

Exercises:

1. For any points $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, define $\vec{b}_{proj} = \sum_{j=1}^r (\vec{b} \cdot \hat{u}_j) \hat{u}_j$. Show for all \vec{b}_{proj} belongs to the span of the columns of A , and that for all \vec{y} in the span of the columns of A , $\|\vec{b}_{proj} - \vec{b}\|^2 \leq \|\vec{y} - \vec{b}\|^2$.

- Show that $\vec{b}_{proj} \in \text{Span}\{\text{Cols}(A)\}$.

Since $\vec{b}_{proj} = \sum_{j=1}^r (\vec{b} \cdot \hat{u}_j) \hat{u}_j$, and each \hat{u}_j is a linear combination of the rows of A , then \vec{b}_{proj} is a linear combination of the columns of A .

- $\|\vec{b}_{proj} - \vec{b}\|^2 \leq \|\vec{y} - \vec{b}\|^2$.

Suppose $\vec{y} \in \text{Span}\{A\}$. Then $\vec{y} - \vec{b} = \vec{y} - \vec{b}_{proj} + \vec{b}_{proj} - \vec{b}$. Since $\vec{b}_{proj} \in \text{Span}\{A\}$, and $\vec{b} \notin \text{Span}\{A\}$, then $\vec{y} - \vec{b}_{proj}$ is orthogonal to $\vec{b}_{proj} - \vec{b}$. Therefore by the Pythagorean theorem, $\|\vec{y} - \vec{b}\|^2 = \|\vec{y} - \vec{b}_{proj}\|^2 + \|\vec{b}_{proj} - \vec{b}\|^2$. Since $\|\vec{b}_{proj} - \vec{b}\|^2$ is constant then the only function that can be minimized is $\|\vec{y} - \vec{b}_{proj}\|^2$, which defines the square of the distance to \vec{b}_{proj} . Therefore it is minimized when $\vec{y} = \vec{b}_{proj}$, thus $\|\vec{b}_{proj} - \vec{b}\|^2 \leq \|\vec{y} - \vec{b}\|^2$.

2. Show that for all $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\|A\vec{x}_0 - \vec{b}\|^2 \leq \|A\vec{x} - \vec{b}\|^2.$$

Let $\vec{y} = A\vec{x}$, for arbitrary $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then the above equation may be rewritten as $\|\vec{b}_{proj} - \vec{b}\|^2 \leq \|\vec{y} - \vec{b}\|^2$. Therefore as demonstrated by the problem above the inequality is true.

3. Show that for $s+1 \leq j \leq n$, $A\hat{w}_j = 0$. Note that $\{\hat{w}_{s+1}, \dots, \hat{w}_n\}$ is an orthonormal basis of the null space $\text{Null}(A)$ of A . Next show that if \vec{x}_0 satisfies $A\vec{x}_0 = \vec{b}_{proj}$, then so does

$$\vec{x}_1 := \vec{x}_0 - \sum_{j=s+1}^n (\vec{x}_0 \cdot \vec{w}_j) \vec{w}_j = \sum_{j=1}^s (\vec{x}_0 \cdot \vec{w}_j) \vec{w}_j.$$

Moreover, show that $\|\vec{x}_1\| \leq \|\vec{x}_0\|$, and there is equality if and only if \vec{x}_0 is in the span of the rows of A .

- Show that for $s+1 \leq j \leq n$, $A\hat{w}_j = 0$.

Since $\text{Span}\{A\} = Q$, and Q is given by $Q = [\hat{w}_1, \dots, \hat{w}_s]$, then $Q^\perp = [\hat{w}_{s+1}, \dots, \hat{w}_n]$. Therefore by the definition of orthogonality $A\hat{w}_j = [\hat{w}_1 \cdot \hat{w}_j, \dots, \hat{w}_s \cdot \hat{w}_j] = [0, \dots, 0]$.

- Show that if \vec{x}_0 satisfies $A\vec{x}_0 = \vec{b}_{proj}$, then so does

$$\vec{x}_1 := \vec{x}_0 - \sum_{j=s+1}^n (\vec{x}_0 \cdot \vec{w}_j) \vec{w}_j = \sum_{j=1}^s (\vec{x}_0 \cdot \vec{w}_j) \vec{w}_j.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A\vec{x}_1 &= A(\vec{x}_0 - \sum_{j=s+1}^n (\vec{x}_0 \cdot \vec{w}_j) \vec{w}_j) \\
 &= A\vec{x}_0 - A \sum_{j=s+1}^n (\vec{x}_0 \cdot \vec{w}_j) \vec{w}_j \\
 &= A\vec{x}_0 - \sum_{j=s+1}^n (\vec{x}_0 \cdot \vec{w}_j) A\vec{w}_j \\
 &= A\vec{x}_0 - 0 = \vec{b}_{proj}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- Show that $\|\vec{x}_1\| \leq \|\vec{x}_0\|$, and there is equality if and only if \vec{x}_0 is in the span of the rows of A

Since $\vec{x}_0 - \sum_{j=s+1}^n (\vec{x}_0 \cdot \vec{w}_j) \vec{w}_j = \sum_{j=1}^s (\vec{x}_0 \cdot \vec{w}_j) \vec{w}_j$, then \vec{x}_0 can be expressed in terms of parallel and orthogonal components with respect to A : $\vec{x}_0 = \sum_{j=s+1}^n (\vec{x}_0 \cdot \vec{w}_j) \vec{w}_j + \sum_{j=1}^s (\vec{x}_0 \cdot \vec{w}_j) \vec{w}_j$. Therefore by the Pythagorean theorem, $\|\vec{x}_0\|^2 = \|\sum_{j=s+1}^n (\vec{x}_0 \cdot \vec{w}_j) \vec{w}_j\|^2 + \|\sum_{j=1}^s (\vec{x}_0 \cdot \vec{w}_j) \vec{w}_j\|^2$. Since the norm of a vector has a range of $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$, and x^2 is a monotonically increasing function on that set, then $\|\vec{x}_1\| \leq \|\vec{x}_0\|$. In addition, if \vec{x}_0 is in the span of the rows of A , then $\sum_{j=s+1}^n (\vec{x}_0 \cdot \vec{w}_j) \vec{w}_j = 0$, and thus $\|\vec{x}_0\| = \|\vec{x}_1\|$. If we assume $\|\vec{x}_1\| = \|\vec{x}_0\|$, then by definition of \vec{x}_1 , $\|\vec{x}_0\| = \|\sum_{j=1}^s (\vec{x}_0 \cdot \vec{w}_j) \vec{w}_j\| = \|QQ^T \vec{x}_0\|$. Therefore since the magnitude of \vec{x}_0 is equivalent to its magnitude projected into A , then it is in the span of the rows of A .

- (a) $\vec{b} = (1, 2, 3, 4)$, $\|\vec{b} - \vec{b}_{proj}\| = 1$, unique solution \vec{x} to $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}_{proj}$, $\vec{x} = (2, \frac{-5}{2}, 0, \frac{3}{2})$.
 - (b) $\vec{b} = (1, 1, 1, -1)$, $\|\vec{b} - \vec{b}_{proj}\| = 2$, unique solution \vec{x} to $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}_{proj}$, $\vec{x} = (0, 0, 0, 0)$.
 - (c) $\vec{b} = (1, 1, -1, 1)$, $\|\vec{b} - \vec{b}_{proj}\| = 0$, unique solution \vec{x} to $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}_{proj}$, $\vec{x} = (1, 0, 0, 0)$.
- Show that as long as all of the \vec{x}_j are not the same, then $rank(A) = 2$ and the 2×2 matrix $A^T A$ is invertible. By definition of invertible, we must show that $det(A^T A) \neq 0$. Since $rank(A) = 2$, then when we perform gram schmidt we will get $\{\hat{u}_1, \hat{u}_2\} = Span\{A\}$. Therefore let $Q = \{\hat{u}_1, \hat{u}_2\}$. Then by QR factorization $A^T A = R^T Q^T Q R = R^T R$. By definition of R ,

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} Col_1(A) \cdot \hat{u}_1 & \cdots & Col_n(A) \cdot \hat{u}_1 \\ Col_1(A) \cdot \hat{u}_2 & \cdots & Col_n(A) \cdot \hat{u}_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 R^T R &= \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^n (Col_j(A) \cdot \hat{u}_1)^2 & \sum_{j=1}^n (Col_j(A) \cdot \hat{u}_1)(Col_j(A) \cdot \hat{u}_2) \\ \sum_{j=1}^n (Col_j(A) \cdot \hat{u}_1)(Col_j(A) \cdot \hat{u}_2) & \sum_{j=1}^n (Col_j(A) \cdot \hat{u}_2)^2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \|A^T \hat{u}_1\|^2 & (A^T \hat{u}_1) \cdot (A^T \hat{u}_2) \\ (A^T \hat{u}_1) \cdot (A^T \hat{u}_2) & \|A^T \hat{u}_2\|^2 \end{bmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $det(A^T A) = (\|A^T \hat{u}_1\| \|A^T \hat{u}_2\|)^2 - ((A^T \hat{u}_1) \cdot (A^T \hat{u}_2))^2 = (\|A^T \hat{u}_1\| \|A^T \hat{u}_2\| +$

$(A^T \hat{u}_1) \cdot (A^T \hat{u}_2))(\|A^T \hat{u}_1\| \|A^T \hat{u}_2\| - (A^T \hat{u}_1) \cdot (A^T \hat{u}_2))$. The only way for this determinate to be 0 is if $A^T \hat{u}_1 = A^T \hat{u}_2$. However this implies that the first row of R is equal to the second. In that case R would have a rank of 1, which would contradict the fact that $\text{rank}(A) = 2$. Therefore $\det(A) \neq 0$, and thus $A^T A$ has an inverse.

- Show for all $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m, \exists \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that for all $\vec{z} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \|\vec{A}\vec{x} - \vec{y}\| \leq \|\vec{A}\vec{z} - \vec{y}\|$.
Since $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$, then \vec{y} decomposes into parts that are parallel and orthogonal to A : $\vec{y} = \vec{y}_\perp + \vec{y}_\parallel$. The portion which is parallel to A , \vec{y}_\parallel , by definition can be written as the product of a vector \vec{x}_0 in \mathbb{R}^n and A : $\vec{y}_\parallel = A\vec{x}_0$. Therefore by taking the decomposition of \vec{y} and the formula found for the parallel portion, we can solve for the orthogonal part: $\vec{y} = \vec{y}_\perp + \vec{y}_\parallel = \vec{y}_\perp + A\vec{x}_0$, $\vec{y} - A\vec{x}_0 = \vec{y}_\perp$. Therefore $\vec{y} - A\vec{z} = \vec{y}_\perp + \vec{y}_\parallel - A\vec{z}$. Since by definition \vec{y}_\perp is orthogonal to A , and $A\vec{z}$ lies explicitly within A , then by the pythagorean theorem $\|\vec{y} - A\vec{z}\|^2 = \|\vec{y}_\perp\|^2 + \|\vec{y}_\parallel - A\vec{z}\|^2$. Therefore to minimize the above equation, we must choose $\vec{x} = \vec{x}_0$ so that $\vec{y}_\parallel - A\vec{z} = \vec{0}$.
- Show that $A\vec{x} - \vec{y} \perp \text{Col}_j(A)$, for $j = 1, \dots, n$.
Since it's established that $A\vec{x} - \vec{y}$ is orthogonal to the columns of A , then by definition is orthogonal to each individual columns $\text{Col}_j(A)$
- Finally show that $(A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{y}$ is the unique least squares solution of $A\vec{x} = \vec{y}$.
Suppose there exists \vec{x}^* such that $A\vec{x}^* = \vec{y}$ in addition to $\vec{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{y}$. We must show that $\vec{x}^* = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{y}$. Since both $A\vec{x}^* = \vec{y}$, $A\vec{x} = \vec{y}$, then $A\vec{x}^* = A\vec{x}$. By definition of \vec{x} , $A\vec{x}^* = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{y}$. Multiplying both sides by A^T yields $A^T A\vec{x}^* = A^T A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{y}$. By the associativity of matrix multiplication and the definition of inverse we have, $A^T A\vec{x}^* = A^T \vec{y}$. Since $A^T A$ has been shown to have an inverse, multiplying both sides by $(A^T A)^{-1}$ yields $\vec{x}^* = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{y}$.

6. $y = 1.3369x - 1.13274$