

# How to solve a Linear Algebra problem.

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1/ Make a Matrix

2/ Do Gauss Elimination

3/ Interpret the answer

# ① Make a Matrix

(d.z.c.g., 4/ G.E.)

- Is there a matrix already there?
- Do we use that one, or another?

$$\underline{\underline{Ax = b}}$$

Run Gauss on  $[A | b]$

$$\underline{\underline{Ax = 0}}$$

Run Gauss on  $A$

Basis of  $\text{Null}(A)$

Gauss on  $A$

Basis of  $\text{Col}(A)$

Gauss on  $A$

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

$$\text{Null}(A^T) = \text{Col}(A)^\perp$$

(Orthogonal projection onto  $\text{Col}(A)$ )

Method GS

• Run GS on  $A$  to get  
orthogonal basis

• Compute 
$$\sum \frac{\langle v_i, b \rangle}{\langle v_i, v_i \rangle} v_i$$

Method GE

Project  $b$  onto  $\text{Col}(A)$

$$\| A^T A x = A^T b \|$$

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Solve using Gauss  
Write down  $Ax$ .

(dec  $\sigma_9, 4$ )

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 6 & -2 & 0 & -3 \\ 1 & -3 & 6 & -5 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & -6 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} R_2 + 2R_1 \\ R_3 - R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_3 + 3R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ -3 & 6 & -3 \\ 0 & -2 & 6 \\ 1 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & -3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & -6 \\ 0 & -3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Null(A)

$$Ax = 0$$

$$\text{ref}(A) x = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3r - s \\ r \\ s - \frac{3}{2}t \\ s \\ t \end{bmatrix}$$

basis:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

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

Col(A)

Columns in  $A$  corresponding  
to pivot cols in  $\text{ref}(A)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

~~the~~  $\text{ref}(A^T)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 6 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(can be read off from  $\text{ref}(A)$ )

$$\underline{\text{Col}(A)^\perp = \text{Nul}(A^T)}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5s \\ 3s \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

basis

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Orthogonal Projection

$$A^T A x = A^T b$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ -3 & 6 & -3 \\ 0 & -2 & 6 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 6 & -2 & 0 & -3 \\ 1 & -3 & 6 & -5 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve for  $x$ ,  
apply  $A$  to get  
closest point.

# Eigenvalue Problems (Dec 09)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 24 \\ 24 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$t^2 - \text{tr} A t + \det A$$

$$t^2 - 625$$

$$t = \pm 25$$

$$\underline{(A - tI)x = 0}$$

$$\underline{25} \begin{bmatrix} -18 & 24 \\ 24 & -32 \end{bmatrix} x = 0 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 4/5 \\ 3/5 \end{bmatrix} \quad 25$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -3/5 \\ 4/5 \end{bmatrix} \quad -25$$



# Theoretical Problems

• Where do I start?

• A square

• A invertible

• Where am I going?

•  $A^T A$  invertible

- Expand unfamiliar concepts
- Find equivalent statements

In this case, long list  
for  $A$  &  $A^T A$

$A$  is invertible if  $A$  is square and:

1/ there is a  $B$  such that  $AB = I = BA$

2/  $Ax = 0$  has only 1 solution

3/  $Ax = b$  has a solution for every  $b$

4/  $\text{ref}(A) = I$

5/  $\det(A) \neq 0$

6/  $A$  has full rank

Other facts:

$C, D$  invertible  $\Rightarrow CD$  invertible

Q<sub>2</sub> involves  $A$  and  $A^T A$ .

Write out lists for  $A$  &  $A^T A$

$A$	$A^T A$
•) $\exists B$ st $AB = I = BA$	•) $\exists C$ st $A^T A C = I = C A^T A$
•) $Ax = 0$ unique	•) $A^T Ax = 0$ unique
•) $Ax = b$ exists	•) $A^T Ax = b$ exists
•) $\text{ref } A = I$	•) $\text{ref } A^T A = I$
•) $\det A \neq 0$	•) $\det A^T A \neq 0$
•) $A$ has full rank	•) $A^T A$ has full rank

Now look for connections

Lets & connections exist, simplest is probably with determinants:

$$\det A \neq 0 \iff \det A^T A \neq 0$$

- have  $\det A^T A = \det A^T \det A$   
and  $\det A^T = \det A$   
so  $\det A^T A = (\det A)^2$

Hence  $\det A^T A \neq 0$  iff  $\det A \neq 0$

so  $A^T A$  invertible iff  $A$  invertible

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