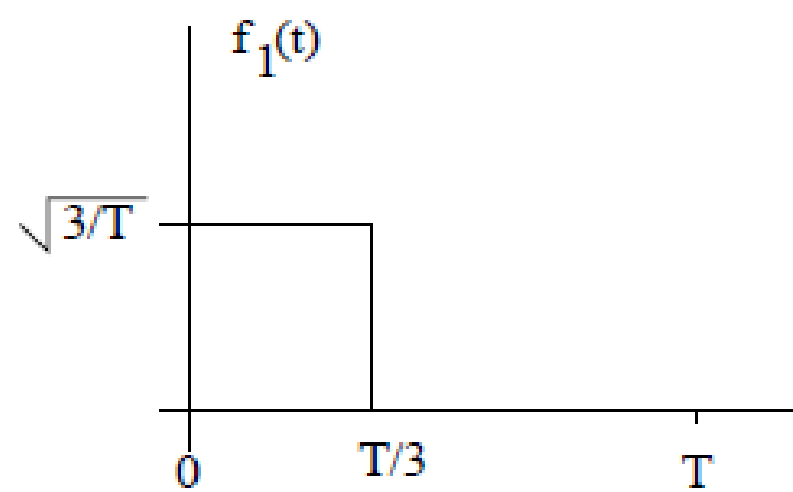
$$s_{31} = \int_0^T s_3(t) f_1(t) dt = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} s_{32} &= \int_0^T s_3(t) f_2(t) dt \\ &= \int_{T/3}^{2T/3} \sqrt{3/T} dt = \sqrt{T/3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g_3(t) &= s_3(t) - s_{31}f_1(t) - s_{32}f_2(t) \\ &= \begin{cases} 1 & , \quad 2T/3 \leq t \leq T \\ 0 & , \quad \text{else} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_3(t) &= \frac{g_3(t)}{\sqrt{\int_0^T g_3^2(t) dt}} \\ &= \begin{cases} \sqrt{3/T} & , \quad 2T/3 \leq t \leq T \\ 0 & , \quad \text{else} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$


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$$s_1(t) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{s}_1 = (\sqrt{T/3}, 0, 0)$$

$$s_2(t) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{s}_2 = (\sqrt{T/3}, \sqrt{T/3}, 0)$$

$$s_3(t) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{s}_3 = (0, \sqrt{T/3}, \sqrt{T/3})$$

$$s_4(t) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{s}_4 = (\sqrt{T/3}, \sqrt{T/3}, \sqrt{T/3})$$

