

HW 5 due Thurs before class.

Discuss Problem 2(a,b).

We've seen the geometry of projection.

This problem is about the arithmetic of projection (strange...).

Say matrix P is an orthogonal projection when $P^T = P$ & $P^2 = P$.

(a) If P is a projection then $Q = I - P$ is a projection.

What do we need to check?

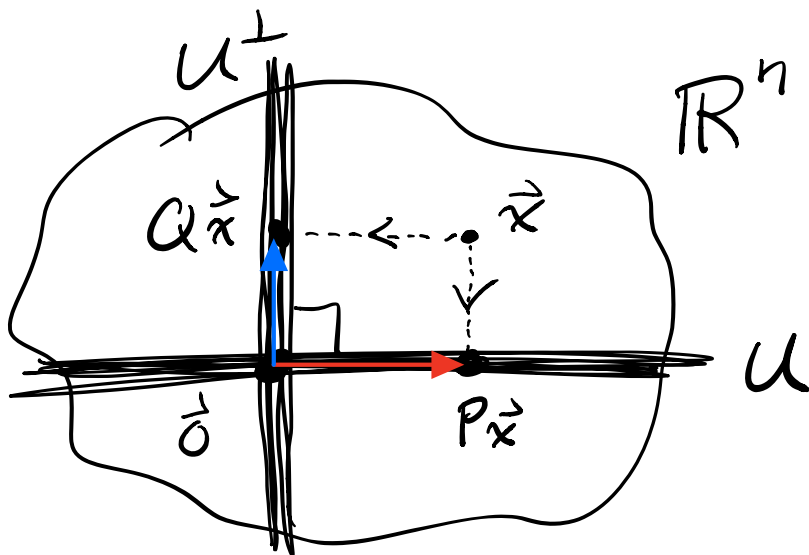
$$\begin{aligned} Q^T &= (I - P)^T \\ &= I^T + (-P)^T && [(A+B)^T = A^T + B^T] \\ &= I^T - P^T && [(\lambda A)^T = \lambda A^T] \\ &= I - P && [I^T = I \text{ \& } P^T = P] \\ &= Q \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Q^2 &= (I-P)^2 \\
&= (I-P)(I-P) \\
&= II - IP - PI + PP \\
&= I - P - P + P^2 \\
&= I - 2P + P \quad [P^2 = P] \\
&= I - P \\
&= Q \quad \checkmark
\end{aligned}$$

Done.

But what does this mean?

Suppose P is the projection onto a subspace $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$:



Let Q be the projection onto the orthogonal complement subspace $U^\perp \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. Observe that

$$\vec{0}, P\vec{x}, Q\vec{x}, \vec{x}$$

are the four vertices of a rectangle (which is a parallelogram), hence

$$P\vec{x} + Q\vec{x} = \vec{x}$$

$$(P+Q)\vec{x} = \vec{x}$$

So $P+Q$ is the matrix that does nothing, i.e., $P+Q = I$.

In other words,

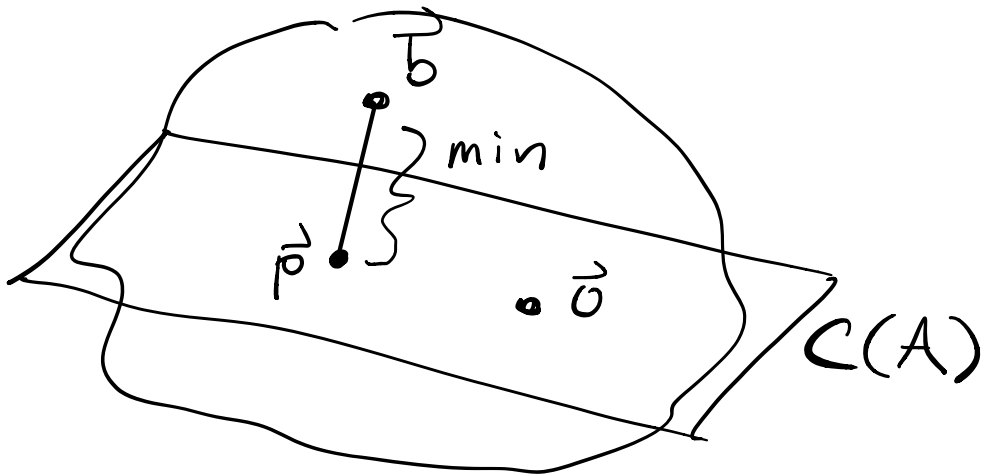
$$Q = I - P.$$



Review : Suppose $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has

no solution. We want to find \hat{x}
such that $\|A\hat{x} - \vec{b}\|^2$ is MINIMIZED.

Picture:



The shortest length $\|\vec{p} - \vec{b}\|^2$ happens
when $\vec{p} - \vec{b}$ is \perp to the column
space. Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{p} - \vec{b} &\perp C(A) \\ &\perp \text{ every column of } A \\ &\perp \text{ every row of } A^T \end{aligned}$$

In other words:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad A^T (\vec{p} - \vec{b}) = \vec{0}$$

We also want \vec{p} to be in the column space, so that

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \vec{p} = A(\text{something}) \\ = A\hat{x}$$

for some vector \hat{x} .

Put $\textcircled{1}$ & $\textcircled{2}$ together:

$$A^T(\vec{p} - \vec{b}) = \vec{0}$$

$$A^T(A\hat{x} - \vec{b}) = \vec{0}$$

$$A^T A \hat{x} - A^T \vec{b} = \vec{0}$$

$$A^T A \hat{x} = A^T \vec{b}$$

Called the "normal equation" because it expresses a bunch of right angles.

If you want an expression for

$$\vec{p} = A\hat{x},$$

Let's assume $A^T A$ is invertible
so that

$$A^T A \hat{x} = A^T \vec{b}$$

$$(\cancel{A^T A})^{-1} (\cancel{A^T A}) \hat{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{b}$$

$$\hat{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{b}$$

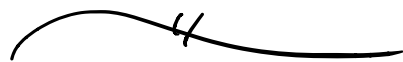
$$A \hat{x} = A (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{b}$$

$$\vec{p} = A (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{b}$$

The orthogonal projection of point \vec{b} onto column space of A .

Corresponding matrix:

$$P = A (A^T A)^{-1} A^T$$



Example: Project the point $(1, 2, 3)$
onto the line $t(1, 1, 2)$ &

onto the plane $x + y + 2z = 0$.

Let P be the matrix that projects onto the line $t(1, 1, 2)$, i.e., the column space of $\vec{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \vec{a} (\vec{a}^T \vec{a})^{-1} \vec{a}^T \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \left[(1 \ 1 \ 2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right]^{-1} (1 \ 1 \ 2) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} [1 + 1 + 4]^{-1} (1 \ 1 \ 2) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} (1 \ 1 \ 2) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Project $(1, 2, 3)$:

$$P \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 1+2+6 \\ 1+2+6 \\ 2+4+12 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 9 \\ 18 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3/2 \\ 3/2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}. \quad \text{//}$$

Now project onto the plane $x+y+2z=0$.

There are two ways to do this.

Hard Way: Express the plane as the column space of a matrix.

Find two vectors in the plane....

$$\{ x + y + 2z = 0$$

pivot: x

Free: y & z . Let $s = y$ & $t = z$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -s-2t \\ s \\ t \end{pmatrix} = s \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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 two vectors in the plane.

Plane is col-space of $A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Compute the projection matrix

$$Q = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$$

∴ computer

$$= \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 5 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Project $(1, 2, 3)$ onto the plane:

$$Q \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 5 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 5 - 2 - 6 \\ -1 + 10 - 6 \\ -2 - 4 + 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Easy Way: The line $t(1,1,2)$
& plane $x+y+2z=0$ are
orthogonal complements, hence

$$P + Q = I$$

$$P\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + Q\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Q\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - P\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3/2 \\ 3/2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$



Application: Fitting a line
to data points. We want the
best fit line $y = mx + b$ for

n arbitrary data points:

$$(x, y) = (x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n).$$

Each data point gives a linear equation in 2 unknowns m & b .

$$y_i = mx_i + b.$$

Get a system of n equations, 2 unknowns:

$$\begin{cases} mx_1 + b = y_1 \\ mx_2 + b = y_2 \\ \vdots \\ mx_n + b = y_n \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

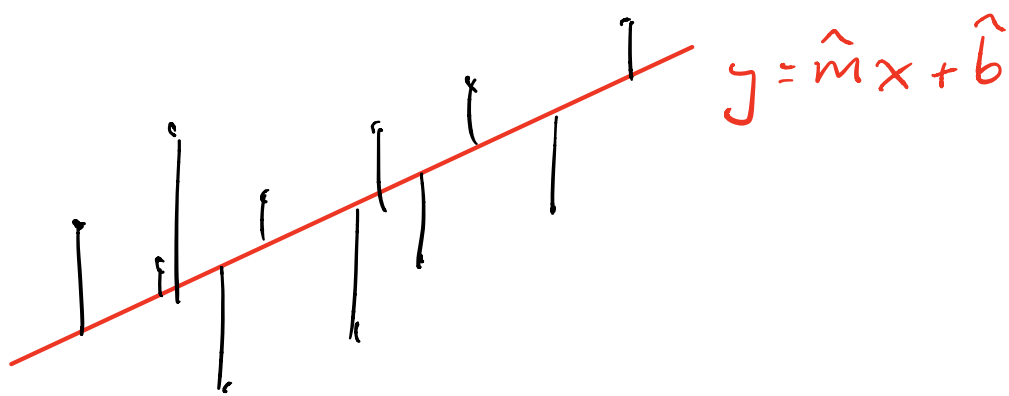
This has (probably) NO SOLUTION.

So consider the normal equation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_n \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{m} \\ \hat{b} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_n \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sum x^2 & \sum x \\ \sum x & n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{m} \\ \hat{b} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum xy \\ \sum y \end{pmatrix}$$

This can be easily solved to obtain \hat{m}, \hat{b} and the best fit line:



Sum of squares of vertical errors is as small as possible.



One Step Further: Find the best fit parabola $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ for n data points $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$.
Have n linear eqns in 3 unknowns:

$$\begin{cases} ax_1^2 + bx_1 + c = y_1 \\ \vdots \\ ax_n^2 + bx_n + c = y_n \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1^2 & x_1 & 1 \\ x_2^2 & x_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n^2 & x_n & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

↓ normal equation

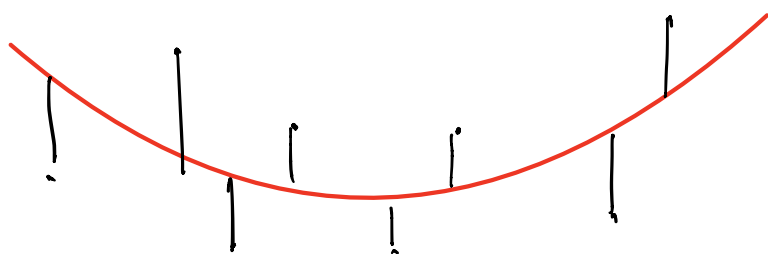
$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1^2 & \dots & x_n^2 \\ x_1 & \dots & x_n \\ 1 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1^2 & x_1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n^2 & x_n & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{a} \\ \hat{b} \\ \hat{c} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^2 & \dots & x_n^2 \\ x_1 & \dots & x_n \\ 1 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sum x^4 & \sum x^3 & \sum x^2 \\ \sum x^3 & \sum x^2 & \sum x \\ \sum x^2 & \sum x & n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{a} \\ \hat{b} \\ \hat{c} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum x^2 y \\ \sum x y \\ \sum y \end{pmatrix}$$

Now solve for \hat{a} , \hat{b} , \hat{c} to obtain the best fit parabola:

$$y = \hat{a}x^2 + \hat{b}x + \hat{c}$$

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Example: Find best fit parabola for 5 data points (x, y) :

$$(-2, 1), (-1, 5), (0, 5), (1, 2), (2, 1)$$

Plug data into $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ to get 5 linear eqns in 3 unknowns a, b, c :

$$\begin{cases} 4a - 2b + c = 1 \\ 1a - b + c = 5 \\ 0a + 0b + c = 5 \\ 1a + b + c = 2 \\ 4a + 2b + c = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{a} \\ \hat{b} \\ \hat{c} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

} normal equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 34 & 0 & 10 \\ 0 & 10 & 0 \\ 10 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{a} \\ \hat{b} \\ \hat{c} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 15 \\ -3 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix}$$

} solve

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{a} \\ \hat{b} \\ \hat{c} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -13/14 \\ -3/10 \\ 163/35 \end{pmatrix}$$

Picture :

