

Chapter 4:

Four Subspaces, Projections, Least Squares, QR Decomposition

1. Basis

Definition: Linearly independent vectors that span the space.

Notes: The bases are not unique.

Example:

- (1) The pivot columns of A are a basis for its column space.
- (2) What about the basis for row space of A ?
- (3) Fourier series

2. Orthogonality of subspaces

Definition: Two subspaces V and W of a vector space are orthogonal if every vector v in V is perpendicular to every vector w in W .

Notes: If V and W are to be orthogonal, $\dim(V) + \dim(W) \leq$ dimension of whole space; if V and W are orthogonal complements, the equality holds. (V 's orthogonal complement is denoted by V^\perp)

Exercise(Strang 4.1-28c) True or False: Two subspaces that meet only in the zero vector are orthogonal.

Exercise(Strang 4.1-14, 15)

- (a) Find a vector in the column space of both matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 6 & 3 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hint: This will be a vector $A\mathbf{x}$ and also $B\mathbf{x}$. Think 3 by 4 with the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} A & B \end{bmatrix}$.

- (b) Extend the column space that A spans to a p -dimensional subspace V and a q -dimensional subspace W of \mathbf{R}^n . What inequality on $p+q$ guarantees that V intersects W in a nonzero vector? (These subspaces cannot be orthogonal.)

3. The Big Picture of 4 subspaces

Exercise(Strang 4.1-14, 28b, modified)

The subspace spanned by $(1,1,0,0,0)$ and $(0,0,0,1,1)$ is the orthogonal complement of the subspace spanned by $(1,-1,0,0,0)$ and $(2,-2,3,4,-4)$.

- (a) Is the statement true or false?
- (b) If false, find the correct basis for the orthogonal complement.

Exercise(Strang 4.1-5) If $Ax = b$ has a solution and $A^T = 0$, is $y^T x = 0$ or $y^T b = 0$?

4. Projection onto a subspace: $A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b$

Problem: project b onto the column space of A (subspace spanned by the independent columns of A).

The projection matrix that does this action of "projection" is $P = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$;

The projection is $p = Pb = A\hat{x}$

Notes:

When A is an orthogonal matrix Q , $p = Q\hat{x}$, $\hat{x} = Q^T b$, $p = QQ^T b = q_1(q_1^T b) + \dots + q_n(q_n^T b)$
(When Q is square, then $QQ^T = I$, one can further simplify $p = b$)

5. The Gram-Schmidt Process and QR decomposition

- (a) Key point for simplifying calculation using orthonormal matrix: $Q^T Q = I$.
When Q is square, its transpose is its inverse (orthogonal matrix): $Q^T = Q^{-1}$

Notes: One more good property that might come in handy: $\|Qx\| = \|x\|$

Exercises (Strang 4.4-3)

- (a) If A has three orthogonal columns each of length 4, what is $A^T A$?
(b) If A has three orthogonal columns each of length 1, 2, 3, what is $A^T A$?

- (b) The Gram-Schmidt Process

Notes: During calculation, check if the new vector is perpendicular to the ones found before.

- (c) QR decomposition: $A = QR$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} q_1^T a & q_1^T b & q_1^T c \\ q_2^T a & q_2^T b & q_2^T c \\ q_3^T a & q_3^T b & q_3^T c \end{bmatrix}$$

Least square equation can be simplified to $R\hat{x} = Q^T b$ or $\hat{x} = R^{-1} Q^T b$

Exercises (Strang 4.4-11):

Which point is closest to $(1,0,0,0)$ on the plane spanned by two vectors $a = (1, 3, 4, 5, 7)$ and $b = (-6, 6, 8, 0, 8)$

Exercises (Strang 4.4-36):

If A is m by n with rank n , MATLAB's code `qr(A)` produces $(m \text{ by } m)(m \text{ by } n)$,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} Q_1 & Q_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The n columns of Q_1 are an orthonormal basis for which fundamental subspace? The $m-n$ columns of Q_2 are an orthonormal basis for which fundamental subspace?