

Matrix Algebra and Its Applications  
Problem Set Before Quiz #2

1. If  $V$  and  $W$  are orthogonal subspaces, show that the only vector they have in common is the zero vector, i.e.,  $V \cap W = \{0\}$ .
2. Find a vector  $x$  orthogonal to the row space of  $A$ , and a vector  $y$  orthogonal to the column space, and a vector  $z$  orthogonal to the nullspace:

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

3. Draw Figure 3.4 to show each subspace for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

4. Find the matrix that projects every point in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  onto the line, which is the intersection of the planes  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$  and  $x_1 - x_3 = 0$ .
5. Suppose the values  $b_1 = 1$  and  $b_2 = 7$  at times  $t_1 = 1$  and  $t_2 = 2$  are fitted by a line  $b = Dt$  through the origin. Find  $\hat{D}$  by least square and sketch the observations with the best-fit line. Find  $\hat{D}$  by projection and sketch the projection of  $b$  onto the column space of  $t$ .
6. If  $V$  is the subspace spanned by  $(1, 1, 0, 1)$  and  $(0, 0, 1, 0)$ , find
  - (a) a basis for the orthogonal complement  $V^\perp$
  - (b) the projection matrix  $P$  onto  $V$
  - (c) the vector in  $V$  closest to the vector  $b = (0, 1, 0, -1)$  in  $V^\perp$
7. If  $P$  is the projection matrix onto a  $k$ -dimensional subspace  $S$  of the whole space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , what is the column space of  $P$  and what is its rank?
8. If  $u$  is a unit vector, show that  $Q = I - 2uu^T$  is an orthogonal matrix and is a reflection transformation. Compute  $Q$  when  $u^T = (1/2, 1/2, 1/2, -1/2)$  and explain what  $Q$  does to  $x$  with  $Qx$ .
9. Suppose the values  $b_1 = 1$  and  $b_2 = 7$  at times  $t_1 = 1$  and  $t_2 = 2$  are fitted by a line  $b = Dt$  through the origin. Find  $\hat{D}$  by least square and sketch the observations with the best-fit line. Find  $\hat{D}$  by projection and draw the projection of  $b$  onto the column space of  $t$ .
10. Project  $b = (0, 3, 0)^T$  onto each of the orthonormal vectors  $a_1 = (2/3, 2/3, -1/3)^T$  and  $a_2 = (-1/3, 2/3, 2/3)^T$ . Then, find its projection  $p$  onto the plane spanned by  $a_1$  and  $a_2$ . Also find the projection onto  $a_3 = (2/3, -1/3, 2/3)^T$  and add the three projections. Why is  $P = a_1(a_1)^T + a_2(a_2)^T + a_3(a_3)^T$  equal to  $I$ ?
11. Show that  $Q = I - 2uu^T$  is an orthogonal matrix.
12. (a) Find the bases for the null space and the row space of
 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$
  - (b) Split  $x = (3, 3, 3)^T$  into a row-space component  $x_r$  and a null-space component  $x_n$ . (c) Find the

pseudoinverse of  $A$

(d) Let  $Ax=(9, 21)^T$ . Recover the row space component of  $x$ .

(e) Show that the pseudoinverse found in (c) is the right inverse of  $A$ .

13. Project the vector  $b=(1, 2)$  onto a 2-dimensional basis with two vectors,  $(1, 0)$  and  $(1, 1)$ , and show that, unlike the orthogonal basis, the sum of the two projections does not equal to  $b$ .
14. Show that an orthogonal matrix that is upper triangular must be diagonal.
15. Factor

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

into  $QR$  and find the least squares solution of  $Ax=b$  if  $b=(1, 2, 7)^T$ ?

16. Find the best parabola:  $y = C + Dt + Et^2$  fit to the following measurements:

$$y = 2 \quad \text{at} \quad t = -1,$$

$$y = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad t = 0,$$

$$y = -3 \quad \text{at} \quad t = 1,$$

$$y = -5 \quad \text{at} \quad t = 2.$$

Find your approximate solution by  $QR$  factorization and plot the observations together with the best-fit parabola using Excel.

17. Find the Fourier coefficients  $a_0, a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2$  of the step function  $y(x)$  which equals 1 on the interval  $0 \leq x \leq \pi/2$  and -1 on the remaining interval  $\pi/2 < x < 2\pi$ . Plot  $y(x)$  and the Fourier series on the same figure (you may use Excel to create the figure).

18. Find the determinants of

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

by eliminations and possible row exchanges.

19. What is the volume of the parallelepiped with the four of its vertices at  $(1, 1, 1)$ ,  $(-1, 2, 2)$ ,  $(2, -1, 2)$  and  $(2, 2, -1)$ ?
20. If a 6 by 6 determinant is expanded into the sum of  $6^6$  determinants by splitting each row into 6 coordinate directions, how many determinant terms in the expansion are sure to be zero if  $a_{21}=0$ ?
21. Find the determinant of  $A$ , if  $a_{ij}=i+j$ .