

**Sec 4.3:**

1. Find the best-fit line  $b = C + Dt$  through the points  $(1, 1)$ ,  $(2, 5)$ , and  $(-1, 2)$ .

We want to find constants  $C, D$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^3 (C + Dx_i - y_i)^2$  is minimized, which is the same as finding the least squares solution of

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

And we know that the least squares solution is given by

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2.1429 \\ 0.7857 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus the best fit line is  $b = 2.1429 + 0.7857t$ .

2. Find the projection of  $(2, 3, -2, 1)$  onto the nullspace of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

We find the nullspace by solving  $A\mathbf{x} = 0 \implies N(A) = \text{span}\{(0, 0, 2, -1), (3, -1, 0, 0)\}$ . Let  $\mathbf{b} = (2, 3, -2, 1)$ . To find the projection of  $\mathbf{b}$  onto  $N(A)$ , we minimize  $\|\mathbf{b} - B\mathbf{x}\|^2$ , where

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Such optimal value  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  is again the least squares solution

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (B^T B)^{-1} B^T \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0.3 \end{bmatrix}$$

and thus the projection is

$$B\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 \\ -0.3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Sec 4.4:

1. **Orthogonal matrices:** The following matrices are important examples of orthogonal matrices.

(a) **Rotation matrix** Consider

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

- i. Show that this is indeed an orthogonal matrix.

Check that  $Q^T Q = I$ .

- ii. Choose any  $\theta$  you wish (e.g.,  $\pi/2$ ) and explain what happens when it acts on a vector  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Substitute  $\theta = \pi/2$  and compute

$$Qx = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus  $Q$  rotates  $x$  by  $\pi/2$  counterclockwise.

(b) **Permutation matrix** Consider

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

i. Show that this is indeed an orthogonal matrix.

The column vectors have unit norms and are mutually perpendicular, so  $Q$  is an orthogonal matrix. Alternatively you can check that  $Q^T Q = I$ .

ii. What operation does this matrix perform?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ z \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

switching the 2nd and the 3rd element of a vector of size 3.

(c) **Reflection matrix** Let  $\mathbf{u}$  be any unit vector. Then

$$Q = I - 2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T$$

i. Show that this is indeed an orthogonal matrix.

$$\begin{aligned} Q^T Q &= (I - 2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T)^T (I - 2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T) \\ &= (I - 2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T)(I - 2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T) \\ &= I - 2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T - 2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T + 4\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T \\ &= I - 2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T - 2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T + 4\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T \\ &= I \end{aligned}$$

ii. Choose  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Calculate the reflection matrix  $Q$ . Then, explain what happens when this matrix acts on a vector  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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

and

$$Q\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

thus  $Q$  reflects  $\mathbf{x}$  across  $-45^\circ$  (about line  $y = -x$ ).

2. Find a third column so that the matrix

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{14} & \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 2/\sqrt{14} & \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & -3/\sqrt{14} & \end{bmatrix}$$

is orthogonal.

Step 1. Find any vector  $\mathbf{v} = (x, y, z)$  perpendicular to the first two columns.

$$\begin{aligned} x + y + z &= 0 \\ x + 2y - 3z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

One solution is  $\mathbf{v} = (-5, 4, 1)$ .

Step 2. Normalize the vector.

$$\tilde{\mathbf{v}} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{42}}(-5, 4, 1)$$

which makes  $Q$  orthogonal.

3. **Gram-Schmidt** Consider the following vectors

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) Use the Gram-Schmidt process to find an orthonormal basis for the space spanned by  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3$ .

This is an example on textbook (p238). Let  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{a}_1$ .

Step 1.

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{a}_2 - \frac{\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{a}_2}{\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}} \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 2.

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{a}_3 - \frac{\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{a}_3}{\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}} \mathbf{A} - \frac{\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{a}_3}{\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{B}} \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The lengths of  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$  are  $\sqrt{2}$  and  $\sqrt{6}$  and  $\sqrt{3}$ . Divide by those lengths, for an orthonormal basis:

$$\mathbf{q}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{q}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{q}_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Write your result in the form  $A = QR$ .

Columns of  $Q$  are  $\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \mathbf{q}_3$ . Entries of  $R$  are given by the formula  $R_{ij} = \mathbf{q}_i^T \mathbf{a}_j$  when  $i \leq j$  and  $R_{ij} = 0$  when  $i > j$ . Thus

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 0 & -2/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & \sqrt{2} & \sqrt{18} \\ 0 & \sqrt{6} & -\sqrt{6} \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} = QR$$