

**Solution to Homework Assignment #12**

1.

(a)

$$x(t) = 2u_s(t-1) - u_s(t-2) - 2u_s(t-3.5)$$

(b)

$$x(t) = 2t \cdot u_s(t) - 2(t-1)u_s(t-1) - 2u_s(t-2) + (t-2)u_s(t-2) \\ - 2(t-3)u_s(t-3) + (t-4)u_s(t-4)$$

(c)

$$x(t) = u_s(t) - u_s(t-1) + 2(t-1)u_s(t-1) - 2(t-2)u_s(t-2) \\ - 2u_s(t-2) - u_s(t-3) + (t-3)u_s(t-3)$$

2.

(a)

$$\text{Let } \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle = a + 2b + 3c = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle = 3a + 2b + c = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$(1) - (2) = 0 \Rightarrow a = c \quad (3)$$

Given that  $a=c$ , from (3), we obtain  $b = -2a$ .

Therefore, any vector  $\mathbf{v} = a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  with  $a \neq 0$  is orthogonal to both  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(b)

$$\text{Let } \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle = 2a + b + 3c = 0$$

Let  $c = 0$ , then  $b = -2a$ , we have

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ -2a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ for } a \neq 0$$

We then need to find another vector that is linearly independent with  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Certainly,

there are infinite numbers of these vectors. For example, let  $a = 2, b = 1$ . It then follows

that  $c = -\frac{5}{3}$ . It is not hard to see that  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -5/3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  are linearly independent.

(c)

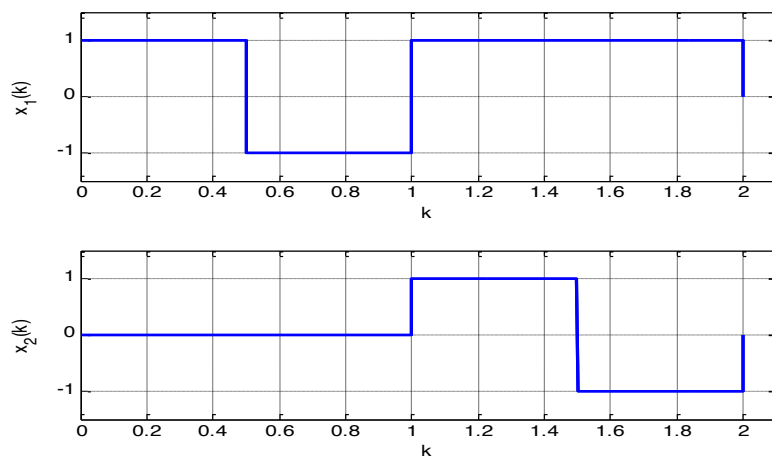
$\langle x, y \rangle = |x| \cdot |y|$ . We know that  $\langle x, x \rangle = |x| \cdot |x|$ . Therefore,  $\langle x, kx \rangle = |x| \cdot |kx|$  for  $k > 0$ .

As a result, the non-zero vector  $y$  can be expressed as

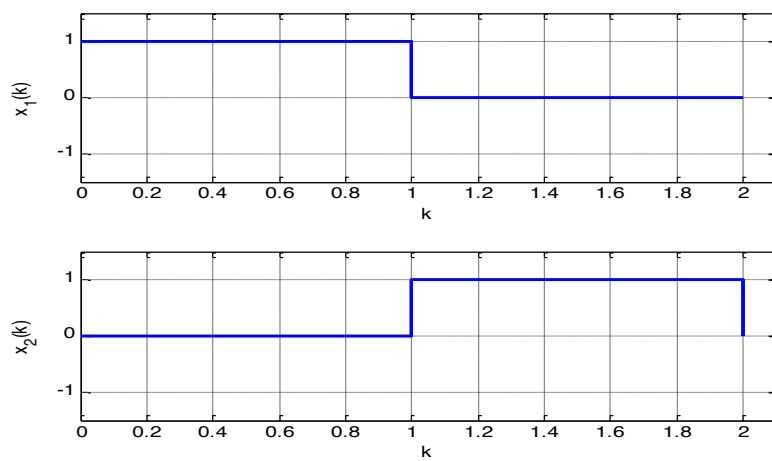
$$: \quad y = k \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where } k > 0.$$

3.

(a)



(b)



(c)

