

**Review for TEST # 3**

Solve the following exercises. **Show your work.** (No credit will be given for an answer with no supporting work shown.)

**Ex. 1.**

- (a) Find the orthogonal completion  $V^\perp$  of the vector space  $V$  spanned by the following three vectors. The description of  $V^\perp$  is understood as: (i) giving (explicitly) a basis for  $V^\perp$  and (ii) stating the dimension of  $V^\perp$ .

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (b) Give a basis for  $V$  and state the dimension of  $V$ . Justify, why the vectors in the basis provided as your answer indeed form a basis of  $V$ .
- (c) Find the matrices  $P$  and  $P^\perp$  whose application result in the orthogonal projections on  $V$  and on  $V^\perp$ , respectively.
- (d) For what value of a parameter  $p$ ,  $p$  being a real number, the projection of a vector

$$\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 3p^2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ onto space } V \text{ is the shortest? What is the length of such shortest vector?}$$

**Solution:** (a)  $V^\perp$  is equal to the left null space of  $A = [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \vec{v}_3]$ , that is, all vectors  $\vec{y}$  satisfying  $A^T \vec{y} = 0$ . To solve it, note that reduction of  $A^T$  is as follows

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[-\vec{r}_1]{-\vec{r}_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[-\vec{r}_2]{+\vec{r}_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\times(-1)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, system  $A^T \vec{y} = 0$  is equivalent to  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \end{bmatrix} = 0$ , so  $y_4$  is a free vari-

able (non-pivot column) and  $y_1 = -y_4$ ,  $y_2 = y_4$ ,  $y_3 = 0$ . This gives the solution of  $A^T \vec{y} = 0$

$$\text{as } \vec{y} = y_4 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Answer:  $V^\perp$  is the line spanned by a vector  $\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . A basis  $\mathcal{B}$  for  $V^\perp$  is a vector  $\vec{a}$ ,

that is,  $\mathcal{B} = \{\vec{a}\}$ . The dimension of  $V^\perp$  is 1.

(b) The dimension of  $V$  is “the dimension of the large space,  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , minus the dimension of its perpendicular complement  $V^\perp$ .” Therefore, the dimension of  $V$  is  $= 4 - 1 = 3$ .

A basis  $\mathcal{B}$  for  $V$  can be formed either by columns of  $A$ , or by rows of any reduced form of  $A^T$ . Thus, it can be given, as  $\mathcal{B} = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$

$$\text{or as } \mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Both versions of  $\mathcal{B}$  span space  $V$  (the first by definition, second by the property of matrix reduction). They must be independent, since the dimension of  $V$  is 3. (This can be deduced either as above, or by counting number of pivots in the reduced version of the matrix  $A^T$ .)

(c) The formula for the matrix representing the orthogonal projection onto the column space of a matrix  $A$  is  $A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$ . We will use it first to find  $P^\perp$ , for which the matrix  $A$  is given by a single column  $\vec{a}$ . So,  $A^T A = (-1, 1, 0, 1) \cdot (-1, 1, 0, 1) = 1 + 1 + 0 + 1 = 3$  and

$$A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T = \frac{1}{3} A A^T = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Answer: } P^\perp = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & -1/3 & 0 & -1/3 \\ -1/3 & 1/3 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/3 & 1/3 & 0 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } P = I - P^\perp = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 & 1/3 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 1/3 & 2/3 & 0 & -1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/3 & -1/3 & 0 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(d) The projection is equal to

$$P\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 & 1/3 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 1/3 & 2/3 & 0 & -1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/3 & -1/3 & 0 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3p^2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2p^2 \\ p^2 \\ 1 \\ p^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Its length is  $\|P\vec{b}\| = \sqrt{(2p^2)^2 + (p^2)^2 + 1 + (p^2)^2} = \sqrt{6(p^2)^2 + 1}$ . It is the smallest, when  $6p^4 + 1$  is the smallest, that is, when  $p = 0$ . In this case the vector has length  $\sqrt{6(0)^2 + 1} = 1$ .

2. (8 pts) Find an orthonormal basis for the subspace  $V$  spanned by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is just standard Gram-Schmidt.

$$\bar{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \bar{u}_2 = \bar{v}_2 - \frac{\bar{u}_1 \cdot \bar{v}_2}{\bar{u}_1 \cdot \bar{u}_1} \bar{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{2}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{u}_3 = \bar{v}_3 - \frac{\bar{u}_1 \cdot \bar{v}_3}{\bar{u}_1 \cdot \bar{u}_1} \bar{u}_1 - \frac{\bar{u}_2 \cdot \bar{v}_3}{\bar{u}_2 \cdot \bar{u}_2} \bar{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{3}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{3}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(check your calculations by confirming orthogonality - it works)

Finally, normalize each vector:

$$\bar{q}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \bar{q}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \bar{q}_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5/2}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. (33 points) This problem is about the  $n$  by  $n$  matrix  $A_n$  that has zeros on its main diagonal and all other entries equal to  $-1$ . In MATLAB  $A_n = \text{eye}(n) - \text{ones}(n)$ .

(a) Find the determinant of  $A_n$ . Here is a suggested approach:

Start by adding all rows (except the last) to the last row, and then factoring out a constant. (You could check  $n = 3$  to have a start on part b.)

**Solution** Following the hint, add all of the rows to the last row (which does not change the determinant). Thus the matrix becomes

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 & \cdots & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & \cdots & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ -(n-1) & -(n-1) & -(n-1) & \cdots & -(n-1) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Next, pull out the factor of  $-(n-1)$  from the last row. As the determinant is linear in each row separately, we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 & \cdots & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & \cdots & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ -(n-1) & -(n-1) & -(n-1) & \cdots & -(n-1) \end{vmatrix} = (1-n) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 & \cdots & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & \cdots & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{vmatrix}.$$

Next, add the last row back to each of the other rows (which again keeps the determinant the same). So now we want to find

$$(1-n) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{vmatrix}.$$

This matrix is lower triangular. So its determinant is the product of the entries on its diagonal. Thus the above quantity is  $(1-n)$ .

Least squares:

1) Given the  $(x,y)$  data

x	-1	2	3	5	6
y	3	1	-2	0	4

Find the least squares quadratic approximation  $y = a + bx + cx^2$  as follows:

a) Write down the system of linear equations  $y_i = a + bx_i + cx_i^2$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 5$  you would like  $a, b, c$  to exactly satisfy.

In vector form, the equations to be satisfied are

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} (-1)^2 \\ (2)^2 \\ (3)^2 \\ (5)^2 \\ (6)^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) Write the normal equations giving the  $a, b, c$ , that come closest to solving the system in the least squares sense.

The system above asks that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \\ 1 & 5 & 25 \\ 1 & 6 & 36 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

This is overdetermined, so we provide values  $(a, b, c)$  that minimize the sum of the squares of the errors. The equation has the form  $\bar{b} = A\bar{x}$  so the least squares solution is obtained from the normal equations  $A^T\bar{b} = (A^T A)\bar{x}$  which, numerically, becomes

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \\ 1 & 5 & 25 \\ 1 & 6 & 36 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 17 \\ 133 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 15 & 75 \\ 15 & 75 & 375 \\ 75 & 375 & 2019 \end{bmatrix} \bar{x}$$

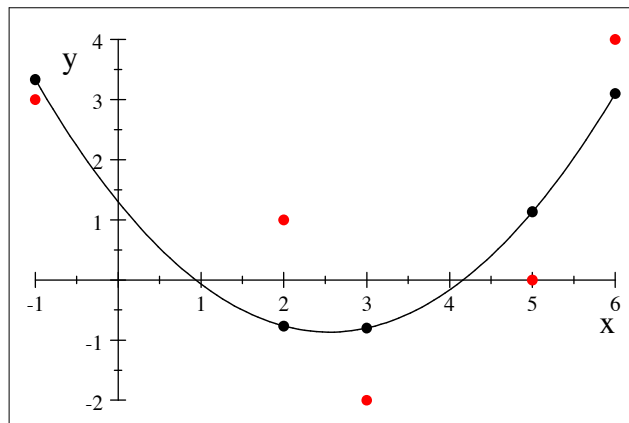
We solve for  $\bar{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \bar{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 15 & 75 \\ 15 & 75 & 375 \\ 75 & 375 & 2019 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 17 \\ 133 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{13}{10} \\ -\frac{17}{10} \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$

c) Find the least squares quadratic approximation to the data and plot it and the data (use whatever software you want for this part)

The quadratic approximation to the data is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \bar{y} \cong \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \\ 1 & 5 & 25 \\ 1 & 6 & 36 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{13}{10} \\ -\frac{17}{10} \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{10}{3} \\ -\frac{23}{30} \\ -\frac{4}{5} \\ \frac{17}{15} \\ \frac{31}{10} \end{bmatrix}$$

The quadratic itself is, of course,  $\frac{13}{10} + \left(-\frac{17}{10}\right)x + \frac{1}{3}x^2$ . Below, the original data is in red, the quadratic data is black, as is the graph of the quadratic.



d) From a linear algebra view point, what vector  $\bar{b}$  is being projected onto what subspace  $V$ ? How would you describe the projection  $\bar{p}$  as it relates to the data of the problem?

The vector  $\bar{b}$  is the data  $\bar{y}$ , being projected onto the subspace spanned by the powers  $x^0, x^1, x^2$  evaluated at the points in  $x$ . The projection  $\bar{p}$  is the quadratic data that comes closest to the  $y$  data at the points in  $x$ .

2) The least-squares approximation of data  $(x_i, y_i)$  with a constant function  $f(x) = a$  is obtained when we set  $a = y_{av}$ , the average value of the  $y_i$ . Prove it. (What are the normal equations for  $a$ ?)

The equation to be "solved" is

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} a$$

The normal equations are

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \vdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \vdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} a$$