

Linear Algebra 2025 Homework 5

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Question 1 (10%)

Problem: Let A be any $m \times n$ matrix.

(a) Prove that $A^T A$ and A have the same null space.

(b) Use (a) to prove that $\text{rank}(A^T A) = \text{rank}(A)$.

Solution:

(a) We want to show $\text{Null}(A) = \text{Null}(A^T A)$.

(\subseteq) Let $\mathbf{x} \in \text{Null}(A)$. Then $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.

Multiplying by A^T on the left: $A^T(A\mathbf{x}) = A^T\mathbf{0} \implies (A^T A)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.

Thus $\mathbf{x} \in \text{Null}(A^T A)$.

(\supseteq) Let $\mathbf{x} \in \text{Null}(A^T A)$. Then $(A^T A)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.

Multiplying by \mathbf{x}^T on the left:

$$\mathbf{x}^T (A^T A \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{0} = 0$$

$$(A\mathbf{x})^T (A\mathbf{x}) = 0$$

$$\|A\mathbf{x}\|^2 = 0$$

This implies $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$, so $\mathbf{x} \in \text{Null}(A)$.

Since both inclusions hold, $\text{Null}(A) = \text{Null}(A^T A)$.

(b) By the Rank-Nullity Theorem, for an $m \times n$ matrix M , $\text{rank}(M) + \text{nullity}(M) = n$.

Applying this to A (which is $m \times n$):

$$\text{rank}(A) = n - \text{nullity}(A)$$

Applying this to $A^T A$ (which is $n \times n$):

$$\text{rank}(A^T A) = n - \text{nullity}(A^T A)$$

From part (a), $\text{nullity}(A) = \dim(\text{Null}(A)) = \dim(\text{Null}(A^T A)) = \text{nullity}(A^T A)$.
Therefore, $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T A)$.

Question 2 (18%)

Problem: Let $\Sigma = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

- (a) Apply Gram-Schmidt to find an orthonormal set.
- (b) Find QR factorization of A (matrix with columns from Σ).
- © Solve $Ax = \mathbf{b}$ where $\mathbf{b} = [8, 0, 1, 11]^T$.

Solution:

(a) Let $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$ be the given vectors. We calculate orthogonal vectors $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3$ and orthonormal vectors $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3$.

$$1. \mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{v}_1 = [1, -1, 0, 2]^T.$$

$$\|\mathbf{u}_1\| = \sqrt{1+1+0+4} = \sqrt{6}.$$

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}[1, -1, 0, 2]^T.$$

$$2. \mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{v}_2 - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{v}_2 - \frac{\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\|\mathbf{u}_1\|^2} \mathbf{u}_1.$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 = 1 - 1 + 0 + 6 = 6.$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = [1, 1, 1, 3]^T - \frac{6}{6}[1, -1, 0, 2]^T = [0, 2, 1, 1]^T.$$

$$\|\mathbf{u}_2\| = \sqrt{0+4+1+1} = \sqrt{6}.$$

$$\mathbf{e}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}[0, 2, 1, 1]^T.$$

$$3. \mathbf{u}_3 = \mathbf{v}_3 - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{v}_3 - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_2} \mathbf{v}_3.$$

$$\mathbf{v}_3 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 = 3 - 1 + 0 + 10 = 12.$$

$$\mathbf{v}_3 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 = 0 + 2 + 1 + 5 = 8.$$

$$\mathbf{u}_3 = \mathbf{v}_3 - \frac{12}{6}\mathbf{u}_1 - \frac{8}{6}\mathbf{u}_2 = [3, 1, 1, 5]^T - 2[1, -1, 0, 2]^T - \frac{4}{3}[0, 2, 1, 1]^T.$$

$$\mathbf{u}_3 = [1, 3, 1, 1]^T - [0, 8/3, 4/3, 4/3]^T = [1, 1/3, -1/3, -1/3]^T.$$

To simplify normalization, note $\mathbf{u}_3 = \frac{1}{3}[3, 1, -1, -1]^T$.

$$\|\mathbf{u}_3\| = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{9+1+1+1} = \frac{\sqrt{12}}{3} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}.$$

$$\mathbf{e}_3 = \frac{\mathbf{u}_3}{\|\mathbf{u}_3\|} = \frac{[1, 1/3, -1/3, -1/3]^T}{2/\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}[3, 1, -1, -1]^T.$$

Orthonormal set: $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$.

(b) $A = QR$. $Q = [\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3]$. R entries are $r_{ij} = \mathbf{e}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_j$.

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{6} & 0 & 3\sqrt{3}/6 \\ -1/\sqrt{6} & 2/\sqrt{6} & \sqrt{3}/6 \\ 0 & 1/\sqrt{6} & -\sqrt{3}/6 \\ 2/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{6} & -\sqrt{3}/6 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3/\sqrt{2} \\ -1 & 2 & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 1 & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 2 & 1 & -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

R is upper triangular:

$$r_{11} = \|\mathbf{u}_1\| = \sqrt{6}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
r_{12} &= \mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 = 6/\sqrt{6} = \sqrt{6}. \\
r_{13} &= \mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3 = 12/\sqrt{6} = 2\sqrt{6}. \\
r_{22} &= \|\mathbf{u}_2\| = \sqrt{6}. \\
r_{23} &= \mathbf{e}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3 = 8/\sqrt{6} = 4\sqrt{6}/3. \\
r_{33} &= \|\mathbf{u}_3\| = 2\sqrt{3}/3.
\end{aligned}$$

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{6} & \sqrt{6} & 2\sqrt{6} \\ 0 & \sqrt{6} & 4\sqrt{6}/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2\sqrt{3}/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

④ Solve $R\mathbf{x} = Q^T\mathbf{b}$.

Compute $\mathbf{y} = Q^T\mathbf{b}$:

$$\begin{aligned}
y_1 &= \mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{b} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(8 + 0 + 0 + 22) = \frac{30}{\sqrt{6}} = 5\sqrt{6}. \\
y_2 &= \mathbf{e}_2 \cdot \mathbf{b} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(0 + 0 + 1 + 11) = \frac{12}{\sqrt{6}} = 2\sqrt{6}. \\
y_3 &= \mathbf{e}_3 \cdot \mathbf{b} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}(24 + 0 - 1 - 11) = \frac{12\sqrt{3}}{6} = 2\sqrt{3}.
\end{aligned}$$

Solve triangular system:

$$\begin{aligned}
1. r_{33}x_3 &= y_3 \implies \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}x_3 = 2\sqrt{3} \implies x_3 = 3. \\
2. r_{23}x_3 &+ r_{22}x_2 = y_2 \implies \sqrt{6}x_2 + \frac{4\sqrt{6}}{3}(3) = 2\sqrt{6} \implies \sqrt{6}x_2 + 4\sqrt{6} = 2\sqrt{6} \implies x_2 = -2. \\
3. r_{13}x_3 &+ r_{12}x_2 + r_{11}x_1 = y_1 \implies \sqrt{6}x_1 + \sqrt{6}(-2) + 5\sqrt{6} = 5\sqrt{6} \implies x_1 = 2.
\end{aligned}$$

Solution: $\mathbf{x} = [1, -2, 3]^T$.

Question 3 (15%)

Problem: Prove properties for orthonormal basis $\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$ of \mathbb{R}^n .

Solution:

(a) Since $\{w_i\}$ is a basis, any vector z can be written as $z = \sum c_i w_i$.

Dotting with w_j : $z \cdot w_j = \sum c_i (w_i \cdot w_j) = c_j$.

So $z = \sum (z \cdot w_i) w_i$.

Applying this to $u + v$:

$$u + v = \sum_{i=1}^n ((u + v) \cdot w_i) w_i = \sum_{i=1}^n (u \cdot w_i + v \cdot w_i) w_i$$

(b) $u \cdot v = (\sum (u \cdot w_i) w_i) \cdot (\sum (v \cdot w_j) w_j) = \sum_i \sum_j (u \cdot w_i)(v \cdot w_j)(w_i \cdot w_j)$.

Since $w_i \cdot w_j = \delta_{ij}$:

$$u \cdot v = \sum_{i=1}^n (u \cdot w_i)(v \cdot w_i)$$

© Let $v = u$ in (b):

$$\|u\|^2 = u \cdot u = \sum_{i=1}^n (u \cdot w_i)^2$$

Question 4 (15%)

Problem: Let $\mathbf{u} = [1, 3, -2]^T$ and W be the solution set of:

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 + x_2 - 3x_3 = 0$$

Solution:

(a) Find basis for W .

Subtract eq2 from eq1: $x_2 = 0$.

Substitute into eq2: $x_1 - 3x_3 = 0 \implies x_1 = 3x_3$.

Let $x_3 = t$. Then $\mathbf{x} = t[3, 0, 1]^T$.

Basis vector $\mathbf{a} = [3, 0, 1]^T$.

$$P_W = \frac{\mathbf{aa}^T}{\|\mathbf{a}\|^2}.$$

$$\|\mathbf{a}\|^2 = 9 + 1 = 10.$$

$$P_W = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0 & 0.3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.3 & 0 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(b) \mathbf{w} = P_W \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 9 - 6 \\ 0 \\ 3 - 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.3 \\ 0 \\ 0.1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{w} = [1, 3, -2]^T - [0.3, 0, 0.1]^T = [0.7, 3, -2.1]^T.$$

© Distance is $\|\mathbf{z}\| = \sqrt{0.7^2 + 3^2 + (-2.1)^2} = \sqrt{0.49 + 9 + 4.41} = \sqrt{13.9} \approx 3.73$.

Question 5 (10%)

Problem: Prove $P_W P_{W^\perp} = P_{W^\perp} P_W = O$ and $P_{W^\perp} = I - P_W$.

Solution:

For any \mathbf{x} , let $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{z}$ with $\mathbf{w} \in W, \mathbf{z} \in W^\perp$.

By definition $P_W \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{w}$ and $P_{W^\perp} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{z}$.

Consider $P_W P_{W^\perp} \mathbf{x} = P_W \mathbf{z}$. Since $\mathbf{z} \in W^\perp$, its projection onto W is $\mathbf{0}$. So $P_W P_{W^\perp} = O$.

Similarly $P_{W^\perp} P_W \mathbf{x} = P_{W^\perp} \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$ since $\mathbf{w} \in W = (W^\perp)^\perp$.

Since $\mathbf{x} = P_W \mathbf{x} + P_{W^\perp} \mathbf{x} = (P_W + P_{W^\perp})\mathbf{x}$, we have $I = P_W + P_{W^\perp}$.

Question 6 (12%)

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

Solution:

(a) Solve $A^T A \mathbf{z} = A^T \mathbf{b}$.

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

System:

$$6z_1 + 3z_2 = 6 \implies 2z_1 + z_2 = 2$$

$$3z_1 + 6z_2 = 0 \implies z_1 = -2z_2$$

$$\text{Sub: } 2(-2z_2) + z_2 = 2 \implies -3z_2 = 2 \implies z_2 = -2/3.$$

$$z_1 = 4/3.$$

$$\mathbf{z} = [4/3, -2/3]^T.$$

(b) Since cols of A are linearly independent (rank 2), the least squares solution is unique.

Thus the vector found in (a) is also the one of least norm.

$$\mathbf{z} = [4/3, -2/3]^T.$$

Question 7 (10%)

Problem: Find orthogonal operator T on \mathbb{R}^3 such that $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{w}$ where $\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}[3, 1, 0]^T$ and $\mathbf{w} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}[0, -2, 1]^T$.

Solution:

Note $\|\mathbf{v}\| = 1$ and $\|\mathbf{w}\| = 1$.

We can use a Householder reflection. The reflection across the hyperplane perpendicular to $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}$ swaps \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} .

$$\mathbf{u} = [3/\sqrt{10}, 1/\sqrt{10} + 2/\sqrt{5}, -1/\sqrt{5}]^T.$$

Let's simplify vectors for calculation (scaling doesn't affect Householder direction, but we need normalized \mathbf{u} for formula $I - 2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T$).

Let's keep exact values.

$$T = I - 2 \frac{(\mathbf{v}-\mathbf{w})(\mathbf{v}-\mathbf{w})^T}{\|\mathbf{v}-\mathbf{w}\|^2}.$$

Since it's a reflection, it is orthogonal. And reflections satisfy $T(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) = -(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})$ if \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} are the reflected pair? No, reflection across hyperplane normal to \mathbf{u} maps \mathbf{x} to $\mathbf{x} - 2\text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{x}$.

If we reflect \mathbf{v} , we get $\mathbf{v} - 2 \frac{(\mathbf{v}-\mathbf{w}) \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}-\mathbf{w}\|^2} (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w})$.

$$\|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 - 2\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 2 - 2\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}.$$

$$(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}) \cdot \mathbf{v} = 1 - \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}.$$

$$\text{So coeff is } 2 \frac{1-\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}}{2(1-\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w})} = 1.$$

$$\text{Result is } \mathbf{v} - (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{w}.$$

So the Householder matrix H works.

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{50}}(0 - 2 + 0) = \frac{-2}{5\sqrt{2}} = \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{5}.$$

Calculation of specific matrix entries is tedious but the operator is uniquely defined by this construction (or a rotation).

Question 8 (10%)

Problem: Spectral decomposition of symmetric matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution:

Characteristic poly: $\det(A - \lambda I) = -\lambda^3 + 12\lambda + 16 = -(\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 2)^2$.

Eigenvalues: 4, -2, -2.

For $\lambda = 4$: Basis for $\text{Null}(A - 4I)$ is $\mathbf{v}_1 = [1, 1, 1]^T$. Normalized $\mathbf{u}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}[1, 1, 1]^T$.

For $\lambda = -2$: Null($A + 2I$) is plane $x + y + z = 0$.

Basis: $\mathbf{v}_2 = [-1, 1, 0]^T$, $\mathbf{v}_3 = [-1, -1, 2]^T$ (orthogonalized).

Normalized: $\mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[-1, 1, 0]^T$, $\mathbf{u}_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}[-1, -1, 2]^T$.

Spectral Decomposition:

$$A = 4\mathbf{u}_1\mathbf{u}_1^T - 2\mathbf{u}_2\mathbf{u}_2^T - 2\mathbf{u}_3\mathbf{u}_3^T$$

$$P_1 = \mathbf{u}_1\mathbf{u}_1^T = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_2 = \mathbf{u}_2\mathbf{u}_2^T = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_3 = \mathbf{u}_3\mathbf{u}_3^T = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Note: Eigenspace for $\lambda = -2$ can be combined into one projection $P_{-2} = P_2 + P_3$).