

Read: Strang, Section 4.1, 4.2.

Suggested short conceptual exercises: Strang, Section 4.1, #1, 2, 4, 5, 8–10, 13, 15, 18,–21, 24–29. Section 4.2, #13, 18, 21–28.

1. Construct a nonzero matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  with the required property or say why it is impossible:

(a) The column space contains  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and the nullspace contains  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(b) The row space contains  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and the nullspace contains  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(c)  $\mathbf{Ax} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  has a solution and  $\mathbf{A}^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(d) Every row is orthogonal to every column.

(e) The sum of the columns is the zero vector, and the sum of the rows is a vector with all 1's.

2. Consider the following system of equations  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y + 2z &= b_1 \\ 2x + 2y + 3z &= b_2 \\ 3x + 4y + 5z &= b_3. \end{aligned}$$

(a) Find numbers  $y_1, y_2, y_3$  to multiply the left-hand sides of the equations so they add to 0. You have found a vector  $\mathbf{y}$  in which subspace? Write  $\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{b} = 0$  in terms of  $b_1, b_2$ , and  $b_3$ ?

(b) Using orthogonality of subspaces, what must be the case about  $\mathbf{y}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$  for there to be a solution to  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ ? Does this condition hold for  $\mathbf{b} = (5, 5, 9)$ ?

(c) What happens when we left-multiply both sides of the equation  $\mathbf{Ax} = (5, 5, 9)$  by  $\mathbf{y}^T$ , where  $\mathbf{y}$  is from Part (a)?

3. For each matrix, accurately sketch the four fundamental subspaces on two  $\mathbb{R}^2$  plots so that orthogonal pairs of subspaces are plotted together. This is the “grid picture.”

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

4. For a set  $S$ , let  $S^\perp$  denote the *orthogonal complement* of  $S$ , i.e., the set of vectors orthogonal to all vectors in  $S$ . Note that even if  $S$  is not a subspace,  $S^\perp$  is.

(a) If  $S$  is the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  containing only the zero vector, what is  $S^\perp$ ? (Find a basis.)

- (b) If  $S$  is spanned by  $(1, 1, 1)$ , what is  $S^\perp$ ? (Find a basis.)
- (c) If  $S$  is spanned by  $(1, 1, 1)$  and  $(1, 1, -1)$ , what is a basis for  $S^\perp$ ? (Find a basis.)
- (d) Now, suppose  $S$  is not a subspace, but rather just the set containing the two vectors  $(1, 1, 1)$  and  $(1, 1, -1)$ . What is  $S^\perp$ ? It is the nullspace of what matrix?
- (e) Suppose  $S$  is a set of vectors (not necessarily a subspace). Describe as concisely as possible what subspace  $(S^\perp)^\perp$  is. What is the relation between  $S$  and  $(S^\perp)^\perp$  when  $S$  actually is a subspace.

5. Let  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) Project  $\mathbf{b}$  onto the line through  $\mathbf{a}$ . Check that  $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{p}$  is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{a}$ .
- (b) Find the projection matrix  $\mathbf{P} = \frac{\mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^T}{\mathbf{a}^T\mathbf{a}}$  onto the line through  $\mathbf{a}$ . Verify that  $\mathbf{P}^2 = \mathbf{P}$ . Multiply  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{b}$  to compute the projection  $\mathbf{p}$ .

6. Let  $\mathbf{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) Compute the projection matrices  $\mathbf{P}_1$  and  $\mathbf{P}_2$  onto the lines through  $\mathbf{a}_1$  and  $\mathbf{a}_2$ . Multiply those matrices and explain geometrically why  $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2$  is what it is.
- (b) Project  $\mathbf{b} = (1, 0, 0)$  onto the lines through  $\mathbf{a}_1$  and  $\mathbf{a}_2$  and also onto  $\mathbf{a}_3$ . Add up the three projections  $\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2 + \mathbf{p}_3$ .
- (c) Find the projection matrix  $\mathbf{P}_3$  onto  $\mathbf{a}_3$ . Verify that  $\mathbf{P}_1 + \mathbf{P}_2 + \mathbf{P}_3 = \mathbf{I}$ . This means that the basis  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3$  is orthogonal! (Think about why.)

7. Suppose  $\mathbf{P}$  is a projection matrix onto the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

- (a) Show that the matrix  $\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}$  is also a projection matrix by verifying that  $(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})^T = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}$  and  $(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})^2 = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}$  both hold.
- (b) What subspace does the matrix  $\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}$  project onto? [*Hint*: Note that  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{b} + (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})\mathbf{b}$  holds for any vector  $\mathbf{b}$ !]

8. Consider the plane  $\mathcal{P}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  given by  $x - y - 2z = 0$ .

- (a) Find a matrix whose columns are a basis for  $\mathcal{P}$ .
- (b) Compute  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T$ , which is the projection matrix onto  $\mathcal{P}$ .
- (c) Find a vector  $\mathbf{e}$  that is orthogonal to  $\mathcal{P}$ . Compute the projection matrix  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{e}\mathbf{e}^T/\mathbf{e}^T\mathbf{e}$  and  $\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{Q}$ . How are  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$  related?