
MAT1120 - Assignment 2

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PROBLEM 1

Assume that $U = [\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n]$ is an $(n \times n)$ -matrix. Verify that U is **semi-orthogonal** if and only if $\mathbf{u}_j \neq \mathbf{0}$ for $j = 1, \dots, n$ and all the \mathbf{u}_j 's are orthogonal to each other. In other words, $\mathbf{u}_j \cdot \mathbf{u}_i = 0$ when $j \neq i$.

Definition. A quadratic matrix U is called **semi-orthogonal** if $U^T U$ is a **diagonal** matrix with only positive entries along the main diagonal.

Definition. A matrix U is called **diagonal** if U has non-zero entries only along the main diagonal.

We now want to show that the condition is both sufficient and necessary for the matrix to be **semi-orthogonal**.

Let us first form the matrix $B = U^T U$.

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_n \end{pmatrix} [\mathbf{u}_1 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{u}_n] = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_n \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{u}_n \cdot \mathbf{u}_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

Assume now that each column in U is orthogonal to all the other columns. We can then directly see that all the entries in B that are not along the main diagonal must be zero. It is now sufficient to show that the entries along the main diagonal must be strictly positive. Let $\mathbf{u} \in U$ be an arbitrary vector from U .

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = u_1^2 + \dots + u_n^2.$$

Each term is squared, thus $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}$ is strictly positive.

If we instead were to assume that each column in U was **not** orthogonal to the other columns, we can directly from the matrix B see that we get non-zero entries that are not along the main diagonal, which contradict the condition that B must be a diagonal matrix. We can then conclude that U is **semi-orthogonal** if and only if the columns of U are orthogonal, and not the zero vector.

Further assume that U is **semi-orthogonal** and let

$$\mathbf{u}'_j = \frac{1}{\mathbf{u}_j \cdot \mathbf{u}_j} \mathbf{u}_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, n.$$

Argue that U is invertible and that

$$U^{-1} = [\mathbf{u}'_1 \dots \mathbf{u}'_n]^T.$$

Let us look at the columns of U , $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$. If the set of columns is an orthogonal set of non-zero vectors then the set is linearly independent. Since we assumed that U is **semi-orthogonal**, then it follows that the set of columns is linearly independent.

By the Invertible Matrix Theorem, U is invertible.

We now want to show that the inverse of U is as given above. Let us check if $UU^{-1} = I$.

$$UU^{-1} = [\mathbf{u}_1 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{u}_n] \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}'_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}'_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}'_1 & \dots & \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}'_n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_n \cdot \mathbf{u}'_1 & \dots & \mathbf{u}_n \cdot \mathbf{u}'_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Let $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}' \in \{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$.

- $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}' = 1$
- $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}' = 0$

We have that $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$ only along the main diagonal, therefore $UU^{-1} = I$.

PROBLEM 2

Divide $[0, \pi]$ into 3 intervals of length $\frac{\pi}{3}$ and let t_1, t_2 and t_3 be the midpoints of these intervals. Let

$$C_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cos(t_1) & \cos(2t_1) \\ 1 & \cos(t_2) & \cos(2t_2) \\ 1 & \cos(t_3) & \cos(2t_3) \end{bmatrix} \quad S_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(t_1) & \sin(2t_1) & \sin(3t_1) \\ \sin(t_2) & \sin(2t_2) & \sin(3t_2) \\ \sin(t_3) & \sin(2t_3) & \sin(3t_3) \end{bmatrix}$$

Plugging in the values of t_1, t_2 and t_3 gives:

$$C_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad S_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

These two matrices are ***semi-orthogonal*** because $C_3^T C_3$ and $S_3^T S_3$ are diagonal matrices with only positive entries along the main diagonal.

$$C_3^T C_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad S_3^T S_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Based on this we know that the inverses of these matrices are given by $U^{-1} = [\mathbf{u}'_1 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{u}'_n]^T$
This gives us the inverses:

$$C_3^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} & 0 & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} \quad S_3^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} & 0 & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$