

## Lecture 16

Note: what you need to know about  $\mathbb{C}$ :

- How to divide complex numbers
- How to factor polynomials: if degree  $\leq 2 \Rightarrow$  Use quadratic formula. If degree  $\geq 3$ : look for integer solution  $\lambda = n$  and divide the polynomial by  $\lambda - n$ .
- HW has to be tedious sometimes...

In-class exercises

Let  $S = \text{Span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$ . Let  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find  $v''$  and  $v^\perp$ .

Orthonormal basis:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $v'' = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot v \right) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot v \right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$v^\perp = v - v'' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Recap:

- Length:  $\|v\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + \dots + v_n^2}$
- Orthogonal vectors:  $v \cdot w = 0$
- Unit vector:  $\|u\| = 1$
- Orthonormal vectors:  $u_i \cdot u_j = \begin{cases} 1 & i=j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$
- Orthogonal projection: have a subspace  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  and an orthonormal basis  $u_1, \dots, u_s$ .

Then if  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the projection of  $v$  onto  $S$  is  $v'' = \text{proj}_S(v) = (u_1 \cdot v)u_1 + \dots + (u_s \cdot v)u_s$ .

The perpendicular component is  $v^\perp = v - v''$

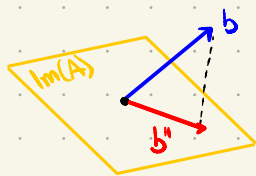
Today: the Gram-Schmidt process and QR factorization.

But first: motivation for orthogonal projections

Suppose you have an inconsistent system  $Ax = b$ .

Instead of calling it a day, we can find the vector  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  so that  $\|Ax_0 - b\|$  is minimum.

Picture:



The vector  $b'' = Ax_0$  is the closest vector to  $b$  inside the subspace  $\text{Im}(A)$ .

This is sometimes called the "least squares solution" to the system  $Ax=b$ .

Last time we proved that projections are linear. Recall the example

Example 3 from lec 15: Consider  $S = \text{Span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$ , and  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \text{proj}_S \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} &= (e_1 \cdot u_1) \cdot u_1 + (e_1 \cdot u_2) \cdot u_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} u_1 + 0 \cdot u_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{proj}_S \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} &= (e_2 \cdot u_1) \cdot u_1 + (e_2 \cdot u_2) \cdot u_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} u_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{proj}_S \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = (e_3 \cdot u_1) u_1 + (e_3 \cdot u_2) u_2 = 0 u_1 + u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

proj<sub>S</sub> is given by the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Question: what is the matrix of proj<sub>S</sub>?

Theorem 1: Let  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace, and let  $u_1, \dots, u_s \in S$  be an orthonormal basis for  $S$ . Let

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ u_1 & \dots & u_s \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix} \quad (n \times s \text{ matrix}). \quad \text{Then the matrix of } \text{proj}_S: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \text{ is } QQ^T.$$

Proof: We need to show that  $\text{proj}_S(e_i)$  is the  $i$ th column of  $QQ^T$ . Consider  $u_1, \dots, u_s$  and extend them to a basis  $B$ :

$u_1, \dots, u_s, v_{s+1}, \dots, v_n$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{proj}_S(e_i) &= (u_1 \cdot e_i) u_1 + \dots + (u_s \cdot e_i) u_s \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \cdot e_i \\ \vdots \\ u_s \cdot e_i \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_B \end{aligned}$$

$$= S_B \rightarrow e \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \cdot e_i \\ \vdots \\ u_s \cdot e_i \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|} u_1 & \dots & u_s & v_{s+1} \dots v_n \\ \hline \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \cdot e_i \\ \vdots \\ u_s \cdot e_i \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|} u_1 & \dots & u_s & v_{s+1} \dots v_n \\ \hline \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} -u_1 \\ \vdots \\ -u_s \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{array} \right)^{QT} e_i$$

$$= QQ^T(e_i)$$

The question now is: how do we find orthonormal bases?

Answer: the Gram-Schmidt process.

Gram-Schmidt process:

Let  $v_1, \dots, v_s$  be a basis of  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $i=1$  and  $v_i^\perp = v_i$ .

1. Normalize  $v_i^\perp$ :  $u_i = \frac{v_i^\perp}{\|v_i^\perp\|}$  let  $i \rightarrow i+1$ .

2. Make  $v_i$  orthogonal to  $u_1, \dots, u_{i-1}$ :  $v_i^\perp = v_i - (u_1 \cdot v_i)u_1 - \dots - (u_{i-1} \cdot v_i)u_{i-1}$ . Go back to 1.

Example 1: Let  $S = \mathbb{R}^3$  with basis  $B: v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

1)  $u_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2+(-1)^2+1^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

2)  $v_2^\perp = v_2 - (u_1 \cdot v_2)u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

1)  $u_2 = \frac{v_2^\perp}{\|v_2^\perp\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

2)  $v_3^\perp = v_3 - (u_1 \cdot v_3)u_1 - (u_2 \cdot v_3)u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{3}{\sqrt{6}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{2} \\ 2 - \frac{2}{3} - 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

1)  $u_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{36}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

Finally  $u_1, u_2, u_3$  are an orthonormal basis of  $S = \mathbb{R}^3$ .

QR factorization

The Gram-Schmidt process produces a factorization of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ v_1 & \dots & v_s \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix}$ , as follows:

First, write  $A = \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ v_1 & \dots & v_s \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix}$   
basis of  $S$

Then Gram-Schmidt yields  $v_1 = \|v_1\| u_1$ ,

$$v_2 = \|v_2^\perp\| \cdot v_2^\perp + (u_1 \cdot v_2) u_1$$

$$v_3 = \|v_3^\perp\| \cdot v_3^\perp + (u_1 \cdot v_3) u_1 + (u_2 \cdot v_3) u_2$$

$v_4 = \dots$

In matrix form this says  $A = \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ v_1 & \dots & v_n \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ u_1 & \dots & u_n \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix}}_Q \cdot \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \|v_1\| & u_1 \cdot v_2 & u_1 \cdot v_3 & \dots & u_1 \cdot v_n \\ 0 & \|v_2\| & u_2 \cdot v_3 & \dots & u_2 \cdot v_n \\ 0 & 0 & \|v_3\| & \dots & u_3 \cdot v_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \|v_n\| \end{pmatrix}}_R \text{ (upper triangular)}$

Definition 1: This is the QR factorization of  $A$ .

Example 1 (ctd):  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{6} & -1/3\sqrt{3} \\ -1/\sqrt{3} & 2/\sqrt{6} & 2/3\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{6} & 2/3\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 2/\sqrt{3} & 2/\sqrt{3} \\ 0 & \sqrt{6}/3 & 3/\sqrt{6} \\ 0 & 0 & 3\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}$   
 we computed these when doing Gram-Schmidt.

### Orthogonal transformations

Definition 2: An  $n \times n$  matrix  $Q$  is orthogonal iff its columns consist of an orthonormal basis  $B: u_1, \dots, u_n$

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ u_1 & \dots & u_n \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix} (= S_{B \rightarrow e})$$

Recall that the transpose of a matrix  $Q$  is the matrix  $Q^T$  whose columns are the rows in  $Q$

Fact:  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$  Proof: in-class exercise.

Example 2:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -5 \\ 11 & -11 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 11 \\ -5 & -11 \end{pmatrix}$$

Definition 3: A linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  whose matrix is orthogonal is called an orthogonal transformation.

It turns out, finding the inverse of an orthogonal matrix is extremely easy:

Theorem 2: An  $n \times n$  matrix is orthogonal iff  $Q^T Q = I_n$ .

Proof: Note that  $Q^T Q = \begin{pmatrix} - & u_1 & - \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ - & u_n & - \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ u_1 & \dots & u_n \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \cdot u_1 & u_1 \cdot u_2 & \dots & u_1 \cdot u_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_n \cdot u_1 & \dots & \dots & u_n \cdot u_n \end{pmatrix}$

Evidently, this matrix is the identity if and only if  $B$  is orthonormal.  $\square$

The associated transformation to  $Q$  satisfies an important property:

Theorem 3: Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a linear transformation with associated matrix  $Q$ , and assume

$Q$  is orthogonal. Then, for any  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $T(v) \cdot T(w) = v \cdot w$

In particular,  $\|T(v)\| = \|v\|$ .

Proof: Take  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $T(v) \cdot T(w) = (Qv) \cdot (Qw) = (Qv)^T (Qw) = v^T Q^T Q w = v^T w = v \cdot w$ .

•  $\|T(v)\| = \|v\|$ : In-class exercise.  $\square$

In-class exercises:

1. Find the QR factorization of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

2. Let  $S = \text{Im}(A)$ . Find the matrix of proj's.

3. Prove:

• If  $T$  is an orthogonal transformation, then  $\|T(v)\| = \|v\|$  for all  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  (Hint: use Thm 3).

• If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $B$  is an  $n \times p$  matrix, then  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$ .