

## Discussion Section: Week #11

**Due: By 11:59pm the day of your Discussion Section**

### Instructions:

You are allowed to work alone or in small groups. But if you work in a group, the work you turn in should be your own. Each student will submit a physical write-up as a PDF document to CatCourses **by 11:59 pm of your discussion section day**.

Discussion assignments will be graded partially for completeness but a subset of the problems will be graded for correctness. Providing the correct answer, without justification, is not considered complete. For credit you **must** either show steps (if it's a calculation problem) or explain/justify your reasoning (if it's a short answer problem).

### Problem Set:

1. Perform the Gram-Schmidt algorithm on the following set of vectors.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:** To begin the Gram-Schmidt algorithm, we note that all the given vectors are linearly independent, hence we can expect the algorithm to work.

First we normalize the first vector:

$$\|v_1\| = \sqrt{0^2 + 0^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}. \text{ This then results in our first vector as } u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Next we find  $u_2$  by the formula:  $u_2 = v_2 - (v_2 \cdot u_1)u_1$ . This results in:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

This results in  $u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1/2 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Now, we must normalize this as a part of the

algorithm, hence we get:  $u_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1/2 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Finally, to get  $u_3$  we perform a similar

operation of,  $u_3 = v_3 - (v_3 \cdot u_1)u_1 - (v_3 \cdot u_2)u_2$  followed by normalization, which yields  $u_3 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

One can check that all  $u_i$  are orthogonal and have magnitude 1.

2. Find the QR decomposition of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:** We will perform the same operations as before, as well as keeping track of what dot products we perform in order to formulate the  $R$  matrix. To

begin the Gram-Schmidt, we normalize  $v_1$  to get  $q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Next we find  $q_2$

as before,  $q_2 = v_2 - (v_2 \cdot q_1)q_1$ , which yields after normalization,  $q_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{6} \\ -1/\sqrt{6} \\ 2/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix}$ .

Finally, we find  $q_3 = v_3 - (v_3 \cdot q_1)q_1 - (v_3 \cdot q_2)q_2$ . After normalization, this yields  $q_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$ .

As we can tell by the use of notation, the  $Q$  matrix can be formulated by the result of our Gram-Schmidt procedure, i.e.,  $Q = [q_1|q_2|q_3]$ . To formulate the  $R$  matrix, we can use our previous work to form

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} (v_1 \cdot q_1) & (v_2 \cdot q_1) & (v_3 \cdot q_1) \\ 0 & (v_2 \cdot q_2) & (v_3 \cdot q_2) \\ 0 & 0 & (v_3 \cdot q_3) \end{bmatrix}$$

, which yields

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 2/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 3/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{6} \\ 0 & 0 & 2/\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}.$$