

Gram-Schmidt Orthonormalization

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The program takes two row vectors, \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 , as input. The Gram-Schmidt method iteratively constructs orthogonal vectors by projecting each vector onto a vector space spanned by orthogonal vectors and subtracting the projection from that vector. Because there are only two vectors in three-dimensional space, the first vector \mathbf{v}_1 is set as the first orthogonal vector \mathbf{u}_1 . Then, the projection of the second vector \mathbf{v}_2 onto the first vector \mathbf{u}_1 is found. The projection can be represented as a scalar multiple of the first vector. The scalar multiple is declared as λ and it is found by using the relationship between the inner product and orthogonality. The dot product is used as the inner product and λ is used to find the vector \mathbf{u}_2 . After \mathbf{u}_1 and \mathbf{u}_2 have been found, each orthogonal vector is normalized to create a set of orthonormal vectors \mathbf{c}_1 and \mathbf{c}_2 .

There are three functions defined in the program, which are of the following:

- `int main()`: Produces and prints the orthonormalized vectors \mathbf{c}_1 and \mathbf{c}_2 in each line.
- `void normalize(float V[], int size)`: Takes a vector(array) address and its size and normalizes the vector to length 1.
- `float dot_product(float v1[], float v2[], int size)`: Takes address of two vectors(arrays) of the same size and their size. Then the dot product of the two vectors is returned as float.

To calculate the norm(length) of a vector, the square root of its inner product must be found. Thus, the program depends on `<math.h>` header that contains the function `<double sqrt(double)>`. When using GCC on GNU/Linux system, the `<math.h>` must be explicitly linked with `-lm`.

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Input:  Takes two row vectors in three-dimensional space
        as input. Each row vector is entered elementwise.

Process:Following the Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization, vector
        v_1 is set as u_1 and orthogonal vector u_2 is found
        using v_2 and u_1. Then, u_1 and u_2 are normalized
        to length 1 into orthonormal vectors c_1 and c_2.

Output: Prints two orthonormalized row vectors c_1 and c_2.

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#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>

void normalize(float V[], int size);
float dot_product(float v1[], float v2[], int size);

int main(){
    float V[2][3] = {{0}};
    float lambda;

    printf("<Input two row vectors(v_1, v_2) in three-
dimensional space>\n\n");

    for(int row = 0; row < 2; row++){
        printf("Enter the elements of v_%d: ", row+1);
        for(int col = 0; col < 3; ++col){
            scanf("%f", *(V+row)+col);
        }
    }

    // Find lambda(the coordinate) of the projection of v_2 onto u_1(v_1)
    lambda = dot_product(V[1], V[0], 3)/dot_product(V[0], V[0], 3);

    // The second orthogonal vector u_2 replaces v_2
    for(int col = 0; col < 3; ++col){
        V[1][col] = V[1][col] - lambda*V[0][col];
    }
}

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    }

    printf("\n");

    // Print the orthonormalized vectors c_1 and c_2
    for(int row = 0; row < 2; ++row){
        normalize(V[row], 3); // Normalizes each of the orthogonal vectors
        printf("c_%d: (", row+1);
        for(int col = 0; col < 3; ++col){
            printf("%f, ", V[row][col]);
        }
        printf("\b\b)\n");
    }

    return 0;
}

// Normalizes the vector V to length 1.
void normalize(float V[], int size){
    float sum, root;

    sum = dot_product(V, V, size);

    root = sqrt(sum);

    for(int i = 0; i < size; ++i){
        V[i] /= root;
    }

    return;
}

/*
    Performs a dot product of two vectors v1, v2
    and returns the result
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float dot_product(float v1[], float v2[], int size){
    float result = 0;

    for(int i = 0; i < size; ++i){
        result += v1[i]*v2[i];
    }

    return result;
}

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