



Homework # 10

Math 4310 Fall 2020

Due Friday evening, 12/4/20 (at midnight).

Please submit your completed homework via gradescope on canvas. I encourage you to work with your classmates on this homework (except for the journal entries!) When you submit your work, please **list your collaborators**. (Your grade will not be affected.) Even if you work in a group, you should write up your solutions **yourself!** You should include all computational details, and proofs should be carefully written with full details. As always, please write **neatly and legibly** (feel free to use \LaTeX to write up your solutions, if you wish!).

Journal entry. There is no journal entry this week.

Exercises.

1. Let V be the vector space (over \mathbb{C}) of all continuous functions $f(x) = g(x) + ih(x)$ from the interval $[0, 2\pi]$ to the complex numbers. One example of a function in V is $e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x$. In this problem you may use the fact that the product and sum of two continuous functions is continuous. You may also use the fact that a continuous function which is always nonnegative, but takes on a positive value somewhere, has non-zero integral.

Integration works for these functions pretty much like over the real numbers, for example, if $m \neq 0$ is an integer, then

$$\int_0^{2\pi} e^{imx} dx = \frac{1}{im} e^{imx} \Big|_0^{2\pi} = -\frac{i}{m} (1 - 1) = 0.$$

- (a) Let $\mathcal{A}_r = \{e^{imx} \mid -r \leq m \leq r, m \text{ an integer}\}$. For a positive integer r , let V_r be the subspace of V spanned by \mathcal{A}_r . Show that V_r is also the span (over \mathbb{C}) of \mathcal{B}_r :

$$\mathcal{B}_r := \{\cos(mx) \mid 0 \leq m \leq r\} \cup \{\sin(mx) \mid 1 \leq m \leq r\}.$$

- (b) Define $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx$. Prove that this is an inner product on V .
 - (c) Find an orthonormal basis for V_r .
 - (d) Given a continuous function $f(x) \in V$, let $a_m := \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) e^{imx} dx$. In terms of these numbers, find the closest function (in the norm corresponding to the above inner product) in V_r to $f(x)$.
 - (e) Given a continuous function over \mathbb{R} , $f(x)$, let $c_m := \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cos mx dx$, and let $s_m := \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin mx dx$. How are the a_m and c_m, s_m related? Write the closest function in terms of this new basis.
2. In this problem, we consider the QR factorization of a matrix A (with entries in \mathbb{R}), with linearly independent columns. Suppose that $A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \dots \mathbf{a}_n]$ is an $m \times n$ matrix over \mathbb{R} with linearly independent columns, and that $Q = [\mathbf{u}_1 \dots \mathbf{u}_n]$ is obtained from A by using the Gram-Schmidt process.

- (a) Show that there is a $n \times n$ invertible matrix S such that $AS = Q$.
- (b) Show that there is exactly one $n \times n$ matrix R , such that $A = QR$.
- (c) Show that R is upper triangular and invertible. What are the entries of R ?
- (d) Find $A = QR$, for

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

- (e) Recall that the least squares solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$ is the vector \mathbf{x} such that $\|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|$ is minimal, and that this is given by the unique exact solution to the normal equation:

$$A^T A \mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{y}.$$

Assume that $A = QR$ is a QR factorization of A . Rewrite the normal equations using Q and R , simplifying as much as possible. Explain how to get the solution \mathbf{x} by only solving upper or lower triangular systems, not general systems (once the Q and R have been found!).

3. **Householder (reflection) matrices.** Let $V = \mathbb{R}^n$, equipped with the standard inner product. Given a nonzero vector \mathbf{v} and unit vector $\mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|}$, let $H \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be the square matrix defined by

$$H = I - 2 \frac{\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T}{\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v}} = I - 2 \mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T.$$

Notice that the displayed fraction is a matrix divided by a scalar, so H is an $n \times n$ matrix.

- (a) Show that H is symmetric, and H is an orthogonal $n \times n$ matrix. What is the inverse of H ?
- (b) Show that H is a reflection: $H(\mathbf{v}) = -\mathbf{v}$, and if $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{v}^\perp$, then $H(\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{w}$.
4. (Rank one update) Suppose that A is a square invertible matrix of size $n \times n$ over \mathbb{R} . Let \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} be $n \times 1$ column vectors. Let $B = A + \mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T$, this is called a **rank one update to the matrix** A . (This is since $\mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T$ is a rank one $n \times n$ matrix).

- (a) Find the real number α such that

$$(A + \mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T)^{-1} = A^{-1} - \alpha A^{-1} \mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T A^{-1}.$$

(actually, sometimes this α cannot be found, when does this happen? in this case the matrix B might not be invertible).

- (b) Show that one can solve linear systems of the form $B\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}$ as follows: First solve $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ and $A\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{u}$. Compute $D = 1 + \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{z}$ (this is a number). Assume that $D \neq 0$. Use this data to solve $B\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}$.

5. In supervised machine learning, a neural network consists of a bunch of “neurons”. The whole thing is a function: you give it an input, say a vector of real numbers $\mathbf{t} = (t_1, \dots, t_n)$, and out pops a result y . Each neuron has a number of parameters, and when you “learn” the network, you give it a lot of input vectors, and the output that is desired. Using all this data, an algorithm will tweak all of the parameters in the neurons to minimize the error: i.e. try to match the data you gave it.

In this problem, we consider the very special (yet still important) case of a single neuron. A single neuron in a neural network is a function which has n real number inputs, which we represent as the $1 \times n$ matrix

$$\mathbf{t} = [t_1 \quad t_2 \quad \dots \quad t_n].$$

Internally, the neuron (function) has n “weights” x_i , which we represent as a column vector

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

The neuron, when given input \mathbf{t} , outputs

$$\mathbf{t}\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i t_i,$$

the dot product of these two vectors. (Actually, it usually outputs something slightly more complicated, but we won’t consider that here).

Suppose that we have training data: the input $\mathbf{t}_i = [t_{i1} \quad \dots \quad t_{in}]$, with output y_i , for $i = 1..m$, with m generally much larger than n . If we let A be the $m \times n$ matrix with rows $\mathbf{t}_1, \dots, \mathbf{t}_m$, and we let \mathbf{y} be the $m \times 1$ column vector with entries y_i , then the optimal \mathbf{x} which minimizes the error of the training data is solved by the normal equations $A^T A \mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{y}$. We assume that the columns of A are linearly independent.

We will now investigate what happens when we have already found the weights $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_{old}$ which best fit the training data, but we get new training data. For the purposes of this problem, we will assume we have one new data point:

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{t}_{m+1},$$

a $1 \times n$ matrix, and it’s output y_{m+1} . Our goal is to update \mathbf{x}_{old} to get \mathbf{x}_{new} , without starting from scratch and redoing the entire computation.

- (a) The new matrix is $A' = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ \mathbf{r} \end{bmatrix}$, and the normal equations are:

$$(A')^T A' \mathbf{x} = (A')^T \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ y_{m+1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Simplify this equation, obtaining a system of n equations in n unknowns:

$$B \mathbf{x}_{new} = \mathbf{y}',$$

where B is a rank one update of $A^T A$.

- (b) Let \mathbf{z} be the solution to $A^T A \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{r}^T$. Use the previous problem to determine a solution for \mathbf{x}_{new} of the form:

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{new}} = \mathbf{x}_{\text{old}} + b \mathbf{z}.$$

What is the real number b ?

- (c) (optional, open-ended): Is this worth it? Does this take less computation than the full solving? (recall: multiplication of $n \times n$ matrices takes n^3 operations, as does solving a general linear system of n equations and n unknowns. It is possible to do better, by the way. Solving upper or lower triangular systems requires on the order of n^2 operations).