

Gram-Schmidt process

It constructs an orthogonal basis for a subspace starting with any basis.

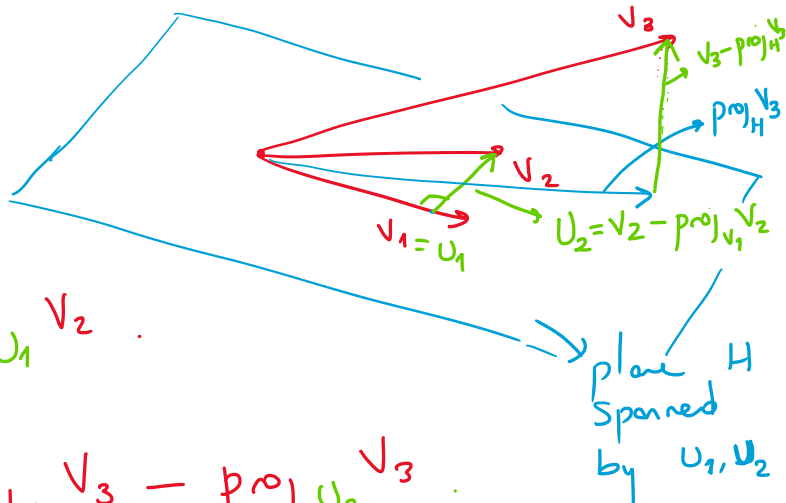
Let's say we start with basis $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$.

Gram-Schmidt

$$u_1 = v_1$$

$$u_2 = v_2 - \text{proj}_{u_1} v_2$$

$$u_3 = v_3 - \text{proj}_{u_1} v_3 - \text{proj}_{u_2} v_3$$



In general:

$$u_k = v_k - \text{proj}_{u_1} v_k - \text{proj}_{u_2} v_k - \dots - \text{proj}_{u_{k-1}} v_k$$

$$= v_k - \frac{v_k \cdot u_1}{u_1 \cdot u_1} u_1 - \frac{v_k \cdot u_2}{u_2 \cdot u_2} u_2 - \dots - \frac{v_k \cdot u_{k-1}}{u_{k-1} \cdot u_{k-1}} u_{k-1}$$

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Example: Find an orthogonal basis for

the subspace

H with basis

$$\left\{ \overset{v_1}{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}, \overset{v_2}{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}, \overset{v_3}{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}} \right\}$$

... H with basis $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

Solution: Use Gram-Schmidt process:

$$U_1 = V_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$U_2 = V_2 - \frac{V_2 \cdot U_1}{U_1 \cdot U_1} U_1$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{4}{4} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$U_3 = V_3 - \frac{V_3 \cdot U_1}{U_1 \cdot U_1} U_1 - \frac{V_3 \cdot U_2}{U_2 \cdot U_2} U_2$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{8}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{6}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} =$$

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

The orthogonal basis produced is $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

The orthonormal

$$\mathcal{B}' = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Least-squares approximations:

In many applications, we are interested in finding a solution to a system

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

which turns out to be inconsistent.

In these cases, we can find the "best approximation" to an exact solution.

Definition: A least-squares approximation

of the system

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

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

is a vector $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that

the distance

$\text{dist}(A\vec{v}, \vec{b})$ is as small as possible.

In other words

$$\text{dist}(Av, b) \leq \text{dist}(Ax, b) \text{ for any } x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

$$\|Av - b\|$$

least-squares
solution

The vector v is also called a least-squares solution.

Example: Suppose we want to find a solution to

$$4x + 0y = 2$$

$$0x + 2y = 0$$

$$x + y = 11$$

Inconsistent

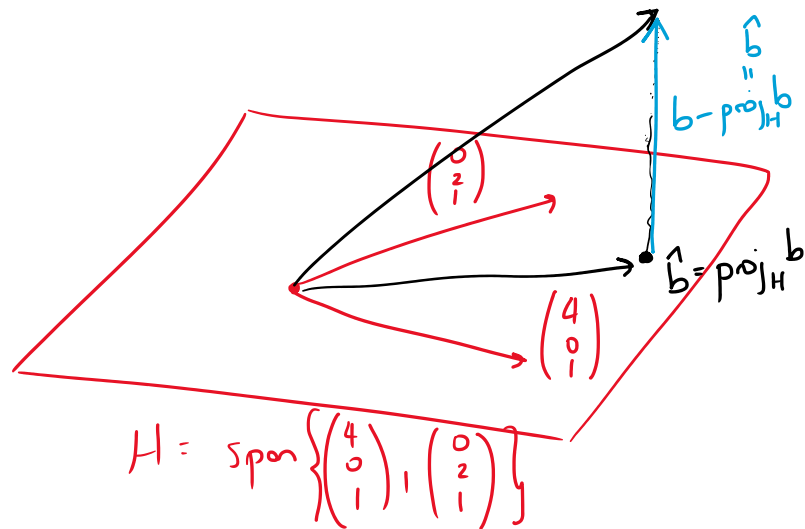
In matrix form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix}$$

or

$$x \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + y \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$b = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix}$$



We want to find a vector v
 such that $Av = \hat{b}$

$$b - \hat{b} = b - Av \quad \leftarrow \text{blue vector}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} (b - Av) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

\uparrow
blue vector

This means that:

$$A^T (b - Av) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A^T A v = A^T b}$$

\hookrightarrow normal equations
 Solving this would give
 the least squares

Solving this would give
you the least-squares
approximations.