

1. Let

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Use the Gram-Schmidt Algorithm to find an orthonormal basis $\{\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \mathbf{q}_3\}$ that spans the same subspace as $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2$ and \mathbf{a}_3 .

You will probably find that computing \mathbf{q}_1 and \mathbf{q}_2 is pretty easy, and that the real work is in computing \mathbf{q}_3 .

$$\mathbf{q}_1 = \mathbf{a}_1 / \|\mathbf{a}_1\| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (1, 1, -1, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{w}_2 = \mathbf{a}_2 - (\mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{q}_1) \mathbf{q}_1$$

$$\mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{q}_1 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{w}_2 = \mathbf{a}_2$$

$$\mathbf{q}_2 = \mathbf{a}_2 / \|\mathbf{a}_2\| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (1, -1, 0, 1)$$

$$\mathbf{w}_3 = \mathbf{a}_3 - (\mathbf{a}_3 \cdot \mathbf{q}_2) \mathbf{q}_2 - (\mathbf{a}_3 \cdot \mathbf{q}_1) \mathbf{q}_1$$

$$\mathbf{a}_3 \cdot \mathbf{q}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (1 + 1 + 1) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\mathbf{a}_3 \cdot \mathbf{q}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (1 - 1 + 1 + 0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\mathbf{w}_3 = (1, -1, -1, 1) - \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} (1, -1, 0, 1) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (1, 1, -1, 0)$$

$$= (0, 0, -1, 0) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (1, 1, -1, 0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (-1, -1, -2, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{q}_3 = \frac{\mathbf{w}_3}{\|\mathbf{w}_3\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (-1, -1, -2, 0)$$

2. Use the vectors \mathbf{q}_1 and \mathbf{q}_2 you just discovered to compute the orthogonal projection of $\mathbf{x} = (1, 0, 0, 1)$ onto the space spanned by \mathbf{a}_1 and \mathbf{a}_2 . Start by copying down \mathbf{q}_1 and \mathbf{q}_2 from the previous page.

$$\mathbf{q}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (1, 1, -1, 0) \quad \mathbf{q}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (1, -1, 0, 1)$$

Method 1)
$$Q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\gamma = Q^T \mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = Q\gamma = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Method 2)

$$P = (\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{q}_1) \mathbf{q}_1 + (\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{q}_2) \mathbf{q}_2$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \mathbf{q}_1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \mathbf{q}_2$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$