

Preparation problems for the discussion sections on November 4th and 6th

1. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the least squares solution  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

*Solution:* We first calculate  $A^T A$  and  $A^T \mathbf{b}$ :

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix},$$

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

Now we have to solve

$$\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

It is easy to check that then

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}.$$

2. A scientist tries to find the relation between the mysterious quantities  $x$  and  $y$ . She measures the following values:

$x$		1		2		3		4
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$y$		2		5		9		17

- (i) Suppose that  $y$  is a linear function of the form  $a + bx$ . Set up the system of equations to find the coefficients  $a$  and  $b$ .
- (ii) Find the best estimate for the coefficients.
- (iii) Same question if we suppose that  $y$  is a quadratic function of the form  $a + bx + cx^2$ .

*Solution: a.* We set up the equation as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 9 \\ 17 \end{bmatrix}.$$

b. We calculate

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 10 \\ 10 & 30 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 9 \\ 17 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 9 \\ 17 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 33 \\ 107 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now we solve

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 4 & 10 & 33 \\ 10 & 30 & 107 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R2 \rightarrow R2 - 2.5R1} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 4 & 10 & 33 \\ 0 & 5 & 24.5 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R1 \rightarrow R1 - 2R2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 4 & 0 & -16 \\ 0 & 5 & 24.5 \end{array} \right].$$

Hence  $a = -4$  and  $b = 4.9$ .

c. We set up the equation as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \\ 1 & 4 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 9 \\ 17 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We calculate

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \\ 1 & 4 & 16 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \\ 1 & 4 & 16 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \\ 1 & 4 & 16 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 10 & 30 \\ 10 & 30 & 100 \\ 30 & 100 & 354 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \\ 1 & 4 & 16 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 9 \\ 17 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 9 \\ 17 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 33 \\ 107 \\ 375 \end{bmatrix}.$$

One can row reduce

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & 10 & 30 & 33 \\ 10 & 30 & 100 & 107 \\ 30 & 100 & 354 & 375 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2.25 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1.35 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1.25 \end{array} \right].$$

So  $a = 2.25$ ,  $b = -1.35$  and  $c = 1.25$ .

3. The system of the equations  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  with

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix},$$

is not consistent.

- (i) Find the least squares solution  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  for the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .
- (ii) Determine the least squares line for the data points  $(-1, 5), (0, 0), (1, 5), (2, 10)$ .

Solution:

- (i) We first calculate  $A^T A$  and  $A^T \mathbf{b}$ :

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$A^T \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 20 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now we have to solve

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 20 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We have

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 4 & 2 & 20 \\ 2 & 6 & 20 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R2 \rightarrow R2 - 1/2R1} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 4 & 2 & 20 \\ 0 & 5 & 10 \end{array} \right].$$

Hence,

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(ii) Denoting the least squares line as  $y = ax + b$ , we have to find  $\begin{bmatrix} b \\ a \end{bmatrix}$  so that  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b \\ a \end{bmatrix}$  is the closest possible value to  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$ . From the first part,  $\begin{bmatrix} b \\ a \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Hence, the least squares line is  $y = ax + b = 2x + 4$ .

4. Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Using Gram-Schmidt, find an orthonormal basis for  $W = \text{Span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3)$ , using  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_3$ .

*Solution:* Set

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \frac{\mathbf{v}_1}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}{\left\| \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\|} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{\mathbf{v}_2 - (\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2)\mathbf{u}_1}{\|\mathbf{v}_2 - (\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2)\mathbf{u}_1\|} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \left( \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}}{\left\| \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \left( \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix} \right\|} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}}{\left\| \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \right\|} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{u}_3 &= \frac{\mathbf{v}_3 - (\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3)\mathbf{u}_1 - (\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3)\mathbf{u}_2}{\|\mathbf{v}_3 - (\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3)\mathbf{u}_1 - (\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3)\mathbf{u}_2\|} \\
 &= \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} - \left( \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix} - \left( \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{bmatrix}}{\left\| \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} - \left( \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix} - \left( \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{bmatrix} \right\|} \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $W$ .

5. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (i) Calculate  $A^T A$ . What does this tell you about the columns of  $A$ ?
- (ii) Find an orthonormal basis  $\{q_1, q_2\}$  for  $\text{Col}(A)$  (starting with the columns of  $A$ !). Put  $Q = [q_1 \ q_2]$ . What is  $Q^{-1}$ ?

*Solution:*

- (i) We have:

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since only entries on the main diagonal are nonzero, columns of  $A$  are orthogonal to each other.

- (ii) Since we already know that columns of  $A$  are orthogonal to each other, to find an orthonormal basis for  $\text{Col}(A)$  it is enough to divide each column by its length. Hence: (note that for non-zero vectors, orthogonality implies linear independence)

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$Q$  is an orthogonal matrix, so:

$$Q^{-1} = Q^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

6. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the QR decomposition of  $A$ : write  $A = QR$  where  $Q$  is a matrix with orthonormal columns and  $R$  is an upper triangular matrix.

*Solution:* Let  $W$  be the column space of  $A$ . Then  $W = \text{span}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ . By applying the Gram-Schmidt process to these vectors, we have:

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \frac{\mathbf{v}_1}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}{\left\| \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\|} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{\mathbf{v}_2 - (\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2)\mathbf{u}_1}{\|\mathbf{v}_2 - (\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2)\mathbf{u}_1\|} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \left(\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}}{\left\| \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \left(\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \right\|} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}}{\left\| \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \right\|} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_3 &= \frac{\mathbf{v}_3 - (\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3)\mathbf{u}_1 - (\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3)\mathbf{u}_2}{\|\mathbf{v}_3 - (\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3)\mathbf{u}_1 - (\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3)\mathbf{u}_2\|} \\ &= \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \left(\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} - \left(\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}}{\left\| \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \left(\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} - \left(\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \right\|} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by using the Gram-Schmidt process we get the following orthonormal basis for  $W = \text{Col}(A)$ :

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Then set

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now we determine  $R$ . We have:

$$R = Q^T A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Check that  $A = QR$ .

[Note that it is not really necessary to compute this matrix product to find  $R$ . Can you see how all entries of  $R$  have occurred as inner products during Gram-Schmidt?]

7. Let

$$Q_\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix},$$

the matrix for rotation over  $\theta$  (counter clockwise).

- (i) Calculate  $Q_\theta^T Q_\theta$ . What does this tell you about the columns of  $Q_\theta$ ?
- (ii) What is  $Q_\theta^{-1}$ ? Express  $Q_\theta^{-1}$  in terms of another rotation matrix  $Q_\alpha$ .
- (iii) Show that if  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$  then the vector  $\mathbf{x}$  and the rotated vector  $Q_\theta \mathbf{x}$  have the same length.

*Solution:*

(i) We have:

$$Q_\theta^T Q_\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

This shows that the columns of  $Q_\theta$  form an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

- (ii) By the first part, we have  $Q_\theta^{-1} = Q_\theta^T = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$ . It is easy to see that the inverse of the rotation by  $\theta$  is the rotation by  $-\theta$ , therefore:

$$Q_\theta^{-1} = Q_{-\theta}$$

(iii) We have:

$$Q_\theta \mathbf{x} = Q_\theta \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \cos \theta - b \sin \theta \\ a \sin \theta + b \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{length}(Q_\theta \mathbf{x}) &= \sqrt{(a \cos \theta - b \sin \theta)^2 + (a \sin \theta + b \cos \theta)^2} = \sqrt{a^2(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) + b^2(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)} \\ &= \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \text{length}(\mathbf{x}) \end{aligned}$$

8. Let  $P$  be a permutation matrix, so each row and each column has a single non zero entry 1. Write  $P = [P_1 \ P_2 \ \dots \ P_n]$ .

- (i) What is the dot product between the columns of  $P$ : what is  $P_i \cdot P_j$ ?
- (ii) What is  $P^{-1}$ ?

*Solution:*

- (i) We have  $P_i \cdot P_j = 0$  if  $i \neq j$  and  $P_i \cdot P_i = 1$ . This is because the columns of  $P$  are the standard basis vectors of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  in a different order.
- (ii) From the first part, we know that columns of  $P$  form an orthonormal basis, i.e.,  $P$  is orthogonal. Hence, we have:

$$P^{-1} = P^T$$