

Mathematics 327

Final review, part III

1. Suppose that W is a 2-dimensional subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 spanned by

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

Find a basis for W^\perp .

Write the vector $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ as the sum $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{v}$ where \mathbf{w} is in W and \mathbf{v} is in W^\perp .

Write \mathbf{w} as a linear combination of \mathbf{w}_1 and \mathbf{w}_2 .

Write \mathbf{v} as a linear combination of the basis vectors you found for W^\perp .

2. Suppose that A is an $m \times n$ matrix, \mathbf{b} is an m -dimensional vector, and $\hat{\mathbf{b}}$ is its orthogonal projection onto $\text{Col}(A)$.

Explain why $A^T(\mathbf{b} - \hat{\mathbf{b}}) = \mathbf{0}$.

If $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ is the least squares approximate solution to the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, explain why the normal equations hold:

$$(A^T A)\hat{\mathbf{x}} = A^T \mathbf{b}.$$

Use the normal equations to find the least squares approximate solution to the equation

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

Explain how this is related to problem 1 in this activity.

We have seen three different ways to find the least squares approximate solution to an equation $Ax = b$. Give a brief description of each of them.

3. Suppose that we have data points $(1, 1), (2, 0), (3, 1.1), (4, 3.9)$ that we wish to model with a quadratic function $q(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1x + \beta_2x^2$. Find the best coefficients β_i and estimate $q(2.5)$.