



# LINEAR ALGEBRA AND ITS APPLICATIONS

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## CLASS-2

### RECTANGULAR MATRICES WITH ORTHONORMAL COLUMNS

## Rectangular matrices with orthonormal columns

- If  $Q$  has orthonormal columns, the least-squares problem becomes easy.
- $Q^T Qx = Q^T b$  are the normal equations for the best solution -in which  $Q^T Q = I$ .
- $x = Q^T b$
- $p = Qx$  the projection of  $b$  is  $(q_1^T b)q_1 + \dots + (q_n^T b)q_n$
- $p = QQ^T b$ , the projection matrix is  $P = Q Q^T$ .

Special cases:-

1. If  $Q$  is a square matrix,  $\hat{x} = Q^T b$   
 $\hat{x} = Q^{-1} b$  [ $Q^T = Q^{-1}$ ]

2. If  $Q$  is a square matrix,  $P = Q \hat{x}$   
 $= Q Q^{-1} b$   
 $P = b$

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## Problems:



1. Project  $b = (0, 3, 0)$  onto each of the orthonormal

vectors  $a_1 = \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}\right)$ ,  $a_2 = \left(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$  & then find its

projection  $P$  onto the plane of  $a_1$  &  $a_2$ .

soln The Projection of  $b$  onto  $a_1$  is given by

$$P_1 = \left( \frac{a_1^T b}{a_1^T a_1} \right) a_1 \quad \text{but } a_1^T a_1 = \|a_1\|^2 = \sqrt{\frac{4}{9} + \frac{4}{9} + \frac{1}{9}} = 1$$

$$P_1 = \left( \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{3} \\ \frac{4}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\text{Similarly, } P_2 = \frac{(a_2^T b) a_2}{a_2^T a_2} = \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 \\ 4/3 \\ 4/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\therefore$   $P$  is the projection onto the plane containing

$a_1$  &  $a_2$  i.e.  $P = P_1 + P_2$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ 8/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 2:- Find a third column so that the matrix

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{4} & - \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 2/\sqrt{4} & - \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & -3/\sqrt{4} & - \end{bmatrix}$  is orthogonal. Verify that the rows automatically become orthonormal at the same time.

Ans:- By the definition of orthogonal matrix, first and second columns are orthogonal to the required third column. Let the third column be  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{14} & x \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 2/\sqrt{14} & y \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & -3/\sqrt{14} & z \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A^T c = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{z}{\sqrt{3}} = 0 \Rightarrow x + y + z = 0 \longrightarrow (1)$$

$$\text{Similarly, } b^T c = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{14} & 2/\sqrt{14} & -3/\sqrt{14} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 2y - 3z = 0 \longrightarrow (2)$$



Solving ① & ②,  $\{x, y, z\} = \{-5, 4, 1\}$

$\therefore Q = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \end{pmatrix}$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} & -\frac{5}{\sqrt{42}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}} & \frac{4}{\sqrt{42}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{42}} \end{bmatrix}$$

For the rows to be orthonormal, the norm must be equal to 1.

i.e.  $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{5}{\sqrt{42}}\right)^2 = 1$

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{42}}\right)^2 = 1$$

Q  $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-3}{\sqrt{14}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{42}}\right)^2 = 1$



**THANK YOU**

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