

# SI231 - Matrix Computations, Fall 2020-21

## Homework Set #3

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### Acknowledgements:

- 1) Deadline: **2020-11-01 23:59:00**
  - 2) Submit your homework at **Gradescope**. Entry Code: **MY3XBJ**. Homework #3 contains two parts, the theoretical part and the programming part.
  - 3) About the theoretical part:
    - (a) Submit your homework in **Homework 3** in gradescope. Make sure that you have correctly select pages for each problem. If not, you probably will get 0 point.
    - (b) Your homework should be uploaded in the **PDF** format, and the naming format of the file is not specified.
    - (c) You need to use  $\text{\LaTeX}$  in principle.
    - (d) Use the given template and give your solution in English. Solution in Chinese is not allowed.
  - 4) About the programming part:
    - (a) Submit your codes in **Homework 3 Programming part** in gradescope.
    - (b) Detailed requirements see in Problem 2 and Problem 3.
  - 5) **No late submission is allowed.**
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## I. UNDERSTANDING PROJECTION

**Problem 1. (5 points  $\times$  3)**

Suppose that  $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is a projector onto a subspace  $\mathcal{U}$  along its orthogonal complement  $\mathcal{U}^\perp$ , then it is called the **orthogonal projector** onto  $\mathcal{U}$ .

- 1) Prove that an orthogonal projector must be singular if it is not an identity matrix.
- 2) What is the orthogonal projector onto  $\mathcal{U}^\perp$  along the subspace  $\mathcal{U}$ ?
- 3) Let  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{W}$  be two subspaces of a vector space  $\mathcal{V}$ , and denote  $\mathbf{P}_\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathbf{P}_\mathcal{W}$  as the corresponding orthogonal projectors, respectively. Prove that  $\mathbf{P}_\mathcal{U}\mathbf{P}_\mathcal{W} = 0$  if and only if  $\mathcal{U} \perp \mathcal{W}$ .

**Solution.**

- 1)  $\mathbf{P}$  is idempotent; i.e.,  $p^2 = p$

suppose the eigenvalues of  $P$  is  $\lambda$  and the associated eigenvector is  $\zeta$

then,  $P^2\zeta = \lambda p\zeta = \lambda^2\zeta$

there also have  $p^2\zeta = p\zeta = \lambda\zeta$

$$\therefore \lambda^2 = \lambda \Rightarrow \lambda = 0 \text{ or } 1$$

if the eigenvalues of  $P$  all are  $\lambda_i = 1$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

and because  $\lambda_i = 1 > 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,

so  $P$  is non-singular matrix.  $\therefore P^{-1}P^2 = P^{-1}P \therefore P = I$

Otherwise s if there have an eigenvalues of  $P$  is 0, then the  $P$  singular. so orthogonal projector must be singular if it is not an identity matrix.

- 2) suppose  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k$  are the basis of  $\mathcal{U}$ 's column vectors,

let  $A = [\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k]$

then the orthogonal projector onto  $u$  is

$$P = A(A^\top A)^{-1}A^\top$$

suppose  $\mathcal{A} = \text{span}\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k\}$ , we have  $\mathcal{A}^\top = \mathcal{U}^\top$

so the orthogonal projector onto  $\mathcal{U}^\perp$  is  $P_A^\perp = I - A(A^\top A)^{-1}A^\top$

- 3) First suppose  $P_U P_W = 0$ . Suppose  $w \in W$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= P_U P_W w \\ &= P_U w \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $w \in \mathcal{N}(P_U)$ . so  $w \in U^\perp$ . Thus  $\langle u, w \rangle = 0$  for all  $u \in U$  completing one direction of the proof.

To prove the other direction, now suppose that  $\langle u, w \rangle = 0$  for all  $u \in U$  and all  $w \in W$ . Thus  $U \subset W^\perp$  and  $W \subset U^\perp$ . If  $w \in W$ , then

$$(P_U P_W)(w) = P_U(P_W w) = P_U w = 0$$

where the last equality holds because  $w \in U^\perp$ . If  $v \in W^\perp$ , then

$$(P_U P_W)(v) = P_U(P_W v) = P_U 0 = 0$$

since every element in  $V$  can be written as the sum of a vector in  $W$  and a vector in  $W^\perp$ ,  
suppose  $\nu$  is an arbitrary vector in  $V$ , and  $\nu = w_i + v_j$ ,  
then  $(P_U P_W) \nu = 0$  for every  $\nu$  in  $V$   
So that  $P_U P_W = 0$ , as desired.

## II. LEAST SQUARE (LS) PROGRAMMING.

### Problem 2. (10 points + 10 points + 5 points)

Write programs to solve the least square problem with specified methods, any programming language is suitable.

$$\mathbf{x} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(\mathbf{x}), \quad f(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$$

where  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is a matrix representing the predefined data set with  $m$  data samples of  $n$  dimensions ( $m=1000$ ,  $n=210$ ), and  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  represents the labels. The data samples are provided in the "data.txt" file, and the labels are provided in the "label.txt" file, you are supposed to load the data before solving the problem.

- 1) Solve the LS with gradient decent method.

The gradient descent method for solving problem updates  $\mathbf{x}$  as

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} - \gamma \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}),$$

where  $\gamma$  is the step size of the gradient decent methods. We suggest that you can set  $\gamma = 1e - 5$ .

- 2) Solve the LS by the method of normal equation with Cholesky decomposition and forward/backward substitution.
- 3) Compare two methods above.
  - (a) Basing on the true running results from the program, count the number of "flops";
  - (b) Compare gradient norm and loss  $f(\mathbf{x})$  for results  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_{\text{LS}}$  of above two algorithms.

**Notation\*:** "flop": one flop means one floating point operation, i.e., one addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division of two floating-point numbers, in this problem each floating points operation  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $\times$ ,  $\div$ ,  $\sqrt{\cdot}$  counts as one "flop".

#### Hint for gradient decent programming:

- 1) **Step size selection:** to ensure the convergence of the method,  $\gamma$  is supposed to be selected properly (large step size may accelerate the convergence rate but also may lead to instability, A sufficiently small compensation always ensures that the algorithm converges).
- 2) **Terminal condition:** the gradient decent is an iteration algorithm that need a terminal condition. In this problem, the algorithm can stop when the gradient of the loss function  $f(\mathbf{x})$  at current  $\mathbf{x}$  is small enough.

#### Remarks:

- The solution of the two methods should be printed in files named "sol1.txt" and "sol2.txt" and submitted in gradescope. The format should be same as the input file (210 rows plain text, each rows is a dimension of the final solution).
- Make sure that your codes are executable and are consistent with your solutions.

#### Solution.

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1) clear ;
2) clc ;
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3 y = load('label.txt');
4 A = load('data.txt');
5 x=inv(A'*A)*A'*y;
6 fid=fopen(['E:\MatlabFile\LS\','sol.txt'],'w');
7 for m=1:length(x)
8     fprintf(fid,'%16f\r\n',x(m));
9 end
10 f_x=norm(y-A*x)^2
11 fclose(fid);
12 x1= Gradient_descent(A,y);
13 fid=fopen(['E:\MatlabFile\LS\','sol1.txt'],'w');
14 for i=1:length(x1)
15     fprintf(fid,'%16f\r\n',x1(i));
16 end
17 f_x1=norm(y-A*x1)^2
18 fclose(fid);
19 x2=Cholesky_LS(A,y);
20 fid=fopen(['E:\MatlabFile\LS\','sol2.txt'],'w');
21 for j=1:length(x2)
22     fprintf(fid,'%16f\r\n',x2(j));
23 end
24 f_x2= norm(y-A*x2)^2
25 fclose(fid);

1 function x = Gradient_descent(A,y)
2 tA = A;
3 x = ones(size(A,2),1);
4 k = 0;
5 while true
6     gradient_descent = zeros(size(tA,2),1);
7     z = A*x;
8     gradient_descent = gradient_descent + 0.00001*A'*(y - z);
9     x = x + gradient_descent;
10    k = k+1;
11    if ( norm(y - A*x)^2 ) <= 2.664261406344091e+04 | k>10000
12        break;

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13     end
14     fprintf('iterator times %d, error %f\n',k,( norm(y - A*x)^2 ));
15 end

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2) function x = Cholesky_LS(A,y)

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2 C=A'*A;

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3 L=Cholesky_decomposition(C);

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4 y=LU(L,A'*y);

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5 x=LU(L',y);

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1 function L=Cholesky_decomposition(A)

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2 [N,N]=size(A);

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3 X=zeros(N,1);

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4 Y=zeros(N,1);

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5 for i=1:N

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6     A(i,i)=sqrt(A(i,i)-A(i,1:i-1)*A(i,1:i-1)');

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7     if A(i,i)==0

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8         'A is singular, no unique solution';

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9         break;

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10     end

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11     for j=i+1:N

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12         A(j,i)=(A(j,i)-A(j,1:i-1)*A(i,1:i-1)')/A(i,i);

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13     end

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14 end

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15 for x=1:N

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16     for y=1:N

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17         B(x,y)=A(x,y);

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18         if x<y

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19             B(x,y)=0;

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20             break;

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21         end

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22     end

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23 end

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24 L=B;

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1 function LU_ans = LU(A,b)

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2 N=length(A);

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3 z = zeros(N,1);
4 LU_ans = zeros(N,1);
5 L=eye(N);%Let the L matrix be an identity matrix at first
6 for i=1:N-1
7     for j=i+1:N
8         L(j,i)=A(j,i)/A(i,i);
9         A(j,:)=A(j,:)-(A(j,i)/A(i,i))*A(i,:);
10    end
11 end
12 for p=1:1:N
13     z(p)=b(p)/L(p,p);
14     for q=1:1:p-1
15         z(p)=z(p)-z(q)*L(p,q)/L(p,p);
16     end
17 end
18 for p_2=N:-1:1
19     LU_ans(p_2)=z(p_2)/A(p_2,p_2);
20     for q_2=N:-1:p_2+1
21         LU_ans(p_2)=LU_ans(p_2)-LU_ans(q_2)*A(p_2,q_2)/A(p_2,p_2);
22     end
23 end

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- 3) (a) Basing on the true running results from the program in the gradient descent method, it iterated 165 times to approximate  $x_{LS}$ , and in each approximation, if  $A$  is  $m \times n$  matrix, then it uses  $(mn^2 + mn + m + 3n)$  flops, so it totally uses  $165 \times (1000 \times 210^2 + 1000 \times 210 + 1000 + 210 \times 3) = 44311630$  flops.
- From the program in the Cholesky decomposition and forward/backward substitution method. In the Function  $L = \text{Cholesky\_decomposition}(A)$ , it can be computed in  $\mathcal{O}(n^3/3)$ , because  $n = 210$ , so it uses  $\frac{1}{3}n^3 + m^2n + m \times n + \frac{2}{3}n^3 \times 2 = 225645000$  flops.
- (b) In the code script Main.m, I solved that  $f(x_1) = 2.664261406344088e+04$  and  $f(x_2) = 2.664261406344087e+04$

### III. UNDERSTANDING THE QR FACTORIZATION

**Problem 3 [Understanding the Gram-Schmidt algorithm.].** (5 points + 7 points + 6 points + 7 points)

1) Consider the subspace  $\mathcal{S}$  spanned by  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_4\}$ , where

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{a}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 7 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Use the **classical** Gram-Schmidt algorithm (See Algorithm 1), find a set of orthonormal basis  $\{\mathbf{q}_i\}$  for  $\mathcal{S}$  by hand (derivation is expected). Do not use decimals in your answers, fraction and  $n$ -th roots of numbers are accepted. Verify the orthonormality of the found basis.

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**Algorithm 1:** Classical Gram-Schmidt algorithm

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**Input :** A collection of linearly independent vectors  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$ .

1 **Initialization:**  $\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_1 = \mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{q}_1 = \tilde{\mathbf{q}}_1 / \|\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_1\|_2$

2 **for**  $i = 2, \dots, n$  **do**

3      $\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_i = \mathbf{a}_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} (\mathbf{q}_j^T \mathbf{a}_i) \mathbf{q}_j$

4      $\mathbf{q}_i = \tilde{\mathbf{q}}_i / \|\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_i\|_2$

5 **end**

**Output:**  $\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n$

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2) Orthogonal projection of vector  $\mathbf{a}$  onto a nonzero vector  $\mathbf{b}$  is defined as

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{b}}(\mathbf{a}) = \frac{\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b} \rangle} \mathbf{b},$$

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the inner product of vectors. And for subspace  $\mathcal{M}$  with orthonormal basis  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k\}$ , the orthogonal projector onto subspace  $\mathcal{M}$  is given by

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^T, \quad \mathbf{U} = [\mathbf{u}_1 | \dots | \mathbf{u}_k].$$

In the context of **projection of vector** and **projection onto subspace** respectively, can you give another two understandings of the classical Gram-Schmidt algorithm?

3) Consider the subspace  $\mathcal{S}$  spanned by  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\}$ ,

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \epsilon \\ \epsilon \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \epsilon \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \epsilon \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $\epsilon$  is a small real number such that  $1 + k\epsilon^2 = 1$  ( $k \in \mathbb{N}^+$ ). First complete the pseudo algorithm in Algorithm 2. Then use the **classical** Gram-Schmidt algorithm and the **modified** Gram-Schmidt algorithm respectively, find two sets of basis for  $\mathcal{S}$  by hand (derivation is expected). Are the two sets of basis the same? If not, which one is the desired orthonormal basis? Report what you have found.



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**Algorithm 2:** Modified Gram-Schmidt algorithm
 

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**Input :** A collection of linearly independent vectors  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$ .

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1 Initialization:  $\tilde{q}_1 = a_1, \hat{q}_2 = a_2 \quad \dots, \tilde{q}_n = a_n$ 
2 for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  do
3    $\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_i = \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_i}{\|\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_i\|^2}$ 
4   for  $j = i + 1, \dots, n$  do
5      $\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_j = \tilde{\mathbf{q}}_j - (\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_j^\top \tilde{\mathbf{q}}_i) \tilde{\mathbf{q}}_i$ 
6   end
7 end

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**Output:**  $\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n$

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4) **Programming part:** In this part, you are required to code both the **classical Gram-Schmidt** and the **modified Gram-Schmidt** algorithms. For  $\epsilon = 1e-4$  and  $\epsilon = 1e-9$  in sub-problem 2), give the outputs of two algorithms and calculate  $\|\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{I}\|_F$ , where  $\mathbf{Q} = [\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \mathbf{q}_3]$ .

**Remarks:**

- Coding languages are restricted, but do not use built-in function such as [qr](#).
- When handing in your homework in gradescope, package all your codes into `your_student_id+hw3_code.zip` and upload. In the package, you also need to include a file named `README.txt/md` to clearly identify the function of each file.
- Make sure that your codes can run and are consistent with your solutions.

**Solution.**

1)

$$\tilde{q}_1 = a_1, \quad q_1 = \frac{\hat{q}_1}{\|\hat{q}_1\|_2} = \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{30}}, \frac{4}{\sqrt{30}} \right]^\top$$

$$\tilde{q}_2 = a_2 - (q_1^\top a_2) q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{2 + 6 + 12 + 20}{\sqrt{30}} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{4}{\sqrt{30}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore q_2 = \frac{\tilde{q}_2}{\|\tilde{q}_2\|} = \left[ \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, 0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \right]^\top$$

$$\tilde{q}_3 = a_3 - (q_1^\top a_3) q_1 - (q_2^\top a_3) q_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{3 + 8 + 15 + 24}{\sqrt{30}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{4}{\sqrt{30}} \end{bmatrix} - \frac{6 + 4 - 6}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$q_3 = \tilde{q}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^\top$$

$$\tilde{q}_4 = a_4 - (q_1^\top a_4) q_1 - (q_2^\top a_4) q_2 - (q_3^\top a_4) q_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 7 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{3+10+21+44}{\sqrt{30}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{5} \\ -\frac{1}{5} \\ -\frac{4}{5} \\ \frac{3}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore q_4 = \frac{\tilde{q}_4}{\|\tilde{q}_4\|} = \left[ \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{30}}, -\frac{4}{\sqrt{30}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{30}} \right]^\top$$

2) In the context of projection of vector, we can have a geometrical understanding of the classical Gram-Schmidt algorithm:

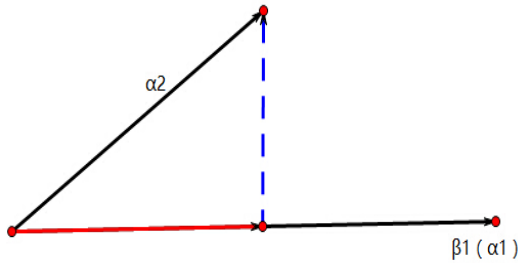
Given a basis  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$ , convert it to another orthonormal basis  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n$  so that the two bases are equivalent.

$$\beta_1 = \alpha_1$$

$$\beta_2 = \alpha_2 - \frac{(\alpha_2, \beta_1)}{(\beta_1, \beta_1)} \beta_1 \dots$$

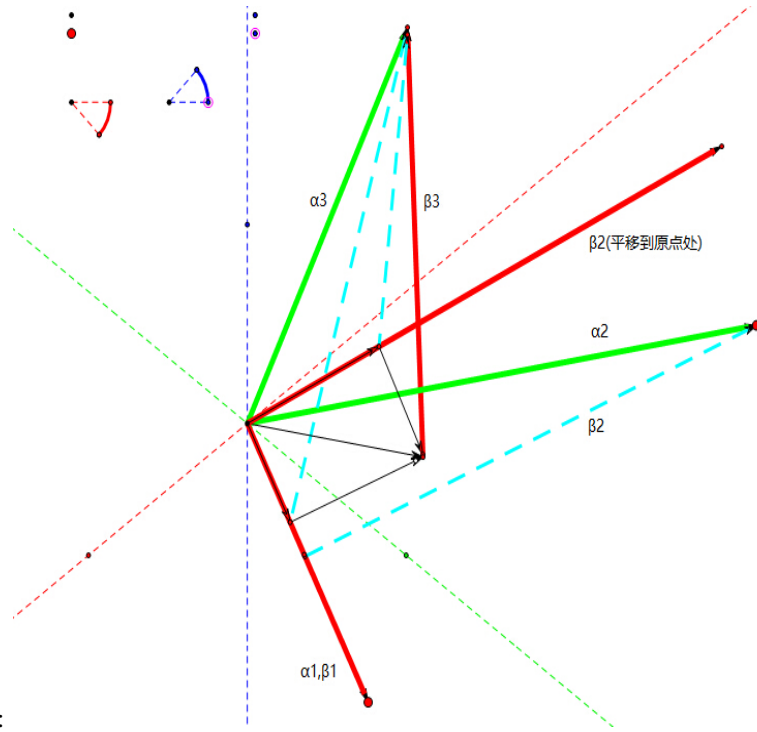
$$\beta_n = \alpha_n - \frac{(\alpha_n, \beta_1)}{(\beta_1, \beta_1)} \beta_1 - \frac{(\alpha_n, \beta_2)}{(\beta_2, \beta_2)} \beta_2 - \dots - \frac{(\alpha_n, \beta_{n-1})}{(\beta_{n-1}, \beta_{n-1})} \beta_{n-1}$$

First of all, Orthogonal projection of vector  $\alpha$  onto a nonzero vector  $\beta$  is defined as  $\text{proj}_\beta(\alpha) = \frac{\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle}{\langle \beta, \beta \rangle} \beta$ ,



The red vector is the projection part, so the blue vector is  $\alpha_2 - \frac{(\alpha_2, \beta_1)}{(\beta_1, \beta_1)} \beta_1$ , that corresponds to Gram-Schmidt algorithm's  $\beta_2$ . So  $\beta_2$  is perpendicular to  $\beta_1$

When the number of vectors is 3, the geometric interpretation of the corresponding three-dimensional space



is shown in the figure:

The green vector is the original base  $\alpha_i$ ,  $\alpha_1$  is red because  $\alpha_1$  is also  $\beta_1$ , I'm going to shift  $\beta_2$  to the origin, then the orthogonal projection of  $\alpha_3$  onto XoY plane is  $\alpha_3 - \frac{(\alpha_3, \beta_1)}{(\beta_1, \beta_1)}\beta_1 - \frac{(\alpha_3, \beta_2)}{(\beta_2, \beta_2)}\beta_2$

We can see that  $\beta_1 \beta_2 \beta_3$  are orthoogonal, it can also be extended to Euclidean space above three dimensions.

3) Use the **classical** Gram-Schmidt algorithm:

Suppose  $\varepsilon$  is positive,

$$\tilde{q}_1 = a_1 \quad q_1 = \frac{\tilde{q}_1}{\|\tilde{q}_1\|} = \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+2\varepsilon^2}}, \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{1+2\varepsilon^2}}, \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{1+2\varepsilon^2}} \right]^\top = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \varepsilon & \varepsilon \end{bmatrix}^\top$$

$$\tilde{q}_2 = a_2 - (q_1^\top a_2) q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \varepsilon \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - (1 + \varepsilon^2) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \varepsilon \\ \varepsilon \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\varepsilon^2 \\ -\varepsilon^3 \\ -\varepsilon - \varepsilon^3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -\varepsilon \end{bmatrix}, \|\tilde{q}_2\| = \varepsilon$$

$$q_2 = \frac{\tilde{q}_2}{\|\tilde{q}_2\|} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{q}_3 = a_3 - (q_1^\top a_3) q_1 - (q_2^\top a_3) q_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \varepsilon \end{bmatrix} - (1 + \varepsilon^2) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \varepsilon \\ \varepsilon \end{bmatrix} - (-\varepsilon) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\varepsilon \\ -\varepsilon \end{bmatrix}$$

$$q_3 = \frac{\tilde{q}_3}{\|\tilde{q}_3\|} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}^\top$$

Use the **modified** Gram-Schmidt algorithm:

$$\tilde{q}_1 = a_1 \quad , \quad q_1 = \frac{\tilde{q}_1}{\|\tilde{q}_1\|} = \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+2\varepsilon^2}}, \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{1+2\varepsilon^2}}, \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{1+2\varepsilon^2}} \right]^\top = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \varepsilon & \varepsilon \end{bmatrix}^\top$$

$$\tilde{q}_2 = a_2 - (q_1^T a_2) q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \varepsilon \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - (1 + \varepsilon^2) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \varepsilon \\ \varepsilon \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\varepsilon^2 \\ -\varepsilon^3 \\ -\varepsilon - \varepsilon^3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -\varepsilon \end{bmatrix}$$

$$q_2 = \frac{\tilde{q}_2}{\|\tilde{q}_2\|} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$a_3^{(1)} = a_3 - (q_1^T a_3) q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \varepsilon \end{bmatrix} - (1 + \varepsilon^2) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \varepsilon \\ \varepsilon \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\varepsilon \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a_3^{(2)} = a_3^{(1)} - (q_2^T a_3^{(1)}) q_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\varepsilon \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - 0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\varepsilon \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \therefore q_3 = \frac{a_3^{(2)}}{\|a_3^{(2)}\|} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so the two sets of basis are not same, the one that use the modified Gram-Schmidt algorithm is the desired orthonormal basis. In the classical Gram-Schmidt algorithm's answer, we get  $q_2^T q_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \neq 0$ , so  $q_2$  and  $q_3$  are not orthogonal. But in the classical Gram-Schmidt algorithm's answer, we get  $q_1^T q_2 = -\varepsilon^2 = 0$ ,  $q_1^T q_3 = -\varepsilon$ ,  $q_2^T q_3 = 0$ , so  $q_1, q_2, q_3$  are orthogonal except a slight error  $\varepsilon$ .

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4) clear all;clc;
2 % a1=[1;2;3;4];
3 % a2=[2;3;4;5];
4 % a3=[3;4;5;6];
5 % a4=[3;5;7;11];
6 % A=[a1 a2 a3 a4];
7 e=1e-4;
8 a1=[1;e;e];
9 a2=[1;e;0];
10 a3=[1;0;e];
11 A=[a1 a2 a3];
12 Q_classical= Classical_GS(A)
13 normF_1=norm(Q_classical,'fro')
14 Q_modified= Modified_GS(A)
15 normF_2=norm(Q_modified,'fro')
16 e=1e-9;
17 Q_classical_1= Classical_GS(A)
18 normF_11=norm(Q_classical_1,'fro')
19 Q_modified_2= Modified_GS(A)

```

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20 normF_2=norm(Q_modified_2,'fro')
```

The output is:

```
1 Q_classical = %e=1e-4
2 0.9999999900000000 0.0000999999998782 0.0000999999999892
3 0.0000999999999000 0.000000010000000 -0.999999995000000
4 0.0000999999999000 -0.999999995000000 0.000000002820298
5 normF_1 =
6 3.988504106090590e-09
7 Q_modified =
8 0.9999999900000000 0.0000999999998782 0.0000999999999782
9 0.0000999999999000 0.000000010000000 -0.999999995000000
10 0.0000999999999000 -0.999999995000000 0.0000000000000000
11 normF_2 =
12 5.640596652684282e-13
13 Q_classical_1 = %e=1e-9
14 0.9999999900000000 0.0000999999998782 0.0000999999999892
15 0.0000999999999000 0.000000010000000 -0.999999995000000
16 0.0000999999999000 -0.999999995000000 0.000000002820298
17 normF_11 =
18 3.988504106090590e-09
19 Q_modified_2 =
20 0.9999999900000000 0.0000999999998782 0.0000999999999782
21 0.0000999999999000 0.000000010000000 -0.999999995000000
22 0.0000999999999000 -0.999999995000000 0.0000000000000000
23 normF_2 =
24 5.640596652684282e-13
```

#### IV. SOLVING LS VIA QR FACTORIZATION AND NORMAL EQUATION

**Problem 4** [Understanding the influence of the condition number to the solution.]. (4 points + 5 points + 4 points + 4 points + 3 points points)

Consider such two LS problems:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 \\ \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\mathbf{Ax} - (\mathbf{b} + \delta\mathbf{b})\|_2^2 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

with  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . For  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3/2 & 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}^T$  and  $\delta\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/10 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T$ ,

1) Computing solution to the problem (1) via QR decomposition when

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 & 7 \\ 4 & 5 & 11 \end{bmatrix}.$$

2) For a full-rank matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , consider the equation  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ , after adding some noise  $\delta\mathbf{b}$  to  $\mathbf{b}$ , we have  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x} + \delta\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{b} + \delta\mathbf{b}$ , and then proof

$$\frac{1}{\|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{A}^\dagger\|} \frac{\|\delta\mathbf{b}\|}{\|\mathbf{b}\|} \leq \frac{\|\delta\mathbf{x}\|}{\|\mathbf{x}\|} \leq \|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{A}^\dagger\| \frac{\|\delta\mathbf{b}\|}{\|\mathbf{b}\|},$$

and give it a plain interpretation.

3) Computing the solutions to the two LS problems via the normal equation  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Ax}_{LS} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$  when

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

4) Computing the solutions to the two LS problems via the normal equation  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Ax}_{LS} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$  when

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \\ 1 & 4 & 16 \end{bmatrix}.$$

5) Compare the 2-norm condition number  $\|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{A}^\dagger\|$  for  $\mathbf{A}$  in 3) and 4) and the influence on the solution to problem (1) resulted by the additional noise  $\delta\mathbf{b}$ .

**Hint:** Show the influence on the solution by  $\frac{\|\delta\mathbf{x}\|}{\|\mathbf{x}\|}$ .

**Remarks:** You can use MATLAB for some matrix computations (deviation is expected) in 3), 4), 5). Do not use decimals in your answers, fraction and  $n$ -th roots of numbers are accepted.

**Solution.**

1) let  $r_{ii} = \|\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_i\|_2$ ,  $r_{ji} = \mathbf{q}_j^T \mathbf{a}_i$  for  $j = 1, \dots, i-1$  we see that  $\mathbf{a}_i = \sum_{j=1}^i r_{ji} \mathbf{q}_j$  for all  $i$ , or, equivalently,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{a}_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_1 & \mathbf{q}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{q}_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & \dots & r_{1n} \\ & r_{22} & \dots & r_{2n} \\ & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & r_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

use the solution above, we can get

$$\tilde{q}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{4}{\sqrt{30}} \end{bmatrix}, \tilde{q}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}, q_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{bmatrix}, \tilde{q}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{5} \\ -\frac{1}{5} \\ -\frac{4}{5} \\ \frac{3}{5} \end{bmatrix}, q_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \\ -\frac{4}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{30}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } Q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{30}} & 0 & -\frac{4}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{4}{\sqrt{30}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{3}{\sqrt{30}} \end{bmatrix}, R_1 = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & \dots & r_{1n} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & \dots & r_{2n} \\ & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & r_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{30} & \frac{40}{\sqrt{30}} & \frac{78}{\sqrt{30}} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{30}}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\min\{\|Ax - b\|_2^2\} = \min\{\|Q_1^T b - R_1 x\|_2^2\} \quad (\text{because } Q_2 = 0)$$

$$z = Q_1^T b = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}} & \frac{3}{\sqrt{30}} & \frac{4}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} & -\frac{4}{\sqrt{30}} & \frac{3}{\sqrt{30}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{3}{2} \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \left[ \frac{37}{\sqrt{30}} - \frac{5}{2\sqrt{6}}, \frac{13}{2\sqrt{30}} \right]^T$$

then solve  $R_1 x = z$

$$x = R_1^{-1} z = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{12} & -\frac{5}{4} & \frac{13}{12} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

2)  $\because A(x + \delta x) = b + \delta b$

$$\therefore x(1 + \delta) = A^\dagger(1 + \delta)b$$

$$\therefore \delta x = \delta A^\dagger b$$

$$\therefore \|\delta x\| = \|\delta A^\dagger b\| \leq \|A^\dagger\| \|\delta b\|$$

$$\therefore Ax = b$$

$$\therefore \|b\| = \|Ax\| \leq \|A\| \|x\|$$

$$\frac{1}{\|x\|} \leq \frac{\|A\|}{\|b\|}$$

multiply (\*) and (\*\*), we can get  $\frac{\|\delta x\|}{\|x\|} \leq \|A\| \|A^\dagger\| \frac{\|\delta b\|}{\|b\|}$

$$\therefore \delta Ax = \delta b$$

$$\therefore \|\delta b\| \leq \|\delta Ax\| \leq \|A\| \|\delta x\|$$

$$\therefore \frac{\|\delta b\|}{\|A\|} \leq \|\delta x\|$$

$$\therefore x = A^\dagger b$$

$$\therefore \|x\| \leq \|A^\dagger\| \|b\|$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{\|A^\dagger\| \|b\|} \leq \frac{1}{\|x\|}$$

multiply (1) and (2), we can get  $\frac{1}{\|A\| \|A^\dagger\|} \frac{\|\delta b\|}{\|b\|} \leq \frac{\|\delta x\|}{\|x\|}$

$$\text{so } \frac{1}{\|A\| \|A^\dagger\|} \frac{\|\delta b\|}{\|b\|} \leq \frac{\|\delta x\|}{\|x\|} \leq \|A\| \|A^\dagger\| \frac{\|\delta b\|}{\|b\|}$$

$$3) \quad x_1 = (A^\top A)^{-1} A^\top b = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{11}{13} & \frac{67}{13} & -\frac{66}{13} \end{bmatrix}^\top$$

$$x_2 = (A^\top A)^{-1} A^\top (b + \delta b) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{97}{130} & \frac{683}{130} & -\frac{66}{13} \end{bmatrix}^\top$$

$$4) \quad x_1 = (A^\top A)^{-1} A^\top b = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{15}{8} & -\frac{59}{40} & \frac{5}{8} \end{bmatrix}^\top$$

$$x_2 = (A^\top A)^{-1} A^\top (b + \delta b) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{21}{10} & -\frac{163}{100} & \frac{13}{20} \end{bmatrix}^\top$$

$$5) \quad A^\dagger = (A^\top A)^{-1} A^\top$$

For problem (3) :  $\|A\| = 6.982 \quad \|A^\dagger\| = 1.908$

$$\text{So, } \|A\| \|A^\dagger\| = 13.325$$

$$\delta x = x_2 - x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{10}, \frac{1}{10}, 0 \end{bmatrix}^\top$$

$$\frac{\|\delta x\|}{\|x\|} = \frac{\|x_2 - x_1\|}{\|x_1\|} = \frac{125}{6438} = 0.0194$$

For problem (4) :  $\|A\| = 19.621 \quad \|A^\dagger\| = 3.756$

$$\text{So, } \|A\| \|A^\dagger\| = 73.694$$

$$\delta x = x_2 - x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{9}{40}, -\frac{31}{200}, \frac{1}{40} \end{bmatrix}^\top$$

$$\frac{\|\delta x\|}{\|x\|} = \frac{\|x_2 - x_1\|}{\|x_1\|} = \frac{1231}{11065} = 0.1113$$



## V. UNDERDETERMINED SYSTEM

**Problem 5 [Solving Underdetermined System by QR]. (10 points + 5 points)**

Consider the following underdetermined system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  with  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $m < n$ . Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix},$$

- 1) Use Householder reflection to give the full QR decomposition of tall  $\mathbf{A}^T$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{R}$  with  $\mathbf{Q}$  being a square matrix with orthonormal columns.
- 2) Give one possible solution via QR decomposition of  $\mathbf{A}^T$ , write down your solution using  $\mathbf{b}$ .

**Solution.**

$$1) \ A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 5 \\ 2 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3]$$

$$v_1 = \alpha_1 - \|\alpha_1\| e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^\top$$

$$H_1 = I - \frac{2}{\|v_1\|_2^2} v_1 v_1^\top$$

$$\text{Then } A^{(1)} = H_1 A^\top = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^\top$$

$$\therefore v_2 = u_2 - \|u_2\| e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^\top$$

$$\therefore \hat{H}_2 = I - \frac{2}{\|v_2\|_2^2} v_2 v_2^\top = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{11}{15} & -\frac{2}{15} \\ \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{2}{15} & \frac{14}{15} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{H}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{(2)} = H_2 A^{(1)} = H_2 H_1 A^\top = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{4}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{4}{5} & \frac{3}{5} \end{bmatrix}^\top$$

$$\therefore v_3 = u_3 - \|u_3\| e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{9}{5} & \frac{3}{5} \end{bmatrix}^\top$$

$$\therefore \tilde{H}_3 = I - \frac{2}{\|v_3\|_2^2} v_3 v_3^\top = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{4}{5} & \frac{3}{5} \\ \frac{3}{5} & \frac{4}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore H_3 = \begin{bmatrix} I_2 & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{H}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{then } A^{(3)} = H_3 A^{(2)} = H_3 H_2 H_1 A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = R$$

$$Q = H_1 H_2 H_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

2) For  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with  $m < n$  and  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = m$ , we have

$$\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q}_1 & \mathbf{Q}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_1 \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{R}_1 + \mathbf{Q}_2 \mathbf{0}$$

- note

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{R}_1^T \mathbf{Q}_1^T \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{0}^T \mathbf{Q}_2^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$

which indicates

$$\mathbf{Q}_1^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{R}_1^{-T} \mathbf{b}$$

and  $\mathbf{Q}_2^T \mathbf{x}$  can be anything, which we set to be  $\mathbf{d}$ . Then we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q}_1^T \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{Q}_2^T \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_1^{-T} \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{d} \end{bmatrix}$$

- the solution is

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{Q} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_1^{-T} \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{d} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{R}_1^{-T} \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{Q}_2 \mathbf{d}$$

where to get the minimum norm solution, we can set  $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{0}$ . so,

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{Q} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_1^{-T} \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{d} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{R}_1^{-T} \mathbf{b}$$

$$\therefore Q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 & -\frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}, \quad R_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore x = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{17}{9} & \frac{2}{9} & -\frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{9} & \frac{2}{9} & 0 \\ -\frac{16}{9} & -\frac{1}{9} & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{17}{9}b_1 + \frac{2}{9}b_2 - \frac{2}{3}b_3 \\ -\frac{2}{3}b_1 - \frac{1}{3}b_2 + \frac{1}{3}b_3 \\ \frac{2}{9}b_1 + \frac{2}{9}b_2 \\ -\frac{16}{9}b_1 - \frac{1}{9}b_2 + \frac{2}{3}b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

## VI. SOLVING LS VIA PROJECTION

**Problem 6. (Bonus question, 6 points + 4 points)**

Consider the Least Square (LS) problem:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  ( $m > n$ ) may not be full rank. Denote

$$X_{LS} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n | \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y}\}$$

as the set of all solutions to (2), and

$$\mathbf{x}_{LS} = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{y}$$

where  $\mathbf{A}^\dagger \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  is the *pseudo inverse* of  $\mathbf{A}$  satisfies the following properties:

- 1)  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}$ .
- 2)  $\mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^\dagger = \mathbf{A}^\dagger$ .
- 3)  $(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^\dagger)^T = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^\dagger$ .
- 4)  $(\mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{A})^T = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{A}$ .

Answer the following questions:

- 1) Prove that  $\mathbf{x}_{LS}$  is a solution to (2) and is of minimum 2-norm in  $X_{LS}$ , that is

$$\mathbf{x}_{LS} = \min\{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \mid \mathbf{x} \in X_{LS}\}.$$

**Hint.** Notice that the orthogonal projection onto  $\mathcal{N}(A)$  is given by

$$\Pi_{\mathcal{N}(A)} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{A}$$

- 2) Prove that  $X_{LS} = \{\mathbf{x}_{LS}\}$  if and only if  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = n$ .

**Solution.**

$$1) \because X_{LS} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid A^T A x = A^T y\}$$

$$x_{LS} = A^\dagger y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$A^T A x_{LS} = A^T A A^\dagger y = A^T (A A^\dagger)^T y = A^T (A^\dagger)^T A^T y = (A^\dagger A)^T A^T y = (A A^\dagger A)^T y = A y$$

$$\therefore x_{LS} \in X_{LS}$$

$$\therefore x_{LS} \text{ is a solution to (2)}$$

$$\text{Suppose } \hat{x} \text{ is a solution of } A^T A x = A^T y$$

$$i.e. \hat{x} \in X_{LS} \text{ then } \begin{cases} A^T A \hat{x} = A^T y & \Rightarrow A^T A (\hat{x} - x_{LS}) = 0 \\ A^T A x_{LS} = A^T y \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore \hat{x} - x_{LS} \in \mathcal{N}(A^T A) = \mathcal{N}(A)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \Pi_{\mathcal{N}(A)} x_{LS} &= (I - A^\dagger A) x_{LS} = x_{LS} - A^\dagger A x_{LS} = x_{LS} - A^\dagger A A^\dagger y \\ &= x_{LS} - A^\dagger y = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore x_{LS} \in \mathcal{R}(A)$$

$$\therefore x_{LS} \perp (\hat{x} - x_{LS})$$

$$\therefore \|\hat{x}\|^2 = \|(\hat{x} - x_{LS}) + x_{LS}\|^2 = \|\hat{x} - x_{LS}\|^2 + \|x_{LS}\|^2 \geq \|x_{LS}\|^2$$

$$\text{So } x_{LS} = \arg \min_{x \in X_{LS}} \|x\|_2$$

2) If  $X_{LS} = \{x_{LS}\}$

Then  $A^T A X = A^T y$  has a unique solution.

$\therefore A^T A$  is column full rank.

$\therefore \mathcal{R}(A) = \mathcal{R}(A^T A)$ , then  $\text{rank}(A) = n$

If  $\text{rank}(A) = n$ , then  $A^T A$  is invertible, the solution of equation  $A^T A x = A^T y$  is unique, it means that

$$X_{LS} = \{x_{LS}\}$$

Above all,  $X_{LS} = \{x_{LS}\}$  if and only if  $\text{rank}(A) = n$