

Lecture 18 Applications of  
Orthogonality

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Fri Quiz through 6.5

Warmup | Find orthog basis for soln

set of  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0$

Strategy : 1) Find basis.  
2) Orthogonalize.

1) 
$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$
  
pivot      free

Basis  $\underline{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$        $\underline{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$        $\underline{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

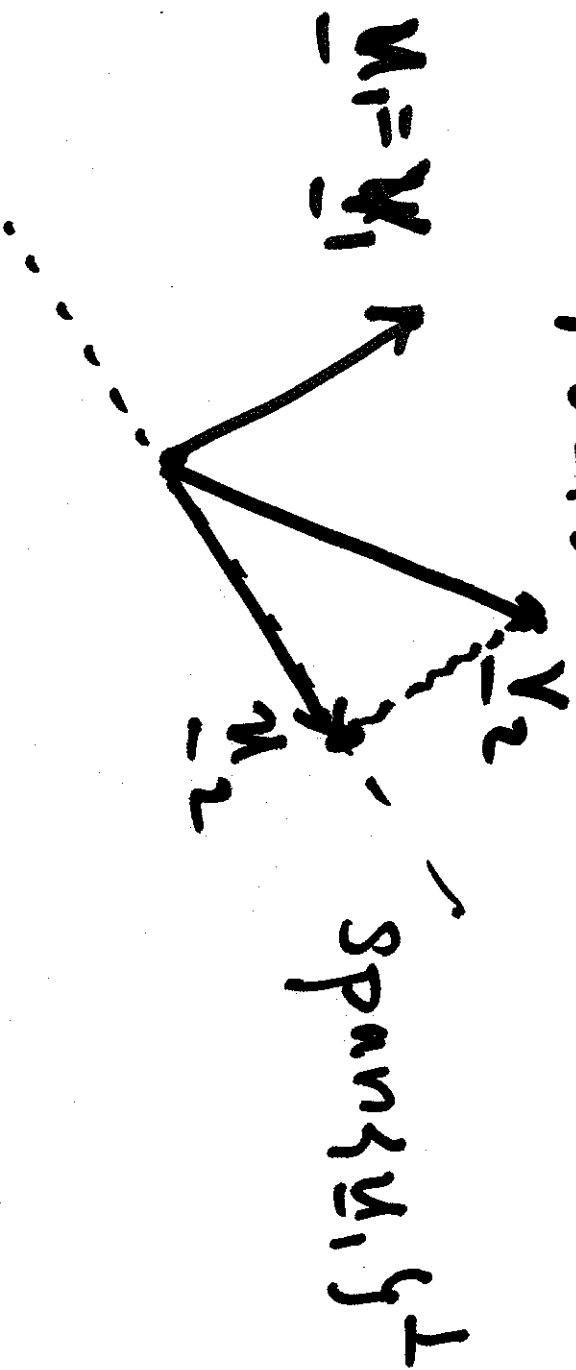
2) Orthogonal basis via Gram-Schmidt

$$\bar{u}_1 = \bar{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Span}\{\bar{u}_1, \bar{y}\} = \text{Span}\{\bar{v}_1, \bar{y}\}$$

$$\bar{u}_2 = \text{Proj}(\bar{v}_2) = \bar{v}_2 - \frac{\bar{v}_2 \cdot \bar{u}_1}{\bar{u}_1 \cdot \bar{u}_1} \cdot \bar{u}_1$$

Span  $\{\bar{u}_1, \bar{y}\}^\perp$



$$\underline{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Span} \{ \underline{u}_1, \underline{u}_2 \} = \text{Span} \{ \underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2 \}$$

$$\underline{u}_3 = \text{Proj}_{\text{Span} \{ \underline{u}_1, \underline{u}_2 \}^\perp} (\underline{v}_3) = \underline{v}_3 - \frac{\underline{v}_3 \cdot \underline{u}_1}{\underline{u}_1 \cdot \underline{u}_1} \underline{u}_1$$

$$- \frac{\underline{v}_3 \cdot \underline{u}_2}{\underline{u}_2 \cdot \underline{u}_2} \underline{u}_2$$

$$\underline{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

= ... Simplify

$$\text{Span} \{ \underline{u}_1, \underline{u}_2, \underline{u}_3 \} = \text{Span} \{ \underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \underline{v}_3 \}$$

Warmup 2 Find orthonormal basis for  
image of  $\underline{x} \mapsto A\underline{x}$  where

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

Strategy

- 1) Find basis
- 2) Orthogonalize via G-S.
- 3) Normalize

1) Basis: columns

$$\underline{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

2) Apply G-S:

$$\underline{u}_1 = \underline{v}_1$$

$$\underline{u}_2 = \underline{v}_2 - \frac{\underline{v}_2 \cdot \underline{u}_1}{\underline{u}_1 \cdot \underline{u}_1} \cdot \underline{u}_1$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{(-2)}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{4}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

3) Normalize:

$$\hat{u}_1 = \frac{u_1}{\|u_1\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{u}_2 = \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$



Organizing solution:  $A = QR$  factorization

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

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{u}_1 & \hat{u}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑  
orthonormal  
Columns

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} & \sqrt{3}\left(\frac{-2}{3}\right) \\ 0 & \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \|x_1\| & \|x_2\| \frac{y_2 \cdot \bar{y}_1}{\bar{y}_1 \cdot \bar{y}_1} \\ 0 & \|x_2\| \end{pmatrix}$$

$\nwarrow$   
 upper  $\Delta$ -ar  
 with pos. entries  
 on diagonal

Recall:  $\bar{y}_2 = y_2 - \frac{y_2 \cdot \bar{y}_1}{\bar{y}_1 \cdot \bar{y}_1} \cdot \bar{y}_1$

So:  $\bar{y}_2 = y_2 + \frac{y_2 \cdot \bar{y}_1}{\bar{y}_1 \cdot \bar{y}_1} \cdot \bar{y}_1$

# Another application of orthogonality

Least squares approximation

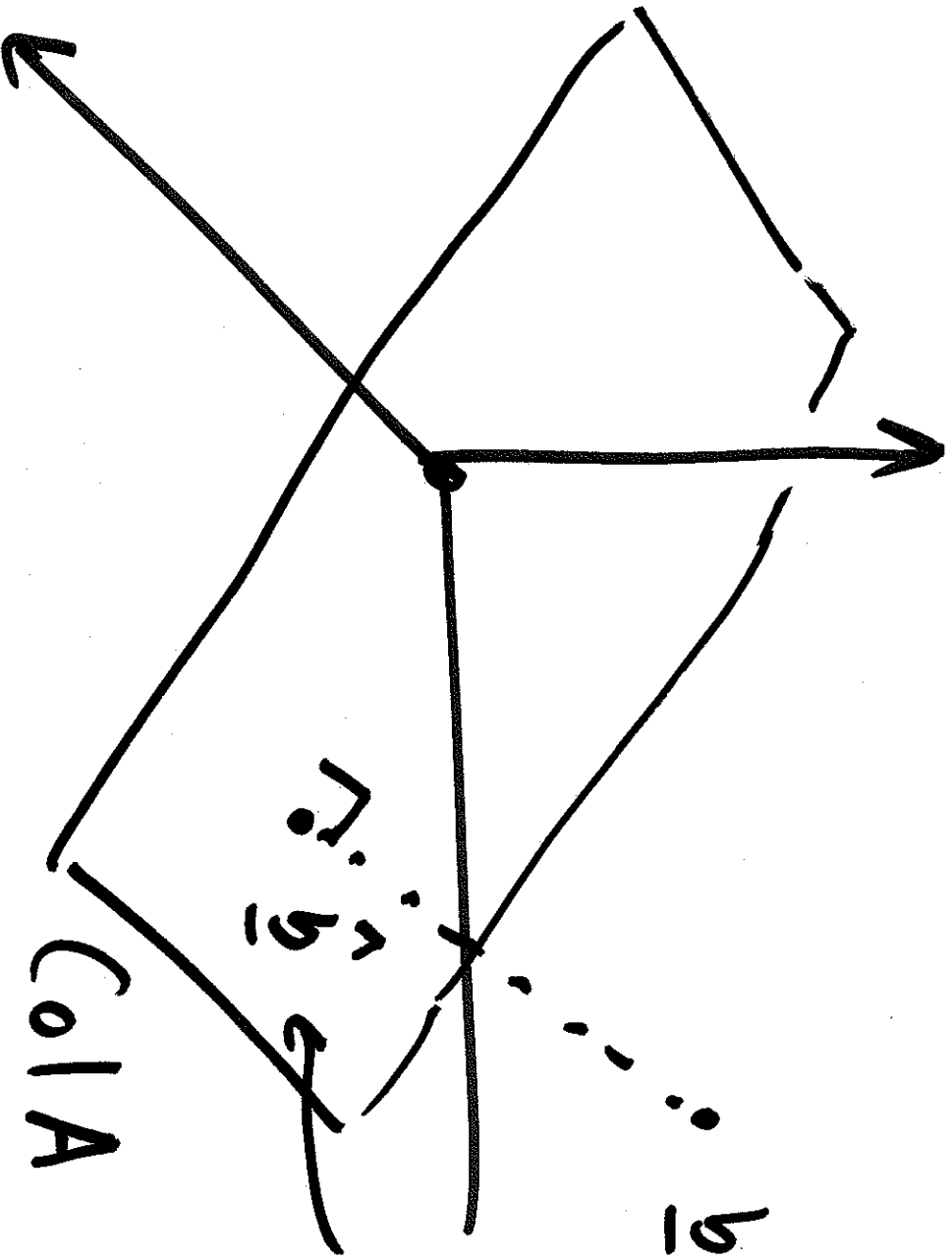
$$\text{to } A \underline{x} = \underline{b}$$

If inconsistent, we can seek  $\hat{\underline{x}}$   
so that

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

for all  $\underline{x}$

Picture  $\mathbb{R}^m = \text{codomain}$



closest  
to  $\underline{b}$  in  
 $\text{Col } A$

= Image of  
 $\underline{x} \mapsto A\underline{x}$

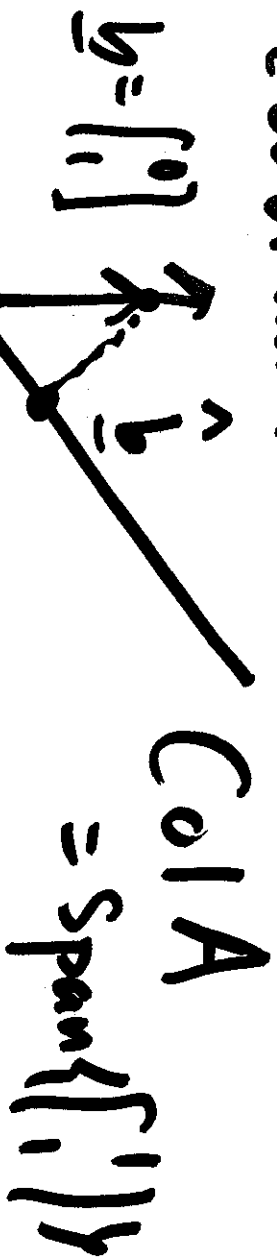
Want to solve

$$A \hat{x} = \underline{b} \quad \text{where } \hat{\underline{b}} = \text{proj}_{\text{Col}A}(\underline{b})$$

Exer Find least square approx soln

$$\text{to } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Picture:  $\mathbb{R}^2 = \text{codomain}$



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

$$(b) =$$

$$\frac{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Now solve

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_1 \\ \hat{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad a \text{ any number}$$

Useful general technique:

$$\text{Suppose } A \underline{\hat{x}} = \underline{\hat{b}}$$

$$\text{Observe } \underline{\hat{b}} - \underline{\hat{b}} = \underline{\hat{b}} - A \underline{\hat{x}}$$

is  $\perp$  to  $\text{Col } A$

$$\text{Thus } A^T (\underline{\hat{b}} - A \underline{\hat{x}}) = \underline{0}.$$

$$\text{Since } \text{Row}(A^T) = \text{Col } A$$

Arrive at formula

$$\underbrace{A^T A}_{A' A} \hat{x} = \underbrace{A^T b}_{b'}$$
$$A' \hat{x} = b'$$

Exer Find least sqrs approx soln to

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\hat{x}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}}_b$$



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

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^T \underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now solve

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_1 \\ \hat{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\underline{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Another application of orthogonality:  
diagonalizing symmetric matrices

Def A  $n \times n$  matrix is symmetric  
if  $A = A^T$

EX  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Nonex  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Spectral Theorem Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix.

$A$  is symmetric if and only if

$A$  is diagonalizable  $A = PDP^{-1}$

orthogonal matrix  $\swarrow$   
diagonal  $\searrow$

In other words:

A admits an orthonormal basis  
of eigenvectors

if and only if

$A$  is symmetric