Math 584 Homework 3 Due Wednesday Oct 18 By Marvyn Bailly

Problem 1 6.1

Solution.

Let P be an orthogonal projector. We wish to show that I-2P is unitary. Since P is a projector we know that $P^2=P$, and since it is an orthogonal projector we know that $P=P^*$. Now observe that

$$(I - 2P)^*(I - 2P) = (I - 2P^*)(I - 2P)$$

$$= (I - 2P)(I - 2P)$$

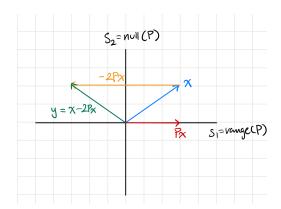
$$= I - I2P - I2P + 4P^2$$

$$= I - 4P + 4P^2$$

$$= I - 4P + 4P$$

$$= I$$

Thus we have shown that the columns of I are orthogonal.



Looking at the image kindly made by Rohin, we visual how (I-2P)x = x - 2Px and see that it mirrors over the null space of S_2 . We can visually see that the length x remains the same under the transformation. And since the applying the transformation will move the vector back in the opposite direction, x - 2Px is unitary. \square

Problem 2 6.2

Solution. Let E be the $m \times m$ matrix that extracts "even part" of an vector:

$$Ex = \frac{x + Fx}{2}$$

where F is the $m \times m$ matrix that flips $(x_1, \dots, x_m)^*$ to $(x_m, \dots, x_1)^*$. To check if E is an projector observe that Ex can be rewritten as,

$$Ex = \frac{x + Fx}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(I + F)x.$$

with this simplification see that,

$$(E)^{2} = \left(\frac{1}{2}(I+F)\right)^{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(I+F)^{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(2F+F^{2}+2I)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(2F+I+I)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(F+I)$$

$$= E$$

which implies that $E^2 = E$ verifying that E is a projector. Note that F^2 flips $(x_1, \dots, x_m)^*$ to $(x_m, \dots, x_1)^*$ and then flip it back, thus $F^2 = I$. Next let's check to see if E is an orthogonal projector by checking if $E^* = E$. Computing this we see that,

$$E^* = \frac{1}{2}(I+F)^* = \frac{1}{2}(F^*+I)$$

and thus E is orthogonal if F is symmetric, so let's compute the entries of F. We know that F flips $(x_1, \dots, x_m)^*$ to $(x_m, \dots, x_1)^*$ and thus F most be of the form,

$$F = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This matrix is indeed symmetric and thus E is indeed an orthogonal projector. To find the entries of E, notice that,

$$E = (I + F) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus E is given by

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E = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \vdots & & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & 1 & 0 & 1 & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & 1 & 0 & 1 & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \vdots & & \ddots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & & \vdots & \vdots & & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \ddots & 0 & 0 & \ddots & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \ddots & 0 & 0 & \ddots & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & & \vdots & \vdots & & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \ddots & 0 & 0 & \ddots & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & & \vdots & \vdots & & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},
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Problem 3 6.4

Solution.

Consider the matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

a We wish to find an orthogonal projector P_A onto range(A). Let's use the fact that $P_A = A(A^*A)^{-1}A^*$ to compute the orthogonal projector to get,

$$P_{A} = A(A^{*}A)^{-1}A^{*}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{*} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{*}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then we can find the image of the vector $(1,2,3)^*$ under P_A by computing,

$$P_A(1,2,3)^* = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

b Next we wish to find an orthogonal projector P_B onto the range(B). Let's use the fact

that $P_B = B(B^*B)^{-1}B^*$ to compute the orthogonal projector to get,

$$P_{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{6} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{6} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{6} & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{5}{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then we can find the image of the vector $(1,2,3)^*$ under P_B by computing,

$$P_B(1,2,3)^* = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{6} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{6} & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{5}{6} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Problem 4 7.1

Solution. Consider the matrices,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

a Consider matrix A. First let's find the reduced QR factorization $A = \hat{Q}\hat{R}$ by using the Gram Schmitt algorithm where $a_1 = (1, 0, 1)^*$ and $a_2 = (0, 1, 0)^*$. First we can find q_1 by computing,

$$q_1 = \frac{a_1}{\|a_1\|} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

which also gives that

$$r_{11} = \sqrt{2}$$

. Next we can compute,

$$\tilde{q}_{2} = a_{2} - (q_{1}^{*}a_{2})q_{1}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \left((1/\sqrt{2}, 0, 1/\sqrt{2}) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - (0) \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

so $\tilde{q}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ which means that,

$$q_2 = \frac{\tilde{g_2}}{\sqrt{1}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1\\0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Along the way we also get that $r_{12} = 0$ and $r_{22} = 1$. Therefore we have that the reduced QR factorization of A is given by,

$$A = \hat{Q}\hat{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 0\\ 0 & 1\\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0\\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

To find the full QR factorization we need to compute Q and R. We can easily find R to be,

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Next we need to find a column that is orthonormal to the columns of A. To find a vector that is orthogonal, consider

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

which gives that a=-c and b=0. And since the vector must also be orthonormal, it is also restricted to be $\sqrt{a^2+b^2+c^2}=\sqrt{a^2+a^2}=\sqrt{2a^2}$ which means that $a=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$. Thus we have found the QR factorization to be,

$$A = QR = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & -1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

b Consider matrix B. First let's find the reduced QR factorization $B = \hat{Q}\hat{R}$ by using the Gram Schmitt algorithm where $b_1 = (1, 0, 1)^*$ and $b_2 = (2, 1, 0)^*$. First we can find q_1 by computing,

$$q_1 = \frac{b_1}{\|b_1\|} = (1/\sqrt{2}, 0, 1\sqrt{2})^*$$

and this also gives us,

$$r_{11} = \sqrt{2}$$
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Next we can compute,

$$\tilde{q}_{2} = b_{2} - (q_{1}^{*}b_{2})q_{1}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \left[\left(1/\sqrt{2}, 0, 1/\sqrt{2} \right) \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus $\tilde{q}_2 = (1, 1, -1)^*$ and we get,

$$q_2 = \frac{\tilde{q}_2}{\|\tilde{q}_2\|} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} \\ -1/\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

We also gained along the way that $r_{12} = q_1^* b_2 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}$ and $r_{22} = \sqrt{3}$. Thus we have calculated the reduced QR factorization of B to be,

$$B = \tilde{Q}\tilde{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 0 & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 2/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & \sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}.$$

To find the full QR factorization, we need to compute Q and R. We can easily find R to be,

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 2/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & \sqrt{3} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Next we need to find a column that is orthonormal to the columns of B. To find a vector that is orthogonal consider,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} & -1/\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

which tells us that a=-c and b=-2a=2c. To restrict the column to be orthonormal we must have $\sqrt{a^2+b^2+c^2}=\sqrt{a^2+(-2a)^2+(-2a)^2}=\sqrt{6a^2}=\sqrt{6}a=1$ Thus we have that $a=1/\sqrt{6}$ so $b=-2/\sqrt{6}$ and $c=-1/\sqrt{6}$. Which gives us the full QR factorization to be,

$$B = QR = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{6} \\ 0 & 1/\sqrt{3} & -2/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{3} & -1/\sqrt{6} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 2/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & \sqrt{3} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Problem 5 8.1

Solution. Consider the Modified Gram-Schmidt algorithm given by,

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Algorithm 8.1. Modified Gram–Schmidt \begin{aligned} &\text{for } i=1 \text{ to } n \\ &v_i=a_i \\ &\text{for } i=1 \text{ to } n \\ &r_{ii}=\|v_i\| \\ &q_i=v_i/r_{ii} \\ &\text{for } j=i+1 \text{ to } n \\ &r_{ij}=q_i^*v_j \\ &v_j=v_j-r_{ij}q_i \end{aligned}
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We will count the number of operations by type. I'll begin with addition. From the outer loop we have m-1 additions from the $r_i i = ||v_i||$ term and from the inner loop, we have m-1 additions from the $r_{ij} = q_i^* v_j$ term. Thus there are,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (m-1)(n-i) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} (m-1) = \frac{1}{2}(m-1)n(n-1) + (m-1)(n)$$
$$= \frac{(m-1)n(n+1)}{2}.$$

Next let's count the number of substractions. From the inner loop, there are m substracts from the $v_j = v_j - r_{ij}q_i$ term. Thus there are,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} m(n-1) = \frac{mn(n-1)}{2}.$$

Next let's count the multiplications. From the inner loop we have m multiplications from the $r_i i = ||v_i||$ term, and the inner loop we have, both terms give m multiplications. Thus there are,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} 2m(n-1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} m = mn(n-1) + mn = mn^{2}.$$

And finally let's count the number of division. From the outer loop we have, m divisions from the $q_i = v_i/r_{ii}$ term. Thus there are mn divisions. Adding all these up we get the total flops to be,

$$\frac{(m-1)n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{mn(n-1)}{2} + mn^2 + mn = \frac{1}{2n((2m-1)n-1)} + mn^2 + mn$$

Problem 6 11.3

Solution.

I created the MatLab code,

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function q11()
format long;
m = 50; n = 12;
t = linspace(0,1,m);
A = fliplr(vander(t));
A = A(:,1:12);
b = cos(4*t)';
%Method A - Normal Equation%
R = chol(A'*A);
xa = R\setminus(R'\setminus(A'*b));
%Method D - QR factorization%
[Q, R] = qr(A);
xd = R \setminus (Q'*b);
%Method E - A\b%
xe = A \b;
%Method F - SVD factorization%
[U, S, V] = svd(A,0);
xf = V*(S\setminus(U'*b));
x = [xa, xd, xe, xf]
end
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to print the least square coefficients of the four methods. The code outputs,

Method A	Method D	Method E	Method F
0.99999996787553	1.000000000996608	1.00000000996607	1.000000000996608
0.000000350916732	-0.000000422743080	-0.000000422743364	-0.000000422743088
-8.000003028795119	-7.999981235685203	-7.999981235676154	-7.999981235684746
-0.000077893877909	-0.000318763231287	-0.000318763346323	-0.000318763237547
10.668084035612900	10.669430795858052	10.669430796641096	10.669430795900578
-0.009615585352545	-0.013820287698367	-0.013820290914619	-0.013820287867134
-5.654480747960067	-5.647075628404193	-5.647075619959385	-5.647075627982760
-0.068885958631546	-0.075316022079922	-0.075316036589419	-0.075316022763597
1.693354534665567	1.693606960559036	1.693606976803618	1.693606961280185
0.001461547101732	0.006032111063859	0.006032099645104	0.006032110585745
-0.370576739064076	-0.374241704456940	-0.374241699881279	-0.374241704275633
0.087095866530693	0.088040576259675	0.088040575462356	0.088040576229626

which shows us that the results from methods D,E, and F are fairly consistent while method A is unstable. Observe,

Method A	Method D	Method E	Method F
0.99999999 <mark>6787553</mark>	1.000000000996608	1.000000000996607	1.00000000099660 <mark>8</mark>
0.000000 <mark>350916732</mark>	-0.00000042274308 <mark>0</mark>	-0.00000042274 <mark>3364</mark>	-0.00000042274 <u>308</u> 8
-8.0000 <mark>03028795119</mark>	-7.9999812356 <mark>85203</mark>	-7.99998123567 <mark>6154</mark>	-7.99998123568 <mark>4746</mark>
-0.0000 <mark>77893877909</mark>	-0.0003187632 <mark>31287</mark>	-0.000318763 <mark>346323</mark>	-0.00031876323 <mark>7547</mark>
10.66 <mark>8084035612900</mark>	10.66943079 <mark>5858052</mark>	10.66943079 <mark>6641096</mark>	10.66943079 <mark>5900578</mark>
-0.009 <mark>615585352545</mark>	-0.01382028 <mark>7698367</mark>	-0.0138202 <mark>90914619</mark>	-0.013820287 <mark>867134</mark>
-5.6 <mark>54480747960067</mark>	-5.64707562 <mark>8404193</mark>	-5.6470756 <mark>19959385</mark>	-5.64707562 <mark>7982760</mark>
-0.0 <mark>68885958631546</mark>	-0.07531602 <mark>2079922</mark>	-0.0753160 <mark>36589419</mark>	-0.075316022 <mark>763597</mark>
1.693 <mark>354534665567</mark>	1.69360696 <mark>0559036</mark>	1.6936069 <mark>76803618</mark>	1.6936069 <mark>61280185</mark>
0.00 <mark>1461547101732</mark>	0.00603211 <mark>1063859</mark>	0.006032 <mark>099645104</mark>	0.006032110585745
-0.37 <mark>0576739064076</mark>	-0.37424170 <mark>4456940</mark>	-0.374241 <mark>699881279</mark>	-0.374241704 <mark>275633</mark>
0.08 <mark>7095866530693</mark>	0.0880405762 <mark>59675</mark>	0.08804057 <mark>5462356</mark>	0.088040576229626

where the highlighted lines show possible rounding error. This leads me to believe that the normal equations (method A) exhibit unstable behavior. \Box

Problem 7 Least Squares of Sport Teams

Solution. Consider the system of equations,

$$r_1 - r_2 = 4,$$

$$r_3 - r_1 = 9,$$

$$r_1 - r_4 = 6,$$

$$r_3 - r_4 = 3,$$

$$r_2 - r_4 = 7.$$

a If we rewrite the system of equations as a matrix we get,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ r_3 \\ r_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 9 \\ 6 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now if we assume that $(r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4)^*$ is a solution for the system, observe $(r_1 + c, r_2 + c, r_3 + c, r_4 + c)^*$ is also a solution for any constant c since,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r_1 + c \\ r_2 + c \\ r_3 + c \\ r_4 + c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot (a+c) + (-1)(b+c) + 0 \cdot (c+c) + 0 \cdot (d+c) \\ (-1)(a+c) + 0 \cdot (b+c) + 1 \cdot (c+c) + 0 \cdot (d+c) \\ 1 \cdot (a+c) + 0 \cdot (b+c) + 0 \cdot (c+c) + (-1)(d+c) \\ 0 \cdot (a+c) + 0 \cdot (b+c) + 1 \cdot (c+c) + (-1)(d+c) \\ 0 \cdot (a+c) + 1 \cdot (b+c) + 0 \cdot (c+c) + (-1)(d+c) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} a-b \\ c-a \\ a-d \\ c-d \\ b-d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 9 \\ 6 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

as desired. Thus we append a sixth equation $r_1 + r_2 + r_3 + r_4 = 20$ to make the solution unique where 20 is the total number of ranking points.

b Notice that by adding a sixth equation, our new system of equations in matrix form

will be,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 9 \\ 6 \\ 3 \\ 7 \\ 20 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We can see that the sixth equation will be exactly satisfied by observing,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot a + (-1)b + 0 \cdot c + 0 \cdot d \\ (-1)a + 0 \cdot b + 1 \cdot c + 0 \cdot d \\ 1 \cdot a + 0 \cdot b + 0 \cdot c + (-1)d \\ 0 \cdot a + 0 \cdot b + 1 \cdot c + (-1)d \\ 0 \cdot a + 1 \cdot b + 0 \cdot c + (-1)d \\ 1 \cdot a + 1 \cdot b + 1 \cdot c + 1 \cdot d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} a - b \\ c - a \\ a - d \\ c - d \\ b - d \\ a + b + c + d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 9 \\ 6 \\ 3 \\ 7 \\ 20 \end{pmatrix}$$

and thus we see that we can set the total number of ranking points to any number and the system will satisfy it.

c I created the Matlab code,

$$A = [1,-1,0,0;-1,0,1,0;1,0,0,-1;0,0,1,-1;0,1,0,-1;1,1,1,1];$$

$$b = [4;9;6;3;7;20];$$

$$[Q, R] = qr(A);$$

$$results = R \setminus (Q'*b)$$

that outputs,

4.6250 9.1250

1.0000

using QR factorization to solve the least squares problem we have been discussing. based of this result, we know T_3 is in the lead with T_1 in second and T_2 in third.