

1. Consider the linear system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  where  $A$  is a  $4 \times 4$  matrix,  $\vec{b} \in \mathbf{R}^4$ ,

$$P \text{ is the } 4 \times 4 \text{ matrix for projection onto } \text{im}(A), \text{ and } Q = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the matrix for projection onto  $\ker(A)$ .

a. Describe a simple test, involving only  $P$  and  $\vec{b}$  to determine if the linear system above has any solutions for a given  $\vec{b}$ .

Solutions to the linear system exist if and only if  $\vec{b} \in \text{im}(A)$  if and only if  $\vec{b} = P\vec{b}$ .

b. Determine a basis for and the dimension of  $\ker(A)$ .

The column vectors of  $Q$  span the image of  $Q$  which is  $\ker(A)$ . So, a

basis for  $\ker(A)$  is, by inspection,  $\left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$  and  $\dim(\ker(A)) = 2$ .

c. Find all solutions to the linear system above if one solution is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

The solution vectors are  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta \in \mathbf{R}$ .

$$2. \text{ Let } S = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

a. Find a basis for and the dimension of  $S^\perp$ .

We let  $A$  be the matrix whose column vectors are those in  $S$ . Then,

$$S^\perp = (\text{im}(A))^\perp = \ker(A^T) = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \ker \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ So, } (\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2) = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \text{ is a basis for } S^\perp$$

according to the Solution Algorithm and  $\dim(S^\perp) = 2$ .

b. From a, find an orthonormal basis for  $S^\perp$ .

$$\text{Let } \hat{u}_1 = \vec{w}_1 / \|\vec{w}_1\| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Then, } \vec{w}_2^\perp = \vec{w}_2 - (\vec{w}_2 \cdot \hat{u}_1) \hat{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and we let } \hat{u}_2 = \vec{w}_2^\perp / \|\vec{w}_2^\perp\| = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}. (\hat{u}_1, \hat{u}_2) \text{ is the desired basis.}$$

c. From b, find the  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $P$  that represents projection onto  $S^\perp$ .

$$P = \hat{u}_1 \hat{u}_1^T + \hat{u}_2 \hat{u}_2^T \text{ (alternately, } P = [\hat{u}_1 | \hat{u}_2][\hat{u}_1 | \hat{u}_2]^T) =$$

$$\frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & -2 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{12} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & -5 & 3 \\ 1 & 11 & -1 & -3 \\ -5 & -1 & 5 & -3 \\ 3 & -3 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

d. From c, find the vector in  $S^\perp$  that is closest to  $\hat{e}_1$ .

$$\text{The vector in } S^\perp \text{ closest to } \hat{e}_1 \text{ is } \hat{e}_1 \text{'s projection onto } S^\perp, P\hat{e}_1 = \frac{1}{12} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ -5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$3. \mathcal{B} = (\hat{u}_1, \hat{u}_2, \hat{u}_3) = \left( \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \text{ is an orthonormal basis for}$$

$\mathbf{R}^3$ .  $T: \mathbf{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3$  is linear and  $T(\vec{u}_1) = \vec{u}_1$ ,  $T(\vec{u}_2) = 2\vec{u}_2$ ,  $T(\vec{u}_3) = 3\vec{u}_3$ .

a. Find the matrix  $B$  for  $T$  in  $\mathcal{B}$ -coordinates. In other words, find  $B$  so that  $[T(\vec{x})]_{\mathcal{B}} = B[\vec{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  for any  $\vec{x} \in \mathbf{R}^3$ .

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} [T(\hat{u}_1)]_{\mathcal{B}} & [T(\hat{u}_2)]_{\mathcal{B}} & [T(\hat{u}_3)]_{\mathcal{B}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} [\hat{u}_1]_{\mathcal{B}} & [2\hat{u}_2]_{\mathcal{B}} & [3\hat{u}_3]_{\mathcal{B}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{e}_1 & 2\hat{e}_2 & 3\hat{e}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

b. Find the matrix  $A$  for  $T$  in standard coordinates. In other words, find  $A$  so that  $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$  for any  $\vec{x} \in \mathbf{R}^3$ .

The coordinate transformation matrix is  $S = [\hat{u}_1 | \hat{u}_2 | \hat{u}_3] = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

and, since the vectors in  $\mathcal{B}$  are orthonormal,  $S$  is orthogonal. So,

$$S^{-1} = S^T \quad \text{and} \quad A = S B S^{-1} = S B S^T =$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

4. Determine the straight line in  $\mathbf{R}^2$  that fits the following data best in the least squares sense:  $(0, 1)$ ,  $(1, 0)$ ,  $(1, 3)$ .

We seek the parameters  $r$  and  $s$  for the equation  $y = rx + s$ .

$$\begin{cases} 1 = r \cdot 0 + s \\ 0 = r \cdot 1 + s \\ 3 = r \cdot 1 + s \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \vec{b} = A\vec{x} \quad \text{where} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} r \\ s \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}. \quad \text{There}$$

is no solution to the equation  $\vec{b} = A\vec{x}$  since  $\vec{b} \notin \text{im}(A)$ ; so we seek instead,

$$\text{to solve } A^T \vec{b} = A^T A \vec{x}. \quad \text{We obtain } \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} r \\ s \end{bmatrix} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{b} =$$

$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So, the equation for the straight line that fits this data "best" is  $y = \frac{1}{2}r + 1$ .

5. True (T) or False (F)? Circle one or none. [Negative half credit is earned for incorrect responses.]

- a. **False** The intersection of the image and kernel of a  $4 \times 3$  matrix is a subspace.

The kernel is a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^3$  and the image is a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^4$ , so their intersection is empty.

- b. **False** If the rank of a  $5 \times 4$  matrix is 3, its nullity is 2.

Rank + nullity is the dimension of the domain which is 4.

- c. **False** If  $T: \mathbf{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3$  is linear and  $T(\hat{e}_1), T(\hat{e}_2), T(\hat{e}_3)$  each have unit length, then  $T$  is an orthogonal transformation.

Preserving the lengths of the basis vectors does not guarantee preservation of the lengths of all vectors. That is because the magnitude of a vector is not a linear property. For example, if  $T(\hat{e}_1) = T(\hat{e}_2) = T(\hat{e}_3) = \hat{e}_1$ ,  $T$  is clearly not orthogonal since, for example,  $\|T(\hat{e}_1 + \hat{e}_2)\| = \|T(\hat{e}_1) + T(\hat{e}_2)\| = \|2\hat{e}_1\| = 2$  but  $\|\hat{e}_1 + \hat{e}_2\| = \sqrt{2}$ .

- d. **False** If  $A$  and  $B$  are both symmetric  $3 \times 3$  matrices, then  $AB$  is also a symmetric  $3 \times 3$  matrix.

$(AB)^T = B^T A^T = BA$  which differs from  $AB$  unless  $A$  and  $B$  commute.

- e. **True** If the column vectors of a  $4 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  are orthonormal,  $A^T A$  is the  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix.

In this case,  $A = [\hat{u}_1 | \hat{u}_2 | \hat{u}_3]$  where  $\hat{u}_j \cdot \hat{u}_k = \hat{u}_j^T \hat{u}_k = \delta_{jk}$ . So,

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{u}_1^T \\ \hat{u}_2^T \\ \hat{u}_3^T \end{bmatrix} [\hat{u}_1 | \hat{u}_2 | \hat{u}_3] = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{u}_1^T \hat{u}_1 & \hat{u}_1^T \hat{u}_2 & \hat{u}_1^T \hat{u}_3 \\ \hat{u}_2^T \hat{u}_1 & \hat{u}_2^T \hat{u}_2 & \hat{u}_2^T \hat{u}_3 \\ \hat{u}_3^T \hat{u}_1 & \hat{u}_3^T \hat{u}_2 & \hat{u}_3^T \hat{u}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$