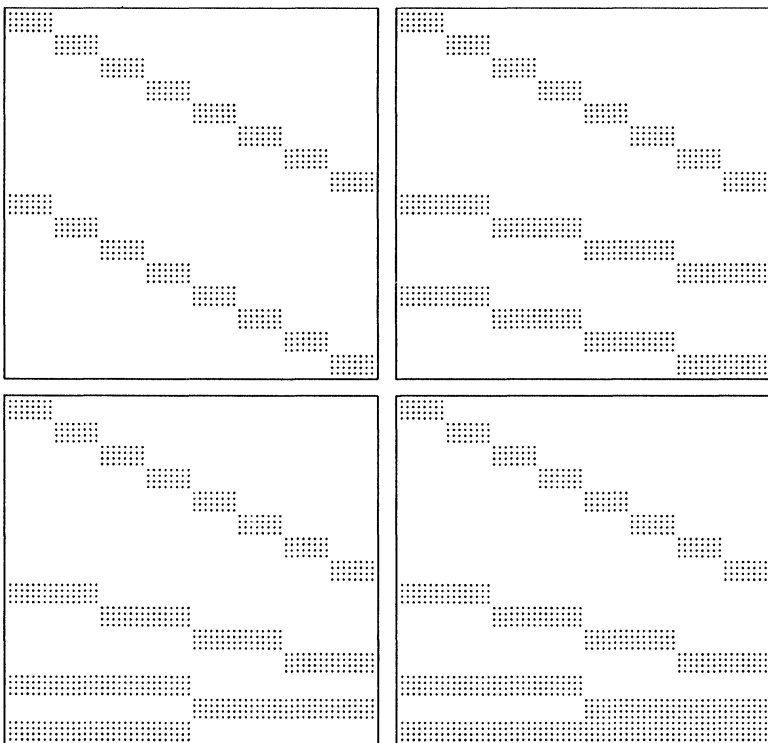


more moments to vanish. Namely, out of the k vectors nonzero on x_1, \dots, x_{2k} , we require that one have k vanishing moments, a second have $k + 1$, a third have $k + 2$, and so forth, and the k th have $2k - 1$ vanishing moments. We place the same condition on the k basis vectors nonzero on x_{2k+1}, \dots, x_{4k} , and so on, for each block of k basis vectors among the $n - k$ basis vectors with zero moments.

We construct the basis by construction of a finite sequence of bases (shown in Fig. 2), each obtained by a number of orthogonalizations. The first basis results from $n/(2k)$ Gram-Schmidt orthogonalizations of $2k$ vectors each. In particular, the vectors $\langle x_1^j, \dots, x_{2k}^j \rangle$ for $j = 0, \dots, 2k - 1$ are orthogonalized, the vectors

$\langle x_{2k+1}^j, \dots, x_{4k}^j \rangle$ for $j = 0, \dots, 2k - 1$ are orthogonalized, and so forth, up to the vectors $\langle x_{(n-k)+1}^j, \dots, x_n^j \rangle$ for $j = 0, \dots, 2k - 1$, which are orthogonalized.



where I_m is the $m \times m$ identity matrix and the $n/2 \times n/2$ matrix U'_2 is given by the formula

where $n_2 = n/(4k)$, $U_{2,i}^T = \text{Orth}(M_{2,i})$, and the $2k \times 2k$ matrix $M_{2,i}$ is given by

$$M_{2,i} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{1,2i-1}^U M_{1,2i-1} \\ U_{1,2i}^U M_{1,2i} \end{pmatrix}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n/(4k)$. In general the i th basis matrix for $i = 2, \dots, \lfloor n/(4k) \rfloor$ is

where $\mu_{j,i} = (x_{1+(i-1)k2^j} + x_{ik2^j})/2$, $\sigma_{j,i} = (x_{ik2^j} - x_{1+(i-1)k2^j})/2$, and the matrix $M_{j,i}$ is defined by (1) and (3) in §1. The matrix $U_{j,i}$ is given by the formula

$$(21) \quad U_{j,i}^T = \text{Orth}(M'_{j,i}),$$

which is equivalent to the definition given by (2). This equivalence immediately follows from the fact that $S(\mu, \sigma)$ is upper triangular and nonsingular.

The matrices $M'_{1,i}$ for $i = 1, \dots, n/(2k)$ are actually computed by the formula

$$\left(1 \quad \frac{x_{s_i+1} - \mu_{1,i}}{\sigma_{1,i}} \quad \dots \quad \left(\frac{x_{s_i+1} - \mu_{1,i}}{\sigma_{1,i}} \right)^{2k-1} \right)$$

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