

EE5120 Linear Algebra: Tutorial 5, July-Dec 2017-18

1. (a) Suppose  $\mathcal{S} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  is a set of non-zero orthogonal vectors, then prove that  $\mathcal{S}$  is linearly independent.  
*Hint: Prove by contradiction.*
- (b) Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space with  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k\}$  being its orthonormal basis vectors. If for some  $\mathbf{v} \in V$ , we have  $\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \mathbf{u}_i$ , then find an expression for the scalars  $a_i$ 's in terms of  $\mathbf{u}_i$ 's and  $\mathbf{v}$ .  
*Hint: Multiply with  $\mathbf{u}_i$ 's & observe.*
- (c) Using Gram-Schmidt procedure find orthonormal vectors  $\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2$  and  $\mathbf{q}_3$  corresponding to the vectors  $[1 \ 1 \ 0]^T, [1 \ 0 \ 1]^T$  and  $[0 \ 1 \ 1]^T$ .  
*Hint: Follow the procedure.*
- (d) Suppose  $\mathcal{S} = \{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$  is a set of  $n \times 1$  orthonormal vectors. Prove that Gram-Schmidt procedure when applied to  $\mathcal{S}$  leads to  $\mathcal{S}$  itself. Further if  $\mathbf{a}_i$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  column of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , then show that  $\mathbf{R}$  matrix in the  $QR$ -factorization of  $\mathbf{A}$  is an identity matrix.  
*Hint: Mathematical induction.*

**Solution:**

- (a) Assume that  $\mathcal{S}$  is linearly dependent. Then there exists scalars  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  s.t.  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{0}$ , with not all scalars being equal to zero. Now,  $\mathbf{v}_1^T (\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{v}_i) = \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow a_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{0}$ . The above equation is due to orthogonality between  $\mathbf{v}_i$ 's. Since  $\mathbf{v}_i$ 's are non-zero  $\mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_1 > 0 \Rightarrow a_1 = 0$ . By this procedure, we can obtain that  $a_i = 0, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Arrived at a contradiction. Thus, our assumption is incorrect  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{S}$  is linearly independent.
- (b) For some  $i = 1, \dots, k, \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{u}_i = \sum_{j=1}^k a_j \mathbf{u}_j^T \mathbf{u}_i = a_i \mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{u}_i = a_i \cdot 1 = a_i$ . Thus,  $a_i = \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{u}_i, \forall i = 1, \dots, k$ .
- (c) The orthonormal vectors are:  $[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \ 0]^T, [\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \ 0]^T$  and  $[0 \ 0 \ 1]^T$ .
- (d) Let  $\{\mathbf{q}_i\}_{i=1}^n$  be the result of Gram-Schmidt procedure. We prove the result by mathematical induction on the  $i$ . For  $i = 1, \mathbf{q}_1$  is equal to  $\mathbf{a}_1$  since  $\mathbf{a}_1$  is s.t.  $\mathbf{a}_1^T \mathbf{a}_1 = 1$ . Hence the result holds true for  $i = 1$ . Let it hold true for first  $i - 1$  vectors, i.e.,  $\mathbf{q}_j = \mathbf{a}_j, \forall j = 1, \dots, i - 1$ . In the  $i^{\text{th}}$  step of Gram-Schmidt algorithm,  $\mathbf{q}_i = \mathbf{a}_i - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{q}_k \mathbf{q}_k = \mathbf{a}_i - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} (\mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{a}_k) \mathbf{a}_k = \mathbf{a}_i - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} (0) \mathbf{a}_k = \mathbf{a}_i$  [By orthogonality of  $\mathbf{a}_j$ 's]. Thus, it is true for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Further,  $\mathbf{R}$  matrix in  $QR$ -factorization of  $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \dots \ \mathbf{a}_n]$  is an upper triangular matrix whose non-zero entries are  $[\mathbf{R}]_{ij} = \mathbf{q}_i^T \mathbf{a}_j, i, j = 1, \dots, n$  and  $j \geq i$ . Hence,  $[\mathbf{R}]_{ij} = \mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{a}_j = 1$ , if  $i = j$  and zero if  $i \neq j$ . Thus,  $\mathbf{R}$  is an  $n \times n$  identity matrix.

2. (a) Suppose  $V$  is a vector space and  $W$  is a sub-space. If  $U = \{\mathbf{v} \in V \mid \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{w} = 0, \forall \mathbf{w} \in W\}$ , prove that  $U$  is a sub-space.
- (b) Let  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is s.t.  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u} = 1$  and  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I} - 2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T$ , where  $\mathbf{I}$  is an  $n \times n$  identity matrix.
  - (i) Prove that  $\mathbf{Q}$  is an orthogonal matrix.

(ii) If  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is s.t.  $\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w}$ , compute the relation between  $\mathbf{w}$  and  $\mathbf{u}$ .

Hint: Just follow the actual definitions.

**Solution:**

(a) Since  $\mathbf{0}^T \mathbf{w} = 0, \forall \mathbf{w} \in W, \mathbf{0} \in U$ . Suppose  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in U$ , then  $\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{w} = 0 = \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{w}, \forall \mathbf{w} \in W$ . Now,  $(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})^T \mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{w}) = 0 + 0 = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} \in U$ . Lastly, if  $\mathbf{a} \in U \Rightarrow \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{w} = 0, \forall \mathbf{w} \in W$ , then for any scalar  $c, (c\mathbf{a})^T \mathbf{w} = c^T \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{w} = c \cdot 0 = 0 \Rightarrow c\mathbf{a} \in U$ . Hence,  $U$  is a sub-space.

(b) (i) Note that  $\mathbf{Q}^T = (\mathbf{I} - 2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T)^T = \mathbf{I}^T - 2(\mathbf{u}^T)^T \mathbf{u}^T = \mathbf{Q}$ . Thus,  $\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{Q}^T = \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{I} - 2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T)(\mathbf{I} - 2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T) = \mathbf{I} - 2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T - 2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T + 4\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T = \mathbf{I} - 4\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T + 4\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u})\mathbf{u}^T = \mathbf{I} - 4\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T + 4\mathbf{u}(1)\mathbf{u}^T = \mathbf{I}$ .

(b)  $\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w} - 2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w} \Rightarrow \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{w} = 0$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{w}$  should be orthogonal to  $\mathbf{u}$ .

3. (a) Square the matrix  $P = \mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^T / (\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a})$ , which projects onto a line, and show that  $P^2 = P$ .

Hint: Note the number  $\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a}$  in the middle of the matrix  $\mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^T$ .

(b) Find the matrix  $P$  that projects every vector  $b$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  onto the line in the direction of  $a$  and the projection  $p$ . Check that error  $e = b - p$  is perpendicular to  $a$  for the following:

(i)  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $a = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  (ii)  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $a = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Hint:  $e^T a = 0$  and show that  $e^T a = 0$ .

(c) Is the projection matrix  $P$  invertible? Why or why not?

Hint: Use the rank of  $P$  matrix to support your statement.

**Solution:**

(a)  $P^2 = [\mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^T / (\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a})] \times [\mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^T / (\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a})] = \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a})\mathbf{a}^T / [(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a})] = \mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^T / (\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a}) = P$ .  
( $\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a}$  is a scalar)

(b) (i)  $P = \frac{1}{14} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 6 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}, p = Pb = \frac{1}{14} \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 6 \\ 18 \end{bmatrix}, e = \frac{1}{14} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 8 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix},$

and  $e^T a = \frac{1}{14} [ 2 \ 8 \ -4 ] \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$ .

(ii)  $P = \frac{1}{11} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 3 & 9 & -3 \\ -1 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, p = Pb = \frac{1}{11} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 12 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}, e = \frac{1}{11} \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 21 \\ 70 \end{bmatrix},$

and  $e^T a = \frac{1}{11} [ 7 \ 21 \ 70 ] \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$ .

(c) We have proved in tutorial4, that  $\text{rank}(AB) \leq \min(\text{rank}(A), \text{rank}(B))$ .

So,  $\text{rank}(P) \leq \min(\text{rank}(a), \text{rank}(a^T)) \leq 1$ . As matrix  $P$  is not a full rank matrix. It is not invertible.

4. A Middle-Aged man was stretched on a rack to lengths  $L = 5, 6,$  and  $7$  feet under applied forces of  $F = 1, 2,$  and  $4$  tons. Assuming Hooke's law  $L = a + bF$ , find his normal length  $a$  by least squares.

*Hint:* Least square solution of  $Ax = y$  is  $\hat{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T y$ . Find  $A, x,$  and  $b$  in the problem.

**Solution:**  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$  which is of the form  $Ax = y$ .

Least square solution is given by:

$$(A^T A)^{-1} A^T y = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 7 & 21 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{14} \begin{bmatrix} 21 & -7 \\ -7 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 18 \\ 45 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{14} \begin{bmatrix} 63 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{14} \begin{bmatrix} 63 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ So, The normal length } a \text{ by least squares is } 4.5 \text{ feet.}$$

5. Let  $\mathbf{W} = \text{span}(\{(i, 0, 1)\})$  be some subspace in a complex-valued vector space of dimension 3. Find orthonormal bases for  $\mathbf{W}$  and  $\mathbf{W}^\perp$ .

*Hint:* Treat complex-valued vector as any other vector and apply orthogonality principle.

**Solution:** Since vector space  $\mathbf{W}$  is spanned by a single vector,  $\dim(\mathbf{W}) = 1$ . After normalizing, we get orthonormal basis for  $\mathbf{W}$  as  $\{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(i, 0, 1)\}$ . To find a basis for  $\mathbf{W}^\perp$  is to find a basis for null space of the following system of equations,

$$(a, b, c) \cdot (i, 0, 1) = ai + c = 0$$

Thus,  $ai = -c$ . Now, the basis would be  $\{(i, 0, -1), (0, 1, 0)\}$ . Notice that, they are already orthogonal ! Finally, normalizing to get orthonormal basis for  $\mathbf{W}^\perp$  as,

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(i, 0, -1), (0, 1, 0) \right\}$$

6. Find the parabola  $C + Dt + Et^2$  that comes closest to the values  $\mathbf{b} = (0, 0, 1, 0, 0)$  at the times  $t = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$ .

*Hint:* Here, best parabola is symmetric about time  $t$ . This directly tells about value of  $D$ .

**Solution:** The five equations  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  have a rectangular 'Vandermonde' matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ ,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 10 \\ 0 & 10 & 0 \\ 10 & 0 & 34 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that, column 2 of  $A$  is orthogonal to column 1 and 3. The best  $C, D, E$  in parabola comes from  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$  and  $D$  is uncoupled because its the coefficient of symmetric

parameter  $t$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 10 \\ 0 & 10 & 0 \\ 10 & 0 & 34 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \\ E \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

leads to  $C = 34/70, E = -10/70$  and  $D = 0$  (as predicted).

7. If  $\mathbf{T}$  is a linear transformation on a vector space  $\mathbf{V}$  such that  $\|\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x})\| = \|\mathbf{x}\|$  for  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{V}$ , prove that it is one to one

*Hint: What happens when  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{T})$ , where  $\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{T})$  is the null space of  $\mathbf{T}$ ?*

**Solution:**  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{T}) \Rightarrow \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$ . Given  $\|\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x})\| = \|\mathbf{x}\| \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x})\| = \|\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{0}\| = 0$ . Possible iff  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . i.e,  $\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{T}) = \{0\}$  hence  $\mathbf{T}$  is one to one

8. Let  $\mathbf{V}$  be an inner product space and define for each pair of vectors  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$ , the scalar  $\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|$ , called distance between  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$ . Prove for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in \mathbf{V}$  that

- (a)  $\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \geq 0$
- (b)  $\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{d}(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x})$
- (c)  $\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \leq \mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) + \mathbf{d}(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y})$
- (d)  $\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) = 0$
- (e)  $\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \neq 0$  if  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y}$

*Hint: Use the definitions*

**Solution:**

- (a) norm of a vector is non negative
- (b)  $\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| = \|(-1)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})\| = \|(-1)(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x})\| = \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\| = \mathbf{d}(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x})$
- (c)  $\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| = \|(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}) + (\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{y})\| \leq \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\| + \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{y}\| = \mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) + \mathbf{d}(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y})$   
by triangular inequality
- (d)  $\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{0}\| = 0$
- (e) Let  $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{z}, \|\mathbf{z}\| = 0$  iff  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$

9. The fundamental theorem is often stated in the form of *Fredholms alternative*: For any  $A$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ , one and only one of the following systems has a solution:

- (i)  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  (or)
- (ii)  $A^T\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$  with  $\mathbf{y}^T\mathbf{b} \neq 0$ .

Either  $\mathbf{b}$  is in the column space  $C(A)$  or there is a  $\mathbf{y}$  in  $N(A^T)$  such that  $\mathbf{y}^T\mathbf{b} \neq 0$ . Show that it is contradictory for (i) and (ii) both to have solutions.

*Hint: Proof by contradiction. Start by expressing  $\mathbf{0}$  as  $\mathbf{0}^T\mathbf{x}$ .*

**Solution:** *Method 1:* Suppose we have both  $\mathbf{x}$  satisfies (i) and  $\mathbf{y}$  satisfies (ii), then  $0 = \mathbf{0}^T \mathbf{x} = (A^T \mathbf{y})^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}^T (A \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{b} \neq 0$ .

Therefore either only (i) has a solution or only (ii) has a solution.

*Method 2:*  $C(A)$  and  $N(A^T)$  are orthogonal complements in  $R^m$  and  $C(A^T)$  (row space of  $A$ ) and  $N(A)$  are orthogonal complements in  $R^n$ . Now consider the system  $A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ . If  $\mathbf{b}$  is in  $C(A)$ , then a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  can be found to satisfy this equation. If  $C(A) = R^m$  (i.e.  $\text{rank}(A) = m$ ), then there is at least one solution  $\mathbf{x}$  for any  $\mathbf{b}$ . This would also imply that  $N(A^T)$  was empty so there could not be a (non-trivial) solution to  $A^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$ . So either there is a solution to  $A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  or to  $A^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$ . Now given that  $N(A^T)$  and  $C(A)$  are orthogonal complements, then it is also true that  $A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution if and only if  $\mathbf{b}$  is not in  $N(A^T)$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{b} = 0$ .

10. Why is each of these statements false?

- (a)  $(1,1,1)$  is perpendicular to  $(1,1,-2)$ , so the planes  $x + y + z = 0$  and  $x + y - 2z = 0$  are orthogonal subspaces.

*Hint: Check dimensions of the subspaces.*

- (b) 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  $(2,-2,3,4,-4)$ .

*Hint: Check dimensions of the subspaces.*

- (c) Two subspaces that meet only in the zero vector are orthogonal.

*Hint: Take a simple example in 2D space to disprove.*

**Solution:**

- (a) Two planes in 3D can not be orthogonal to each other as the sum of their dimensions is greater than 3. (Note that perpendicularity does not automatically imply orthogonality.) These 2 planes meet at a line and if you take any 2 vectors on that line, they are not orthogonal to each other. Orthogonality requires that *every* vector in one subspace be orthogonal to *every* vector in the other subspace.
- (b) The first subspace is a 2-D subspace in a 5-D space. Its orthogonal complement must be 3-D, so it cannot be spanned by two vectors.
- (c) For example, consider two lines  $x = 0$  and  $x + y = 0$  on the 2-D plane. These are two lines that intersect at the zero vector, but they are not perpendicular to each other, so they are not orthogonal subspaces.