

Exercise 1.

- (a) Draw a picture representing a subspace V , a vector b , and the orthogonal projection $\text{proj}_V(b)$ of b onto V (say, in \mathbb{R}^3).
- (b) Suppose A is an $m \times n$ matrix and $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$.
Assume the linear system $Ax = b$ is inconsistent.

Draw a picture representing $\text{Col}A$ and b and $\text{proj}_{\text{Col}A}(b)$.

Use this picture to explain why the equation $Ax = \text{proj}_{\text{Col}A}(b)$ always has a solution and why a solution to this equation minimizes $\|Ax - b\|$.

(This shows that the exact solutions to $Ax = \text{proj}_{\text{Col}A}(b)$ are the least-squares solutions to $Ax = b$. We showed in class that the exact solutions to $Ax = \text{proj}_{\text{Col}A}(b)$ are the same as the exact solutions to $A^T Ax = A^T b$.)

Solution:

Exercise 2. There are three parts to this problem.

(a) Find an orthogonal basis for the column space of the matrix

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

(b) Find the orthogonal projection of the vector $v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ onto $\text{Col}(A)$.

(c) Finally, find a basis for $\text{Col}(A)^\perp$.

Solution:

Exercise 3. Suppose a function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ has the following values:

x	$f(x)$
0	0
1	6
2	5
3	10
4	7

Find $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ such that the cubic equation

$$y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$$

best approximates $f(x)$ in the sense of least-squares.

(This is related to #13 in the Final Review Problems on the course website.)

Solution:

Exercise 4. Consider the symmetric matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find an orthogonal matrix U and a diagonal matrix D such that

$$A = UDU^T.$$

(This is related to #14 in the Final Review Problems on the course website.)

Solution:

Exercise 5. Find a singular value decomposition for the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(This is related to #15 in the Final Review Problems on the course website.)

Solution:

