

# Least Squares, Full $QR$ , Orthogonal Matrices

## Linear Algebra

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## PART I:

(Orthogonal) Projections on a Subspace

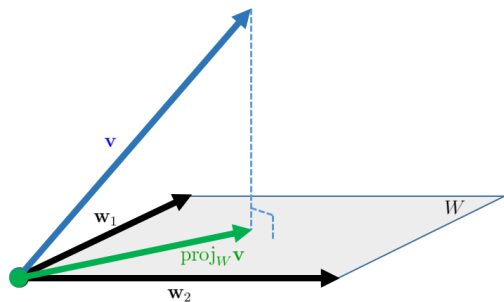
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# (Orthogonal) Projection onto a Subspace (Definition)



(Above): In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , plane  $W$  is subspace spanned by orthogonal vectors  $\mathbf{w}_1$  &  $\mathbf{w}_2$ .

## Theorem

*(Projection onto a Subspace)*

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 Sets & Orthogonal Subspaces (Definition)

Orthogonality generalizes to subsets & subspaces of inner product space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

## Definition

(Orthogonal Sets)

Sets  $E_1, E_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  are **orthogonal**, denoted  $E_1 \perp E_2$ , if

$$\mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2 = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{v}_1 \in E_1, \forall \mathbf{v}_2 \in E_2$$

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## Definition

(Orthogonal Subspaces)

Subspaces  $S_1, S_2$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are **orthogonal**, denoted  $S_1 \perp S_2$ , if

$$\mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2 = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{v}_1 \in S_1, \forall \mathbf{v}_2 \in S_2$$

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# Orthogonal Subspaces

Unless one of the subspaces contains only the zero vector, there are infinitely many vectors in each subspace to test for orthogonality!!

Fortunately, since inner product space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is finite-dimensional, it suffices to test the basis vectors for the subspaces:

## Theorem

*(Bases of Orthogonal Subspaces Theorem)*

Let subspace  $S_1 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  with basis  $\mathcal{B}_1 = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m\}$ .

Let subspace  $S_2 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  with basis  $\mathcal{B}_2 = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ .

Then  $S_1 \perp S_2 \iff \mathcal{B}_1 \perp \mathcal{B}_2$

## PROOF:

$$S_1 = \text{span}(\mathcal{B}_1) = \{\text{linear combinations } c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + c_2\mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + c_m\mathbf{u}_m = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i\mathbf{u}_i\}$$

$$S_2 = \text{span}(\mathcal{B}_2) = \{\text{linear combinations } k_1\mathbf{v}_1 + k_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + k_p\mathbf{v}_p = \sum_{j=1}^p k_j\mathbf{v}_j\}$$

$$S_1 \perp S_2 \iff \left(\sum_{i=1}^m c_i\mathbf{u}_i\right)^T \left(\sum_{j=1}^p k_j\mathbf{v}_j\right) = 0 \xleftrightarrow{T2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^m c_i\mathbf{u}_i^T\right) \left(\sum_{j=1}^p k_j\mathbf{v}_j\right) = 0$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{\text{FOIL}} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^p c_i k_j \mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{v}_j = 0 \iff \mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{v}_j = 0 \forall i, j \iff \mathcal{B}_1 \perp \mathcal{B}_2 \quad \text{QED}$$

# Orthogonal Complements (Definition)

## Definition

(Orthogonal Complements)

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     $\{\vec{\mathbf{0}}\}^\perp = \mathbb{R}^n$

For instance, if  $W = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -8 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ , then  $W^\perp = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

$$\text{since } \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -8 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{AND} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -8 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

# Finding the Orthogonal Complement (Motivation)

Suppose subspace  $W = \text{span}(\mathcal{B})$  where basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_p\}$ .

How to systematically find the orthogonal complement  $W^\perp$ ?

Suppose vector  $\mathbf{u} \in W^\perp$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{w} \in W && \text{(Def'n of orth. complement)} \\ \iff & \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{B} && \text{(Previous Theorem)} \\ \iff & \mathbf{w}_1^T \mathbf{u} = 0, \dots, \mathbf{w}_p^T \mathbf{u} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\iff \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & \mathbf{w}_1^T & \text{---} \\ & \vdots & \\ \text{---} & \mathbf{w}_p^T & \text{---} \end{bmatrix}}_{A^T} \begin{bmatrix} | \\ \mathbf{u} \\ | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | \\ \vec{\mathbf{0}} \\ | \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \iff A^T \mathbf{u} = \vec{\mathbf{0}} \\ & \iff \mathbf{u} \in \text{NulSp}(A^T) && \text{(Def'n of Null Space of } A^T) \end{aligned}$$

To find  $W^\perp$ , form columns of  $A$  with basis vectors of  $W$ , then find  $\text{NulSp}(A^T)$ .

# Finding the Orthogonal Complement (Procedure)

How to systematically find the orthogonal complement of a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ?

## Proposition

*(Finding Orthogonal Complement of a Subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ )*

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  $A = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} | & | & \cdots & | \\ \mathbf{w}_1 & \mathbf{w}_2 & & \mathbf{w}_p \\ | & | & & | \end{array} \right]$

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



# Direct Sums of Subspaces of $\mathbb{R}^n$ (Definition)

## Definition

### (Direct Sum)

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

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

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  $W_2$ .

e.g. Let  $W_1 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  and  $W_2 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  and  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{v}} &= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}v_1 + v_2 - \frac{1}{2}v_3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{w}_1} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{1}{2}v_3 \\ \frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{1}{2}v_3 \\ \frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{1}{2}v_3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{w}_1} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}v_1 - \frac{1}{2}v_3 \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{1}{2}v_3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{w}_2} \\ &= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{1}{2}v_3 \\ v_2 \\ \frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{1}{2}v_3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{w}_1} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}v_1 - \frac{1}{2}v_3 \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{1}{2}v_3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{w}_2} \implies \mathbb{R}^3 = W_1 \oplus W_2 \end{aligned}$$

# Properties of Orthogonal Complements

## Theorem

### *(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  $\mathbb{R}^n$
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### PROOF:

- (i) Let vectors  $\mathbf{w}^\perp, \mathbf{w}_1^\perp, \mathbf{w}_2^\perp \in W^\perp$  and scalar  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Then, since  $W^\perp$  is the orthogonal complement (OC) of  $W$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}_1^\perp + \mathbf{w}_2^\perp \rangle_2 &\stackrel{IPSS}{=} \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}_1^\perp \rangle_2 + \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}_2^\perp \rangle_2 \stackrel{OC}{=} 0 + 0 = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{w} \in W \quad \implies \quad \mathbf{w}_1^\perp + \mathbf{w}_2^\perp \in W^\perp \\ \langle \alpha \mathbf{w}^\perp, \mathbf{w} \rangle_2 &\stackrel{IPSA}{=} \alpha \langle \mathbf{w}^\perp, \mathbf{w} \rangle_2 \stackrel{OC}{=} \alpha \cdot 0 = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{w} \in W \quad \implies \quad \alpha \mathbf{w}^\perp \in W^\perp \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence: } \mathbf{w}_1^\perp, \mathbf{w}_2^\perp \in W^\perp &\implies \mathbf{w}_1^\perp + \mathbf{w}_2^\perp \in W^\perp \\ \mathbf{w}^\perp \in W^\perp &\implies \alpha \mathbf{w}^\perp \in W^\perp \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore W^\perp$  is also a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . □

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### PROOF:

(ii) Let  $\mathbf{w} \in W \cap W^\perp$ . Then, since  $W \perp W^\perp$ :

$$\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w} \rangle_2 = 0 \xrightarrow{DPS} \|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2 = 0 \implies \|\mathbf{w}\|_2 = 0 \implies \mathbf{w} = \vec{\mathbf{0}} \quad \square$$

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PROOF:

(iii)-(v): Too long & tedious. See textbook if interested.

## PART II:

Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra

Pythagorean Theorem for Orthogonal Vectors

Best Approximation Theorem

Full-Rank Least Squares via Normal Equations

Full-Rank Least Squares via Reduced  $QR$

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# Fundamental Subspaces of a Matrix

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Let matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  s.t.  $\text{rank}(A) = r$ . Then the fundamental subspaces of  $A$  are related as so:

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### PROOF:

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| (i) | $\text{RowSp}(A)$ | $:=$ | $\text{span}\{\text{Rows of } A\}$      | (Definition of row space)          |
|     |                   | $=$  | $\text{span}\{\text{Columns of } A^T\}$ | (Definition of a matrix transpose) |
|     |                   | $:=$ | $\text{ColSp}(A^T)$                     | (Definition of column space)       |



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PROOF: Below,  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$  denote the columns of  $A$ .

$$(ii) \text{ColSp}(A)^\perp := \{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m : \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{v} = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{a} \in \text{ColSp}(A) \} \quad (\text{Defn of Orthogonal Complement})$$

$$= \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m : \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{a}_1^T \mathbf{v} = 0 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_n^T \mathbf{v} = 0 \end{array} \right\} \quad (\text{The columns of } A \text{ span } \text{ColSp}(A))$$

$$= \{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m : A^T \mathbf{v} = \vec{\mathbf{0}} \} \quad (\text{Row-vector view of } A^T)$$

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**PROOF:** Below,  $\bar{\mathbf{a}}_1, \dots, \bar{\mathbf{a}}_n$  denote the rows of  $A$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii) } \text{ColSp}(A^T)^\perp &= \text{RowSp}(A)^\perp && \text{(Part (i))} \\ &:= \{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m : (\bar{\mathbf{a}}^T)^T \mathbf{v} = 0 \ \forall \bar{\mathbf{a}} \in \text{RowSp}(A) \} && \text{(Defn of Ortho. Complement)} \\ &= \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m : \begin{array}{c} (\bar{\mathbf{a}}_1^T)^T \mathbf{v} = 0 \\ \vdots \\ (\bar{\mathbf{a}}_n^T)^T \mathbf{v} = 0 \end{array} \right\} && \text{(Rows of } A \text{ span RowSp}(A)) \\ &= \{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m : (A^T)^T \mathbf{v} = \vec{\mathbf{0}} \} && \text{(Row-vector view of } A^T) \\ &= \{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m : A\mathbf{v} = \vec{\mathbf{0}} \} && \text{(Property of Transpose)} \\ &:= \text{NulSp}(A) && \text{(Definition of null space)} \end{aligned}$$

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### PROOF:

(iv) Since  $\text{rank}(A) = r$ , via Gauss-Jordan elimination, RREF( $A$ ) has  $r$  pivot columns and  $r$  pivot rows.

$$\therefore \dim \text{ColSp}(A) = (\# \text{ pivot columns of RREF}(A)) = r$$

$$\therefore \dim \text{ColSp}(A^T) \stackrel{(i)}{=} \dim \text{RowSp}(A) = (\# \text{ pivot rows of RREF}(A)) = r$$

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PROOF: Let subspace  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(v)} \quad \mathbb{R}^m &= V \oplus V^\perp && \text{(Property of orthogonal complements)} \\ &= \text{ColSp}(A) \oplus \text{ColSp}(A)^\perp && \text{(Let } V := \text{ColSp}(A)\text{)} \\ &= \text{ColSp}(A) \oplus \text{NulSp}(A^T) && \text{(Part (ii))} \end{aligned}$$

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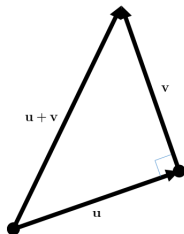
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# Pythagorean Thm for Orthogonal Vectors (PTFOV)



## Theorem

(Pythagorean Theorem for Orthogonal Vectors (PTFOV))

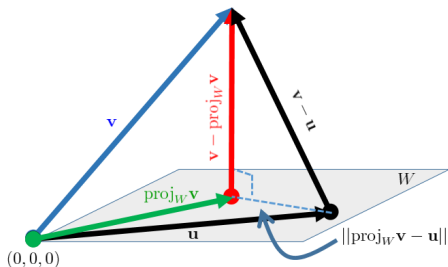
Vectors  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are orthogonal  $\iff \|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{u}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{v}\|_2^2$

PROOF: (Recall that  $\|\cdot\|_2$  denotes the Euclidean norm on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .)

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|_2^2 &= (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v})^T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = (\mathbf{u}^T + \mathbf{v}^T)(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v}^T\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}^T\mathbf{v} \\ &= \|\mathbf{u}\|_2^2 + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u} + \|\mathbf{v}\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{u}\|_2^2 + 2(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) + \|\mathbf{v}\|_2^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{u}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{v}\|_2^2 \iff 2(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) = 0 \iff \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0 \iff \mathbf{u} \perp \mathbf{v} \quad \square$$

# Best Approximation Theorem



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(Best Approximation Theorem)

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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  $W$ .

# Best Approximation Theorem (Proof)

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PROOF: Let  $\mathbf{u} \in W$  s.t.  $\mathbf{u} \neq \text{proj}_W \mathbf{v}$ . Then:

$$\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v} + \vec{\mathbf{0}} - \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v} + (\text{proj}_W \mathbf{v} - \text{proj}_W \mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{v} - \text{proj}_W \mathbf{v}) + (\text{proj}_W \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u})$$

Now,  $\mathbf{u} \in W$  and  $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{v} \in W \implies (\text{proj}_W \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}) \in W$

Moreover,  $(\mathbf{v} - \text{proj}_W \mathbf{v}) \perp W \implies (\mathbf{v} - \text{proj}_W \mathbf{v}) \perp (\text{proj}_W \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u})$  Hence:

$$\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{v} - \text{proj}_W \mathbf{v}) + (\text{proj}_W \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}) \stackrel{PTFOV}{\implies} \|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{v} - \text{proj}_W \mathbf{v}\|_2^2 + \|\text{proj}_W \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}\|_2^2$$

Since  $\mathbf{u} \neq \text{proj}_W \mathbf{v}$ ,  $\|\text{proj}_W \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}\|_2^2 > 0$

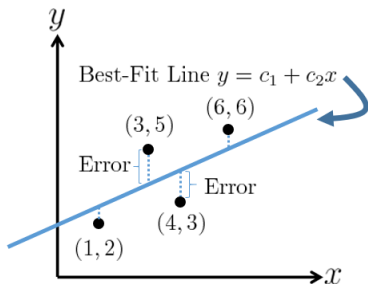
$$\implies \|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{v} - \text{proj}_W \mathbf{v}\|_2^2 + \|\text{proj}_W \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}\|_2^2 > \|\mathbf{v} - \text{proj}_W \mathbf{v}\|_2^2$$

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# The Least-Squares Problem & Solution (Motivation)

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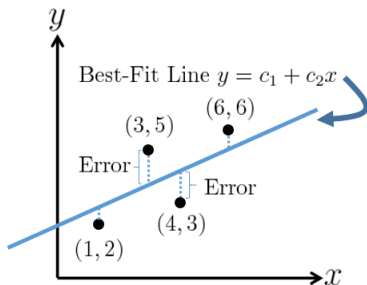


Assume (foolishly) that the line  $y = c_1 + c_2x$  contains all four points. Then:

$$\begin{cases} c_1 + (1)c_2 = 2 \\ c_1 + (3)c_2 = 5 \\ c_1 + (4)c_2 = 3 \\ c_1 + (6)c_2 = 6 \end{cases} \iff \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}}_x = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}}_b \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Overdetermined} \\ \text{Inconsistent} \\ \text{Linear System} \\ \therefore \text{No Solution} \end{array}$$

# The Least-Squares Problem & Solution (Motivation)

Consider fitting a line to a set of points:



Clearly, there's a best-fit line that minimizes the sum of the errors.

In practice, it's preferred to minimize the sum of the **squares** of the errors.

The overdetermined inconsistent linear system is called the **least-squares problem** & the best-fit line is called the **least-squares solution**.

# The Least-Squares Problem & Solution (Definition)

## Definition

(Least-Squares Problem & Solution)

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.

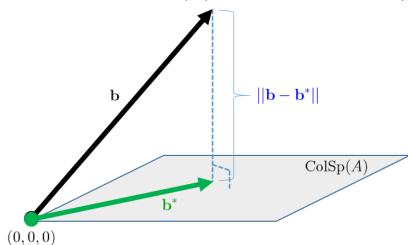
Vector  $\mathbf{x}^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a **least-squares solution** to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  if:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}^*\|_2^2$$

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

# Finding Least-Squares Solution (Derivation)

So how to find  $\mathbf{x}^* \in \text{ColSp}(A)$  that minimizes  $\|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$ ??



Let  $\mathbf{b}^* = \text{proj}_{\text{ColSp}(A)} \mathbf{b}$  be the best approx. to  $\mathbf{b}$  (Best Approx. Thm)

Then  $\mathbf{b}^* \in \text{ColSp}(A) \implies \mathbf{b}^* = A\mathbf{x}^*$  (since  $A\mathbf{x}^* \in \text{ColSp}(A)$ )

Observe that  $(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}^*) \perp \text{ColSp}(A) \implies \text{Residual } (\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}^*) \perp \text{ColSp}(A)$

$\implies (\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}^*) \in \text{ColSp}(A)^\perp$  (Defn of Orthogonal Complement)

$\implies (\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}^*) \in \text{NulSp}(A^T)$  (Fund. Subspaces of Matrix Thm)

$\implies A^T(\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}^*) = \vec{\mathbf{0}}$  (Defn of Null Space of  $A^T$ )

$\implies A^T\mathbf{b} - A^T A\mathbf{x}^* = \vec{\mathbf{0}}$  (Distribute Left-Multiplication by  $A^T$ )

$\implies A^T A\mathbf{x}^* = A^T\mathbf{b}$  (**Normal Equations**)

## Proposition

*(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  $\mathbf{x}^*$ :  $\left[ A^T A \mid A^T \mathbf{b} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss-Jordan}} \left[ I \mid \mathbf{x}^* \right]$

(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  $\mathbf{b}$ :  $\mathbf{b}^* = \bar{P}\mathbf{b} = A\mathbf{x}^*$

## Proposition

*(Full-Rank Least-Squares Procedure using Reduced  $QR$ )*

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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 Factorization via CGS-EN

## Proposition

(Full QR Factorization via 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  $A$ ,  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$ :

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

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

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

(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  $\hat{R}$ :

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

# Full-Rank Least-Squares Solution using Full $QR$

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PART III:  
Orthogonal Matrices  
Definition  
Properties  
Determinants  
Preservation

# Orthogonal Matrices (Definition & Properties)

The square matrix  $Q$  produced from the Full  $QR$  Factorization is special:

## Definition

(Orthogonal Matrix)

A square matrix  $Q$  is **orthogonal** if its columns are orthonormal.

Orthogonal matrices have some very nice properties:

## Theorem

*(Properties of Orthogonal Matrices)*

Let  $Q$  be an  $m \times m$  square matrix. Then, the following properties are all equivalent:

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PROOF: [(a)  $\iff$  (b)] Follows immediately from the definition of an orthogonal matrix.

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PROOF: [(b)  $\iff$  (c)] The columns of  $Q$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{q}}_1, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{q}}_m$ , are orthonormal.

$$\iff \hat{\mathbf{q}}_i^T \hat{\mathbf{q}}_j = \delta_{ij} \quad (\text{definition of orthonormal vectors})$$

$$\iff Q^T Q = \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1^T & \text{---} \\ & \vdots & \\ \text{---} & \hat{\mathbf{q}}_m^T & \text{---} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1 & \cdots & \hat{\mathbf{q}}_m \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1^T \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1 & \cdots & \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1^T \hat{\mathbf{q}}_m \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \hat{\mathbf{q}}_m^T \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1 & \cdots & \hat{\mathbf{q}}_m^T \hat{\mathbf{q}}_m \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\iff Q Q^T = \bar{P}_m = I \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{since the columns of } Q \text{ are an orthonormal basis for } \mathbb{R}^m \dots \\ \dots \text{and matrix } \bar{P}_m \text{ projects onto } \mathbb{R}^m, \text{ meaning } \bar{P}_m \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u} \quad \forall \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^m \end{array} \right)$$

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PROOF: [(c)  $\iff$  (d)]  $Q^T Q = Q Q^T = I$ .

$\iff Q^{-1} = Q^T$  (definition of inverse of square matrix)

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PROOF: [(d)  $\iff$  (e)]  $Q^{-1} = Q^T$ .

- $\iff Q^T Q = Q Q^T = I$  (definition of inverse of square matrix)
- $\iff (Q^T Q)^T = (Q Q^T)^T = I^T$  (transpose equation)
- $\iff Q^T (Q^T)^T = (Q^T)^T Q^T = I$  (transpose of matrix product and identity matrix)
- $\iff$  The columns of  $Q^T$  are orthonormal (since (b)  $\iff$  (c))
- $\iff Q^T$  is an orthogonal matrix (definition of orthogonal matrix)

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PROOF: [(e)  $\iff$  (f)]  $Q^T$  is an orthogonal matrix.

- $\iff$  The columns of  $Q^T$  are orthonormal (definition of orthogonal matrix)
- $\iff$  The rows of  $Q$  are orthonormal (definition of transpose of a matrix)

$$\therefore (a) \iff (b) \iff (c) \iff (d) \iff (e) \iff (f)$$

$\therefore$  The properties are all equivalent.  $\square$



## Corollary

*(Orthogonal Matrices & Determinants)*

(a)  *$Q$  is orthogonal matrix  $\implies \det(Q) = \pm 1$ .*

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### PROOF:

(a) Let  $Q$  be an orthogonal matrix. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} & Q^T Q = I && \text{(Orthogonal Matrix Property)} \\ \implies & \det(Q^T Q) = \det(I) && \text{(Take determinant on both sides)} \\ \implies & \det(Q^T Q) = \det(I) = 1 && \text{(Determinant of Identity Matrix is One)} \\ \implies & \det(Q^T) \cdot \det(Q) = 1 && \text{(Determinant of Matrix Product)} \\ \implies & \det(Q) \cdot \det(Q) = 1 && \text{(Determinant of Matrix Transpose)} \\ \implies & [\det(Q)]^2 = 1 && \text{(Determinant of Matrix Transpose)} \\ \implies & |\det(Q)| = 1 && \text{(Take Square Roots on both sides)} \\ \implies & \det(Q) = \pm 1 && \text{(Definition of Absolute Value)} \end{aligned}$$

# Orthogonal Matrices (Determinants)

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### PROOF:

(b) Below are several counterexamples:

$$D := \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix}, \quad U := \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then,  $\det(D) = (0.1)(10) = 1$ , and  $\det(U) = (-2)(4)(1)(1/8) = -1 \dots$  but:

$$D^T D = \begin{bmatrix} 0.01 & 0 \\ 0 & 100 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I_{2 \times 2} \implies D \text{ is not orthogonal}$$

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Fin.