

# MATH 2111: Tutorial 13

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- The Gram-Schmidt Process
- Least-Squares Problem
- Applications to Linear Models
- Diagonalization of Symmetric Matrices

# Example 1

Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and let  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$  be an orthonormal basis for  $W$ . So for each  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we have,

$$\text{proj}_W(\mathbf{y}) = (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1)\mathbf{u}_1 + (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2)\mathbf{u}_2.$$

Based on this formula proving the following:

(1)  $\text{proj}_W : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a linear transformation.

(2) The kernel of  $\text{proj}_W$  is  $W^\perp$ .

(Hint: show that  $\mathbf{y}$  is in the kernel of  $\text{proj}_W$  if and only if  $\mathbf{y}$  is in  $W^\perp$ )

(3) What is  $\text{proj}_W^2$ ? (Hint: if  $\mathbf{y}$  is in  $W$ ,  $\text{proj}_W(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{y}$ )

(1) Prove by def:

①  $\forall \vec{y}_1, \vec{y}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{proj}_W(\vec{y}_1 + \vec{y}_2) &= ((\vec{y}_1 + \vec{y}_2) \cdot \vec{u}_1) \vec{u}_1 + ((\vec{y}_1 + \vec{y}_2) \cdot \vec{u}_2) \vec{u}_2 \\ &= (\vec{y}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_1) \vec{u}_1 + (\vec{y}_2 \cdot \vec{u}_1) \vec{u}_1 + (\vec{y}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_2) \vec{u}_2 + (\vec{y}_2 \cdot \vec{u}_2) \vec{u}_2 \\ &= \text{proj}_W(\vec{y}_1) + \text{proj}_W(\vec{y}_2)\end{aligned}$$

②  $\forall \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n, c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{proj}_W(c\vec{y}) &= (c\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_1) \vec{u}_1 + (c\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_2) \vec{u}_2 \\ &= c[(\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_1) \vec{u}_1 + (\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_2) \vec{u}_2] \\ &= c \text{proj}_W(\vec{y})\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\text{proj}_W : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a linear transformation.

(2) ① If  $\vec{y} \in W^\perp$ , then

$$\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_1 = 0, \quad \vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_2 = 0$$

$$\text{So, } \text{proj}_W(\vec{y}) = 0\vec{u}_1 + 0\vec{u}_2 = \vec{0}$$

$$\therefore \vec{y} \in \text{kernel}(\text{proj}_W).$$

② If  $\vec{y} \in \text{kernel}(\text{proj}_W)$ , i.e.  $\text{proj}_W(\vec{y}) = \vec{0}$ ,

we have:

$$\vec{0} = (\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_1) \vec{u}_1 + (\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_2) \vec{u}_2,$$

Since  $\{\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2\}$  is a basis for  $W$ , it is linearly independent,

$$\therefore \vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_1 = 0, \text{ and } \vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_2 = 0.$$

$$\therefore \vec{y} \in W^\perp.$$

(3) For any  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\text{proj}_W^2(\vec{v}) = \text{proj}_W(\underbrace{\text{proj}_W(\vec{v})}_{\in W}) \stackrel{\uparrow}{=} \text{proj}_W(\vec{v}).$

for any  $\vec{y} \in W$ ,  $\text{proj}_W(\vec{y}) = \vec{y}$

## Example 2

Find a QR factorization of the matrix.

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

1. Find a basis of Col A.

Apply row operations (at least to REF(A)),

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ -1 & 1 & -4 \\ -1 & 4 & -3 \\ 1 & -4 & 7 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑  
has 3 pivot columns

Thus, column vector of A are linearly independent,  
they form a basis for col A.

2. Find an orthonormal basis for Col A.

Apply the Gram-Schmidt process.

Denote

$$\vec{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 4 \\ -4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -4 \\ -3 \\ 7 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_1 = \vec{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \vec{x}_2 - \frac{\vec{x}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_1}{\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1} \vec{v}_1 = \vec{x}_2 - \frac{-5}{5} \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_3 &= \vec{x}_3 - \frac{\vec{x}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_1}{\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1} \vec{v}_1 - \frac{\vec{x}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_2}{\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_2} \vec{v}_2 \\ &= \vec{x}_3 - \frac{20}{5} \vec{v}_1 - \frac{-12}{36} \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Normalize  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ , and take them as columns of  $Q$ :

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{5} & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ -1/\sqrt{5} & 0 & 0 \\ -1/\sqrt{5} & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/\sqrt{5} & -1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/\sqrt{5} & 1/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

( $Q$  here is orthonormal, so  $Q^T Q = I_3$ )

3. If  $A = QR$ , now find  $R$

Since  $A = QR$ ,

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

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore R &= \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{5} & -1/\sqrt{5} & -1/\sqrt{5} & 1/\sqrt{5} & 1/\sqrt{5} \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & -1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & 1/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ -1 & 1 & -4 \\ -1 & 4 & -3 \\ 1 & -4 & 7 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{5} & -\sqrt{5} & 4\sqrt{5} \\ 0 & 6 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(4. Check if  $A = QR$ .)

## Example 3

State whether each of the following statement is true or false. (If it is true, give a brief justification; if it is false, give a counterexample.)

(1) Let  $U$  be an orthogonal matrix. If  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  is an orthogonal set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $\{U\mathbf{v}_1, U\mathbf{v}_2, U\mathbf{v}_3\}$  is also an orthogonal set.

(2) Let  $U$  and  $W$  be subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $U \subseteq W$ . Then  $U^\perp \subseteq W^\perp$ .

(3) If  $U$  is a square matrix with orthonormal columns, then the rows of  $U$  are also orthonormal.

(4) Suppose  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{x}_3$  are vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . 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  $W$ .



(1) True.

$U$  is orthogonal, we have  $U\vec{v}_i \cdot U\vec{v}_j = \vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_j$ .

(2) False.

eg.  $U = \text{span}\{\vec{e}_1\}$ ,  $W = \text{span}\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2\}$  be subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , so  $U \subseteq W$ .

However,  $W^\perp = \text{span}\{\vec{e}_3\}$ ,  $U^\perp = \text{span}\{\vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3\}$ , i.e.  $W^\perp \subseteq U^\perp$ .

Actually, if  $U \subseteq W$ , then  $W^\perp \subseteq U^\perp$ .

proof:  $\forall \vec{v} \in W^\perp$ , we have  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{p} = 0 \quad \forall \vec{p} \in W$

Since  $U \subseteq W$ ,

$\therefore \vec{v} \cdot \vec{p} = 0$  for any  $\vec{p} \in U$

$\therefore \vec{v} \in U^\perp$

Thus,  $W^\perp \subseteq U^\perp$ .

(3) True.

$\therefore$  Rows of  $U$  is the columns of  $U^T$ ,

$\therefore$  it suffices showing  $U^T$  is an orthogonal matrix:

$$(U^T)^T U^T = U U^T = U U^{-1} = I.$$

(4) False.

$\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$  may contain the **zero vector**. In this case, can't be a basis.

## Example 4

Given data  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ , for a least-squares problem  $y = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x$ . And  $(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1)$  is the least-squares solution to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

$X$                        $\beta$

From linear algebra perspective, prove the formula for regression coefficients  $\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1$  from statistics:

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{SS_{xy}}{SS_{xx}}, \quad \hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x}$$

where,

$$SS_{xy} = \sum xy - \frac{(\sum x)(\sum y)}{n}, \quad SS_{xx} = \sum xx - \frac{(\sum x)^2}{n}, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{(\sum y)}{n}, \quad \bar{x} = \frac{(\sum x)}{n}$$

## Example 4 - Continued

- (1) By considering the normal equations, find a matrix  $M$  such that
- $$M \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\beta}_0 \\ \hat{\beta}_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma y \\ \Sigma xy \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\text{The entries of } M \text{ will depend on } n, x \text{ and } y.)$$
- (2) Assume that  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are not all the same, explain why this indicates  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$  are unique.
- (3) The uniqueness of  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$  implies that the matrix  $M$  is invertible. By inverting  $M$ , show that  $\hat{\beta}_1$  has the formula given above, then show that  $\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x}$ .

(1) Normal equation :  $X^T X \beta = X^T \vec{y}$ ,  $\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1$  are solutions to this.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\beta}_0 \\ \hat{\beta}_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} n & \sum x \\ \sum x & \sum x^2 \end{bmatrix}}_M \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\beta}_0 \\ \hat{\beta}_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum y \\ \sum xy \end{bmatrix},$$

(2) By theorem, the solution is unique iff columns of  $A$  are linearly independent.  
From questions assumption,  $x_i$ 's are not all the same,

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \neq C \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ for some } C \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(3) If invert  $M$ , we have :

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\beta}_0 \\ \hat{\beta}_1 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} n & \sum x \\ \sum x & \sum x^2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \sum y \\ \sum xy \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{n \sum x^2 - (\sum x)^2} \begin{bmatrix} \sum x^2 & -\sum x \\ -\sum x & n \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \sum y \\ \sum xy \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{n \sum x^2 - (\sum x)^2} \begin{bmatrix} \sum x^2 \sum y - \sum x \sum xy \\ -\sum x \sum y + n \sum xy \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{-\sum x \sum y + n \sum xy}{n \sum x^2 - (\sum x)^2} = \frac{\sum xy - \frac{\sum x \sum y}{n}}{\sum x^2 - (\sum x)^2/n} = \frac{SS_{xy}}{SS_{xx}}$$

$$\therefore \hat{\beta}_0 = \frac{\sum x^2 \sum y - \sum x \sum xy}{n \sum x^2 - (\sum x)^2} = \frac{\sum x^2 \frac{\sum y}{n} - \sum xy \frac{\sum x}{n}}{\sum x^2 - \frac{(\sum x)^2}{n}}$$

$$= \frac{\bar{y} \sum x^2 - \bar{x} \sum xy}{SS_{xx}}$$

$$= \frac{\bar{y} \left( \sum x^2 - \frac{(\sum x)^2}{n} \right) - \bar{x} \sum xy + \bar{y} \frac{(\sum x)^2}{n}}{SS_{xx}}$$

$$= \frac{\bar{y} SS_{xx} - \bar{x} \sum xy + \bar{x} \frac{\sum x \sum y}{n}}{SS_{xx}}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{\sum y}{n}$$

$$\frac{\bar{y} (\sum x)^2}{n} = \frac{\sum y}{n} \cdot \frac{\sum x \sum x}{n}$$

$$= \frac{\bar{y} SS_{xx} - \bar{x} SS_{xy}}{SS_{xx}}$$

$$= \bar{y} - \frac{SS_{xy}}{SS_{xx}} \bar{x}$$

$$= \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x}$$

## Example 5

Let  $A$  be the symmetric matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 4 \\ -2 & 6 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

Find an orthogonal matrix  $Q$  such that

$$A = Q \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} Q^{-1}.$$

Or explain why this  $Q$  doesn't exist.

From diagonalization  $A = PDP^{-1}$ , we know:

when  $\lambda = -2$ , one corresponding eigenvector is:

$$\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

when  $\lambda = 7$ , two corresponding linearly independent eigenvectors are:

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Here  $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$  are linearly independent, and  $\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = 0$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_3 = 0$

Now we need to find an orthonormal set based on  $Q$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{q}_1 = \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{q}_3 &= \vec{v}_3 - \frac{\vec{v}_3 \cdot \vec{q}_1}{\vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{q}_1} \vec{q}_1 \\ &= \vec{v}_3 - \frac{-5}{5} \vec{q}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore S' = \left\{ \frac{\vec{q}_1}{\|\vec{q}_1\|}, \frac{\vec{q}_2}{\|\vec{q}_2\|}, \frac{\vec{q}_3}{\|\vec{q}_3\|} \right\}$  is an orthonormal set.

Thus,  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\vec{q}_1}{\|\vec{q}_1\|} & \frac{\vec{q}_2}{\|\vec{q}_2\|} & \frac{\vec{q}_3}{\|\vec{q}_3\|} \end{bmatrix}$  is an orthogonal matrix satisfying the question.

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 & -1/\sqrt{5} & 4/3\sqrt{5} \\ 1/3 & 2/\sqrt{5} & 2/3\sqrt{5} \\ -2/3 & 0 & 5/3\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

