

Step-1

We know that if m by n matrix Q has orthonormal columns then

$$QQ^T = I_{m \times m}$$

$$Q^T Q = I_{n \times n}$$

Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) for any m by n matrix Q is as follows

$$Q = U \Sigma V^T$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} \text{orthogonal} \\ U \text{ is } m \times m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m \times n \text{ matrix } \Sigma \\ \sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_r \text{ on diagonal} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \text{orthogonal} \\ V \text{ is } n \times n \end{pmatrix}$$

Here eigenvectors of QQ^T are in U , eigenvectors of $Q^T Q$ are in V .

The r singular-values on the diagonal of Σ are the square roots of the nonzero eigenvalues of both QQ^T and $Q^T Q$.

Step-2

Since $Q^T Q$ be m by m identity matrix, so eigenvalues are $\lambda = 1$.

We know that eigenvectors of QQ^T are in U .

Eigenvectors of QQ^T will make matrix U as m by m identity matrix.

$$U = [u_1 \cdots u_m]$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= I_{m \times m}$$

Step-3

Now $Q^T Q$ be n by n identity matrix, so eigenvalues are $\lambda = 1$.

We know that eigenvectors of $Q^T Q$ are in V .

Eigenvectors of $Q^T Q$ will make matrix U as n by n identity matrix.

$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= [v_1 \cdots v_n] \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= I_{n \times n}
 \end{aligned}$$

Step-4

The diagonal of Σ are the square roots of the nonzero eigenvalues of QQ^T .

When A has rank r , Σ is m by n matrix, where

$$\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r = 1$$

And all other entries will be zero.

Let us denote $\Sigma = I_{m \times n}$.

The SVD for m by n matrix Q is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q &= U \Sigma V^T \\
 &= I_{m \times m} I_{m \times n} (I_{n \times n})^T \\
 &= I_{m \times m} I_{m \times n} I_{n \times n} \\
 &= I_{m \times n}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, SVD for m by n matrix Q with orthonormal column is m by n identity matrix.

Step-5

If SVD of m by n matrix A is $A = U \Sigma V^T$, then the pseudoinverse of A is

$$A^+ = V \Sigma^+ U^T$$

For m by n matrix Q with orthonormal columns, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 U &= I_{m \times m} \\
 U^T &= I_{m \times m} \\
 V &= I_{n \times n}
 \end{aligned}$$

When A has rank r , Σ^+ is n by m matrix, where

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_1}, \dots, \frac{1}{\sigma_r} = 1$$

And all other entries will be zero.

Let us denote $\Sigma^+ = I_{n \times m}$.

Hence, pseudoinverse of Q is

$$\begin{aligned} Q^+ &= V \Sigma^+ U^T \\ &= I_{n \times n} I_{n \times m} I_{m \times m} \\ &= I_{n \times m} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the pseudoinverse of m by n matrix Q with orthonormal columns is $\boxed{n \text{ by } m \text{ identity matrix}}$.