

Problem 1. Using the Gram-Schmidt process find a set of mutually orthonormal vectors u^1, u^2, u^3 , based on

$$x^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, x^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, x^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Solution. By definition of Gram-Schmidt process, we have to use

$$y^i = x^i + \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} a_{(i-1)k} x^k$$

where

$$\langle y^i, y^j \rangle = 0 \quad \forall i \neq j$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} y^1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + 0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ y^2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + a_{11} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 - a_{11} \end{bmatrix} \\ y^3 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + a_{21} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + a_{22} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} \\ a_{22} \\ 1 \\ -1 - a_{21} - a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle y^1, y^2 \rangle = 0 &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} [a_{11} \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad -1 - a_{11}] = 0 \\ \langle y^2, y^3 \rangle = 0 &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 - a_{11} \end{bmatrix} [a_{11} \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad -1 - a_{11}] = 0 \\ \langle y^3, y^1 \rangle = 0 &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} \\ a_{22} \\ 1 \\ -1 - a_{21} - a_{22} \end{bmatrix} [1 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad -1] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$a_{11} = -\frac{1}{2} \quad a_{21} = -\frac{1}{3} \quad a_{22} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

Hence,

$$y^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad y^2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad y^3 = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \\ -\frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

In order to find orthonormal vectors,

$$u^i \triangleq \frac{y^i}{\|y^i\|}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} u^1 &= \frac{y^1}{\|y^1\|} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} / \sqrt{1^2 + 0^2 + 0^2 + (-1)^2} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ u^2 &= \frac{y^2}{\|y^2\|} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} / \sqrt{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 1^2 + 0^2 + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} \\ \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} \end{bmatrix} \\ u^3 &= \frac{y^3}{\|y^3\|} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \\ -\frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} / \sqrt{\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + 1^2 + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^2} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$