
EECS 16B

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- wrap up controllability

- orthonormal bases and Gram-Schmidt procedure

Past two lectures: $\vec{x}[i+1] = A\vec{x}[i] + B u[i]$ (single input for simplicity)

Same condition appeared for two tasks:

- 1) being able to assign evalues of $A + BF$ arbitrarily by design of F (feedback design);
- 2) moving state from any $\vec{x}[0]$ to any $\vec{x}_{target}$ ("controllability")

Condition was: $A^{n-1}B, A^{n-2}B, \dots, AB, B$ linearly independent where n : state dimension ($A: n \times n, B: n \times 1$), i.e.,

$$C_n = [A^{n-1}B \ \dots \ AB \ B] \text{ invertible.}$$

Example 1:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$n=2$: AB, B linearly independent?

No:

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = B$$

Uncontrollable

$$x_1[i+1] = x_1[i] + x_2[i] + u[i]$$

$$x_2[i+1] = 2x_2[i]$$

$$\Rightarrow x_2[6] = 2^6 x_2[0]$$

1. evalue of 2 remains regardless of feedback

2. we can't take x_2 component anywhere we want

Example 2:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Yes:

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ indep. of } B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

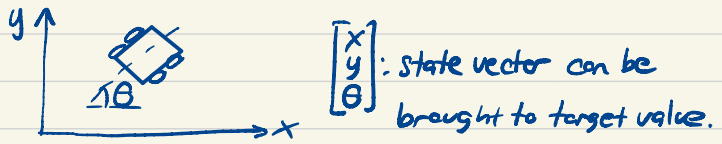
Controllable

$$x_1[i+1] = x_1[i] + x_2[i]$$

$$x_2[i+1] = 2x_2[i] + u[i]$$

u doesn't appear in x_1 eq'n but can influence x_1 indirectly through x_2

Note from the above that we can control n variables with fewer than n inputs - you actually do this when you drive a car: using two inputs (steering and longitudinal forces generated by gas/brake pedals) you come not only to the desired x, y coordinates but also to the desired orientation e.g. parallel parking.



Orthonormal bases and Gram-Schmidt Procedure:

Column vectors $\vec{q}_1, \dots, \vec{q}_k$ are called orthonormal if

$$\vec{q}_i^T \vec{q}_j = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \quad (\text{ortho}) \\ 1 & \text{if } i = j \quad (\text{normal}) \end{cases} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

A matrix $Q = [\vec{q}_1 \dots \vec{q}_k]$ with orthonormal columns

satisfies:

$$Q^T Q = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{q}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \vec{q}_k^T \end{bmatrix} [\vec{q}_1 \dots \vec{q}_k] = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{q}_1^T \vec{q}_1 & \dots & \vec{q}_1^T \vec{q}_k \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \vec{q}_k^T \vec{q}_1 & \dots & \vec{q}_k^T \vec{q}_k \end{bmatrix}$$

$= I_{kk}$ by def'n (1).

$$\boxed{Q^T Q = I}$$

If Q is square $Q^T Q = I$ means:

$$Q^T = Q^{-1}.$$

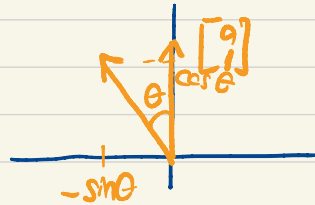
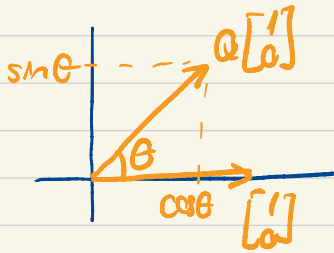
(Q is called orthogonal.)

Example:

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{\cos \theta}_{\vec{q}_1} & \underbrace{-\sin \theta}_{\vec{q}_2} \\ \underbrace{\sin \theta}_{\vec{q}_1} & \underbrace{\cos \theta}_{\vec{q}_2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{rotation matrix})$$

$$\vec{q}_1^T \vec{q}_2 = -\cos \theta \sin \theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta = 0$$

$$\vec{q}_i^T \vec{q}_i = \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$$



so called because $Q\vec{x}$ rotates $\vec{x}$ by angle θ in the plane without changing its length

Useful features of matrices with orthonormal columns:

1) $\|Q\vec{x}\| = \|\vec{x}\|$ (preserves length: what we

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{(Q\vec{x})^T (Q\vec{x})} &= \sqrt{\vec{x}^T \underbrace{Q^T Q}_{=I} \vec{x}} = \sqrt{\vec{x}^T \vec{x}} \end{aligned}$$

observed in example above is true for other Q with orthonormal columns)

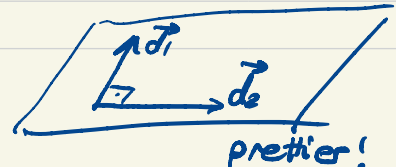
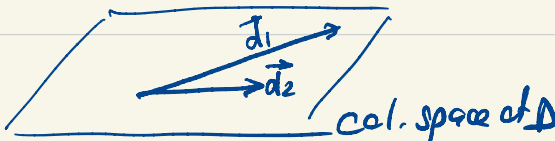
2) Q also preserves dot product: $(Q\vec{x})^T (Q\vec{y})$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \vec{x}^T \underbrace{Q^T Q}_{=I} \vec{y} \\ &= \vec{x}^T \vec{y} \end{aligned}$$

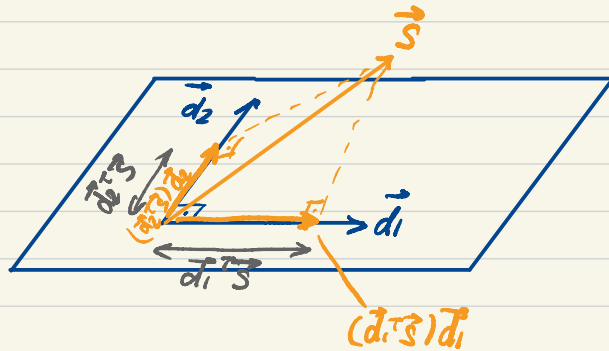
3) Easy visualization of column space:

column space of $D = [\vec{d}_1, \vec{d}_2]$

if $\vec{d}_1, \vec{d}_2$ were orthonormal



and projection onto column space is trivial:



Projection of $\vec{S}$ onto column space of D :
 $= (\vec{d}_1^T \vec{S}) \vec{d}_1 + (\vec{d}_2^T \vec{S}) \vec{d}_2$

Recall Least-Squares:

$$\vec{S} = D\vec{p} + \vec{e}$$

$$\hat{\vec{p}} = (D^T D)^{-1} D^T \vec{S}$$

What if (by some miracle) D had orthonormal columns?

$$D^T D = I \Rightarrow \hat{\vec{p}} = D^T \vec{S} \quad (\text{no matrix inversion!})$$

compare to picture above ...

Gram-Schmidt:

Even if columns of D are not orthonormal, we can construct an orthonormal basis for the column space that is close to the original columns in the sense that...

i th column $\vec{d}_i$ is a combination of $\vec{q}_1, \dots, \vec{q}_i$; that is, $\vec{d}_1$ can be reconstructed from $\vec{q}_1$; $\vec{d}_2$ from $\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2$; $\vec{d}_3$ from $\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2, \vec{q}_3$ and so on.

Therefore,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \underbrace{[\vec{d}_1 \dots \vec{d}_k]}_{l \times k} = \underbrace{[\vec{q}_1 \dots \vec{q}_k]}_{l \times k} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} * & * & \dots & * \\ 0 & * & & * \\ \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & * \end{bmatrix}}_{\substack{Q: \text{orthonormal columns} \\ R: \text{upper-triangular}}}
 \end{array}$$

$k \times k$

"QR factorization:" next best thing after having D already with orthonormal columns

Back to Least squares (LS): $\vec{S} = D\vec{p} + \vec{e}$

LS picks $\vec{p}$ such that $\vec{e} = \vec{S} - D\vec{p} \perp$ column space of D
i.e. $D^T \vec{e} = D^T (\vec{S} - D\vec{p}) = 0$
 $D^T \vec{S} = D^T D \vec{p} \dots$ (LS)

Instead of inverting $D^T D$, do Gram-Schmidt (QR factorization) on D :

$$D = QR$$

Rewrite (LS):

$$(QR)^T \vec{S} = (QR)^T (QR) \vec{p}$$

$$R^T Q^T \vec{S} = R^T \underbrace{Q^T Q}_I R \vec{p}$$

$$R^T (Q^T \vec{S}) = R^T (R \vec{p}) = \vec{p}$$

Solve $R\vec{p} = Q^T \vec{S}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} * & * & \dots & * \\ 0 & & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ \vdots \\ p_k \end{bmatrix} = Q^T \vec{S}$$

last row gives: $* p_k = (Q^T \vec{S})_k \Rightarrow p_k = \frac{1}{*} (Q^T \vec{S})_k$

2nd to last row = $* p_{k-1} + * p_k = (Q^T \vec{S})_{k-1}$

$\hookrightarrow p_{k-1}$ solved from here

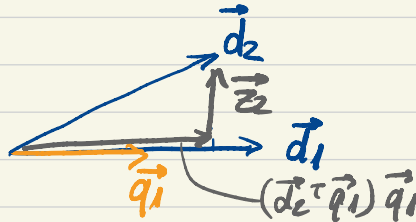
Can solve by back substitution (fast!) without matrix inversion.

Gram-Schmidt Procedure: Given linearly independent

columns $\vec{d}_1, \dots, \vec{d}_k$:

Step 1: $\vec{q}_1 = \frac{1}{\|\vec{d}_1\|} \vec{d}_1$

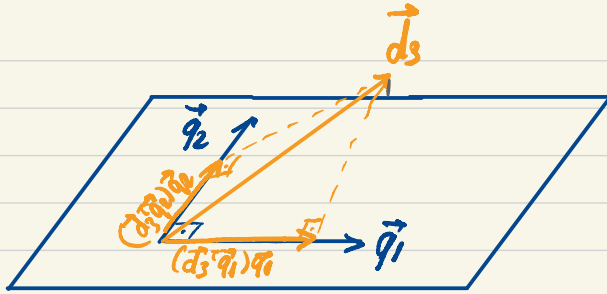
Step 2: $\vec{z}_2 = \vec{d}_2 - (\vec{d}_2^T \vec{q}_1) \vec{q}_1$



$$\vec{q}_2 = \frac{1}{\|\vec{z}_2\|} \vec{z}_2$$

Step 3: $\vec{z}_3 = \vec{d}_3 - (\vec{d}_3^T \vec{q}_1) \vec{q}_1 - (\vec{d}_3^T \vec{q}_2) \vec{q}_2$

$$\vec{q}_3 = \frac{1}{\|\vec{z}_3\|} \vec{z}_3$$



Step k :
$$\vec{z}_k = \vec{d}_k - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} (\vec{d}_k^T \vec{q}_j) \vec{q}_j \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\vec{q}_k = \frac{1}{\|\vec{z}_k\|} \vec{z}_k$$

Show $\vec{z}_k^T \vec{q}_i = 0 \quad i < k$ (therefore $\vec{q}_k^T \vec{q}_i = 0 \quad i < k$)

Substitute (2):

$$\vec{d}_k^T \vec{q}_i - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} (\vec{d}_k^T \vec{q}_j) \underbrace{\vec{q}_j^T \vec{q}_i}_{= \begin{cases} 0 & j \neq i \\ 1 & j = i \end{cases}}$$

this means all terms in summation drop out other than $j=i$

$$(\vec{d}_k^T \vec{q}_j) \vec{q}_j^T \vec{q}_i \Big|_{j=i} = (\vec{d}_k^T \vec{q}_i) \underbrace{\vec{q}_i^T \vec{q}_i}_{=1}$$

$$= \vec{d}_k^T \vec{q}_i - \vec{d}_k^T \vec{q}_i = 0.$$

So we have shown $\vec{q}_k^T \vec{q}_i = 0$ when $k < i$. -- (3)

Same is true when $k > i$: $\vec{q}_k^T \vec{q}_i = \vec{q}_i^T \vec{q}_k$ where now i is smaller than k and (3) applies with k, i swapped.

Combining : $\vec{q}_k^T \vec{q}_i = 0$ when $k \neq i$. By the normalization $\vec{q}_k = \frac{1}{\|\vec{z}_k\|} \vec{z}_k$ in each step, we also have $\|\vec{q}_k\| = 1$ for each k , so Gram-Schmidt generates an orthonormal basis. In addition, $\vec{d}_1$ depends on $\vec{q}_1$ only; $\vec{d}_2$ on $\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2$; $\vec{d}_k$ on $\vec{q}_1, \dots, \vec{q}_k$ as desired.