

6.1 Inner product, length, orthog.

Motivation: Suppose you are modeling a situation and need to solve a system $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$, but you find out that the system is inconsistent. What do you do?

Option 1: Give up.

Option 2: Try to find the "best possible" approx. solution — that is, find an \bar{x} such that $A\bar{x}$ is a "close as possible" to \bar{b} (even though it may not equal \bar{b}).

* To do this, we need to explore "closeness" (i.e. distance).

Inner Product

Def Let $\bar{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix}$, $\bar{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$. The inner product or dot product of \bar{u} and \bar{v} is

$$\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + \dots + u_n v_n.$$

* notice that this can be written in terms of matrix multiplication as

$$\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v} = \bar{u}^T \cdot \bar{v} = [u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n] \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$$

* $\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v}$ is a (single) number.

Ex Let $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = [3 \ -1 \ 5] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 - 7 - 10 = -17$$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{u} = [0 \ 7 \ -2] \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = 0 - 7 - 10 = -17$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = (-3)^2 + (-1)^2 + (5)^2 = 9 + 1 + 25 = 35$$

Theorem (Prop. of the inner prod.)

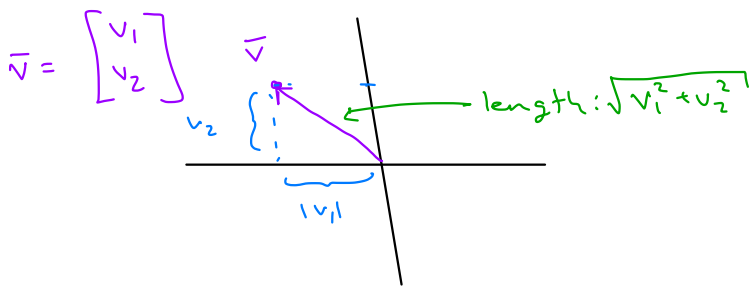
(1) $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u}$

(2) $(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w} = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{w} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}$

(3) $(c\vec{u}) \cdot \vec{v} = c(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v})$

(4) $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} \geq 0$ and $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \iff \vec{u} = \vec{0}$.

Length & Distance



works in higher dimension too

Def The length (or norm) of \vec{v} , denoted $\|\vec{v}\|$, is

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}} = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_n^2}$$

$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$

* Note: $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{v}\|^2$

* $\|c\vec{v}\| = |c| \cdot \|\vec{v}\|$

Def We say \bar{v} is a unit vector if $\|\bar{v}\| = 1$.

Fact $\frac{1}{\|\bar{v}\|} \cdot \bar{v}$ is always a unit vector in the same dir. as \bar{v} .

Def The distance b/w \bar{u} and \bar{v} , denoted $\text{dist}(\bar{u}, \bar{v})$, is

$$\text{dist}(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) = \|\bar{u} - \bar{v}\| = \sqrt{(u_1 - v_1)^2 + (u_2 - v_2)^2 + \dots + (u_n - v_n)^2}$$

$\bar{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \bar{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$

Ex Let $\bar{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\bar{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$.

① Find $\text{dist}(\bar{v}, \bar{w})$.

② Find a unit vector, \bar{u} , in same direction as \bar{v} .

③ Graph $\bar{v}, \bar{w}, \bar{u}$.

① $\text{dist}(\bar{v}, \bar{w}) = \|\bar{v} - \bar{w}\| = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + (-3)^2} = \boxed{\sqrt{11}}$

② $\bar{u} = \frac{1}{\|\bar{v}\|} \cdot \bar{v}$.

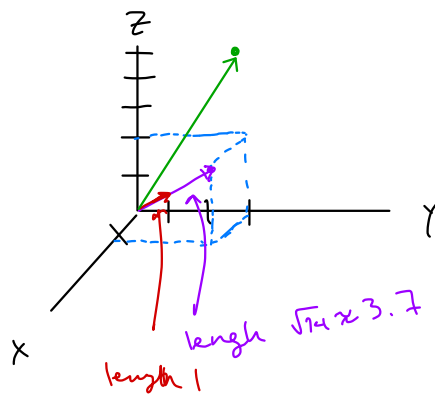
* $\|\bar{v}\| = \sqrt{1+9+4} = \sqrt{14}$.

* $\bar{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{14} \\ 3/\sqrt{14} \\ 2/\sqrt{14} \end{bmatrix}$.

* Note that

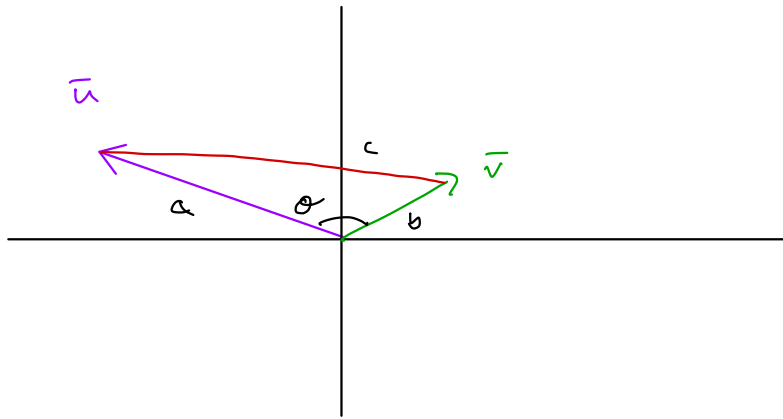
$$\|\bar{u}\| = \sqrt{\frac{1}{14} + \frac{9}{14} + \frac{4}{14}} = \sqrt{1} = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

③



Orthogonality (i.e. perpendicularity)

we start by looking at the angle b/w two vectors.



By the law of cosines: $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos \theta$

Thus,

$$\underline{\underline{\| \vec{u} - \vec{v} \|^2}} = \|\vec{u}\|^2 + \|\vec{v}\|^2 - 2\|\vec{u}\|\|\vec{v}\|\cos \theta.$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\underline{\| \vec{u} - \vec{v} \|^2}} &= (\vec{u} - \vec{v}) \cdot (\vec{u} - \vec{v}) \\ &= \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} - 2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} \\ &= \|\vec{u}\|^2 - 2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \|\vec{v}\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

} dist. and comm.

combining these,

$$-2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = -2\|\vec{u}\|\|\vec{v}\|\cos \theta$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{u}\|\|\vec{v}\|\cos \theta$$

Theorem I If θ is the angle b/w \vec{u} and \vec{v} , then

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\| \cdot \cos \theta.$$

Def We say \vec{u} and \vec{v} are orthogonal if $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$.

* this means that the (smallest) angle b/w them is 90° .

Ex Let $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(a) show that $\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ is not orthog. to \vec{v}

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 1 \neq 0$$

(b) Find three different vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 that are orthog. to \vec{v} . How many possible answers are there?

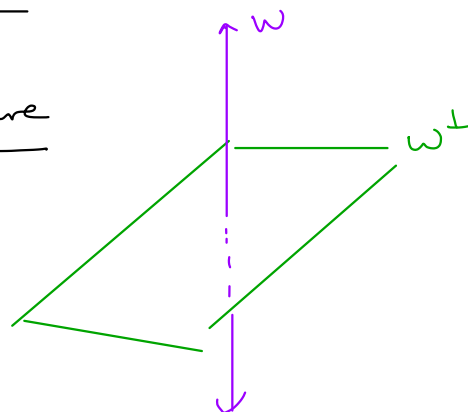
want \vec{u} , s.t. $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$. write $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 3u_1 + u_2 + u_3 = 0$$

possible answers: $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \dots$

Def If W is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n , then W^\perp is the collection of all vectors that are orthog. to every vector in W . W^\perp is called the orthogonal complement of W .

Picture



Theorem Let W be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

(1) W^\perp is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

(2) If $W = \text{span}\{\bar{w}_1, \dots, \bar{w}_k\}$, then

\bar{v} is in $W^\perp \iff \bar{v}$ is orthog. to $\bar{w}_1, \bar{w}_2, \dots$, and \bar{w}_k .

6.2 Orthogonal Sets

Def A set of vectors $\{\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_k\}$ is an orthogonal set if each pair of (distinct) vectors is orthogonal. If $\{\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_k\}$ is an orthogonal set AND all vectors are unit vectors, then it is called an orthonormal set.

Ex Let $\bar{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1/3 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix}$, $\bar{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\bar{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$. verify

that $\{\bar{u}_1, \bar{u}_2, \bar{u}_3\}$ is an orthogonal set.

$$\bar{u}_1 \cdot \bar{u}_2 = -2 + 1/3 + 2/3 = 0$$

$$\bar{u}_1 \cdot \bar{u}_3 = -1 - 4/3 + 7/3 = 0$$

$$\bar{u}_2 \cdot \bar{u}_3 = 2 - 16 + 14 = 0$$

* Note that this is not an orthonormal set b/c

$$\|\bar{u}_1\| = \sqrt{1 + 1/9 + 1/9} \neq 1.$$

* However, $\{\bar{e}_1, \bar{e}_2, \bar{e}_3\}$ is an orthonormal subset of \mathbb{R}^3 .

Theorem (orthog. \Rightarrow L.I.) If $\{\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_k\}$ is an orthog.

set of nonzero vectors in \mathbb{R}^n , then it is automatically

lin. independent.

Prf Suppose $c_1 \bar{u}_1 + c_2 \bar{u}_2 + \dots + c_k \bar{u}_k = \bar{0}$. we must show

that $c_1 = 0, c_2 = 0, \dots, c_k = 0$.

First,

$$(c_1 \bar{u}_1 + \dots + c_k \bar{u}_k) \cdot \bar{u}_1 = \bar{0} \cdot \bar{u}_1$$

$$c_1 (\bar{u}_1 \cdot \bar{u}_1) + \dots + c_k (\bar{u}_k \cdot \bar{u}_1) = 0$$

$$c_1 \|\bar{u}_1\|^2 + 0 + \dots + 0 = 0$$

since $\bar{u}_1 \neq \bar{0}$, $\|\bar{u}_1\| \neq 0$, so

$$\boxed{c_1 = 0}$$

Next,

$$(c_1 \bar{u}_1 + c_2 \bar{u}_2 + \dots + c_k \bar{u}_k) \cdot \bar{u}_2 = \bar{0} \cdot \bar{u}_2$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 (\bar{u}_1 \cdot \bar{u}_2) + c_2 (\bar{u}_2 \cdot \bar{u}_2) + \dots + c_k (\bar{u}_k \cdot \bar{u}_2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 + c_2 \|\bar{u}_2\|^2 + 0 + \dots + 0 = 0$$

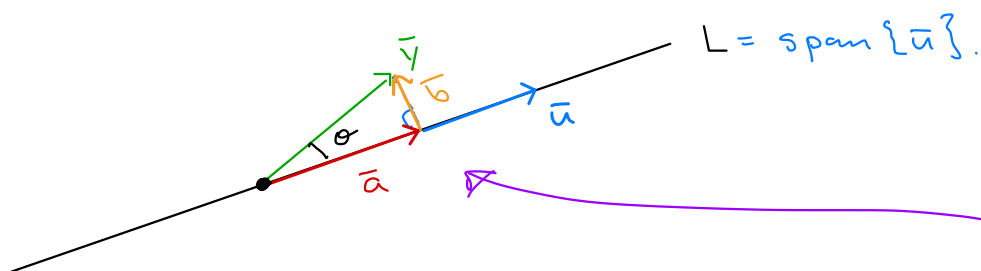
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{c_2 = 0}$$

continuing in this fashion, we find that all $c_i = 0$. \square

The idea in the previous proof leads to another concept.

Projections

L is a line



Notice that \bar{a} is the closest point on L to \bar{y}

want $\bar{y} = \bar{a} + \bar{b}$ where

* \bar{a} is in L AND

* \bar{a} and \bar{b} are orthogonal

Idea: $\bar{a} = (\text{length of } \bar{a}) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\|\bar{u}\|} \cdot \bar{u} \right)$ unit vector in dir. of \bar{u}

so what is the length of \bar{a} ?

$$\frac{\|\bar{a}\|}{\|\bar{y}\|} = \cos \theta = \frac{\bar{y} \cdot \bar{u}}{\|\bar{y}\| \cdot \|\bar{u}\|} \Rightarrow \|\bar{a}\| = \frac{\bar{y} \cdot \bar{u}}{\|\bar{u}\|}$$

Thus,

$$\bar{a} = \frac{\bar{y} \cdot \bar{u}}{\|\bar{u}\|^2} \cdot \bar{u} = \frac{\bar{y} \cdot \bar{u}}{\bar{u} \cdot \bar{u}} \cdot \bar{u}$$

Also, note that $\bar{b} = \bar{y} - \bar{a}$, so once we know \bar{a} , we can find \bar{b} .

Def (Projection onto a line) If $L = \text{Span}\{\bar{u}\}$ for $\bar{u} \neq \bar{0}$, then we define

$$\bar{a} = \text{proj}_L \bar{y} = \frac{\bar{y} \cdot \bar{u}}{\bar{u} \cdot \bar{u}} \cdot \bar{u}$$

This is called the orthogonal projection of \bar{y} onto L (or onto \bar{u}).

* $\text{proj}_L \bar{y}$ is the vector on L that is closest to \bar{y} .

Ex Let $\bar{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $L = \text{Span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$.

(a) Find $\text{proj}_L \bar{y}$. \bar{u}

(b) Write $\bar{y} = \bar{a} + \bar{b}$ where

* \bar{a} is in L

AND

* $\{\bar{a}, \bar{b}\}$ is an orthogonal set.

$$(a) \quad \text{proj}_L \bar{y} = \frac{\bar{y} \cdot \bar{u}}{\bar{u} \cdot \bar{u}} \cdot \bar{u} = \frac{24+6}{64+36} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{3}{10} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2.4 \\ 1.8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(b) \quad \text{Let } \boxed{\bar{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 2.4 \\ 1.8 \end{bmatrix}} \quad \boxed{\bar{b} = \bar{y} - \bar{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 \\ -0.8 \end{bmatrix}}$$

Then,

$$\bar{y} = \bar{a} + \bar{b} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} = 1.44 - 1.44 = 0$$

so $\{\bar{a}, \bar{b}\}$ is an orthog. set.

* What if W is an arbitrary subspace?
Can we still define $\text{proj}_W \bar{y}$?

6.3 Orthogonal Projections

Def Let W be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n , and let $\{\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_k\}$ be any orthogonal basis for W .

Then we define

$$\begin{aligned} \text{proj}_W \bar{y} &= \text{proj}_{\bar{u}_1} \bar{y} + \dots + \text{proj}_{\bar{u}_k} \bar{y} \\ \text{OR} \\ &= \frac{\bar{y} \cdot \bar{u}_1}{\bar{u}_1 \cdot \bar{u}_1} \bar{u}_1 + \dots + \frac{\bar{y} \cdot \bar{u}_k}{\bar{u}_k \cdot \bar{u}_k} \bar{u}_k \end{aligned}$$

This is the orthogonal projection of \bar{y} onto W .

! $\text{proj}_W \bar{y}$ gives the same answer no matter which orthogonal basis you use.

Ex Let $W = \text{Span}\{\bar{w}_1, \bar{w}_2\}$ where

$$\bar{w}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{w}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Find $\text{proj}_W \bar{y}$ where $\bar{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

(b) Graph \bar{y} , W , and $\text{proj}_W \bar{y}$ on Geogebra

(a) Note that \bar{w}_1, \bar{w}_2 are orthogonal b/c $\bar{w}_1 \cdot \bar{w}_2 = 0$. Thus, they are L.I., so they are an orthog. basis for W . Now,

$$\text{proj}_W \bar{y} = \text{proj}_{\bar{w}_1} \bar{y} + \text{proj}_{\bar{w}_2} \bar{y}$$

$$= \frac{\bar{w}_1 \cdot \bar{y}}{\bar{w}_1 \cdot \bar{w}_1} \bar{w}_1 + \frac{\bar{w}_2 \cdot \bar{y}}{\bar{w}_2 \cdot \bar{w}_2} \bar{w}_2$$

$$= \frac{6}{3} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{7}{14} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 \\ 7/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{w}_1 \cdot \bar{y} = 6$$

$$\bar{w}_1 \cdot \bar{w}_1 = 3$$

$$\bar{w}_2 \cdot \bar{y} = 7$$

$$\bar{w}_2 \cdot \bar{w}_2 = 14$$

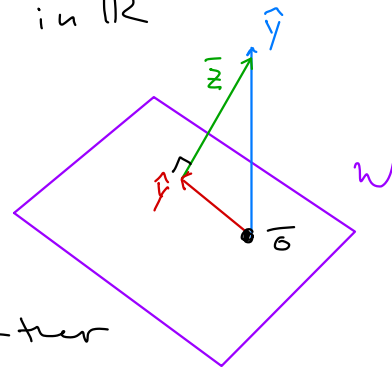
(b) Geogebra

Theorem (Orthog. Decomp. Theorem) Let W be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . Then every \bar{y} in \mathbb{R}^n can be written uniquely in the form

$$\bar{y} = \hat{y} + \bar{z}$$

where \hat{y} is in W and \bar{z} is in \hat{W} . Further

$$\hat{y} = \text{proj}_W \bar{y}.$$



Theorem (Best Approx. Theorem) Let W be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . If $\hat{y} = \text{proj}_W \bar{y}$, then \hat{y} is the point in W closest to \bar{y} , i.e.

$$\|y - \hat{y}\| < \|y - \bar{w}\|$$

for all \bar{w} in W with $\bar{w} \neq \hat{y}$.

6.5 Least Squares

we know $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ may be inconsistent, but we want a process for finding a good approximate solution.

Def If A is $m \times n$ and \bar{b} is in \mathbb{R}^m , then we say that \hat{x} is a least squares solution to $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ if

$$\|\bar{b} - A\hat{x}\| \leq \|\bar{b} - A\bar{x}\|$$

for all \bar{x} in \mathbb{R}^n .

* $\|\bar{b} - A\hat{x}\|$ is called the least squares error.

* \hat{x} is an actual solution if $\|\bar{b} - A\hat{x}\| = 0$.

Q: how might we find a least squares solution?

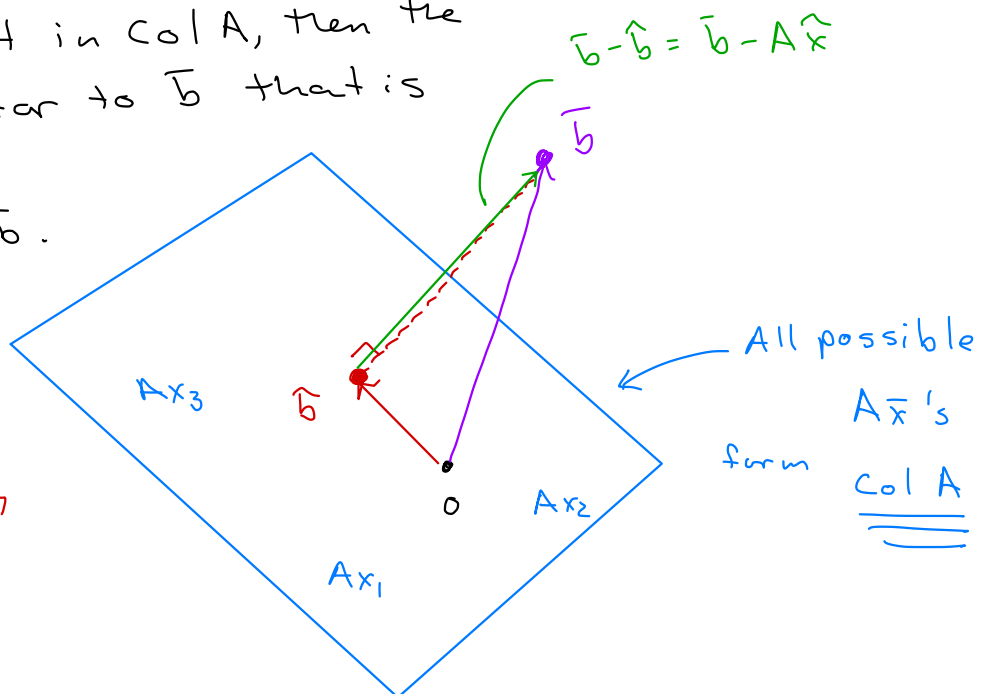
Idea:

- we can solve $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ precisely when \bar{b} is in $\text{Col } A$.
- If \bar{b} is not in $\text{Col } A$, then the closest vector to \bar{b} that is in $\text{Col } A$ is

$$\hat{b} = \text{proj}_{\text{Col } A} \bar{b}.$$

- So, we solve $A\bar{x} = \hat{b}$

- Picture →



- It must be that $\hat{b} = A\hat{x}$ for some \hat{x} ...

How do we solve for \hat{x} ?

• Note: $\bar{b} - \hat{b}$ is orthog. to $\text{Col} A$ so

$\bar{b} - \hat{b}$ is orthog. to every column of A .

• write $A = [\bar{a}_1 \ \bar{a}_2 \ \dots \ \bar{a}_n]$. Then

$$\bar{a}_1 \cdot (\bar{b} - \hat{b}) = 0 \implies \bar{a}_1^T \cdot (\bar{b} - \hat{b}) = 0$$

$$\bar{a}_2 \cdot (\bar{b} - \hat{b}) = 0 \implies \bar{a}_2^T \cdot (\bar{b} - \hat{b}) = 0$$

\vdots

• thus $A^T \cdot (\bar{b} - \hat{b}) = 0$.

$$\implies A^T \bar{b} - A^T \hat{b} = 0$$

$$\implies A^T \bar{b} = A^T \hat{b} = A^T A \hat{x}$$

Theorem

\hat{x} is a least squares sol. to

$$A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$$

\iff

\hat{x} is a (best) solution to

$$A^T A \bar{x} = A^T \bar{b}.$$

• To find least square sol. to $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$, we should solve $A^T A \bar{x} = A^T \bar{b}$.

Ex Consider the system $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 8 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Show that $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ is inconsistent

(b) Find a least squares solution to $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$

(c) What is the least squares error.

(a) The system of eq. corresponding to $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ is

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_1 + x_2 = 1 \\ x_1 + x_2 = 3 \\ x_1 + x_3 = 8 \\ x_1 + x_3 = 2 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow 0 = -2 \Rightarrow \text{clearly inconsistent}$$

(b) we solve $A^T A \bar{x} = A^T \bar{b}$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T \bar{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 8 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ 4 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

solve

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & 2 & 2 & 14 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 10 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 = 5 - x_3 \\ x_2 = -3 + x_3 \\ x_3 \text{ free} \end{array}$$

All least squares sols: $\hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

So, one least squares sol. is

$$\hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$s=0$

(c) Least squares error

$$A\hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{so}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{error} &= \|\bar{b} - A\hat{x}\| = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 8 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\| \\ &= \left\| \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{1+1+9+9} = \sqrt{20} \approx 4.5 \end{aligned}$$

Ex Suppose you obtain the following data points
 $(0, 2), (-3, 5), (2, 3), (4, 12)$

and want to model the data using a quadratic function of the form

$$f(t) = c_0 + c_1 t + c_2 t^2.$$

Find a best fit quadratic to the data using least squares.

$$f(0) = 2 \Rightarrow c_0 + c_1(0) + c_2(0)^2 = 2$$

$$f(-3) = 5 \Rightarrow c_0 + c_1(-3) + c_2(-3)^2 = 5$$

$$f(2) = 3 \Rightarrow c_0 + c_1(2) + c_2(2)^2 = 3$$

$$f(4) = 12 \Rightarrow c_0 + c_1(4) + c_2(4)^2 = 12$$

so

$$c_0 + 0c_1 + 0c_2 = 2$$

$$c_0 - 3c_1 + 9c_2 = 5$$

$$c_0 + 2c_1 + 4c_2 = 3$$

$$c_0 + 4c_1 + 16c_2 = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} \hline & A & & \bar{b} \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -3 & 9 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 16 & 12 \\ \hline \end{array} \right]$$

least squares:

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 9 & 4 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & 9 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 16 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 29 \\ 3 & 29 & 45 \\ 29 & 45 & 353 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T \bar{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 22 \\ 39 \\ 249 \end{bmatrix}$$

solve $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & 3 & 29 & 22 \\ 3 & 29 & 45 & 39 \\ 29 & 45 & 353 & 249 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1.103 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0.345 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0.571 \end{array} \right]$ approx.

so, our best fit quadratic is

$$f(t) = 1.103 + 0.345t + 0.571t^2$$

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