# Linear Algebra Notes of Gilbert Strang Introduction to Linear Algebra book

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## Chapter 1

# Vector Spaces and Subspaces

- 1.1 Spaces of Vectors
- 1.2 The Nullspace of A: Solving Ax = 0 and Rx = 0
- 1.3 The Complete Solution to Ax = b

The "easy" solution  $x_p$  is when we take the free variables equal to 0, where the  $x_{pi}$  component is 0 if it's at free column or equal to the  $b_i$  component if it's at a pivot column.  $x_p$  accounts for the particular solution to Ax = b and the nullspace  $x_n$  accounts for the general solution to Ax = 0. The complete solution is  $x = x_p + x_n$ .

## Chapter 2

## Orthogonality

## 2.1 Orthogonality of Vectors and Subspaces

## 2.2 Projections onto Lines and Subspaces

We have that for a  $\vec{b}$  outside of C(A), its projection onto C(A) is the closest vector to  $\vec{b}$  in C(A). The closest vector is denoted as  $\vec{p} = A\hat{x}$ . Such vector is related to  $\vec{b}$  with vectors in the  $N(A^T)$  subspace. We have that  $\exists e \in N(A^T)$  such  $e = \vec{b} - \vec{p}$ .

#### 2.2.1 Exercises

**Exercise 1.** Not completely sure what the extra symmetry condition  $P^T = P$  for orthogonal projection means. We have that  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

a) 
$$P^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} row_1 \cdot col_1 & row_1 \cdot col_2 \\ row_2 \cdot col_1 & row_2 \cdot col_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
  
 $(I - P)^2 = (\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix})^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 

b) A vector  $v \in C(P)$  is  $v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and a  $w \in C(I - P)$  is  $w = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then,  $v \cdot w = 1$  which shows that v and w are not orthogonal  $\therefore$  the spaces are not orthogonal.

c) 
$$v^T P^T (I - P^T) w = v^T (P^T - P^T P) w = v^T (0) w = 0$$

**Exercise 2.** We have that  $\hat{x} = \frac{a^T b}{a^T a}$ . Then,  $a^T b = 5$  and  $a^T a = 3$ . Then,  $\hat{x} = \frac{5}{3}$ . The projection is then  $p = \hat{x}a = \frac{5}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

#### 2.3Least Squares Approximations

When solving the impossible solution  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ , one possible trick to make the equation is by projecting  $\vec{b}$  into the C(A) subspace. This projection matrix  $P = A(A^TA)^-A^T$  reduces the  $\vec{e} \in N(A^T)$ to zero of  $\vec{b} = \vec{p} + \vec{e}$ , where  $\vec{p} = A\hat{x}$ . Now, we are solving  $A\hat{x} = \vec{p}$  which is possible. The solution is  $\hat{x} = (A^T A)^- A^T \vec{b}.$ 

The squared error for any  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is  $||\vec{b} - A\vec{x}||^2 = ||\vec{p} - A\vec{x}||^2 + ||\vec{e}||^2$ . The minimum of this error is when  $\vec{x} = \hat{x} = (A^T A)^- A^T \vec{b}$ . The meaning of this equation is that it clearly identifies that the error of  $||\vec{b} - A\vec{x}||^2$  is clearly minimized when  $\vec{p} = A\vec{x}$  and this is satisfied when  $\vec{x} = \hat{x} = (A^T A)^- A^T \vec{b}$ . Substituting for p we have that  $||\vec{b} - \vec{p}||^2 = ||\vec{e}||^2$ .

One consideration is that the error we refer to the vector that separates  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{p}$  so called  $\vec{e} = \vec{b} - \vec{p}$ , is slightly different that the error E that we refer to the squared error  $E = ||\vec{b} - A\vec{x}||^2$ . The error E is only equal to  $||\vec{e}||^2$  when  $\vec{x} = \hat{x}$ .

This method is used when we have too many points to fit a line, in which case the model matrix A with m rows and n columns is tall and thin (m > n). Then, for a desired  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  it might be outside of C(A)

#### 2.3.1Exercises

**Exercise 3.** 
$$\hat{x} = (A^T A)^- A^T \vec{b}$$
. We are given that  $\vec{t} = (0, 1, 3, 4)$ , so  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 8 \\ 8 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

I will find  $A^T A$ , then  $(A^T A)^-$  and finally  $A^T \vec{b}$ .

$$A^{T}A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 8 \\ 8 & 26 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (2.1)

$$(A^T A)^- = \frac{1}{4 \cdot 26 - 8 \cdot 8} \begin{bmatrix} 26 & -8 \\ -8 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 13 & -4 \\ -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (2.2)

$$A^{T}\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 8 \\ 8 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 36 \\ 112 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (2.3)

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