

SUBSPACE PROJECTIONS, DIRECT SUMS, ORTHOGONAL COMPLEMENTS

[LARSON 5.4]

• **(ORTHOGONAL) PROJECTION ONTO A SUBSPACE (DEFINITION):**

Let $\mathcal{Q} = \{\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n\}$ be an orthogonal basis for subspace W of \mathbb{R}^n .

Then the **(orthogonal) projection of vector $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ onto subspace W** is:

$$\text{proj}_W \mathbf{v} := \text{proj}_{\text{span}(\mathcal{Q})} \mathbf{v} = \text{proj}_{\mathbf{q}_1} \mathbf{v} + \text{proj}_{\mathbf{q}_2} \mathbf{v} + \dots + \text{proj}_{\mathbf{q}_n} \mathbf{v}$$

• **ORTHOGONAL SUBSPACES OF \mathbb{R}^n (DEFINITION):**

Subspaces S_1, S_2 of \mathbb{R}^n are **orthogonal**, denoted $S_1 \perp S_2$, if $\mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2 = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{v}_1 \in S_1, \forall \mathbf{v}_2 \in S_2$

i.e. vectors in one subspace are orthogonal to vectors in the other subspace.

• **ORTHOGONAL COMPLEMENTS (DEFINITION):**

Let W be a subspace of Euclidean inner product space $(\mathbb{R}^n, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_2)$.

Then the **orthogonal complement of W** , denoted W^\perp , is $W^\perp := \{\mathbf{w}^\perp \in \mathbb{R}^n : \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}^\perp \rangle_2 = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{w} \in W\}$

i.e. W^\perp is the set of all vectors in \mathbb{R}^n that are orthogonal to all vectors in W . Clearly, by definition, $W \perp W^\perp$.

SPECIAL CASES: $(\mathbb{R}^n)^\perp = \{\vec{\mathbf{0}}\}$ AND $\{\vec{\mathbf{0}}\}^\perp = \mathbb{R}^n$

• **FINDING THE ORTHOGONAL COMPLEMENT (PROCEDURE):**

GIVEN: Subspace W of \mathbb{R}^n such that $W = \text{span}\{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_p\}$.

TASK: Find orthogonal complement W^\perp .

(1) Form matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \mathbf{w}_1 & \mathbf{w}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{w}_p \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}$

(2) $W^\perp = \text{NulSp}(A^T) \implies [A^T \mid \vec{\mathbf{0}}] \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss-Jordan}} [\text{RREF}(A^T) \mid \vec{\mathbf{0}}]$

• **DIRECT SUMS OF SUBSPACES OF \mathbb{R}^n (DEFINITION):** Let W_1, W_2 be two subspaces of \mathbb{R}^n .

Then \mathbb{R}^n is the **direct sum** of W_1 & W_2 , written $\mathbb{R}^n = W_1 \oplus W_2$, if

$$\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ can be uniquely written as } \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w}_1 + \mathbf{w}_2, \text{ where } \mathbf{w}_1 \in W_1 \text{ \& } \mathbf{w}_2 \in W_2.$$

i.e. each vector in \mathbb{R}^n can be **uniquely** written as a sum of a vector from W_1 and a vector from W_2 .

• **PROPERTIES OF ORTHOGONAL COMPLEMENTS:**

Let W be a subspace of Euclidean induced-norm inner product space $(\mathbb{R}^n, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_2, \|\cdot\|_2)$. Then:

- (i) W^\perp is also a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n
- (ii) $W \cap W^\perp = \{\vec{\mathbf{0}}\}$
- (iii) $\mathbb{R}^n = W \oplus W^\perp$
- (iv) $\dim(\mathbb{R}^n) = \dim(W) + \dim(W^\perp)$
- (v) $(W^\perp)^\perp = W$

SUBSPACES OF A MATRIX, FULL-RANK LEAST-SQUARES [LARSON 5.4]

- **FUNDAMENTAL SUBSPACES OF A MATRIX:** Let matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ such that $\text{rank}(A) = r$.

Then the fundamental subspaces of A are related as so:

$$\begin{array}{ll} (i) & \text{RowSp}(A) = \text{ColSp}(A^T) \\ (ii) & \text{ColSp}(A)^\perp = \text{NulSp}(A^T) \\ (iii) & \text{ColSp}(A^T)^\perp = \text{NulSp}(A) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ll} (iv) & \dim \text{ColSp}(A) = \dim \text{ColSp}(A^T) = r \\ (v) & \mathbb{R}^m = \text{ColSp}(A) \oplus \text{NulSp}(A^T) \\ (vi) & \mathbb{R}^n = \text{ColSp}(A^T) \oplus \text{NulSp}(A) \end{array}$$

- **PYTHAGOREAN THEOREM FOR ORTHOGONAL VECTORS (PTFOV):**

$$\text{Vectors } \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ are orthogonal} \iff \|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{u}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{v}\|_2^2$$

- **BEST APPROXIMATION THEOREM:**

Let W be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n and $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ s.t. $\mathbf{v} \notin W$. Then:

$$\|\mathbf{v} - \text{proj}_W \mathbf{v}\|_2 < \|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}\|_2 \quad \forall \mathbf{u} \in S \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{u} \neq \text{proj}_W \mathbf{v}$$

i.e. the projection of \mathbf{v} onto W is the "closest" vector in W to \mathbf{v} which is not in W .

$\text{proj}_W \mathbf{v}$ is called the **best approximation** to \mathbf{v} in subspace W .

- **THE LEAST-SQUARES PROBLEM & SOLUTION (DEFINITION):**

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ such that $m > n$ and $\mathbf{b} \notin \text{ColSp}(A)$ such that linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is inconsistent & overdetermined.

Then the **least-squares problem** is to find $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ s.t. $\|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$ is minimized: $\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$

REMARK: Vector $(\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x})$ is called the **residual** of the linear system.

Vector $\mathbf{x}^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a **least-squares solution** to $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ if: $\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}^*\|_2^2$

i.e. $\|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}^*\|_2^2$ is the minimum square-norm of the residual.

- **FULL-RANK LEAST-SQUARES PROCEDURE USING NORMAL EQUATIONS:**

GIVEN: $m \times n$ ($m \geq n$) linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, full column rank A , $\mathbf{b} \notin \text{ColSp}(A)$.

TASK: Find Least-Squares Solution \mathbf{x}^* s.t. $\|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$ is minimized.

- (1) Form **normal equations** for \mathbf{x}^* : $A^T A \mathbf{x}^* = A^T \mathbf{b}$
- (2) Solve normal equations for \mathbf{x}^* : $[A^T A \mid A^T \mathbf{b}] \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss-Jordan}} [I \mid \mathbf{x}^*]$
- (3) Minimize square-norm of Residual: $\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}^*\|_2^2$
- (4) Find Projection Matrix onto $\text{ColSp}(A)$: $\bar{P} = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$
- (5) Find Best Approximation $\mathbf{b}^* \in \text{ColSp}(A)$ to \mathbf{b} : $\mathbf{b}^* = \bar{P}\mathbf{b} = A\mathbf{x}^*$

- **FULL-RANK LEAST-SQUARES PROCEDURE USING REDUCED QR FACTORIZATION:**

GIVEN: $m \times n$ ($m \geq n$) linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, full column rank A , $\mathbf{b} \notin \text{ColSp}(A)$.

TASK: Find Least-Squares Solution \mathbf{x}^* s.t. $\|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$ is minimized.

- (1) Perform Reduced QR Factorization using CGS-EN: $A = \hat{Q}\hat{R}$
(Recall that with Reduced QR , \hat{Q} is $m \times n$ and \hat{R} is $n \times n$.)
- (2) Find Projection Matrix onto $\text{ColSp}(A)$: $\bar{P} = \hat{Q}\hat{Q}^T$
- (3) Find Best Approximation $\mathbf{b}^* \in \text{ColSp}(A)$ to \mathbf{b} : $\mathbf{b}^* = \bar{P}\mathbf{b}$
- (4) Minimize square-norm of Residual: $\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{b} - \bar{P}\mathbf{b}\|_2^2$
- (5) Back-solve linear system $\hat{R}\mathbf{x}^* = \hat{Q}^T \mathbf{b}$ for \mathbf{x}^* .

FULL QR, FULL-RANK LEAST-SQUARES, ORTHOGONAL MATRICES

• FULL QR FACTORIZATION VIA CLASSICAL GRAM-SCHMIDT w/ EARLY NORMING (CGS-EN):

GIVEN: Tall or square ($m \geq n$) full column rank matrix $A_{m \times n}$ with columns \mathbf{a}_k .

TASK: Factor $A = QR$ where $Q_{m \times m}$ has orthonormal columns $\hat{\mathbf{q}}_k$ and $R_{m \times n}$ is upper triangular.

- (1) Perform Classical Gram-Schmidt w/ early normalization on the columns of A , $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$:

$$\hat{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \cdots & | \\ \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1 & \hat{\mathbf{q}}_2 & \cdots & \hat{\mathbf{q}}_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}, \quad \hat{R} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & \cdots & r_{1n} \\ 0 & r_{22} & r_{23} & \cdots & r_{2n} \\ 0 & 0 & r_{33} & \cdots & r_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & r_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

- (2) Produce a basis $\{\mathbf{a}_{n+1}, \mathbf{a}_{n+2}, \dots, \mathbf{a}_m\}$ for orthogonal complement of column space of A :

$$\left[A^T \mid \vec{0} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss-Jordan}} \left[\text{RREF}(A^T) \mid \vec{0} \right]$$

- (3) Perform CGS-EN on the basis $\{\mathbf{a}_{n+1}, \mathbf{a}_{n+2}, \dots, \mathbf{a}_m\}$, resulting in \hat{Q}_r matrix.

- (4) Form Q by augmenting \hat{Q}_r to \hat{Q} , and form R by augmenting zero matrix below \hat{R} :

$$Q_{m \times m} := \left[\hat{Q}_{m \times n} \quad \hat{Q}_r \right] = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \cdots & | & | & \cdots & | \\ \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1 & \hat{\mathbf{q}}_2 & \cdots & \hat{\mathbf{q}}_n & \hat{\mathbf{q}}_{n+1} & \cdots & \hat{\mathbf{q}}_m \\ | & | & & | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}, \quad R_{m \times n} := \begin{bmatrix} \hat{R}_{n \times n} \\ O \end{bmatrix}$$

• FULL-RANK LEAST-SQUARES PROCEDURE USING FULL QR FACTORIZATION:

GIVEN: $m \times n$ ($m \geq n$) linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, full column rank A , $\mathbf{b} \notin \text{ColSp}(A)$.

TASK: Find Least-Squares Solution \mathbf{x}^* s.t. $\|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$ is minimized.

- (1) Perform Full QR Factorization using CGS-EN: $A = QR$

$$Q_{m \times m} := \left[\hat{Q}_{m \times n} \quad \hat{Q}_r \right], \quad R_{m \times n} := \begin{bmatrix} \hat{R}_{n \times n} \\ O \end{bmatrix}$$

- (2) Find Projection Matrix onto $\text{ColSp}(A)$: $\bar{P} = \hat{Q}\hat{Q}^T$

- (3) Find best Approximation $\mathbf{b}^* \in \text{ColSp}(A)$ to \mathbf{b} : $\mathbf{b}^* = \bar{P}\mathbf{b}$

- (4) Find Projection Matrix onto $\text{ColSp}(A)^\perp$: $\bar{P}_r = \hat{Q}_r\hat{Q}_r^T$

- (5) Minimize square-norm of Residual: $\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \|\bar{P}_r\mathbf{b}\|_2^2$

- (6) Back-solve linear system $\hat{R}\mathbf{x}^* = \hat{Q}_r^T\mathbf{b}$ for \mathbf{x}^* .

- ORTHOGONAL MATRICES (DEFINITION): A square matrix Q is **orthogonal** if its columns are orthonormal.

- ORTHOGONAL MATRICES (PROPERTIES): The following properties are all equivalent:

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| (a) Q is an orthogonal matrix | (d) $Q^{-1} = Q^T$ |
| (b) The columns of Q are orthonormal | (e) Q^T is an orthogonal matrix |
| (c) $Q^T Q = Q Q^T = I$ | (f) The rows of Q are orthonormal |

- ORTHOGONAL MATRICES (DETERMINANTS):

- (a) Q is orthogonal matrix $\implies \det(Q) = \pm 1$.
 (b) $\det(Q) = \pm 1 \not\implies Q$ is orthogonal matrix

- ORTHOGONAL MATRICES (PRESERVATION): Consider Euclidean inner product space $(\mathbb{R}^n, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_2)$ with...

... inner product $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle_2 := \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{w}$ and induced norm $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 := \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle_2$ and induced metric $d_2(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) := \|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}\|_2$. Then:

- (i) $\langle Q\mathbf{v}, Q\mathbf{w} \rangle_2 = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle_2$, (ii) $\|Q\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \|\mathbf{x}\|_2$, (iii) $d_2(Q\mathbf{v}, Q\mathbf{w}) = d_2(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})$

EX 5.4.1: Find the orthogonal complement of subspace $W = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

EX 5.4.2: Let vector $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and subspace $W = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \equiv \text{span}\{\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2\}$. Compute $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{v}$.

EX 5.4.3: Given the inconsistent linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

(a) Find the least-squares solution \mathbf{x}^* via the normal equations.

(b) Find the minimum square-norm residual of the linear system: $\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2} \|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2$

(c) Find the projection matrix \bar{P} onto the column space of A .

(d) Find the best approximation $\mathbf{b}^* \in \text{ColSp}(A)$ to the RHS vector \mathbf{b} .

EX 5.4.4: Given the inconsistent linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

(a) Perform the Reduced QR Factorization of A using Classical Gram-Schmidt with early normalization.

(b) Find the projection matrix \bar{P} onto the column space of A .

(c) Find the best approximation $\mathbf{b}^* \in \text{ColSp}(A)$ to the RHS vector \mathbf{b} .

(d) Find the minimum square-norm residual of the linear system: $\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2} \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2$

(e) Find the least-squares solution \mathbf{x}^* via the Reduced QR Factorization performed in part (a).

EX 5.4.5: Given the inconsistent linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

(a) Perform the Full QR Factorization of A using Classical Gram-Schmidt with early normalization.

(b) Find the projection matrix \bar{P} onto $\text{ColSp}(A)$.

(c) Find the best approximation $\mathbf{b}^* \in \text{ColSp}(A)$ to the RHS vector \mathbf{b} .

(d) Find the projection matrix \bar{P}_r onto $\text{ColSp}(A)^\perp$.

(e) Find the minimum square-norm residual of the linear system: $\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2} \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2$

(f) Find the least-squares solution \mathbf{x}^* via the Full QR Factorization performed in part (a).

EX 5.4.6:

Perform the Full QR Factorization using Classical Gram-Schmidt with early normalization of $A =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 2 \\ -3 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$