

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 $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$.

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
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 $a + bx + cx^2$.

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 $(-1, 5), (0, 0), (1, 5), (2, 10)$.

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 .

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} ?

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.

7. Let

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

the matrix for rotation over θ (counter clockwise).

(i) Calculate $Q_\theta^T Q_\theta$. What does this tell you about the columns of Q_θ ?

(ii) What is Q_θ^{-1} ? Express Q_θ^{-1} in terms of another rotation matrix Q_α .

(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.

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} ?