

Inner-Product - Norm - Orthogonality - Gram-Schmidt - QR Factorization

1. Let,

$$\sigma_z = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \sigma_x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(1)

Determine U , associated with the similarity transformation $\sigma_z = U\sigma_x U^T$ where U is an orthogonal matrix. ¹

2. Prove the following:

(a) Let $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Prove that $\|u+v\|^2 + \|u-v\|^2 = 2\|u\|^2 + 2\|v\|^2$.

(b) Let W be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . Prove that W^\perp is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . ²

(c) Let U be an orthogonal matrix. Prove that $\|Ux\| = \|x\|$.

(d) Let $U^{n \times n}$ be an orthogonal matrix and $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Prove that $Ux \cdot Uy = x \cdot y$.

(e) Let $U^{n \times n}$ be an orthogonal matrix and $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Prove that $Ux \cdot Uy = 0$ if and only if $x \cdot y = 0$.

3. Given,

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}, u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$x \cdot y = x^T y$
 $u \cdot u = u^T u = 1$
 $(u_1)^T u_2 = x^T u_1 u_2 = 0$
 $x^T y = x^T y$
 $x^T y = x^T y$

(a) Let $U = [u_1 \ u_2]$. Compute $U^T U$ and $U U^T$.

(b) Let $W = \text{span}\{u_1, u_2\}$. Compute $\text{proj}_W y$ and $(U U^T)y$.

(c) Write y as the sum of a vector \hat{y} in W and a vector z in W^\perp .

(d) Describe the geometric relationship between the plane W in \mathbb{R}^3 and the vectors \hat{y} and z from part c.

4. Given,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 & -3 \\ 1 & -4 & 7 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Determine the QR factorization of A .

5. In homework 6 we showed that the first four Hermite polynomials were linearly independent and thus a basis for \mathbb{P}_3 . ³ While this makes good use of the material from 4.4 outside of the context of \mathbb{R}^n it really misses the point. ⁴ The Hermite polynomials are orthogonal polynomials and constitute an orthonormal basis for vector space $L^2(-\infty, \infty)$. ⁵ To see why this is true we must define the inner-product to be,

$$f \cdot g = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)g(x)e^{-x^2} dx,$$

¹ Consider diagonalization of σ_x and notice that its eigenvectors are orthogonal. One could hope that these might provide the columns of the U matrix if they were unit-length.

² The procedure for this proof is outlined in Lay (problem 6.1.30 pg. 883).

³ We take without proof that the first $n+1$ Hermite polynomials are linearly independent and thus a basis for \mathbb{P}_n .

⁴ The Hermite polynomials are prevalent in statistics, applied mathematics and physics but not in the context of polynomial spaces.

⁵ The vector space $L^2(-\infty, \infty)$ is an infinite dimensional complete inner-product space or a Hilbert space, in honor of David Hilbert http://en.klipdata.org/wiki/David_Hilbert. The space L^2 , which is an abstraction of standard Euclidean space, is important because its elements must have finite length and any infinite-sequence of elements must converge to a point in L^2 . The condition that 'vectors' must have finite length typically implies

at they have finite energy, which is what one would hope. While, the convergence properties allows use to take limits without leaving the space. ⁶

10 Recall that an even function has the property that $f(-x) = f(x)$ and an odd function has the property that $f(-x) = -f(x)$.
 11 [M]T's open courseware site has a nice discussion of GS applied to the Legendre polynomials. web.mit.edu/18.06/www/Spring09/Legendre.pdf To
 this first consider a general quadratic, $H_2(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ and argue that $b = 0$. Next, we want to find a and c such that $H_2(x)$ is orthogonal
 to $H_0(x)$ and $H_1(x)$. Gram-Schmidt gives us a formula for this, page 444 of the text, only every inner-product must be thought of in the sense of (2).
 For this calculation you should have a relation between a and c . To find a normalize $H_1(x)$ and compare your result to $H_2(x)$ as it is given. They
 could look the same up a multiplicative constant.

12 For more we can look at http://em.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hermite_polynomials. There are, in general, infinitely-many of them arising as eigen-
 functions of the differential operator $\frac{d^2}{dx^2} - x \frac{d}{dx}$.
 13 If we used the standard inner-product and made the Hermite polynomials an orthonormal basis, via Gram-Schmidt, for P_n then we would have
 seen to the standard polynomial basis, which is nothing new.
 14 Yeah, I forgot a footnote. What of it?
 15 Indeed, things would be very bad if this were not the case. Consider the infinite sum, $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4^{(n-1)^2}}$. The summands are all rational but this sum
 diverges to π , which is irrational. That is, the rationals are not closed under limits of arbitrary linear combinations!

$$g(-x) = \left. \frac{d}{dx} \right|_{x=-x} = \frac{d}{dx} [f(-x)] = - \frac{d}{dx} f(x) = -g(x)$$

$$g(x) = f'(x) \Rightarrow \text{then } g(-x) = -f'(x) = -g(x) \text{ which is odd}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left. \frac{d}{dx} \right|_{x=-x} = \frac{d}{dx} \frac{d}{dx} [f(-x)] = - \frac{d}{dx} \frac{d}{dx} f(x) = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} f(x)$$

- (a) Prove that $H_{2n}(x)$ is an even function and that $H_{2n+1}(x)$ is an odd function. 10
- (b) Prove that the even Hermite polynomials are orthogonal to the odd Hermite polynomials.
- (c) Normalize H_0 and H_1 .
- (d) Using the normalized Hermite polynomials apply Gram-Schmidt and find $H_2(x)$. 11

(3) $H_n(x) = (-1)^n e^{x^2} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} e^{-x^2}$ satisfying the Rodrigues representation,
 $H_0(x) = 1, H_1(x) = 2x, H_2(x) = -2 + 4x^2, H_3(x) = -12x + 8x^3, x \in (-\infty, \infty)$,
 which is different than our standard definition in \mathbb{R}^n . 8 We take without proof that this definition satisfies the axioms of
 an inner-product. Recall the first few Hermite Polynomials, 9

$$S_x = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

This gives the diagonalization for S_x as,

$$X^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

which gives

$$\text{Case } \lambda = -1 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = X^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ choose } x_2 = 1/\sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow X^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}, \|X^{(2)}\| = 1$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{Choose } x_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ to normalize } X$$

$$\text{Case } \lambda = 1 \quad S_x - \lambda I = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x_1 = -x_2$$

$$\text{Diagonalize } S_x \Rightarrow S_x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \det(S_x - \lambda I) = \lambda^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm 1$$

$$U = P^{-1} + \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 2/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} = P^T = U^T$$

$$P^{-1} S^{-1} P = P^{-1} P S^{-1} P^{-1} P = S^{-1} \text{ which means}$$

Noting that the diagonal matrix on S^{-1} are the same and that $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} = P^T = P^{-1}$ implies that,

~~\mathbb{R}^3 forms an orthogonal basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .
independent and 3 linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 spans
is an orthogonal set. Since orthogonal vectors are linearly
and since $u^T u_j = u^T u = 1$ we have that $S = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$
 $u_1^T u_2 = 1+1=0$, $u_1^T u_3 = 2-2=0$, $u_2^T u_3 = -2+4-2=0$~~

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a. Since

W^\perp is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n

Note that $0 \in W^\perp$ since $0^T u = 0$. This

also shows scalar multiplication.

That W^\perp is closed under both vector addition and

scalar multiplication which implies that $c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2 \in W^\perp$. This shows

$$(c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2)^T u = c_1 u_1^T u + c_2 u_2^T u = c_1 \cdot 0 + c_2 \cdot 0 = 0$$

Then for any $u \in W$ we have

2. Let W be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . Also let $z_1, z_2 \in W^\perp \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\|c_1 z_1 + c_2 z_2\|^2 = \|c_1 z_1\|^2 + \|c_2 z_2\|^2 = c_1^2 \|z_1\|^2 + c_2^2 \|z_2\|^2$$

$$= c_1^2 \|z_1\|^2 + c_2^2 \|z_2\|^2 = \|c_1 z_1 + c_2 z_2\|^2$$

$$= (c_1 z_1 + c_2 z_2)^T (c_1 z_1 + c_2 z_2) = c_1^2 z_1^T z_1 + c_2^2 z_2^T z_2 + 2c_1 c_2 z_1^T z_2$$

$$\|c_1 z_1 + c_2 z_2\|^2 = \|c_1 z_1\|^2 + \|c_2 z_2\|^2 = \|c_1 z_1 + c_2 z_2\|^2$$

1. Let $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ then

2. If the columns of U are orthogonal then they are necessarily independent. Since U has n -many linearly independent columns, U^{-1} exists.

3. a. $\|Ux\|^2 = (Ux)^T(Ux) = x^T(U^T U)x = x^T I x = \|x\|^2 \Rightarrow \|Ux\| = \|x\|$
 b. $\|Ux\| = \|x\| \Rightarrow \|Ux\|^2 = \|x\|^2$

b. $(Ux)^T(Uy) = x^T U^T U y = x^T y$

c. Assume $(Ux)^T(Uy) = 0$, by part b. $x^T y$ is zero. Assume $x^T y \neq 0$ then by part b. $(Ux)^T(Uy) \neq 0$.

4. a. $U = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 & -2/3 \\ 1/3 & 2/3 \\ 2/3 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix}$, $U^T U = \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 & 1/3 & -2/3 \\ 1/3 & 2/3 & 1/3 \\ 2/3 & -2/3 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$U^T U = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 & -2/3 \\ 1/3 & 2/3 \\ 2/3 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8/9 & -2/9 \\ 2/9 & 5/9 \\ 2/9 & 5/9 \end{bmatrix}$

b. Note $U^T U = -\frac{4}{9} + \frac{9}{9} + \frac{9}{9} = 0$

Thus u_1, u_2 form an orthogonal basis for $\text{span}\{u_1, u_2\}$. Note also that $u_1^T u_1 = 1$, $u_2^T u_2 = 1$. Thus,

$\text{proj}_W y = y^T u_1 u_1 + y^T u_2 u_2 = 6 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ 2/3 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 \\ 2/3 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

d. $W = \text{Span}\{u_1, u_2\}$ is a plane in \mathbb{R}^3 . The vector v is the closest point on the plane to $ye \in \mathbb{R}^3$. z is the vector in W^\perp that has y at its tip and z at its tail, which is perpendicular to W .

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note $z^T v = 20 - 20 = 0$.

c. $v = y + z \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = z$

Thus $\text{proj}_W v = v$.

$$U U^T v = \begin{bmatrix} 8/9 & -2/9 & 2/9 \\ -2/9 & 8/9 & 4/9 \\ 2/9 & 4/9 & 5/9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = v$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let $q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $q_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $q_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$B = \{q_1, q_2, q_3\}$ is a basis for Col A.

Use Gram-Schmidt to construct an orthogonal basis for Col A.

$$u_1 = q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_2 = q_2 - \frac{q_2 \cdot u_1}{u_1 \cdot u_1} u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{5}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_3 = q_3 - \frac{q_3 \cdot u_1}{u_1 \cdot u_1} u_1 - \frac{q_3 \cdot u_2}{u_2 \cdot u_2} u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{5}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since $B_1 = \{ \underline{u}_1, \underline{u}_2, \underline{u}_3 \}$ is an orthogonal basis for

Col A
 $B_1 = \{ \underline{q}_1, \underline{q}_2, \underline{q}_3 \}$

where
 $\underline{q}_1 = \frac{1}{\|\underline{u}_1\|} \underline{u}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\underline{q}_2 = \frac{1}{\|\underline{u}_2\|} \underline{u}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{6} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{q}_3 = \frac{1}{\|\underline{u}_3\|} \underline{u}_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is an orthogonal basis for Col A .

Thus the matrix Q is then $Q = [\underline{q}_1 \ \underline{q}_2 \ \underline{q}_3]$ and the mat

R is given by

$$R = Q^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{5} & -1/\sqrt{5} & -1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 & -1 \\ 1 & -4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{5} & -1/\sqrt{5} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 5/\sqrt{5} & -2/\sqrt{5} & -2/\sqrt{5} \\ 0 & 6 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Gram-Schmidt and Hermite Poly:

$$H_0(x) = 1, \quad H_1(x) = 2x$$

2) Note that:

(i) If $f(x)$ is even then $f(-x) = f(x)$ and

by the chain rule

$$g(x) = \frac{df}{dx} \text{ while } g(-x) = \frac{d[f(-x)]}{dx} = -\frac{df}{dx} = -g(x)$$

which implies that $\frac{df}{dx}$ is odd.

A similar result is true of for the derivative of an odd fn.

Now consider

$$H_{2n}(x) = (-1)^n e^{-x^2} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} e^{-x^2} = e^{-x^2} \frac{d^{2n}}{dx^{2n}} e^{-x^2}$$

Since e^{-x^2} is even $\frac{d^n}{dx^n} e^{-x^2}$ is also even. Thus

$$H_{2n}(x) = e^{-x^2} \cdot \text{even fn of } x = \text{even fn of } x.$$

$\Rightarrow H_{2n}(x)$ is even.

A similar argument shows that $H_{2n+1}(x)$ is odd.

$$\rightarrow H_0(x) = 1 \quad H_1(x) = \sqrt{2}x$$

$$\|H_0(x)\|^2 = \langle H_0, H_0 \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 2x^2 e^{-x^2} dx = 2 \int_0^{\infty} 2x^2 e^{-x^2} dx = 2 \left[-x e^{-x^2} + \int e^{-x^2} dx \right]_0^{\infty} = 2 \left[0 + \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \right] = \sqrt{\pi}$$

$$\|H_1(x)\|^2 = \langle H_1, H_1 \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 2x^2 e^{-x^2} dx = 2 \int_0^{\infty} 2x^2 e^{-x^2} dx = 2 \left[-x e^{-x^2} + \int e^{-x^2} dx \right]_0^{\infty} = 2 \left[0 + \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \right] = \sqrt{\pi}$$

The overall symmetry of the integrand is odd, and the integral of an odd function over all space is zero.

Why? H_{2n}, e^{-x^2} are even functions. H_{2n+1} is an odd function. H_{2n} is orthogonal to H_{2n+1} $\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H_{2n}(x) H_{2n+1}(x) e^{-x^2} dx = 0$

$$= \alpha x^2 - \frac{\gamma}{2}$$

$$V_2 = H_2 - \left(\frac{\gamma}{2} + \gamma\right) H_0 = \alpha x^2 + \gamma - \left(\frac{\gamma}{2} + \gamma\right) H_0$$

=

$$\langle H_0, H_0 \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi}$$

$$= \alpha \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x^2} dx + \gamma \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \alpha \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} + \gamma \sqrt{\pi}$$

$$H_2 \cdot H_0 = \langle H_2, H_0 \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\alpha x^2 + \gamma) e^{-x^2} dx =$$

where

$$= H_2 \cdot H_0 = \frac{H_0 \cdot H_0}{H_0}$$

$$\sqrt{2} = H_2 - \frac{H_0 \cdot H_0}{H_0} = H_2 - \frac{H_0 \cdot H_0}{H_0} = H_1$$

Application of G.S. gives

Since H_2 is even $B=0 \Rightarrow H_2(x) = \alpha x^2 + \gamma$

$$H_2(x) = \alpha x^2 + \beta x + \gamma$$

d) Assume,

What is α^2 ?

$$\|H_2(x)\| = \sqrt{\langle H_2, H_2 \rangle} = \sqrt{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\alpha x^2 - \frac{\alpha}{2})^2 e^{-x^2} dx}^{1/2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \alpha^2 x^4 e^{-x^2} dx - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \alpha^2 x^2 e^{-x^2} dx + \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx}^{1/2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\alpha^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^4 e^{-x^2} dx - \alpha^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x^2} dx + \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx}^{1/2}$$



Volume

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x^2} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x^2} dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x^2} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x^2} dx$$

$$= \left[\alpha^2 \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} - \alpha^2 \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} + \alpha^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3\alpha^2 \sqrt{\pi}}{2} - \alpha^2 \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} + \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\pi}} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} = 1 \Rightarrow \alpha^2 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

and

$$H_2(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}} x^2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

is the normalized quadratic Hermite poly.