

Homework Assignment No. 3
Due 10:10am, April 19, 2013

Reading: Strang, Chapter 4, Section 8.5.

Problems for Solution:

1. Do Problem 17 of Problem Set 4.1 in p. 204 of Strang.
2. (This problem counts double.) Consider

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Find a basis for the orthogonal complement of the row space of \mathbf{A} .
- (b) Find the projection matrix \mathbf{P}_C onto the column space of \mathbf{A} .
- (c) Find the projection matrix \mathbf{P}_R onto the row space of \mathbf{A} .
- (d) Given $\mathbf{x} = (1, 2, 3)$, find \mathbf{x}_r and \mathbf{x}_n such that $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_r + \mathbf{x}_n$, where \mathbf{x}_r is in the row space of \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{x}_n is in the nullspace of \mathbf{A} .
- (e) Given

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

in the column space of \mathbf{A} , find a vector \mathbf{x}_r in the row space of \mathbf{A} such that

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

3. (a) Find the best least squares fit by a plane $y = C + Dt + Ez$ to the four points

$$y = 3 \text{ at } t = 1, z = 1 \quad y = 6 \text{ at } t = 0, z = 3$$

$$y = 5 \text{ at } t = 2, z = 1 \quad y = 0 \text{ at } t = 0, z = 0.$$

- (b) Show that the best least squares fit to a set of measurements y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m by a horizontal line—in other words, by a constant function $y = C$ —is their average

$$C = \frac{y_1 + y_2 + \cdots + y_m}{m}.$$

(In statistical terms, the choice \bar{y} that minimizes the error $E^2 = (y_1 - y)^2 + (y_2 - y)^2 + \cdots + (y_m - y)^2$ is the *mean* of the sample, and the resulting E^2 is the *variance* σ^2 .)

4. Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Show that the partial derivatives of $\|\mathbf{Ax}\|^2$ with respect to x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n fill the vector $2\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Ax}$.
- (b) Show that the partial derivatives of $2\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{Ax}$ fill the vector $2\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$.
- (c) Show that the partial derivatives of $\|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|^2$ are zero when $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$.

5. Suppose \mathbf{I} is the n by n identity matrix and \mathbf{u} is an n by 1 unit vector, i.e., $\|\mathbf{u}\| = 1$. Consider the matrix $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I} - 2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T$.

- (a) Show that \mathbf{Q} is an orthogonal matrix. (It is a reflection, also known as a *Householder transformation*.)
- (b) Show that $\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{u}$.
- (c) Find $\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{v}$ when \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{u} are orthogonal.

6. Consider

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Apply the Gram-Schmidt process to find an orthonormal basis for the column space of \mathbf{A} .
- (b) Write \mathbf{A} as \mathbf{QR} .

7. Consider the vector space $C[-1, 1]$, the space of all real-valued continuous functions on $[-1, 1]$, with inner product defined by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x) dx.$$

- (a) Find an orthonormal basis for the subspace spanned by 1, x , and x^2 .
- (b) Find the best least squares approximation to x^3 on $[-1, 1]$ by a quadratic function $C + Dx + Ex^2$.