

1. Suggested Problems

Problem 1 (6.6.4). Find the equation $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$ of the least-squares line that best fits the given data points.

$$(2, 3), (3, 2), (5, 1), (6, 0)$$

Problem 2 (7.1.11, 7.1.12). Determine which of the matrices are orthogonal. If orthogonal, find the inverse.

a)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2/3 & 2/3 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 1/3 & -2/3 \\ 5/3 & -4/3 & -2/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

b)

$$\begin{bmatrix} .5 & .5 & -.5 & -.5 \\ .5 & .5 & .5 & .5 \\ .5 & -.5 & -.5 & .5 \\ .5 & -.5 & .5 & -.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 3 (7.1.15). Orthogonally diagonalize the matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Worksheet 22 Solution
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Problem 1. The least-squares solution we need to find is

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}}_{=A} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \end{bmatrix}}_{=\beta} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{=b}. \text{ Then } A^T A \beta = A^T b \text{ is}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 16 \\ 16 & 74 \end{bmatrix} \beta = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 16 & 6 \\ 16 & 74 & 17 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1.5 \\ 0 & 10 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then we have $\beta_1 = -0.7$, and $\beta_0 + 4\beta_1 = 1.5 \Rightarrow \beta_0 = 4.3$. Therefore the least-squares line that best fits the data points is the equation

$$y = 4.3 - 0.7x$$

Problem 2.

(a) The second column of the matrix has the norm

$$\sqrt{\frac{4}{9} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{16}{9}} = \sqrt{\frac{21}{9}} = \sqrt{\frac{7}{3}} \neq 1$$

Therefore, the set of columns of the matrix is not orthonormal. Hence, the matrix is not orthogonal.

(b) We will first prove that the set of columns of the matrix is an orthonormal basis. Note that all the entries of the matrix is either 0.5 and -0.5 .

(i) The norms of the column vectors is $0.25 + 0.25 + 0.25 + 0.25 = 1$, hence the vectors are unit vectors.

(ii) For any pair of different column vectors u and v , let us write

$$u = [u_1 \quad u_2 \quad u_3 \quad u_4]^T \text{ and } v = [v_1 \quad v_2 \quad v_3 \quad v_4]^T.$$

Then the dot product is

$$u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + u_3v_3 + u_4v_4$$

Then

$$u_i v_i = \begin{cases} 0.25 & \text{if } u_i \text{ and } v_i \text{ has the same sign} \\ -0.25 & \text{if } u_i \text{ and } v_i \text{ has the opposite sign} \end{cases}$$

By comparing signs, we always have two of $u_i v_i$ are 0.25 and two of $u_i v_i$ are -0.25 , so the dot product $u \cdot v = 0$ whenever u and v are different.

Therefore, the columns form orthonormal basis, so the matrix is orthogonal. The inverse is given by the transpose

$$\begin{bmatrix} .5 & .5 & .5 & .5 \\ .5 & .5 & -.5 & -.5 \\ -.5 & .5 & -.5 & .5 \\ -.5 & .5 & .5 & -.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 3. The characteristic polynomial is

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 3-\lambda & 4 \\ 4 & 9-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = (3-\lambda)(9-\lambda) - 16 = \lambda^2 - 12\lambda + 27 - 16 = \lambda^2 - 12\lambda + 11 = (\lambda - 11)(\lambda - 1)$$

Then

$$A - I = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is an eigenvector for } 1 \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2/\sqrt{5} \\ -1/\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A - 11I = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & 4 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is an eigenvector for } 11 \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{5} \\ 2/\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

Either one can directly check that the two vectors are orthogonal by taking the dot product, or use the fact that the eigenspaces of a symmetric matrix are mutually orthogonal. Therefore

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/\sqrt{5} & 1/\sqrt{5} \\ -1/\sqrt{5} & 2/\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2/\sqrt{5} & -1/\sqrt{5} \\ 1/\sqrt{5} & 2/\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$$