

Exercises on projection matrices and least squares

Problem 16.1: (4.3 #17. *Introduction to Linear Algebra: Strang*) Write down three equations for the line $b = C + Dt$ to go through $b = 7$ at $t = -1$, $b = 7$ at $t = 1$, and $b = 21$ at $t = 2$. Find the least squares solution $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (C, D)$ and draw the closest line.

Problem 16.2: (4.3 #18.) Find the projection $\mathbf{p} = A\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ in the previous problem. This gives the three heights of the closest line. Show that the error vector is $\mathbf{e} = (2, -6, 4)$. Why is $P\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{0}$?

Problem 16.3: (4.3 #19.) Suppose the measurements at $t = -1, 1, 2$ are the errors 2, -6, 4 in the previous problem. Compute $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ and the closest line to these new measurements. Explain the answer: $\mathbf{b} = (2, -6, 4)$ is perpendicular to _____ so the projection is $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{0}$.

Problem 16.4: (4.3 #20.) Suppose the measurements at $t = -1, 1, 2$ are $\mathbf{b} = (5, 13, 17)$. Compute $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ and the closest line and \mathbf{e} . The error is $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{0}$ because this \mathbf{b} is _____.

Problem 16.5: (4.3 #21.) Which of the four subspaces contains the error vector \mathbf{e} ? Which contains \mathbf{p} ? Which contains $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$? What is the nullspace of A ?

Problem 16.6: (4.3 #22.) Find the best line $C + Dt$ to fit $b = 4, 2, -1, 0, 0$ at times $t = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$.

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