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**Problem 1.** Let  $\Pi$  denote the following parametrized plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

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

- (a) Let  $\vec{a}$  be some vector that is perpendicular to the plane  $\Pi$ . Write down a single matrix equation to encode this information.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \vec{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (b) Solve the matrix equation from part (a) to find all such vectors  $\vec{a}$ .

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right).$$

If  $\vec{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$  then we get

$$\vec{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -c \\ 0 \\ c \end{pmatrix} = c \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (c) Use your answer from (b) to tell me an equation for  $\Pi$ .

$$-x + 0y + z = 0.$$

(d) Compute the matrix  $P = \vec{a}(\vec{a}^T \vec{a})^{-1} \vec{a}^T$  that projects orthogonally onto the line  $t\vec{a}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \left( (-1 \ 0 \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)^{-1} (-1 \ 0 \ 1) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} (2)^{-1} (-1 \ 0 \ 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} (-1 \ 0 \ 1) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

(e) Write down some matrix  $A$  whose column space is the plane  $\Pi$ .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(f) Finally, compute the matrix  $Q = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$  that projects orthogonally onto the plane  $\Pi$ . [Hint: There is a shortcut using part (d).]

Since  $P + Q = I$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= I - P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 2.** Consider the following matrix:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) Let  $B$  be some matrix whose second row is  $(1 \ 2 \ 1)$ . Compute the second row of the matrix  $BA$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (b) Use Gaussian elimination to compute the inverse matrix  $A^{-1}$ .

$$(A | I) = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} R_1 \\ R_2 \\ R_3 \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} R_1 \\ R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 - R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} R_1 \\ R_2 \\ R_3 - 2R_2 \end{array}$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Problem 3.** Consider a matrix  $A$  and two column vectors  $\hat{x}, \vec{b}$  such that the following matrices exist:  $(A^T A)^{-1}$ ,  $A\hat{x}$ , and  $A^T \vec{b}$ .

(a) If  $A$  has shape  $m \times n$ , tell me the shapes of  $(A^T A)^{-1}$ ,  $A\hat{x}$ , and  $A^T \vec{b}$ .

$(A^T A)^{-1}$  has shape  $n \times n$

$A\hat{x}$  has shape  $m \times 1$

$A^T \vec{b}$  has shape  $n \times 1$

(b) Now define the vector  $\vec{e} := \vec{b} - A\hat{x}$ . Tell me a single matrix equation that says that  $\vec{e}$  is perpendicular to all of the columns of  $A$ .

$$A^T \vec{e} = \vec{0}$$

(c) Solve the matrix equation from (b) to find a formula for  $\hat{x}$ .

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

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

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

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

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

**Problem 4.** Consider the following three data points:

$$\begin{pmatrix} t \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) Write down a matrix equation that would be true if all three points were on the same line  $C + tD = b$ . This equation will have no solution.

$$\begin{cases} C + (-1)D = 2 \\ C + (0)D = 3 \\ C + (1)D = 1 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C \\ D \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) Write down the associated "normal equation", which does have a solution.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C \\ D \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) Solve the normal equation to find the best fit line.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C \\ D \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3C \\ 2D \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} C \\ D \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The best fit line is

$$2 - \frac{1}{2}t = b.$$