

### Gram-Schmidt procedure (10.3 Page 641)

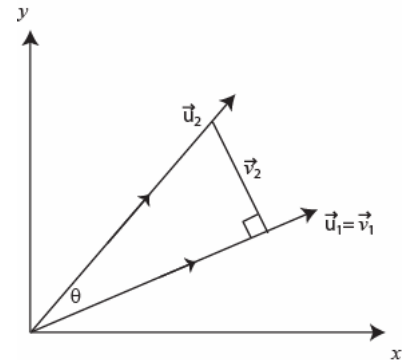
To construct an orthonormalize vectors from un-orthonormalize vectors.

The first two steps of the Gram-Schmidt process

The sequence  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  is the required system of orthogonal vectors, and the normalized vectors  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{v}}_2, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{v}}_n$  form an orthonormal set. The calculation of the sequence  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$  is known as *Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization*, while the calculation of the sequence  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{v}}_2, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{v}}_n$  is known as *Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization* as the vectors are normalized.

To check that these formulas yield an orthogonal sequence, first compute  $\langle \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle$  by substituting the above formula for  $\mathbf{v}_2$ : we get zero. Then use this to compute  $\langle \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_3 \rangle$  again by substituting the formula for  $\mathbf{v}_3$ : we get zero.

Geometrically, this method proceeds as follows: to compute  $\mathbf{v}_i$ , it projects  $\mathbf{u}_i$  orthogonally onto the subspace  $V$  generated by  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{i-1}$ , which is the same as the subspace generated by  $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{i-1}$ . The vector  $\mathbf{v}_i$  is then defined to be the difference between  $\mathbf{u}_i$  and this projection, guaranteed to be orthogonal to all of the vectors in the subspace  $V$ .



**Step 1:** Let  $\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1 = \vec{\mathbf{u}}_1$ ,

**Step 2:** Graphically,

$$\vec{\mathbf{v}}_2 = \vec{\mathbf{u}}_2 - \left( |\vec{\mathbf{u}}_2| \cos \theta \right) \hat{\mathbf{u}}_1 = \vec{\mathbf{u}}_2 - \left( |\vec{\mathbf{u}}_2| \cos \theta \right) \hat{\mathbf{v}}_1$$

Where  $\left( |\vec{\mathbf{u}}_2| \cos \theta \right) \hat{\mathbf{u}}_1$  is the projection of  $\vec{\mathbf{u}}_2$  on  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_1$ .

With the definition:

$$\hat{\mathbf{v}}_1 = \frac{\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1}{|\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1|}, \text{ and } \vec{\mathbf{u}}_1 \cdot \vec{\mathbf{u}}_2 = |\vec{\mathbf{u}}_1| |\vec{\mathbf{u}}_2| \cos \theta = |\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1| |\vec{\mathbf{u}}_2| \cos \theta \Rightarrow |\vec{\mathbf{u}}_2| \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{\mathbf{u}}_1 \cdot \vec{\mathbf{u}}_2}{|\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1|} = \frac{\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1 \cdot \vec{\mathbf{u}}_2}{|\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1|}$$

Then:

$$\vec{\mathbf{v}}_2 = \vec{\mathbf{u}}_2 - \frac{\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1 \cdot \vec{\mathbf{u}}_2}{\|\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1\|^2} \vec{\mathbf{v}}_1,$$

In general:

$$\vec{\mathbf{v}}_n = \vec{\mathbf{u}}_n - \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \frac{\vec{\mathbf{u}}_n \cdot \vec{\mathbf{v}}_m}{\|\vec{\mathbf{v}}_m\|^2} \vec{\mathbf{v}}_m,$$

And in Dirac's notation:

$$|\mathbf{v}_n\rangle = |\mathbf{u}_n\rangle - \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}_n | \mathbf{v}_m \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{v}_m | \mathbf{v}_m \rangle} |\mathbf{v}_m\rangle,$$

**Example:** Let  $V = R^3$  with the Euclidian inner product. Apply Gram-Schmidt algorithm to

$$\text{orthogonalize the basis } \mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and } \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Ans:**

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \|\mathbf{v}_1\|^2 = (1 \quad -1 \quad 1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 3$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{u}_2 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}_2 | \mathbf{v}_1 \rangle}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|^2} \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{(1 \quad 0 \quad 1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \|\mathbf{v}_2\|^2 = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_3 &= \mathbf{u}_3 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}_3 | \mathbf{v}_1 \rangle}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|^2} \mathbf{v}_1 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}_3 | \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle}{\|\mathbf{v}_2\|^2} \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{(1 \quad 1 \quad 2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{(1 \quad 1 \quad 2) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}}{\frac{2}{3}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{5}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

You can verify that  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  forms an orthogonal basis for  $V = R^3$ .

Normalize the vectors in the orthogonal basis we have:

$$\|\mathbf{v}_1\|^2 = A^2 (1 \quad -1 \quad 1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \Rightarrow A = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}.$$

$$\|\mathbf{v}_2\|^2 = B^2 \frac{1}{3} (1 \quad 2 \quad 1) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} = B^2 \frac{1}{9} (6) = 1 \Rightarrow B = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}.$$

$$\|\mathbf{v}_3\|^2 = C^2 \frac{1}{2} (-1 \quad 0 \quad 1) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = C^2 \frac{1}{4} (2) = 1 \Rightarrow C = \sqrt{2}.$$

$$V = \left\{ \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \right), \left( \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6}, \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}, \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} \right), \left( -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 0, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) \right\}$$

**Example 10.3.1 (page 644):** Legendre Polynomials by GS Orthogonalization.

Consider the set:

$$f_0(x) = 1, \quad f_1(x) = x, \quad f_2(x) = x^2, \quad f_3(x) = x^3$$

Which form a basis for the space of all real polynomials of degree  $\leq 3$  on the interval  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ . This means that any polynomial  $p(x)$  in this space can be written as:

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$$

a- Use the inner product:

$$\langle f_i | f_j \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f_i^*(x) f_j(x) dx$$

And the Gram-Schmidt procedure to form the corresponding set of orthogonal polynomials on the interval  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ .

b- Verify that the new set forms a mutually orthogonal set.

c- Calculate the normalized set.

**Answer:**

a-

$$\boxed{p_0(x) = f_0(x) = 1,}$$

$$p_1(x) = f_1(x) - \frac{\langle f_1 | p_0 \rangle}{|p_0|^2} p_0 = x - \frac{\langle f_1 | p_0 \rangle}{|p_0|^2} p_0;$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \langle f_1 | p_0 \rangle &= \int_{-1}^1 x dx = 0 \\ |p_0|^2 &= \langle p_0 | p_0 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 1 dx = 2 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \boxed{p_1(x) = f_1(x) = x}$$

$$p_2(x) = f_2(x) - \frac{\langle f_2 | p_0 \rangle}{|p_0|^2} p_0 - \frac{\langle f_2 | p_1 \rangle}{|p_1|^2} p_1 = x^2 - \frac{\langle f_2 | p_0 \rangle}{|p_0|^2} p_0 - \frac{\langle f_2 | p_1 \rangle}{|p_1|^2} p_1;$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \langle f_2 | p_0 \rangle &= \int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx = \frac{2}{3}, \quad |p_0|^2 = \langle p_0 | p_0 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 1 dx = 2 \\ \langle f_2 | p_1 \rangle &= \int_{-1}^1 x^3 dx = 0 \\ |p_1|^2 &= \langle p_1 | p_1 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx = \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \boxed{p_2(x) = x^2 - \frac{1}{3}}$$

$$p_3(x) = f_3(x) - \frac{\langle f_3 | p_0 \rangle}{|p_0|^2} p_0 - \frac{\langle f_3 | p_1 \rangle}{|p_1|^2} p_1 - \frac{\langle f_3 | p_2 \rangle}{|p_2|^2} p_2 = x^3 - \frac{\langle f_3 | p_0 \rangle}{|p_0|^2} p_0 - \frac{\langle f_3 | p_1 \rangle}{|p_1|^2} p_1 - \frac{\langle f_3 | p_2 \rangle}{|p_2|^2} p_2;$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \langle f_3 | p_0 \rangle &= \int_{-1}^1 x^3 dx = 0 \\ \langle f_3 | p_1 \rangle &= \int_{-1}^1 x^4 dx = \frac{2}{5}, \quad |p_1|^2 = \langle p_1 | p_1 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx = \frac{2}{3} \\ \langle f_3 | p_2 \rangle &= \int_{-1}^1 x^3 \left(x^2 - \frac{1}{3}\right) dx = 0 \\ |p_2|^2 &= \langle p_2 | p_2 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 \left(x^2 - \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 dx = \frac{8}{45} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \boxed{p_3(x) = x^3 - \frac{(2/5)}{(2/3)}x = x^3 - \frac{3}{5}x}$$

c- The normalized set

$$p_0(x) = \frac{p_0(x)}{|p_0|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad p_1(x) = \frac{p_1(x)}{|p_1|} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{2/3}} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}x,$$

$$p_2(x) = \frac{p_2(x)}{|p_2|} = \frac{\left(x^2 - \frac{1}{3}\right)}{\sqrt{8/45}} = \sqrt{\frac{5}{8}}(3x^2 - 1),$$

$$p_3(x) = \frac{p_3(x)}{|p_3|} = \frac{\left(x^2 - \frac{3}{5}x\right)}{\sqrt{8/175}} = \sqrt{\frac{7}{8}}(5x^3 - 3x),$$

**Example:** Let  $V = R^3$  with the Euclidian inner product. Apply Gram-Schmidt algorithm to

orthogonalize the basis  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Ans:**

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{u}_2 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}_2 | \mathbf{v}_1 \rangle}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|^2} \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{2}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_3 &= \mathbf{u}_3 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}_3 | \mathbf{v}_1 \rangle}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|^2} \mathbf{v}_1 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}_3 | \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle}{\|\mathbf{v}_2\|^2} \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 7 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 7 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \left[ \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \right]}{\frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \left[ \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \right]} \left[ \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \right] \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{(-1)}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{(22/5)}{(30/25)} \begin{pmatrix} 1/5 \\ 2/5 \\ -5/5 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 16 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The normalization could be calculated as follows:

$$\|\mathbf{v}_1\|^2 = A^2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \Rightarrow A = \sqrt{\frac{1}{5}}.$$

$$\|\mathbf{v}_2\|^2 = B^2 \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \left[ \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \right] = B^2 \frac{1}{25} (30) = 1 \Rightarrow B = \sqrt{\frac{5}{6}}.$$

$$\|\mathbf{v}_3\|^2 = C^2 \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 16 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \left[ \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 16 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \right] = C^2 \frac{1}{9} (??) = 1 \Rightarrow C = \sqrt{?}.$$

2- **a)**

Given that  $|f_0\rangle = 1$ ,  $|f_1\rangle = x$ ,  $|f_2\rangle = x^2$ ,  $|f_3\rangle = x^3$

To produce a set of orthogonal polynomials using G.S process:

let  $|w_1\rangle = |f_0\rangle = 1$

$$|w_2\rangle = |f_1\rangle - \frac{\langle w_1 | f_1 \rangle}{\langle w_1 | w_1 \rangle} |w_1\rangle \quad \text{But } \langle w_1 | f_1 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 x \, dx = 0 \Rightarrow |w_2\rangle = |f_1\rangle = x$$

$$|w_3\rangle = |f_2\rangle - \frac{\langle w_1 | f_2 \rangle}{\langle w_1 | w_1 \rangle} |w_1\rangle - \frac{\langle w_2 | f_2 \rangle}{\langle w_2 | w_2 \rangle} |w_2\rangle \quad \text{But } \langle w_2 | f_2 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 x^3 \, dx = 0$$

$$\text{And } \langle w_1 | f_2 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 \, dx = \frac{2}{3} \quad \& \quad \langle w_1 | w_1 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 dx = 2 \Rightarrow |w_3\rangle = x^2 - \frac{1}{3}$$

$$|w_4\rangle = |f_3\rangle - \frac{\langle w_1 | f_3 \rangle}{\langle w_1 | w_1 \rangle} |w_1\rangle - \frac{\langle w_2 | f_3 \rangle}{\langle w_2 | w_2 \rangle} |w_2\rangle - \frac{\langle w_3 | f_3 \rangle}{\langle w_3 | w_3 \rangle} |w_3\rangle$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \langle w_1 | f_3 \rangle &= \int_{-1}^1 x^3 \, dx = 0 \quad \& \quad \langle w_3 | f_3 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 \left( x^5 - \frac{x^3}{3} \right) dx = 0 \\ \langle w_2 | f_3 \rangle &= \int_{-1}^1 x^4 \, dx = \frac{2}{5} \quad \& \quad \langle w_2 | w_2 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 \, dx = \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow |w_4\rangle = x^3 - \frac{3}{5}x$$

$\therefore$  The set of orthogonal polynomials:

$$\left\{ |w_1\rangle = 1, \quad |w_2\rangle = x, \quad |w_3\rangle = x^2 - \frac{1}{3}, \quad |w_4\rangle = x^3 - \frac{3}{5}x \right\}$$

**b)**

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 \langle w_1 | w_2 \rangle &= \int_{-1}^1 x \, dx = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = 0 \\
 \langle w_1 | w_3 \rangle &= \int_{-1}^1 \left( x^2 - \frac{1}{3} \right) dx = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = 0 \\
 \langle w_1 | w_4 \rangle &= \int_{-1}^1 \left( x^3 - \frac{3}{5}x \right) dx = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{10} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{10} = 0 \\
 \langle w_2 | w_3 \rangle &= \int_{-1}^1 \left( x^3 - \frac{1}{3}x \right) dx = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} = 0 \\
 \langle w_2 | w_4 \rangle &= \int_{-1}^1 \left( x^4 - \frac{3}{5}x^2 \right) dx = \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{5} = 0 \\
 \langle w_3 | w_4 \rangle &= \int_{-1}^1 \left( x^5 - \frac{14}{15}x^3 + \frac{1}{5}x \right) dx = 0
 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow |w_1\rangle, |w_2\rangle, |w_3\rangle, |w_4\rangle \text{ are orthogonal}$$

**c)**

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 |v_1\rangle &= \frac{|w_1\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle w_1 | w_1 \rangle}}, \quad \langle w_1 | w_1 \rangle = 2 & \Rightarrow |v_1\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\
 |v_2\rangle &= \frac{|w_2\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle w_2 | w_2 \rangle}}, \quad \langle w_2 | w_2 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 (x^2) \, dx = \frac{2}{3} & \Rightarrow |v_2\rangle &= \frac{x}{\sqrt{2/3}} \\
 |v_3\rangle &= \frac{|w_3\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle w_3 | w_3 \rangle}}, \quad \langle w_3 | w_3 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 \left( x^4 - \frac{2}{3}x^2 + \frac{1}{9} \right) dx = \frac{8}{45} & \Rightarrow |v_3\rangle &= \frac{x^2 - (1/3)}{\sqrt{8/45}} \\
 |v_4\rangle &= \frac{|w_4\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle w_4 | w_4 \rangle}}, \quad \langle w_4 | w_4 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 \left( x^6 - \frac{6}{5}x^4 + \frac{9}{25}x^2 \right) dx = \frac{4}{175} & \Rightarrow |v_4\rangle &= \frac{x^3 - (3/5)x}{\sqrt{4/175}}
 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Normalized set}$$