

Problem Set # 6

(Due October 8, 2008)

ORTHOGONALIZATION METHODS

Part A: Analytical (Do only 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 10)

1. Compute the QR decomposition of:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 9 \\ 12 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

using (a) Householder and (b) Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization procedures.

2. Factor the following matrix into $A=QR$:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ \frac{2}{3} & 2 \\ \frac{1}{3} & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. If A contains the first n columns of the m by m identity matrix, what is the best least-squares solution to $A\underline{x}=\underline{b}$ where $\underline{x} \in R^n$ and $\underline{b} \in R^m$.
4. The squared Euclidean distance from the point \underline{b} to the line through \underline{a} is

$$\|\underline{b} - \underline{p}\|^2 = \left\| \underline{b} - \frac{\underline{a}^T \underline{b}}{\underline{a}^T \underline{a}} \underline{a} \right\|^2 = \frac{(\underline{b}^T \underline{b})(\underline{a}^T \underline{a}) - (\underline{a}^T \underline{b})^2}{\underline{a}^T \underline{a}}$$

Since this cannot be negative, the numerator gives the Schwartz inequality:

$$(\underline{a}^T \underline{b})^2 \leq (\underline{b}^T \underline{b})(\underline{a}^T \underline{a})$$

- (a) How does this inequality come from:

$$\underline{a}^T \underline{b} = \|\underline{a}\|_2 \|\underline{b}\|_2 \cos \theta$$

- (b) By making the right choice of \underline{b} , show that:

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \right)^2 \leq n \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2$$

5. Find the best least squares solution to:

$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

What is the projection of \underline{b} onto the space spanned by these two columns? What is its projection orthogonal to this space ?

6. When can the points x_1 and x_2 on the x -axis be the projections of two orthonormal vectors (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) ? Draw a figure and prove that $(x_1^2 + x_2^2) = 1$.
7. The projection matrix onto the column space of A is $P = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$. If $A = QR$, find a simpler formula for P .
8. Find the Householder matrix H_1 that produces zeros below the first entry in

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

Compute $H_1 A$.

9. If $H = I - 2\underline{u}\underline{u}^T$, show that the unit vector \underline{u} is an eigen vector and find the eigen value. Show also that vector \underline{x} perpendicular to \underline{u} is an eigen vector with eigen value $\lambda = 1$; in other words, $H\underline{x} = \underline{x}$. What is the determinant and trace of H ?
10. Consider an n by n matrix A such that $A = QR$. Show that $A_1 = RQ$ is similar to A . This will be the basis of eigen value-eigen vector computation.

Part B: Computational (October 22, 2008)

Compare the accuracy of LU decomposition vs Householder orthogonalization for obtaining the solution of $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$. Examine several test cases of your choice and present your results. Assume that A is $n \times n$.