

# MATH2111 Tutorial 12 & 13

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## 1 Inner Product, Length, and Orthogonality

1. **Definition (Inner Product).** If  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the number  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}$  is called the inner product (or dot product) of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ , and often it is written as  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$  (or  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ ).
2. **Theorem.** Let  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and let  $c$  be a scalar. Then
  - (a)  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}$
  - (b)  $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}$
  - (c)  $(c\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v} = c(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{u} \cdot (c\mathbf{v})$
  - (d)  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} \geq 0$ , and  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$  if and only if  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$

3. **Definition.** The norm (or length) of  $\mathbf{v}$  is the nonnegative scalar  $\|\mathbf{v}\|$  defined by

$$\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}} = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \cdots + v_n^2}$$

therefore we have  $\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ .

4. **Definition.** For  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the distance between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ , written as  $\text{dist}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$ , is the length of the vector  $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$ . i.e.

$$\text{dist}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|$$

5. **Definition.** Two vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are orthogonal (to each other) if  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$ .
6. **Theorem (The Pythagorean Theorem).** Two vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are orthogonal if and only if  $\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2$ .
7. **Definition.**
  - (a) If a vector  $\mathbf{z}$  is orthogonal to every vector in a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $\mathbf{z}$  is said to be orthogonal to  $W$ .
  - (b) The set of all vectors  $\mathbf{z}$  that are orthogonal to  $W$  is called the orthogonal complement of  $W$  and is denoted by  $W^\perp$  and read as "  $W$  perpendicular" or simply " $W$  perp".
8. **Theorem.**
  - (a) A vector  $\mathbf{x}$  is in  $W^\perp$  if and only if  $\mathbf{x}$  is orthogonal to every vector in a set that spans  $W$ .
  - (b)  $W^\perp$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

9. **Theorem.** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. The orthogonal complement of the row space of  $A$  is the null space of  $A$ , and the orthogonal complement of the column space of  $A$  is the null space of  $A^T$ :
- (a)  $(\text{Row } A)^\perp = \text{Nul } A$   
(b)  $(\text{Col } A)^\perp = \text{Nul } A^T$

## 2 Orthogonal Sets

1. **Definition.**
- (a) A set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be an orthogonal set if each pair of distinct vectors from the set is orthogonal. i.e.  $\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \mathbf{u}_j = 0$  whenever  $i \neq j$   
(b) An orthogonal basis for a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a basis for  $W$  that is also an orthogonal set.
2. **Theorem.** If  $S = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$  is an orthogonal set of nonzero vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $S$  is linearly independent and hence is a basis for the subspace spanned by  $S$ .
3. **Theorem.** Let  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$  be an orthogonal basis for a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For each  $\mathbf{y}$  in  $W$ ,

$$\mathbf{y} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_p}{\mathbf{u}_p \cdot \mathbf{u}_p} \mathbf{u}_p$$

4. **Definition.** A set  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$  is an orthonormal set if it is an orthogonal set of unit vectors. If  $W$  is the subspace spanned by such a set, then  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $W$ .
5. **Theorem.** An  $m \times n$  matrix  $U$  has orthonormal columns if and only if  $U^T U = I$ .
6. **Theorem.** Let  $U$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix with orthonormal columns, and let  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  be in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then
- (a)  $\|U\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{x}\|$   
(b)  $(U\mathbf{x}) \cdot (U\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}$   
(c)  $(U\mathbf{x}) \cdot (U\mathbf{y}) = 0$  if and only if  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = 0$

## 3 Orthogonal Projections

1. **Theorem (Orthogonal Projection).** The orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto  $\mathbf{u}$  can be found by

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{y} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}}{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}} \mathbf{u}$$

2. **Theorem (The Orthogonal Decomposition Theorem).** Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then each  $\mathbf{y}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  can be written uniquely in the form

$$\mathbf{y} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \mathbf{z}$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  is in  $W$  and  $\mathbf{z}$  is in  $W^\perp$ . In fact,  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  is called the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto  $W$ , and if  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$  is any orthogonal basis of  $W$ , then

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \text{proj}_W \mathbf{y} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_p}{\mathbf{u}_p \cdot \mathbf{u}_p} \mathbf{u}_p$$

and  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y} - \text{proj}_W \mathbf{y}$ .

3. **Theorem (The Best Approximation Theorem).** Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  be any vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y}$  is the closest point in  $W$  to  $\mathbf{y}$ , in the sense that

$$\|\mathbf{y} - \text{proj}_W \mathbf{y}\| < \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{v}\|$$

for all  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $W$  distinct from  $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y}$ .

4. **Theorem.** If  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$  is an orthonormal basis for a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then

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

If  $U = [\mathbf{u}_1 \ \mathbf{u}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{u}_p]$ , then

$$\text{proj}_W \mathbf{y} = UU^T \mathbf{y}$$

for all  $\mathbf{y}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

## 4 The Gram-Schmidt Process

1. **Theorem (The Gram-Schmidt Process).** Given a basis  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_p\}$  for a nonzero subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_1 &= \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{v}_2 &= \mathbf{x}_2 - \frac{\mathbf{x}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \mathbf{v}_1 \\ \mathbf{v}_3 &= \mathbf{x}_3 - \frac{\mathbf{x}_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \mathbf{v}_1 - \frac{\mathbf{x}_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2}{\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2} \mathbf{v}_2 \\ &\vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_p &= \mathbf{x}_p - \frac{\mathbf{x}_p \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \mathbf{v}_1 - \frac{\mathbf{x}_p \cdot \mathbf{v}_2}{\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2} \mathbf{v}_2 - \dots - \frac{\mathbf{x}_p \cdot \mathbf{v}_{p-1}}{\mathbf{v}_{p-1} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{p-1}} \mathbf{v}_{p-1} \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  is an orthogonal basis for  $W$ . In addition

$$\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\} = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k\}$$

for  $1 \leq k \leq p$ .

2. **Theorem (The QR Factorization).**

If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix with linearly independent columns, then  $A$  can be factored as  $A = QR$ , where  $Q$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix whose columns form an orthonormal basis for  $\text{Col } A$  and  $R$  is an  $n \times n$  upper triangular invertible matrix with positive entries on its diagonal.

## 5 Least-Squares Problems

1. **Definition.** If  $A$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix and  $\mathbf{b}$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , a least-squares solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is an  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$\|\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}}\| \leq \|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\|$$

for all  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

2. **Theorem.** The set of least-squares solutions of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  coincides with the nonempty set of solutions of the normal equations  $A^T A\mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{b}$ .

3. **Theorem.** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. The following statements are logically equivalent:
- (a) The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a unique least-squares solution for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
  - (b) The columns of  $A$  are linearly independent.
  - (c) The matrix  $A^T A$  is invertible.

When these statements are true, the least-squares solution  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  is given by

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \left( A^T A \right)^{-1} A^T \mathbf{b}$$

4. **Theorem.** Given an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  with linearly independent columns, let  $A = QR$  be a  $QR$  factorization of  $A$ . Then, for each  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a unique least-squares solution, given by

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = R^{-1} Q^T \mathbf{b}$$

## 6 Applications to Linear Models

1. **Definition (Least-Squares Lines).**

Given experimental data  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ , the least-squares line is the line  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$  that minimizes the sum of the squares of the residuals. And  $\hat{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \end{bmatrix}$  is the least-square solution of

$$X\beta = \mathbf{y}$$

where

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

2. **Definition (Least-Squares Fitting Curves).**

Given experimental data  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ , the least-squares fitting curve is the curve  $y = \beta_0 f_0(x) + \beta_1 f_1(x) + \dots + \beta_k f_k(x)$  that minimizes the sum of the squares of the residuals, where

$f_0, \dots, f_k$  are known functions and  $\hat{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_k \end{bmatrix}$  is the least-square solution of

$$X\beta = \mathbf{y}$$

where

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} f_0(x_1) & f_1(x_1) & \cdots & f_k(x_1) \\ f_0(x_2) & f_1(x_2) & \cdots & f_k(x_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ f_0(x_n) & f_1(x_n) & \cdots & f_k(x_n) \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

## 7 Diagonalization of Symmetric Matrices

1. **Definition (Symmetric Matrix).** A symmetric matrix is a square matrix  $A$  such that  $A^T = A$ .
2. **Theorem.** If  $A$  is symmetric, then any two eigenvectors from different eigenspaces are orthogonal.
3. **Definition.** An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is said to be orthogonally diagonalizable if there are an orthogonal matrix  $P$  (with  $P^{-1} = P^T$ ) and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that

$$A = PDP^T = PDP^{-1}$$

4. **Theorem (The Spectral Theorem for Symmetric Matrices).**  
An  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix  $A$  has the following properties:
  - (a)  $A$  has  $n$  real eigenvalues, counting multiplicities.
  - (b) The dimension of the eigenspace for each eigenvalue equals the multiplicity of as a root of the characteristic equation.
  - (c) The eigenspaces are mutually orthogonal, in the sense that eigenvectors corresponding to different eigenvalues are orthogonal.
  - (d)  $A$  is orthogonally diagonalizable.
5. **Theorem.** An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is orthogonally diagonalizable if and only if  $A$  is a symmetric matrix.