

### Math 218D-1: Homework #7

due Wednesday, October 15, at 11:59pm

Once you are comfortable with finding least-squares solutions by hand, please perform those computations in SymPy! The same thing goes for the Gram–Schmidt process and QR decompositions.

1. **(Internalizing a Definition)** For each set of vectors, decide if they are orthogonal, orthonormal, or neither; then compute  $Q^T Q$  *by hand*, where  $Q$  is the matrix with the vectors as columns.

a)  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$       b)  $\left\{ \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

c)  $\left\{ \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$       d)  $\left\{ \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

- 2. (Practicing a Procedure)** The following subspaces  $V$  are given as the span of an *orthogonal* set of vectors. For each subspace  $V$  and vector  $b$ , compute the orthogonal projection  $b_V$  using the *projection formula*, and compute the projection matrix  $P_V$  using the *outer product formula*.

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{a)} & V = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} & b = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 8 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 \text{b)} & V = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} & b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \\
 \text{c)} & V = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} & b = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ -4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 \text{d)} & V = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} & b = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 \text{e)} & V = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} & b = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

- 3.** Suppose that  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . Use the outer product formula to explain why

$$I_n = u_1 u_1^T + u_2 u_2^T + \cdots + u_n u_n^T.$$

- 4. (Examples Problem)** In each case, find an example or explain why none exists.

- a) A matrix  $Q$  such that  $Q^T Q$  is an identity matrix but  $Q Q^T$  is not.
- b) A set of vectors  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  that is *orthogonal* and *linearly dependent*.
- c) An orthonormal basis for the plane  $x + y + z = 0$ .

5. **(Practicing a Procedure)** Use the Gram–Schmidt process to find orthogonal bases of the following subspaces.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{a) } \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\} & \text{b) } \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \\ \text{c) } \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix} \right\} & \text{d) } \text{Nul} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & -3 & 12 \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

Check your answers with SymPy, as in:

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GramSchmidt([Matrix([1, 1, 0]),
              Matrix([1, 0, 2])])
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6. **(Understanding Gram–Schmidt)** Consider the plane

$$V = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

and the vector

$$v = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in V.$$

Find all vectors **contained in**  $V$  that are orthogonal to  $v$ .

[**Hint:** apply Gram–Schmidt to a set containing  $v$ .]

7. **(Understanding Gram–Schmidt)** Consider the 3-dimensional subspace  $V = \text{Col}(A)$ , where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find an orthonormal basis  $\{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4\}$  of  $\mathbf{R}^4$  such that  $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$  is a basis for  $V$ . Your answer should be exact, in terms of square roots.

8. **(Practicing a Procedure)** For each of the following matrices  $A$  and vectors  $b$ , find the QR decomposition of  $A$ , and find the least-squares solution of  $Ax = b$  by substitution in  $R\hat{x} = Q^T b$ . Your answers should be exact, in terms of square roots.

$$\text{a) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{b) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Check your answers with SymPy, as in:

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A = Matrix([[1, 1],
            [1, 0],
            [0, 2]])
Q, R = A.QRdecomposition()
pprint(Q)
pprint(R)
b = Matrix([1, 1, 1])
pprint(R.upper_triangular_solve(Q.T*b))
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9. **(Practicing a Procedure)** In this problem, we use a QR decomposition to *quickly* compute the best-fit parabola with specified  $y$ -values at  $x = -2, -1, 1, 2$ , as in HW6#15.

- a) Find the matrix  $A$  such that the least squares solution of

$$A \begin{pmatrix} C \\ D \\ E \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

gives the coefficients of the parabola  $y = Cx^2 + Dx + E$  that best fits the data points

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ b_1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ b_4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(Presumably you did this in HW6#15.)

- b) Compute the QR decomposition of  $A$ .

- c) Find the best-fit parabola through the points  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ b_1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ b_4 \end{pmatrix}$  by substitution in  $R\hat{x} = Q^T b$ . You should get the same answer as in HW6#15.

Note that we can now repeat part c) with new  $y$ -values in  $O(n^2)$  time.

10. **(Internalizing a Definition)** Recall that an *orthogonal* matrix is a *square* matrix  $Q$  with *orthonormal* columns, and that orthonormal columns means  $Q^T Q = I_n$ .

- a) If  $Q$  is an orthogonal matrix, show that  $Q^{-1}$  is orthogonal.

- b) If  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  are orthogonal matrices of the same size, show that  $Q_1 Q_2$  is orthogonal.

**11. (True-False)** Decide if each statement is true or false. If it is true, explain why; if it is false, provide a counterexample.

- a) A matrix with orthogonal columns has full row rank.
- b) If  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is a linearly independent set of vectors, then it is orthogonal.
- c) If  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  is a basis for a plane  $V$ , then for any vector  $b$ ,

$$b_V = \frac{b \cdot v_1}{v_1 \cdot v_1} v_1 + \frac{b \cdot v_2}{v_2 \cdot v_2} v_2.$$

- d) If  $Q$  has orthonormal columns, then the distance from  $x$  to  $y$  equals the distance from  $Qx$  to  $Qy$ .
- e) If  $A = QR$  is a  $QR$  decomposition of a matrix  $A$ , then the rows of  $Q$  form an orthonormal basis for  $\text{Row}(A)$ .

**12. (Practicing a Procedure)** Compute the determinants of the following matrices using Gaussian elimination.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{a)} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} & \text{b)} \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 \\ -9 & 18 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{c)} \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -3 & -3 & -2 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -12 & -3 & -9 & 3 \\ 0 & 8 & 19 & 33 \end{pmatrix} & \text{d)} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 \\ -4 & -5 & 5 \\ 6 & 1 & 12 \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

Check your answers with SymPy, as in:

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A = Matrix([[ -2, 1],
             [ 1, 3]])
pprint(A.det())
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**13. (Internalizing a Definition)**

- a) Find  $\det(E)$  when  $E$  is an elementary matrix. (This will depend on which kind of row operation the matrix corresponds to.)
- b) Verify that  $\det(E) = \det(E^T)$  when  $E$  is an elementary matrix.  
[Hint: for row swaps, use HW2#22(b).]
- c) If  $A$  is a matrix and  $E$  is an elementary matrix, use a) to show that  $\det(EA) = \det(E)\det(A)$  directly from the definition of determinants (not using multiplicativity).  
[Hint: how is  $EA$  related to  $A$ ?]

- 14. (Internalizing a Definition)** Let  $A$  be the  $n \times n$  matrix with entries  $1, 2, 3, \dots, n^2$ , ordered by rows first. For instance, here is the matrix  $A$  for  $n = 2$  and  $n = 3$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find  $\det(A)$  for any value of  $n \geq 2$ .

- 15. (Internalizing a Concept)** A matrix  $A$  has the  $PA = LU$  factorization

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} A = L \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

What is  $\det(A)$ ?

- 16. (Internalizing a Concept)** Suppose that

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} = 10.$$

Find the determinants of the following matrices.

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{a)} \begin{pmatrix} d & e & f \\ a & b & c \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} & \text{b)} \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g+2d & h+2e & i+2f \end{pmatrix} & \text{c)} \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ \frac{1}{2}d & \frac{1}{2}e & \frac{1}{2}f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{d)} \begin{pmatrix} g & h & i \\ a & b & c \\ d & e & f \end{pmatrix} & \text{e)} \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ 2g+d & 2h+e & 2i+f \end{pmatrix} & \text{f)} \begin{pmatrix} a & d & g \\ b & e & h \\ c & f & i \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{g)} 2 \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} & \text{h)} \begin{pmatrix} a & d & g \\ b & e & h \\ c & f & i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} & \text{i)} \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \\ \text{j)} - \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} & \text{k)} \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}^3 & \text{l)} \begin{pmatrix} a & b+2c & c \\ d & e+2f & f \\ g & h+2i & i \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

- 17. (Synthesizing New and Old Concepts)** Recall that an *orthogonal matrix* is a square matrix with orthonormal columns, or equivalently, a square matrix  $Q$  such that  $Q^T Q = I_n$ . Prove that every orthogonal matrix has determinant  $\pm 1$ .

**18. (Synthesizing New and Old Concepts)** Let  $V$  be a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^n$  and let  $P_V$  be the projection matrix onto  $V$ .

a) Find  $\det(P_V)$  when  $V \neq \mathbf{R}^n$ .

b) Find  $\det(P_V)$  when  $V = \mathbf{R}^n$ .

**19. (Exploration Problem)** Let  $A$  be any invertible matrix.

a) Explain why  $A$  can be expressed as a product of elementary matrices:

$$A = E_1 E_2 \dots E_r.$$

b) Use Problem 13(c) to prove that  $\det(A) = \det(E_1) \det(E_2) \dots \det(E_r)$  directly from the definition of the determinant (without using multiplicativity).

c) Take transposes and use Problem 13(b) and b) (as applied to  $A^T$ ) to prove that  $\det(A) = \det(A^T)$ .

[Hint: the transpose of an elementary matrix is an elementary matrix.]

(The proof that  $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$  follows a similar strategy.)

**20. (Exploration Problem)** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with columns  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ .

a) Show that if  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is orthogonal then  $|\det(A)| = \|v_1\| \|v_2\| \dots \|v_n\|$ .

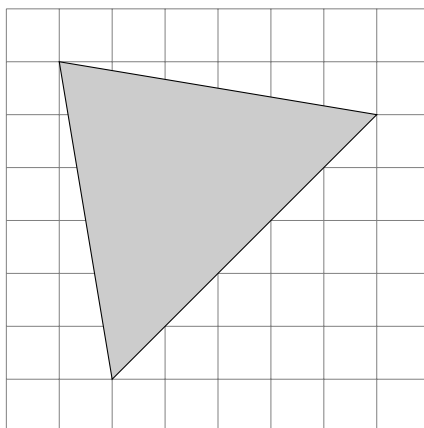
[Hint: Compute  $A^T A$  and its determinant.]

b) Suppose that  $A$  is invertible. Show that  $|\det(A)| \leq \|v_1\| \|v_2\| \dots \|v_n\|$ , with equality if and only if the set  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is orthogonal.

[Hint: Use HW5#21(c) and the QR decomposition of  $A$ . In  $A = QR$ , you know what  $|\det(Q)|$  and  $\det(R)$  are...]

In other words, among matrices with the same column lengths, the determinant is *maximized* when the columns are *orthogonal*.

**21. (Picture Problem)** Compute the area of the triangle pictured below using a  $2 \times 2$  determinant. (The grid marks are one unit apart.)



**22. (True-False)** Decide if each statement is true or false. If it is true, explain why; if it is false, provide a counterexample. You can assume that all matrix operations that appear below are defined.

a)  $\det(A + B) = \det(A) + \det(B)$ .

b)  $\det(ABC^{-1}) = \frac{\det(A)\det(B)}{\det(C)}$ .

c)  $\det(AB) = \det(BA)$ .

d)  $\det(3A) = 3 \det(A)$ .

e) If  $A^5$  is invertible then  $A$  is invertible.

f) The determinant of  $A$  is the product of its diagonal entries.

g) If the columns of  $A$  are linearly dependent, then  $\det(A) = 0$ .

h) If  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with determinant zero, then two of the columns of  $A$  are scalar multiples of each other.