

18.06 Problem Set 5 - Solutions
 Due Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in 2-106

Problem 1 *Wednesday 3/14*

Do problem 10 of section 4.3 in your book.

Solution 1

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 & 27 \\ 1 & 4 & 16 & 64 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \\ E \\ F \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 8 \\ 8 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 & 27 & 8 \\ 1 & 4 & 16 & 64 & 20 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 24 & -16 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 & 60 & -12 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 24 & -16 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 12 & 20 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 & -56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 12 & 20 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F = 5/3, E = -28/3, D = 47/3, C = 0$$

This system of linear equations is solvable, so $p = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 8 \\ 8 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix}$ and $e = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Problem 2 *Wednesday 3/14*

Do problem 17 of section 4.3 in your book.

Solution 2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 7 \\ 21 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$\hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix}$ for the least square approximation is the one satisfying the following equation.

$$A^T A \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix} = A^T \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 7 \\ 21 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 35 \\ 42 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 3 *Wednesday 3/14*

Find a function of the form $f(t) = C\sin(t) + D\cos(t)$ that approximates the three points $(0, 0)$, $(\pi/2, 2)$, and $(\pi, 1)$. In other words, find coefficients C and D such that the error $|f(0) - 0|^2 + |f(\pi/2) - 2|^2 + |f(\pi) - 1|^2$ is as small as possible.

Solution 3

We minimize this expression using least square approximation. The system of equations we would like to solve is:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \cdot C + 1 \cdot D &= 0 \\ 1 \cdot C + 0 \cdot D &= 2 \\ 0 \cdot C - 1 \cdot D &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

We get these equations by plugging $t = 0, \pi/2, \pi$. In matrix notation this is the same as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We multiply by A^T and get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix},$$

so we get $C = 2$ and $D = -1/2$.

We could also solve this problem directly: $|f(0) - 0| = D$, $|f(\pi/2) - 2| = C - 2$, $|f(\pi) - 1| = -D - 1$
 $|f(0) - 0|^2 + |f(\pi/2) - 2|^2 + |f(\pi) - 1|^2 = D^2 + (C - 2)^2 + (-D - 1)^2 = 2D^2 + 2D + 1 + (C - 2)^2 = 2(D + 1/2)^2 + (C - 2)^2 + 1/2$

This is minimum when $C=2$ and $D=-1/2$

Problem 4 Wednesday 3/14

The MATLAB command $\mathbf{a}=\mathbf{ones}(n, 1)$ produces an n -by-1 matrix of ones. The command $\mathbf{r}=(1:n)'$ gives the vector $(1, 2, \dots, n)$ transposed to a column by $'$. The command $\mathbf{s}=\mathbf{r}.\wedge 3$ gives the column vector $(1^3, 2^3, \dots, n^3)$, because the dots mean "a component at a time."

The purpose of this problem is to find the line $y = c + dt$ closest to the cubic function $y = t^3$ on the interval $t = 0$ to $t = 1$.

(a) Find the best line using calculus, not MATLAB. Choose c and d to minimize

$$E(c, d) := \int_0^1 (c + dt - t^3)^2 dt$$

(Hint: find $E(c, d)$ in terms of c and d , and use any method learned in 18.02 to minimize this.)

(b) With $n = 15$, choose C and D to give the line $y = C + Dt$ that is closest to t^3 at the points $t = \frac{1}{15}, \frac{2}{15}, \dots, 1$. Use MATLAB to do least squares in order to find C and D , and the differences $c - C$ and $d - D$.

(Hint: Set up the equations you want to solve. Your equations (in matrix form) should involve the vectors \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{r}/n and $\mathbf{s}/n^{\wedge 3}$).

(c) Repeat for $n = 30$. (Notice how \mathbf{r}/n and $\mathbf{s}/n^{\wedge 3}$ end at 1). Are the differences $c - C$ and $d - D$ smaller for $n = 30$? By what factor?

Solution 4

(a) $E(c, d) := \int_0^1 (c + dt - t^3)^2 dt = \int_0^1 t^6 + d^2 t^2 + c^2 + 2cdt - 2ct^3 - 2dt^4 dt$
 $= [\frac{1}{7}t^7 - \frac{1}{2}ct^4 - \frac{2}{5}dt^5 + \frac{1}{3}d^2 t^3 + c^2 t + cdt^2]_0^1$
 $= \frac{1}{7} - \frac{c}{2} - \frac{2}{5}d + \frac{d^2}{3} + c^2 + cd = (c + d/2 - 1/4)^2 + (d - 10/9)^2/12 - 1/16 - 100/81 + 1/7$
 This is minimum when $d=9/10$ and $c=-1/5$.

(b) $D=1.0018$, $C=-0.2498$; $d-D=0.1018$, $c-C=0.0498$

(c) $D=0.9504$, $C=-0.2241$; $d-D=0.0504$, $c-C=0.0241$

The difference is smaller for $n=30$ than for $n=15$ by about factor $1/2$.

Problem 5 Friday 3/16

Consider in \mathbb{R}^4 the subspace given by $F = \{(x, y, z, w) : -x + y + 2z - w = 0\}$.

(a) Give a basis for F .

(b) Use Gram-Schmidt to transform your basis into an orthonormal basis.

(c) What is the distance between the point $(1, 3, 1, 1)$ and (the closest point to) F ?

Solution 5

(a) $w = -x + y + 2z \rightarrow (x, y, z, w) = (x, y, z, -x + y + 2z) = x(1, 0, 0, -1) + y(0, 1, 0, 1) + z(0, 0, 1, 2)$
 Therefore, basis of $F = \{(1, 0, 0, -1), (0, 1, 0, 1), (0, 0, 1, 2)\}$

(b) Let $[a \ b \ c] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

$A = a$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{[1 \ 0 \ 0 \ -1] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}{[1 \ 0 \ 0 \ -1] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - (-2)/2 * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - 4/6 * \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ -2/3 \\ 1 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\{A, B, C\}$ is orthogonal basis of F

After normalizing, We get orthonormal basis of F ,

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{21}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

(c) The closet point in F to the point $(1,3,1,1)$ is

$$QQ^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 6 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 18 \\ 1 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Another way of computing the projection given an orthonormal basis, is as the sum of the projections along each basis vector:

$$0 * \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{8}{\sqrt{6}} * \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{21}} * \frac{1}{\sqrt{21}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 18 \\ 1 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}.$$

To compute the distance we compute $d^2 = (3/7)^2 + (3/7)^2 + (6/7)^2 + (3/7)^2 = 9/7$, so $d = 3/\sqrt{7}$.

Problem 6 Friday 3/16

Do problem 6 of section 4.4 in your book.

Solution 6

Q_1Q_2 is orthogonal iff $(Q_1Q_2)^T(Q_1Q_2) = I$.

$$(Q_1Q_2)^T(Q_1Q_2) = Q_2^T Q_1^T Q_1 Q_2 = Q_2^T (Q_1^T Q_1) Q_2 = Q_2^T Q_2 = I.$$

Therefore, Q_1Q_2 is orthogonal.

Problem 7 Friday 3/16

(a) Find a 3-by-3 orthogonal matrix A such that

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1/\sqrt{3} * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1/\sqrt{2} * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) How many matrices A are there that satisfies this conditions?

Solution 7

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1/\sqrt{3} * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{first column of } A = 1/\sqrt{3} * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1/\sqrt{2} * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{second column of } A = 1/\sqrt{2} * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ x & y & z \end{bmatrix}$$

A is orthonormal $\rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1, 1/\sqrt{2} * (x - z) = 0, 1/\sqrt{3} * (x + y + z) = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ -2x \\ x \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } 6x^2 = 1$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{6} & -2/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{6} & 2/\sqrt{6} & -1/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix} \dots(a)$$

Therefore, there's two matrices A that satisfies this condition. ...(b)

Problem 8 Monday 3/19

Do the problem 9 of section 5.1 in your book.

Solution 8

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

$$\det B = -1 * \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + 1 * \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 2$$

$$\det C = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Problem 9 Monday 3/19

Calculate the determinant of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$

Solution 9

$$\det A = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ subtracting the first row from all the other rows.}$$

This matrix is clearly singular, thus $\det A = 0$.

Problem 10 Monday 3/19

(a) Calculate the determinants of the following "almost upper triangular" matrices.

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Can you figure out how to continue the sequence of matrices and calculate $\det(A_n)$ for any n ?

Solution 10

(a) $\det A_2 = 2$

$$\det A_3 = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 2 * \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 2 * \det A_2 = 4$$

$$\det A_4 = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 2 * \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 2 * \det A_3 = 8$$

$$\det A_5 = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 2 * \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 2 * \det A_4 = 16$$

(b) $[A_n]_{ij} = 1$ if $i \leq j$, $[A_n]_{ij} = -1$ if $i = j + 1$, $[A_n]_{ij} = 0$ otherwise.

As above, $\det A_n = 2 * \det A_{n-1} = 2^{n-1}$