

2017 Fall EE203001 Linear Algebra - Homework 3 solution

Due: 2017/11/10

1. (10%) Suppose \mathbf{S} is spanned by the vectors $(1, 2, 1, 4)$ and $(1, 3, 3, 4)$. Find two vectors that span \mathbf{S}^\perp . This is the same as solving $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ for which A ?

Solution:
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

Let $x_3 = c_1$ and $x_4 = c_2$. Then $x_1 = 3c_1 - 4c_2$ and $x_2 = -2c_1$.

$$S^\perp = c_1(3, -2, 1, 0) + c_2(-4, 0, 0, 1)$$

S^\perp is spanned by $(3, -2, 1, 0)$ and $(-4, 0, 0, 1)$.

2. (10%) Project the vector \mathbf{b} onto \mathbf{a} to find \mathbf{p} . Let $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{p}$ and show that \mathbf{e} is perpendicular to \mathbf{a} .

(a) $\mathbf{b} = (1, 2, 3)$, $\mathbf{a} = (1, 0, 1)$.

(b) $\mathbf{b} = (1, 3, 5, 7)$, $\mathbf{a} = (0, 1, 0, 1)$.

Solution:

(a) $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b}}{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a}}$, $\mathbf{p} = \hat{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{a}$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1+3}{1+1} = 2, \mathbf{p} = 2\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{p} = (1, 2, 3) - (2, 0, 2) = (-1, 2, 1)$$

$$\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{a} = -1 \times 1 + 2 \times 0 + 1 \times 1 = 0$$

(b) $\mathbf{p} = 5\mathbf{a}$, $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{p} = (1, 3, 5, 7) - (0, 5, 0, 5) = (1, -2, 5, 2)$

$$\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{a} = 0 \times 0 - 2 \times 1 + 5 \times 0 + 2 \times 1 = 0$$

3. (12%) Project $\mathbf{b} = (0, 2, 8, 20)$ onto the line $\mathbf{a} = (2, 1, 1, 2)$. Find

(a) $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = ?$

(b) Projection $\mathbf{p} = ?$

(c) Is $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{p}$ perpendicular \mathbf{a} ? Please explain it.

(d) $\|\mathbf{e}\|$

Solution:

(a) $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} / \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a} = 5$

(b) Projection $\mathbf{p} = \hat{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{a} = (10, 5, 5, 10)$

(c) Yes, $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{p} = (-10, -3, 3, 10)$, $\mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{a} = 0$

(d) $\|\mathbf{e}\| = \sqrt{218}$

4. (8%) Let $b = C + Dt$ be closest line to the points $(b, t) = (1, 2), (13, 4),$ and $(11, 3)$. Find the least squares solution $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (C, D)$.

Solution:

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 13 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} = b.$$

$$\text{The solution } \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ comes from } A^T A \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 5 & 29 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 25 \\ 83 \end{bmatrix} = A^T b$$

5. (10%) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

(a) Find a basis for the null space of A .

(b) Given $\mathbf{x} = [2 \ 3 \ -1]^T$, split it into a row space component \mathbf{x}_r and \mathbf{x}_n .

Solution:

$$(a) A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x + z = 0 \\ y + z = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Let } z = c \rightarrow \begin{cases} x = -c \\ y = -c \end{cases} \rightarrow N(A) = \left\{ c \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a basis for } N(A)$$

$$(b) \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_n + \mathbf{x}_r = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ the projection of } \mathbf{x} \text{ onto the } \mathbf{v} \text{ (Null space of } A) \text{ is } \mathbf{x}_n$$

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \frac{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|^2} \mathbf{v} = \frac{6}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{x}_r = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

6. (12%) If A is a matrix and W^\perp is the orthogonal complement of a vector set W , which of the following are false? Why?

(a) W^\perp is always a subspace.

(b) $C(A)^\perp = C(A^T)$

(c) $C(A) = N(A)^\perp$

(d) $C(A)^\perp = N(A^T)$

Solution:

(a):

Let $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \in \mathbf{W}^\perp$, $\mathbf{v}_1 \perp \mathbf{W}$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 \perp \mathbf{W}$.

For any $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{W}$,

$$\vec{0}^T \mathbf{w} = 0 \rightarrow \vec{0} \in W^\perp$$

For any $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{W}$,

$$(\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2)^T \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{v}_2^T \mathbf{w} = 0 + 0$$

For any scalar c ,

$$(c\mathbf{v})^T \mathbf{w} = c(\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{w}) = c \cdot 0$$

So \mathbf{W}^\perp is a subspace.

(b), (c):

$$C(A)^\perp = N(A^T)$$

$$C(A) = N(A^T)^\perp$$

$$C(A^T)^\perp = N(A)$$

$$C(A^T) = N(A)^\perp$$

7. (8%) What linear combination of $(-1, 1, 1)$ and $(1, -1, 2)$ is closest to $\mathbf{b} = (3, -1, 7)$?

Solution:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^T A \hat{x} = A^T \mathbf{b}$$

$$\rightarrow \hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = A\hat{x} + \mathbf{e}$$

8. (10%) Suppose A is the 4 by 4 identity matrix with its last column removed. A is 4 by 3. Project $\mathbf{b} = (1, 3, 4, 2)$ onto the column space of A . What shape is the projection matrix P and what is P ?

Solution:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, P = \text{square matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{p} = P\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

9. (10%) Consider the matrix

$$P = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Show that the length squared of column 2 equals P_{22} . Prove that the relation is true for any column n of P and P_{nn} . (Hint: use the properties of projection matrices).

Solution:

The length squared of column 2 is $\frac{4}{36} + \frac{4}{36} + \frac{4}{36} = \frac{2}{6} = P_{22}$.

Using the properties $P^T = P$ and $P^2 = P$, We have $P^T P = P$ so that for P : $(\text{column } n)^T (\text{column } n) = P_{nn}$.

10. (10%) Please prove the statement: If $A^T A\mathbf{x} = 0$, then $A\mathbf{x} = 0$ by examine which subspaces $A\mathbf{x}$ shall fall into.

Solution:

If $A^T A\mathbf{x} = 0$, $A\mathbf{x}$ shall fall into the left nullspace of A . And clearly $A\mathbf{x}$ falls into the column space of A . The conclusion can be made that $A\mathbf{x}$ falls into both subspaces being perpendicular to each other only if $A\mathbf{x} = 0$.