

which can be rearranged to produce

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\| \cos \vartheta &= \frac{1}{2} [\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|^2] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [u_1^2 + u_2^2 + v_1^2 + v_2^2 - (u_1 - v_1)^2 - (u_2 - v_2)^2] \\ &= u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 \\ &= \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}\end{aligned}$$

The verification for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is similar. When  $n > 3$ , formula (2) may be used to *define* the angle between two vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . In statistics, for instance, the value of  $\cos \vartheta$  defined by (2) for suitable vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  is what statisticians call a *correlation coefficient*.

### PRACTICE PROBLEMS

- Let  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute  $\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a}}$  and  $\left(\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a}}\right) \mathbf{a}$ .
- Let  $\mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 4/3 \\ -1 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{d} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
  - Find a unit vector  $\mathbf{u}$  in the direction of  $\mathbf{c}$ .
  - Show that  $\mathbf{d}$  is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{c}$ .
  - Use the results of (a) and (b) to explain why  $\mathbf{d}$  must be orthogonal to the unit vector  $\mathbf{u}$ .
- Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Exercise 30 establishes that  $W^\perp$  is also a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Prove that  $\dim W + \dim W^\perp = n$ .

## 6.1 EXERCISES

Compute the quantities in Exercises 1–8 using the vectors

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}$ , and  $\frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}}{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}}$
- $\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{w}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{w}$ , and  $\frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{w}}{\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{w}}$
- $\frac{1}{\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{w}} \mathbf{w}$
- $\frac{1}{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}} \mathbf{u}$
- $\left(\frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}}\right) \mathbf{v}$
- $\left(\frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{w}}{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x}}\right) \mathbf{x}$
- $\|\mathbf{w}\|$
- $\|\mathbf{x}\|$

In Exercises 9–12, find a unit vector in the direction of the given vector.

- $\begin{bmatrix} -30 \\ 40 \end{bmatrix}$   $\frac{1}{\sqrt{50}}$
- $\begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$   $\frac{1}{\sqrt{61}}$
- $\begin{bmatrix} 7/4 \\ 1/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $\frac{\sqrt{69}}{4}$
- $\begin{bmatrix} 8/3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$   $\frac{10}{3}$

- Find the distance between  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- Find the distance between  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Determine which pairs of vectors in Exercises 15–18 are orthogonal.

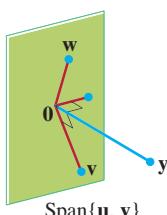
- $\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 3 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 7 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -8 \\ 15 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$

In Exercises 19 and 20, all vectors are in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

- $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{v}\|^2$ .  $\text{T}$
- For any scalar  $c$ ,  $\mathbf{u} \cdot (c\mathbf{v}) = c(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})$ .
- If the distance from  $\mathbf{u}$  to  $\mathbf{v}$  equals the distance from  $\mathbf{u}$  to  $-\mathbf{v}$ , then  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are orthogonal.
- For a square matrix  $A$ , vectors in  $\text{Col } A$  are orthogonal to vectors in  $\text{Nul } A$ .

- e. If vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$  span a subspace  $W$  and if  $\mathbf{x}$  is orthogonal to each  $\mathbf{v}_j$  for  $j = 1, \dots, p$ , then  $\mathbf{x}$  is in  $W^\perp$ .
20. a.  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$ . T  
 b. For any scalar  $c$ ,  $\|\mathbf{c}\mathbf{v}\| = c\|\mathbf{v}\|$ . T  
 c. If  $\mathbf{x}$  is orthogonal to every vector in a subspace  $W$ , then  $\mathbf{x}$  is in  $W^\perp$ . T  
 d. If  $\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2$ , then  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are orthogonal.  
 e. For an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , vectors in the null space of  $A$  are orthogonal to vectors in the row space of  $A$ .
21. Use the transpose definition of the inner product to verify parts (b) and (c) of Theorem 1. Mention the appropriate facts from Chapter 2. Cos QP = 1
22. Let  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ . Explain why  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} \geq 0$ . When is  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$ ?  $\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{u}\| =$
23. Let  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ -4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute and compare  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ ,  $\|\mathbf{u}\|^2$ ,  $\|\mathbf{v}\|^2$ , and  $\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2$ . Do not use the Pythagorean Theorem.
24. Verify the *parallelogram law* for vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :  

$$\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|^2 = 2\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{v}\|^2$$
25. Let  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$ . Describe the set  $H$  of vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$  that are orthogonal to  $\mathbf{v}$ . [Hint: Consider  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$ .]  
 26. Let  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$ , and let  $W$  be the set of all  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0$ . What theorem in Chapter 4 can be used to show that  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? Describe  $W$  in geometric language.
27. Suppose a vector  $\mathbf{y}$  is orthogonal to vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ . Show that  $\mathbf{y}$  is orthogonal to the vector  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ .
28. Suppose  $\mathbf{y}$  is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ . Show that  $\mathbf{y}$  is orthogonal to every  $\mathbf{w}$  in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$ . [Hint: An arbitrary  $\mathbf{w}$  in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$  has the form  $\mathbf{w} = c_1\mathbf{u} + c_2\mathbf{v}$ . Show that  $\mathbf{y}$  is orthogonal to such a vector  $\mathbf{w}$ .]



29. Let  $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ . Show that if  $\mathbf{x}$  is orthogonal to each  $\mathbf{v}_j$ , for  $1 \leq j \leq p$ , then  $\mathbf{x}$  is orthogonal to every vector in  $W$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} -6 & 3 & -27 & -33 \\ 6 & -5 & 25 & 28 \\ 8 & -6 & 34 & 38 \\ 12 & -10 & 50 & 41 \\ 14 & -21 & 49 & 29 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} x_1 + 5x_2 + -\frac{1}{3}x_5 = 0 \\ x_2 + x_3 + -\frac{1}{3}x_5 = 0 \\ x_4 + \frac{1}{3}x_5 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$x_1 = -5x_3 + \frac{1}{3}x_5$$

$$x_2 = -x_3 + \frac{1}{3}x_5$$

$$x_4 = -\frac{1}{3}x_5$$

$$x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

30. Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and let  $W^\perp$  be the set of all vectors orthogonal to  $W$ . Show that  $W^\perp$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  using the following steps.
- Take  $\mathbf{z}$  in  $W^\perp$ , and let  $\mathbf{u}$  represent any element of  $W$ . Then  $\mathbf{z} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$ . Take any scalar  $c$  and show that  $c\mathbf{z}$  is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{u}$ . (Since  $\mathbf{u}$  was an arbitrary element of  $W$ , this will show that  $c\mathbf{z}$  is in  $W^\perp$ .)
  - Take  $\mathbf{z}_1$  and  $\mathbf{z}_2$  in  $W^\perp$ , and let  $\mathbf{u}$  be any element of  $W$ . Show that  $\mathbf{z}_1 + \mathbf{z}_2$  is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{u}$ . What can you conclude about  $\mathbf{z}_1 + \mathbf{z}_2$ ? Why?
  - Finish the proof that  $W^\perp$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
31. Show that if  $\mathbf{x}$  is in both  $W$  and  $W^\perp$ , then  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .
32. [M] Construct a pair  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$  of random vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , and let
- $$A = \begin{bmatrix} .5 & .5 & .5 & .5 \\ .5 & .5 & -.5 & -.5 \\ .5 & -.5 & .5 & -.5 \\ .5 & -.5 & -.5 & .5 \end{bmatrix}$$
- Denote the columns of  $A$  by  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_4$ . Compute the length of each column, and compute  $\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{a}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{a}_3$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{a}_4$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{a}_3$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{a}_4$ , and  $\mathbf{a}_3 \cdot \mathbf{a}_4$ .
  - Compute and compare the lengths of  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $A\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $A\mathbf{v}$ .
  - Use equation (2) in this section to compute the cosine of the angle between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ . Compare this with the cosine of the angle between  $A\mathbf{u}$  and  $A\mathbf{v}$ .
  - Repeat parts (b) and (c) for two other pairs of random vectors. What do you conjecture about the effect of  $A$  on vectors?

33. [M] Generate random vectors  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$ , and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  with integer entries (and  $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$ ), and compute the quantities

$$\left(\frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}}\right)\mathbf{v}, \left(\frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}}\right)\mathbf{v}, \frac{(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}}\mathbf{v}, \frac{(10\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}}\mathbf{v}$$

Repeat the computations with new random vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$ . What do you conjecture about the mapping  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto T(\mathbf{x}) =$

$$\left(\frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}}\right)\mathbf{v} \text{ (for } \mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}\text{)? Verify your conjecture algebraically.}$$

34. [M] Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 3 & -27 & -33 \\ 6 & -5 & 25 & 28 \\ 8 & -6 & 34 & 38 \\ 12 & -10 & 50 & 41 \\ 14 & -21 & 49 & 29 \end{bmatrix}$ . Construct a matrix  $N$  whose columns form a basis for  $\text{Nul } A$ , and construct a matrix  $R$  whose rows form a basis for  $\text{Row } A$  (see Section 4.6 for details). Perform a matrix computation with  $N$  and  $R$  that illustrates a fact from Theorem 3.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} x_1 + 5x_2 + -\frac{1}{3}x_5 = 0 \\ x_2 + x_3 + -\frac{1}{3}x_5 = 0 \\ x_4 + \frac{1}{3}x_5 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$x_1 = -5x_3 + \frac{1}{3}x_5$$

$$x_2 = -x_3 + \frac{1}{3}x_5$$

$$x_4 = -\frac{1}{3}x_5$$

$$x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

**SOLUTION**

$$U\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 2/3 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & -2/3 \\ 0 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|U\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{9 + 1 + 1} = \sqrt{11}$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{2 + 9} = \sqrt{11}$$

■

Theorems 6 and 7 are particularly useful when applied to *square* matrices. An **orthogonal matrix** is a square invertible matrix  $U$  such that  $U^{-1} = U^T$ . By Theorem 6, such a matrix has orthonormal columns.<sup>1</sup> It is easy to see that any *square* matrix with orthonormal columns is an orthogonal matrix. Surprisingly, such a matrix must have orthonormal *rows*, too. See Exercises 27 and 28. Orthogonal matrices will appear frequently in Chapter 7.

**EXAMPLE 7** The matrix

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 3/\sqrt{11} & -1/\sqrt{6} & -1/\sqrt{66} \\ 1/\sqrt{11} & 2/\sqrt{6} & -4/\sqrt{66} \\ 1/\sqrt{11} & 1/\sqrt{6} & 7/\sqrt{66} \end{bmatrix}$$

is an orthogonal matrix because it is square and because its columns are orthonormal, by Example 5. Verify that the rows are orthonormal, too! ■

**PRACTICE PROBLEMS**

- Let  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{5} \\ 2/\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2/\sqrt{5} \\ 1/\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$ . Show that  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
- Let  $\mathbf{y}$  and  $L$  be as in Example 3 and Figure 3. Compute the orthogonal projection  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto  $L$  using  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  instead of the  $\mathbf{u}$  in Example 3.
- Let  $U$  and  $\mathbf{x}$  be as in Example 6, and let  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -3\sqrt{2} \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ . Verify that  $U\mathbf{x} \cdot U\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}$ .
- Let  $U$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with orthonormal columns. Show that  $\det U = \pm 1$ .

**6.2 EXERCISES**

In Exercises 1–6, determine which sets of vectors are orthogonal.

**X**  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$

**✓**  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

**X**  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -7 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ -3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

**✓**  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

**✓**  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 8 \\ 7 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

**X**  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -4 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ -3 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

In Exercises 7–10, show that  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$  or  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$  is an orthogonal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$  or  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , respectively. Then express  $\mathbf{x}$  as a linear combination of the  $\mathbf{u}$ 's.

7.  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$  **3**  $\mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}_2$

<sup>1</sup> A better name might be *orthonormal matrix*, and this term is found in some statistics texts. However, *orthogonal matrix* is the standard term in linear algebra.

8.  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

9.  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$

10.  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

11. Compute the orthogonal projection of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$  onto the line through  $\begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and the origin.

12. Compute the orthogonal projection of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  onto the line through  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and the origin.

13. Let  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$ . Write  $\mathbf{y}$  as the sum of two orthogonal vectors, one in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}\}$  and one orthogonal to  $\mathbf{u}$ .

14. Let  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Write  $\mathbf{y}$  as the sum of a vector in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}\}$  and a vector orthogonal to  $\mathbf{u}$ .

15. Let  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute the distance from  $\mathbf{y}$  to the line through  $\mathbf{u}$  and the origin.

16. Let  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute the distance from  $\mathbf{y}$  to the line through  $\mathbf{u}$  and the origin.

In Exercises 17–22, determine which sets of vectors are orthonormal. If a set is only orthogonal, normalize the vectors to produce an orthonormal set.

17.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ 0 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$

18.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

19.  $\begin{bmatrix} -.6 \\ .8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} .8 \\ .6 \end{bmatrix}$

20.  $\begin{bmatrix} -2/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 2/3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

21.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{10} \\ 3/\sqrt{20} \\ 3/\sqrt{20} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3/\sqrt{10} \\ -1/\sqrt{20} \\ -1/\sqrt{20} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$

22.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{18} \\ 4/\sqrt{18} \\ 1/\sqrt{18} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 \\ 1/3 \\ -2/3 \end{bmatrix}$

In Exercises 23 and 24, all vectors are in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

23. a. Not every linearly independent set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is an orthogonal set.

b. If  $\mathbf{y}$  is a linear combination of nonzero vectors from an orthogonal set, then the weights in the linear combination can be computed without row operations on a matrix. T

c. If the vectors in an orthogonal set of nonzero vectors are normalized, then some of the new vectors may not be orthogonal.

d. A matrix with orthonormal columns is an orthogonal matrix.

e. If  $L$  is a line through  $\mathbf{0}$  and if  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  is the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto  $L$ , then  $\|\hat{\mathbf{y}}\|$  gives the distance from  $\mathbf{y}$  to  $L$ . F

24. a. Not every orthogonal set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is linearly independent. F

b. If a set  $S = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$  has the property that  $\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \mathbf{u}_j = 0$  whenever  $i \neq j$ , then  $S$  is an orthonormal set. F

c. If the columns of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  are orthonormal, then the linear mapping  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$  preserves lengths. T

d. The orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto  $\mathbf{v}$  is the same as the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto  $c\mathbf{v}$  whenever  $c \neq 0$ . F

e. An orthogonal matrix is invertible. T

25. Prove Theorem 7. [Hint: For (a), compute  $\|U\mathbf{x}\|^2$ , or prove (b) first.]

26. Suppose  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  spanned by  $n$  nonzero orthogonal vectors. Explain why  $W = \mathbb{R}^n$ .

27. Let  $U$  be a square matrix with orthonormal columns. Explain why  $U$  is invertible. (Mention the theorems you use.)

28. Let  $U$  be an  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix. Show that the rows of  $U$  form an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

29. Let  $U$  and  $V$  be  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrices. Explain why  $UV$  is an orthogonal matrix. [That is, explain why  $UV$  is invertible and its inverse is  $(UV)^T$ .]

30. Let  $U$  be an orthogonal matrix, and construct  $V$  by interchanging some of the columns of  $U$ . Explain why  $V$  is an orthogonal matrix.

31. Show that the orthogonal projection of a vector  $\mathbf{y}$  onto a line  $L$  through the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  does not depend on the choice of the nonzero  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $L$  used in the formula for  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ . To do this, suppose  $\mathbf{y}$  and  $\mathbf{u}$  are given and  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  has been computed by formula (2) in this section. Replace  $\mathbf{u}$  in that formula by  $c\mathbf{u}$ , where  $c$  is an unspecified nonzero scalar. Show that the new formula gives the same  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ .

32. Let  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  be an orthogonal set of nonzero vectors, and let  $c_1, c_2$  be any nonzero scalars. Show that  $\{c_1\mathbf{v}_1, c_2\mathbf{v}_2\}$  is also an orthogonal set. Since orthogonality of a set is defined in terms of pairs of vectors, this shows that if the vectors in an orthogonal set are normalized, the new set will still be orthogonal.

33. Given  $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{0}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , let  $L = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}\}$ . Show that the mapping  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto \text{proj}_L \mathbf{x}$  is a linear transformation.

34. Given  $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{0}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , let  $L = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}\}$ . For  $\mathbf{y}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the reflection of  $\mathbf{y}$  in  $L$  is the point  $\text{refl}_L \mathbf{y}$  defined by

$$8. \mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$g) x = \frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2}{\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2} \mathbf{u}_2 = -\frac{15}{10} \mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{30}{40} \mathbf{u}_2$$

$$9. \mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$g) x = \frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}$$

$$10. \mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

### PRACTICE PROBLEMS

1. Let  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$ . Use the fact

that  $\mathbf{u}_1$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2$  are orthogonal to compute  $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y}$ .

2. Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}$ . If  $\mathbf{u}$  is the projection of  $\mathbf{x}$  onto  $W$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  is the projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto  $W$ , show that  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$  is the projection of  $\mathbf{z}$  onto  $W$ .

## 6.3 EXERCISES

In Exercises 1 and 2, you may assume that  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_4\}$  is an orthogonal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

1.  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ -8 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Write  $\mathbf{x}$  as the sum of two vectors, one in

$\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$  and the other in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_4\}$ .

2.  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Write  $\mathbf{v}$  as the sum of two vectors, one in

$\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1\}$  and the other in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4\}$ .

In Exercises 3–6, verify that  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$  is an orthogonal set, and then find the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$ .

3.  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

4.  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

5.  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

6.  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

In Exercises 7–10, let  $W$  be the subspace spanned by the  $\mathbf{u}$ 's, and write  $\mathbf{y}$  as the sum of a vector in  $W$  and a vector orthogonal to  $W$ .

7.  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$

8.  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

9.  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

10.  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

In Exercises 11 and 12, find the closest point to  $\mathbf{y}$  in the subspace  $W$  spanned by  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$ .

11.  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

12.  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

In Exercises 13 and 14, find the best approximation to  $\mathbf{z}$  by vectors of the form  $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2$ .

13.  $\mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -7 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

14.  $\mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

15. Let  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -9 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the distance from  $\mathbf{y}$  to the plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  spanned by  $\mathbf{u}_1$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2$ .

16. Let  $\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{v}_1$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  be as in Exercise 12. Find the distance from  $\mathbf{y}$  to the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  spanned by  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$ .

1.  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  
 $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ -8 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Write  $\mathbf{x}$  as the sum of two vectors, one in  
 $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$  and the other in  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_4\}$ .

$$\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_4\} = \frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{v}_4}{\mathbf{v}_4 \cdot \mathbf{v}_4} \mathbf{v}_4 = \frac{72}{36} \mathbf{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ -6 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ -8 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ -6 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

In Exercises 3–6, verify that  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$  is an orthogonal set, and then find the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$ .

3.  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  Ortho

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{3}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{5}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

SAME!

4.  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  Ortho

5.  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$  Ortho

6.  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  Ortho

$\mathbf{y} \approx$



17. Let  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 \\ 2/3 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$ .

- Let  $U = [\mathbf{u}_1 \ \mathbf{u}_2]$ . Compute  $U^T U$  and  $U U^T$ .
- Compute  $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y}$  and  $(U U^T) \mathbf{y}$ .

18. Let  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{10} \\ -3/\sqrt{10} \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1\}$ .

- Let  $U$  be the  $2 \times 1$  matrix whose only column is  $\mathbf{u}_1$ . Compute  $U^T U$  and  $U U^T$ .  $\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}$
- Compute  $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y}$  and  $(U U^T) \mathbf{y}$ .

19. Let  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Note that

$\mathbf{u}_1$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2$  are orthogonal but that  $\mathbf{u}_3$  is not orthogonal to  $\mathbf{u}_1$  or  $\mathbf{u}_2$ . It can be shown that  $\mathbf{u}_3$  is not in the subspace  $W$  spanned by  $\mathbf{u}_1$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2$ . Use this fact to construct a nonzero vector  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{u}_1$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2$ .

20. Let  $\mathbf{u}_1$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2$  be as in Exercise 19, and let  $\mathbf{u}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . It can

be shown that  $\mathbf{u}_4$  is not in the subspace  $W$  spanned by  $\mathbf{u}_1$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2$ . Use this fact to construct a nonzero vector  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{u}_1$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2$ .

In Exercises 21 and 22, all vectors and subspaces are in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

- If  $\mathbf{z}$  is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{u}_1$  and to  $\mathbf{u}_2$  and if  $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$ , then  $\mathbf{z}$  must be in  $W^\perp$ .  $\text{T}$
- For each  $\mathbf{y}$  and each subspace  $W$ , the vector  $\mathbf{y} - \text{proj}_W \mathbf{y}$  is orthogonal to  $W$ .  $\text{T}$
- The orthogonal projection  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto a subspace  $W$  can sometimes depend on the orthogonal basis for  $W$  used to compute  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ .  $F$
- If  $\mathbf{y}$  is in a subspace  $W$ , then the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto  $W$  is  $\mathbf{y}$  itself.  $\text{T}$

- If the columns of an  $n \times p$  matrix  $U$  are orthonormal, then  $U U^T \mathbf{y}$  is the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto the column space of  $U$ .

- If  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and if  $\mathbf{v}$  is in both  $W$  and  $W^\perp$ , then  $\mathbf{v}$  must be the zero vector.  $\text{T}$
- In the Orthogonal Decomposition Theorem, each term in formula (2) for  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  is itself an orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto a subspace of  $W$ .
- If  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{z}_1 + \mathbf{z}_2$ , where  $\mathbf{z}_1$  is in a subspace  $W$  and  $\mathbf{z}_2$  is in  $W^\perp$ , then  $\mathbf{z}_1$  must be the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto  $W$ .
- The best approximation to  $\mathbf{y}$  by elements of a subspace  $W$  is given by the vector  $\mathbf{y} - \text{proj}_W \mathbf{y}$ .
- If an  $n \times p$  matrix  $U$  has orthonormal columns, then  $U U^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$  for all  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Prove that every vector  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  can be written in the form  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{u}$ , where  $\mathbf{p}$  is in Row  $A$  and  $\mathbf{u}$  is in  $\text{Nul } A$ . Also, show that if the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent, then there is a unique  $\mathbf{p}$  in Row  $A$  such that  $A\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{b}$ .
- Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with an orthogonal basis  $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_p\}$ , and let  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_q\}$  be an orthogonal basis for  $W^\perp$ .
  - Explain why  $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_p, \mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_q\}$  is an orthogonal set.
  - Explain why the set in part (a) spans  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
  - Show that  $\dim W + \dim W^\perp = n$ .
- [M] Let  $U$  be the  $8 \times 4$  matrix in Exercise 36 in Section 6.2. Find the closest point to  $\mathbf{y} = (1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)$  in Col  $U$ . Write the keystrokes or commands you use to solve this problem.
- [M] Let  $U$  be the matrix in Exercise 25. Find the distance from  $\mathbf{b} = (1, 1, 1, 1, -1, -1, -1, -1)$  to Col  $U$ .

### SOLUTION TO PRACTICE PROBLEMS

#### 1. Compute

$$\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2}{\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2} \mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{88}{66} \mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{-2}{6} \mathbf{u}_2$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{y}$$

In this case,  $\mathbf{y}$  happens to be a linear combination of  $\mathbf{u}_1$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2$ , so  $\mathbf{y}$  is in  $W$ . The closest point in  $W$  to  $\mathbf{y}$  is  $\mathbf{y}$  itself.

- Using Theorem 10, let  $U$  be a matrix whose columns consist of an orthonormal basis for  $W$ . Then  $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{z} = U U^T \mathbf{z} = U U^T (\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = U U^T \mathbf{x} + U U^T \mathbf{y} = \text{proj}_W \mathbf{x} + \text{proj}_W \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ .

By construction, the first  $k$  columns of  $Q$  are an orthonormal basis of  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k\}$ . From the proof of Theorem 12,  $A = QR$  for some  $R$ . To find  $R$ , observe that  $Q^T Q = I$ , because the columns of  $Q$  are orthonormal. Hence

$$Q^T A = Q^T (QR) = IR = R$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ -3/\sqrt{12} & 1/\sqrt{12} & 1/\sqrt{12} & 1/\sqrt{12} \\ 0 & -2/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3/2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3/\sqrt{12} & 2/\sqrt{12} \\ 0 & 0 & 2/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix} \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

### NUMERICAL NOTES

- When the Gram–Schmidt process is run on a computer, roundoff error can build up as the vectors  $\mathbf{u}_k$  are calculated, one by one. For  $j$  and  $k$  large but unequal, the inner products  $\mathbf{u}_j^T \mathbf{u}_k$  may not be sufficiently close to zero. This loss of orthogonality can be reduced substantially by rearranging the order of the calculations.<sup>1</sup> However, a different computer-based QR factorization is usually preferred to this modified Gram–Schmidt method because it yields a more accurate orthonormal basis, even though the factorization requires about twice as much arithmetic.
- To produce a QR factorization of a matrix  $A$ , a computer program usually left-multiplies  $A$  by a sequence of orthogonal matrices until  $A$  is transformed into an upper triangular matrix. This construction is analogous to the left-multiplication by elementary matrices that produces an LU factorization of  $A$ .

### PRACTICE PROBLEMS

- Let  $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2\}$ , where  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 1/3 \\ -2/3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Construct an orthonormal basis for  $W$ .
- Suppose  $A = QR$ , where  $Q$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix with orthogonal columns and  $R$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix. Show that if the columns of  $A$  are linearly dependent, then  $R$  cannot be invertible.

## 6.4 EXERCISES

In Exercises 1–6, the given set is a basis for a subspace  $W$ . Use the Gram–Schmidt process to produce an orthogonal basis for  $W$ .

$$1. \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 5 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2. \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3. \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4. \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 14 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$5. \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -7 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$6. \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 9 \\ -9 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

<sup>1</sup> See *Fundamentals of Matrix Computations*, by David S. Watkins (New York: John Wiley & Sons, 1991), pp. 167–180.

In Exercises 1–6, the given set is a basis for a subspace  $W$ . Use the Gram–Schmidt process to produce an orthogonal basis for  $W$ .

$$1. \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 5 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2. \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3. \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4. \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 14 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$5. \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -7 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$6. \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 9 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$1) \quad U_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 5 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{x_2 \cdot u_1}{u_1 \cdot u_1} u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 5 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{30}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$9. \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 5 & -2 \\ 3 & -7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$10. \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 6 & 6 \\ 3 & -8 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & 6 \\ 1 & -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$11. \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ -1 & 1 & -4 \\ -1 & 4 & -3 \\ 1 & -4 & 7 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$12. \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ -1 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

In Exercises 13 and 14, the columns of  $Q$  were obtained by applying the Gram–Schmidt process to the columns of  $A$ . Find an upper triangular matrix  $R$  such that  $A = QR$ . Check your work.

$$13. A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 9 \\ 1 & 7 \\ -3 & -5 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, Q = \begin{bmatrix} 5/6 & -1/6 \\ 1/6 & 5/6 \\ -3/6 & 1/6 \\ 1/6 & 3/6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$14. A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 \\ 2 & -2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, Q = \begin{bmatrix} -2/7 & 5/7 \\ 5/7 & 2/7 \\ 2/7 & -4/7 \\ 4/7 & 2/7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5/6 & 1/6 & -3/6 & 1/6 \\ -1/6 & 5/6 & 1/6 & 3/6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 9 \\ 1 & 7 \\ -3 & -5 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 12 \\ - & -- \end{bmatrix}$$

$$12. \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ -1 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_2 = u_2 - \frac{u_2 \cdot x_1}{x_1 \cdot x_1} x_1$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{16}{4} x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -4 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_3 = u_3 - \frac{u_3 \cdot x_1}{x_1 \cdot x_1} x_1 - \frac{u_3 \cdot x_2}{x_2 \cdot x_2} x_2$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{14}{4} x_1 - \frac{12}{8} x_2$$

$$2) \quad U_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{10}{20} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -4 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

3)

$$x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 1 \\ 5 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{U_2 \cdot x_1}{x_1 \cdot x_1} x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 1 \\ 5 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} - (-2) \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{U_3 \cdot x_1}{x_1 \cdot x_1} x_1 - \frac{U_3 \cdot x_2}{x_2 \cdot x_2} x_2$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{30}{20} x_1 - \frac{-10}{20} x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 9/2 \\ 3/2 \\ -3/2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ -3/2 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = Q R$$

$$Q^T A = Q^T Q R$$

$$x_1 = u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_2 = u_2 - \frac{u_2 \cdot x_1}{x_1 \cdot x_1} x_1$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{16}{4} x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -4 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_3 = u_3 - \frac{u_3 \cdot x_1}{x_1 \cdot x_1} x_1 - \frac{u_3 \cdot x_2}{x_2 \cdot x_2} x_2$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{14}{4} x_1 - \frac{12}{8} x_2$$

7. Find an orthonormal basis of the subspace spanned by the vectors in Exercise 3.
8. Find an orthonormal basis of the subspace spanned by the vectors in Exercise 4.

Find an orthogonal basis for the column space of each matrix in Exercises 9–12.

9.  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 5 & -2 \\ 3 & -7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$

10.  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 6 & 6 \\ 3 & -8 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & 6 \\ 1 & -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

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

12.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ -1 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$

In Exercises 13 and 14, the columns of  $Q$  were obtained by applying the Gram–Schmidt process to the columns of  $A$ . Find an upper triangular matrix  $R$  such that  $A = QR$ . Check your work.

13.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 9 \\ 1 & 7 \\ -3 & -5 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, Q = \begin{bmatrix} 5/6 & -1/6 \\ 1/6 & 5/6 \\ -3/6 & 1/6 \\ 1/6 & 3/6 \end{bmatrix}$

14.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 \\ 2 & -2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, Q = \begin{bmatrix} -2/7 & 5/7 \\ 5/7 & 2/7 \\ 2/7 & -4/7 \\ 4/7 & 2/7 \end{bmatrix}$

15. Find a QR factorization of the matrix in Exercise 11.

16. Find a QR factorization of the matrix in Exercise 12.

In Exercises 17 and 18, all vectors and subspaces are in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

17. a. If  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  is an orthogonal basis for  $W$ , then multiplying  $\mathbf{v}_3$  by a scalar  $c$  gives a new orthogonal basis  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, c\mathbf{v}_3\}$ .

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- b. The Gram–Schmidt process produces from a linearly independent set  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_p\}$  an orthogonal set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  with the property that for each  $k$ , the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$  span the same subspace as that spanned by  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k$ .

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- c. If  $A = QR$ , where  $Q$  has orthonormal columns, then  $R = Q^T A$ .

T

18. a. If  $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3\}$  with  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3\}$  linearly independent, and if  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  is an orthogonal set in  $W$ , then  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  is a basis for  $W$ .

F

- b. If  $\mathbf{x}$  is not in a subspace  $W$ , then  $\mathbf{x} - \text{proj}_W \mathbf{x}$  is not zero.

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- c. In a QR factorization, say  $A = QR$  (when  $A$  has linearly independent columns), the columns of  $Q$  form an orthonormal basis for the column space of  $A$ .

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19. Suppose  $A = QR$ , where  $Q$  is  $m \times n$  and  $R$  is  $n \times n$ . Show that if the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent, then  $R$  must be invertible. [Hint: Study the equation  $R\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  and use the fact that  $A = QR$ .]

20. Suppose  $A = QR$ , where  $R$  is an invertible matrix. Show that  $A$  and  $Q$  have the same column space. [Hint: Given  $\mathbf{y}$  in  $\text{Col } A$ , show that  $\mathbf{y} = Q\mathbf{x}$  for some  $\mathbf{x}$ . Also, given  $\mathbf{y}$  in  $\text{Col } Q$ , show that  $\mathbf{y} = A\mathbf{x}$  for some  $\mathbf{x}$ .]

21. Given  $A = QR$  as in Theorem 12, describe how to find an orthogonal  $m \times m$  (square) matrix  $Q_1$  and an invertible  $n \times n$  upper triangular matrix  $R$  such that

$$A = Q_1 \begin{bmatrix} R \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The MATLAB `qr` command supplies this “full” QR factorization when  $\text{rank } A = n$ .

22. Let  $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p$  be an orthogonal basis for a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be defined by  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \text{proj}_W \mathbf{x}$ . Show that  $T$  is a linear transformation.

23. Suppose  $A = QR$  is a QR factorization of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  (with linearly independent columns). Partition  $A$  as  $[A_1 \ A_2]$ , where  $A_1$  has  $r$  columns. Show how to obtain a QR factorization of  $A_1$ , and explain why your factorization has the appropriate properties.

24. [M] Use the Gram–Schmidt process as in Example 2 to produce an orthogonal basis for the column space of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -10 & 13 & 7 & -11 \\ 2 & 1 & -5 & 3 \\ -6 & 3 & 13 & -3 \\ 16 & -16 & -2 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & -5 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

25. [M] Use the method in this section to produce a QR factorization of the matrix in Exercise 24.

26. [M] For a matrix program, the Gram–Schmidt process works better with orthonormal vectors. Starting with  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_p$  as in Theorem 11, let  $A = [\mathbf{x}_1 \ \dots \ \mathbf{x}_p]$ . Suppose  $Q$  is an  $n \times k$  matrix whose columns form an orthonormal basis for the subspace  $W_k$  spanned by the first  $k$  columns of  $A$ . Then for  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $QQ^T \mathbf{x}$  is the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{x}$  onto  $W_k$  (Theorem 10 in Section 6.3). If  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1}$  is the next column of  $A$ , then equation (2) in the proof of Theorem 11 becomes

$$\mathbf{v}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_{k+1} - Q(Q^T \mathbf{x}_{k+1})$$

(The parentheses above reduce the number of arithmetic operations.) Let  $\mathbf{u}_{k+1} = \mathbf{v}_{k+1}/\|\mathbf{v}_{k+1}\|$ . The new  $Q$  for the next step is  $[Q \ \mathbf{u}_{k+1}]$ . Use this procedure to compute the QR factorization of the matrix in Exercise 24. Write the keystrokes or commands you use.

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### PRACTICE PROBLEMS

1. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & -3 \\ 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find a least-squares solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , and compute the associated least-squares error.
2. What can you say about the least-squares solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  when  $\mathbf{b}$  is orthogonal to the columns of  $A$ ?

## 6.5 EXERCISES

In Exercises 1–4, find a least-squares solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  by (a) constructing the normal equations for  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  and (b) solving for  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ .

1.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

2.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 8 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

3.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

4.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

In Exercises 5 and 6, describe all least-squares solutions of the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

5.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 8 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

6.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 6 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$

7. Compute the least-squares error associated with the least-squares solution found in Exercise 3.

8. Compute the least-squares error associated with the least-squares solution found in Exercise 4.

In Exercises 9–12, find (a) the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{b}$  onto  $\text{Col } A$  and (b) a least-squares solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

9.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$

10.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

11.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -5 & 1 \\ 6 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

12.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$

13. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ -9 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute  $A\mathbf{u}$  and  $A\mathbf{v}$ , and compare them with  $\mathbf{b}$ .

Could  $\mathbf{u}$  possibly be a least-squares solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ ? (Answer this without computing a least-squares solution.)

14. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -3 & -4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute  $A\mathbf{u}$  and  $A\mathbf{v}$ , and compare them with  $\mathbf{b}$ . Is it possible that at least one of  $\mathbf{u}$  or  $\mathbf{v}$  could be a least-squares solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ ? (Answer this without computing a least-squares solution.)

In Exercises 15 and 16, use the factorization  $A = QR$  to find the least-squares solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

15.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 & -1/3 \\ 2/3 & 2/3 \\ 1/3 & -2/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

16.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 6 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$

In Exercises 17 and 18,  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $\mathbf{b}$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

17. a. The general least-squares problem is to find an  $\mathbf{x}$  that makes  $A\mathbf{x}$  as close as possible to  $\mathbf{b}$ .



In Exercises 1–4, find a least-squares solution of  $Ax = b$  by  
(a) constructing the normal equations for  $\hat{x}$  and (b) solving for  $\hat{x}$ .

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

$$2. A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 8 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3. A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4. A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1) \quad & A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b \\ & \hat{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b \\ & \hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$5. A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 8 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$6. A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 6 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^T b = \begin{bmatrix} 27 \\ 12 \\ 18 \end{bmatrix}$$

→ Linearly Dependent

$$A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b \rightarrow A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T b = \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ 4 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} A^T A & | & b \end{array} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= -x_3 + 5 \\ x_2 &= x_3 - 3 \\ x &= \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} A^T A & | & A^T b \end{array} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

In Exercises 15 and 16, use the factorization  $A = QR$  to find the least-squares solution of  $Ax = b$ .

$$15. A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 & -1/3 \\ 2/3 & 2/3 \\ 1/3 & -2/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$16. A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 6 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Ax = b$$

$$QRx = b$$

$$Q^T Q R x = Q^T b$$

$$R x = Q^T b$$

$$x = R^{-1} Q^T b$$

- b. A least-squares solution of  $Ax = b$  is a vector  $\hat{x}$  that satisfies  $A\hat{x} = \hat{b}$ , where  $\hat{b}$  is the orthogonal projection of  $b$  onto  $\text{Col } A$ . T
- c. A least-squares solution of  $Ax = b$  is a vector  $\hat{x}$  such that  $\|b - Ax\| \leq \|b - A\hat{x}\|$  for all  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . F
- d. Any solution of  $A^T Ax = A^T b$  is a least-squares solution of  $Ax = b$ . T
- e. If the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent, then the equation  $Ax = b$  has exactly one least-squares solution. T
- 18.** a. If  $b$  is in the column space of  $A$ , then every solution of  $Ax = b$  is a least-squares solution. T
- b. The least-squares solution of  $Ax = b$  is the point in the column space of  $A$  closest to  $b$ . F
- c. A least-squares solution of  $Ax = b$  is a list of weights that, when applied to the columns of  $A$ , produces the orthogonal projection of  $b$  onto  $\text{Col } A$ . T
- d. If  $\hat{x}$  is a least-squares solution of  $Ax = b$ , then  $\hat{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$ . F
- e. The normal equations always provide a reliable method for computing least-squares solutions. T
- f. If  $A$  has a QR factorization, say  $A = QR$ , then the best way to find the least-squares solution of  $Ax = b$  is to compute  $\hat{x} = R^{-1} Q^T b$ . T
- 19.** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Use the steps below to show that a vector  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  satisfies  $Ax = 0$  if and only if  $A^T Ax = 0$ . This will show that  $\text{Nul } A = \text{Nul } A^T A$ .
- Show that if  $Ax = 0$ , then  $A^T Ax = 0$ .
  - Suppose  $A^T Ax = 0$ . Explain why  $x^T A^T Ax = 0$ , and use this to show that  $Ax = 0$ .
- 20.** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix such that  $A^T A$  is invertible. Show that the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent. [Careful: You may not assume that  $A$  is invertible; it may not even be square.]
- 21.** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix whose columns are linearly independent. [Careful:  $A$  need not be square.]
- Use Exercise 19 to show that  $A^T A$  is an invertible matrix.
  - Explain why  $A$  must have at least as many rows as columns.
  - Determine the rank of  $A$ .
- 22.** Use Exercise 19 to show that  $\text{rank } A^T A = \text{rank } A$ . [Hint: How many columns does  $A^T A$  have? How is this connected with the rank of  $A^T A$ ?]
- 23.** Suppose  $A$  is  $m \times n$  with linearly independent columns and  $b$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Use the normal equations to produce a formula for  $\hat{b}$ , the projection of  $b$  onto  $\text{Col } A$ . [Hint: Find  $\hat{x}$  first. The formula does not require an orthogonal basis for  $\text{Col } A$ .]
- 24.** Find a formula for the least-squares solution of  $Ax = b$  when the columns of  $A$  are orthonormal.
- 25.** Describe all least-squares solutions of the system
- $$\begin{aligned} x + y &= 2 \\ x + y &= 4 \end{aligned}$$
- 26.** [M] Example 3 in Section 4.8 displayed a low-pass linear filter that changed a signal  $\{y_k\}$  into  $\{y_{k+1}\}$  and changed a higher-frequency signal  $\{w_k\}$  into the zero signal, where  $y_k = \cos(\pi k/4)$  and  $w_k = \cos(3\pi k/4)$ . The following calculations will design a filter with approximately those properties. The filter equation is
- $$a_0 y_{k+2} + a_1 y_{k+1} + a_2 y_k = z_k \quad \text{for all } k \quad (8)$$
- Because the signals are periodic, with period 8, it suffices to study equation (8) for  $k = 0, \dots, 7$ . The action on the two signals described above translates into two sets of eight equations, shown below:
- |   |           |           |       |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| <span style="color:red;">T</span> <span style="color:red;">F</span> | $y_{k+2}$ | $y_{k+1}$ | $y_k$ | $y_{k+1}$ |
| $k = 0$   | 0         | .7        | 1     | .7        |
| $k = 1$   | -.7       | 0         | .7    | 0         |
| $\vdots$  | -1        | -.7       | 0     | -.7       |
|   | -.7       | -1        | -.7   | -1        |
|   | 0         | -.7       | -1    | -.7       |
|   | .7        | 0         | -.7   | 0         |
|   | 1         | .7        | 0     | .7        |
| $k = 7$   | .7        | 1         | .7    | 1         |
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- |   |           |           |       |   |
|---|-----------|-----------|-------|---|
| <span style="color:red;">T</span> <span style="color:red;">F</span> | $w_{k+2}$ | $w_{k+1}$ | $w_k$ |   |
| $k = 0$   | 0         | -.7       | 1     | 0 |
| $k = 1$   | .7        | 0         | -.7   | 0 |
| $\vdots$  | -1        | .7        | 0     | 0 |
|   | .7        | -1        | .7    | 0 |
|   | 0         | .7        | -1    | 0 |
|   | -.7       | 0         | .7    | 0 |
|   | 1         | -.7       | 0     | 0 |
| $k = 7$   | -.7       | 1         | -.7   | 0 |
- Write an equation  $Ax = b$ , where  $A$  is a  $16 \times 3$  matrix formed from the two coefficient matrices above and where  $b$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{16}$  is formed from the two right sides of the equations. Find  $a_0, a_1$ , and  $a_2$  given by the least-squares solution of  $Ax = b$ . (The .7 in the data above was used as an approximation for  $\sqrt{2}/2$ , to illustrate how a typical computation in an applied problem might proceed. If .707 were used instead, the resulting filter coefficients would agree to at least seven decimal places with  $\sqrt{2}/4, 1/2$ , and  $\sqrt{2}/4$ , the values produced by exact arithmetic calculations.)

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## 6.6 EXERCISES

In Exercises 1–4, find the equation  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$  of the least-squares line that best fits the given data points.

1.  $(0, 1), (1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 2)$
2.  $(1, 0), (2, 1), (4, 2), (5, 3)$
3.  $(-1, 0), (0, 1), (1, 2), (2, 4)$
4.  $(2, 3), (3, 2), (5, 1), (6, 0)$

5. Let  $X$  be the design matrix used to find the least-squares line to fit data  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ . Use a theorem in Section 6.5 to show that the normal equations have a unique solution if and only if the data include at least two data points with different  $x$ -coordinates.
6. Let  $X$  be the design matrix in Example 2 corresponding to a least-squares fit of a parabola to data  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ . Suppose  $x_1, x_2$ , and  $x_3$  are distinct. Explain why there is only one parabola that fits the data best, in a least-squares sense. (See Exercise 5.)
7. A certain experiment produces the data  $(1, 1.8), (2, 2.7), (3, 3.4), (4, 3.8), (5, 3.9)$ . Describe the model that produces a least-squares fit of these points by a function of the form

$$y = \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2$$

Such a function might arise, for example, as the revenue from the sale of  $x$  units of a product, when the amount offered for sale affects the price to be set for the product.

- a. Give the design matrix, the observation vector, and the unknown parameter vector.
- b. [M] Find the associated least-squares curve for the data.
8. A simple curve that often makes a good model for the variable costs of a company, as a function of the sales level  $x$ , has the form  $y = \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2 + \beta_3 x^3$ . There is no constant term because fixed costs are not included.
- a. Give the design matrix and the parameter vector for the linear model that leads to a least-squares fit of the equation above, with data  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ .
- b. [M] Find the least-squares curve of the form above to fit the data  $(4, 1.58), (6, 2.08), (8, 2.5), (10, 2.8), (12, 3.1), (14, 3.4), (16, 3.8)$ , and  $(18, 4.32)$ , with values in thousands. If possible, produce a graph that shows the data points and the graph of the cubic approximation.
9. A certain experiment produces the data  $(1, 7.9), (2, 5.4)$ , and  $(3, -0.9)$ . Describe the model that produces a least-squares fit of these points by a function of the form

$$y = A \cos x + B \sin x$$

10. Suppose radioactive substances A and B have decay constants of .02 and .07, respectively. If a mixture of these two substances at time  $t = 0$  contains  $M_A$  grams of A and  $M_B$  grams of B, then a model for the total amount  $y$  of the mixture present at time  $t$  is

$$y = M_A e^{-0.02t} + M_B e^{-0.07t} \quad (6)$$

Suppose the initial amounts  $M_A$  and  $M_B$  are unknown, but a scientist is able to measure the total amounts present at several times and records the following points  $(t_i, y_i)$ :  $(10, 21.34), (11, 20.68), (12, 20.05), (14, 18.87)$ , and  $(15, 18.30)$ .

- a. Describe a linear model that can be used to estimate  $M_A$  and  $M_B$ .
- b. [M] Find the least-squares curve based on (6).



Halley's Comet last appeared in 1986 and will reappear in 2061.

11. [M] According to Kepler's first law, a comet should have an elliptic, parabolic, or hyperbolic orbit (with gravitational attractions from the planets ignored). In suitable polar coordinates, the position  $(r, \vartheta)$  of a comet satisfies an equation of the form

$$r = \beta + e(r \cdot \cos \vartheta)$$

where  $\beta$  is a constant and  $e$  is the *eccentricity* of the orbit, with  $0 \leq e < 1$  for an ellipse,  $e = 1$  for a parabola, and  $e > 1$  for a hyperbola. Suppose observations of a newly discovered comet provide the data below. Determine the type of orbit, and predict where the comet will be when  $\vartheta = 4.6$  (radians).<sup>3</sup>

$\vartheta$	.88	1.10	1.42	1.77	2.14
$r$	3.00	2.30	1.65	1.25	1.01

12. [M] A healthy child's systolic blood pressure  $p$  (in millimeters of mercury) and weight  $w$  (in pounds) are approximately related by the equation

$$\beta_0 + \beta_1 \ln w = p$$

Use the following experimental data to estimate the systolic blood pressure of a healthy child weighing 100 pounds.

<sup>3</sup> The basic idea of least-squares fitting of data is due to K. F. Gauss (and, independently, to A. Legendre), whose initial rise to fame occurred in 1801 when he used the method to determine the path of the asteroid *Ceres*. Forty days after the asteroid was discovered, it disappeared behind the sun. Gauss predicted it would appear ten months later and gave its location. The accuracy of the prediction astonished the European scientific community.

In Exercises 1–4, find the equation  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$  of the least-squares line that best fits the given data points.

1.  $(0, 1), (1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 2)$
2.  $(1, 0), (2, 1), (4, 2), (5, 3)$
3.  $(-1, 0), (0, 1), (1, 2), (2, 4)$
4.  $(2, 3), (3, 2), (5, 1), (6, 0)$

5. Let  $X$  be the design matrix used to find the least-squares line to fit data  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ . Use a theorem in Section 6.5 to show that the normal equations have a unique solution if and only if the data include at least two data points with different  $x$ -coordinates.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad X^T X \hat{\beta} = X^T y$$

$$\hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$

$$2 \ 3 \ 4 \quad x \ y \ z \quad y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 z$$

$$3 \ 2 \ 1$$

$$5 \ 1 \ 6$$

$$6 \ 0 \ 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$w$	44	61	81	113	131
$\ln w$	3.78	4.11	4.39	4.73	4.88
$p$	91	98	103	110	112

13. [M] To measure the takeoff performance of an airplane, the horizontal position of the plane was measured every second, from  $t = 0$  to  $t = 12$ . The positions (in feet) were: 0, 8.8, 29.9, 62.0, 104.7, 159.1, 222.0, 294.5, 380.4, 471.1, 571.7, 686.8, and 809.2.
- Find the least-squares cubic curve  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + \beta_2 t^2 + \beta_3 t^3$  for these data.
  - Use the result of part (a) to estimate the velocity of the plane when  $t = 4.5$  seconds.
14. Let  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n}(x_1 + \dots + x_n)$  and  $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n}(y_1 + \dots + y_n)$ . Show that the least-squares line for the data  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$  must pass through  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ . That is, show that  $\bar{x}$  and  $\bar{y}$  satisfy the linear equation  $\bar{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x}$ . [Hint: Derive this equation from the vector equation  $\mathbf{y} = X\hat{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ . Denote the first column of  $X$  by  $\mathbf{1}$ . Use the fact that the residual vector  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$  is orthogonal to the column space of  $X$  and hence is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{1}$ .]

Given data for a least-squares problem,  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ , the following abbreviations are helpful:

$$\sum x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \quad \sum x^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2,$$

$$\sum y = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i, \quad \sum xy = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

The normal equations for a least-squares line  $y = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x$  may be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned} n\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \sum x &= \sum y \\ \hat{\beta}_0 \sum x + \hat{\beta}_1 \sum x^2 &= \sum xy \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

15. Derive the normal equations (7) from the matrix form given in this section.
16. Use a matrix inverse to solve the system of equations in (7) and thereby obtain formulas for  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$  that appear in many statistics texts.

17. a. Rewrite the data in Example 1 with new  $x$ -coordinates in mean deviation form. Let  $X$  be the associated design matrix. Why are the columns of  $X$  orthogonal?
- b. Write the normal equations for the data in part (a), and solve them to find the least-squares line,  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x^*$ , where  $x^* = x - 5.5$ .
18. Suppose the  $x$ -coordinates of the data  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$  are in mean deviation form, so that  $\sum x_i = 0$ . Show that if  $X$  is the design matrix for the least-squares line in this case, then  $X^T X$  is a diagonal matrix.

Exercises 19 and 20 involve a design matrix  $X$  with two or more columns and a least-squares solution  $\hat{\beta}$  of  $\mathbf{y} = X\hat{\beta}$ . Consider the following numbers.

- $\|X\hat{\beta}\|^2$ —the sum of the squares of the “regression term.” Denote this number by  $SS(R)$ .
- $\|\mathbf{y} - X\hat{\beta}\|^2$ —the sum of the squares for error term. Denote this number by  $SS(E)$ .
- $\|\mathbf{y}\|^2$ —the “total” sum of the squares of the  $y$ -values. Denote this number by  $SS(T)$ .

Every statistics text that discusses regression and the linear model  $\mathbf{y} = X\hat{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$  introduces these numbers, though terminology and notation vary somewhat. To simplify matters, assume that the mean of the  $y$ -values is zero. In this case,  $SS(T)$  is proportional to what is called the *variance* of the set of  $y$ -values.

19. Justify the equation  $SS(T) = SS(R) + SS(E)$ . [Hint: Use a theorem, and explain why the hypotheses of the theorem are satisfied.] This equation is extremely important in statistics, both in regression theory and in the analysis of variance.
20. Show that  $\|X\hat{\beta}\|^2 = \hat{\beta}^T X^T \mathbf{y}$ . [Hint: Rewrite the left side and use the fact that  $\hat{\beta}$  satisfies the normal equations.] This formula for  $SS(R)$  is used in statistics. From this and from Exercise 19, obtain the standard formula for  $SS(E)$ :

$$SS(E) = \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} - \hat{\beta}^T X^T \mathbf{y}$$

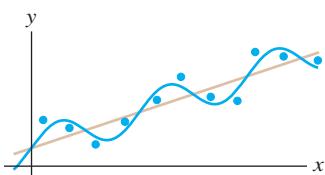
### SOLUTION TO PRACTICE PROBLEM

Construct  $X$  and  $\beta$  so that the  $k$ th row of  $X\beta$  is the predicted  $y$ -value that corresponds to the data point  $(x_k, y_k)$ , namely,

$$\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_k + \beta_2 \sin(2\pi x_k/12)$$

It should be clear that

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & \sin(2\pi x_1/12) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & \sin(2\pi x_n/12) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \beta = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



Sales trend with seasonal fluctuations.