

APMA 4007

Lecture 13

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### Outline

1. Orthogonal complement
2. Least-square problem & sol<sup>n</sup>
3. Projections

In the last lecture I defined what it means for two subspaces to be orthogonal

$$V \perp W \text{ iff } v^T w = 0 \text{ for all } v \in V; w \in W$$

The examples related to  $Ax=b$  are:

$$N(A) \perp C(A^T) \quad \text{and} \quad N(A^T) \perp C(A)$$

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(note that one follows from the other by replacing  $A$  w/  $A^T$ )

A nice property of orthogonal subspaces is that their dimensions add. If  $W \perp V$  then

$$\dim(W+V) = \dim W + \dim V$$

where  $W+V = \{v+w \mid v \in V; w \in W\}$

$V \perp W$

are subspaces of the same vector space so that addition makes sense.

Proof

Suppose the columns of  $A$  are a basis for  $V$  and the columns of  $B$  are a basis for  $W$  with

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ a_1 & \dots & a_k \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ b_1 & \dots & b_l \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Any element of}$$

$$V+W \text{ looks like } \overset{EV}{Ax} + \overset{EW}{By} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

b/c the columns of  $A$  &  $B$  are basis vectors for  $V$  &  $W$

This shows that the columns of  $\begin{bmatrix} A & B \end{bmatrix}$  span  $V+W$ .

(\*) A related concept is orthogonal complement.

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Def: The orthogonal complement of vector subspace  $V$  denoted  $V^\perp$  (vec perp) is the set of all vectors  $\perp$  to  $V$ .

Example

$$N(A) = \{x \mid Ax=0\} = \{x \mid x \text{ is } \perp \text{ to the } \overset{\text{rows}}{\text{columns}} \text{ of } A\}$$
$$= [C(A^T)]^\perp$$

Can we say that  $[N(A)^\perp] = C(A^T)$ ?

In other words  $[C(A^T)^\perp]^\perp = C(A^T)$ ?

Yes. Proof

Suppose  $A$   $m \times n$  and  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $v \in [N(A)]^\perp$  but NOT

in  $C(A^T)$  [this is essentially saying that  $N(A) \neq C(A^T)$

are not everything?]. In that case  $\begin{bmatrix} A \\ v^T \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow A \text{ with extra row}$

has the same null space as  $A$  since  $\begin{bmatrix} A \\ v^T \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} Ax \\ v^T x \end{bmatrix}$

and if  $x \in N(A)$  then  $\begin{bmatrix} Ax \\ v^T x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  b/c  $x \in N(A)$  and

$v$  is  $\perp$  to  $N(A)$ . Since  $v \notin C(A^T)$  it is not a L.C.

of the rows of  $A$ .  $\Rightarrow \dim \text{row space } \begin{bmatrix} A \\ v^T \end{bmatrix} = r+1 = \text{rank } A$

b/c we have added a L.I row. But the rule says

$$\text{But } N\left(\begin{bmatrix} A \\ v^T \end{bmatrix}\right) = N(A)$$

$$\dim N\left(\begin{bmatrix} A \\ v^T \end{bmatrix}\right) = \# \text{ columns} - \text{rank} = n - (r+1) \neq \dim N(A) = n - r$$

In order to show that the  $l+k$  columns of  $[A \ B]$  are a basis, it remains to show that they are L.I. Assume they are not (proof by contradiction)

$$Ax + By = \vec{0} \quad \text{for } \vec{x} \neq 0 \text{ ; } \vec{y} \neq 0.$$

Mult both sides by  $A^T$  which mean dot w/ the columns of  $A$

$$A^T A x + A^T B y = \vec{0}$$

$\vec{0}$  b/c the columns of  $A$  are  $\perp$  to the columns of  $B$

$A^T A x = 0$ . Does it have a sol<sup>n</sup> other than  $x=0$ ?

Dot both sides w/  $x$ ,  $x^T A^T A x = 0$

$$(Ax)^T Ax = 0$$

$\|Ax\|^2 = 0$   
 $Ax = 0$  because the only vector w/ length zero is the zero vector.

But  $A\vec{x} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \vec{x} = 0$  b/c the

columns of  $A$  are a basis (L.I.)

So the  $k+l$  columns of  $[A \ B]$  are a basis for  $V+W$

and the  $\dim(V+W) = k+l = \dim V + \dim W$

Note: We have shown that

1. The  $r$  pivot rows of  $R$  & the  $n-r$  special solutions are a basis for  $N(A) + C(A^T)$ . A total of  $n$  vectors

2. The  $r$  pivot columns of  $A$  & the  $m-r$  bottom rows of  $E$  ( $EA=R$ ) are a basis of  $C(A) + N(A^T)$ . A total of  $m$  vectors.



A this point we (w/ a <sup>sooner</sup> little thought) can conclude that

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They have the same basis.

$$\mathbb{R}^n = C(A^T) + N(A)$$
$$\mathbb{R}^m = C(A) + N(A^T)$$

w/ the correct interpretation of addition

The 4 subspaces are everything.

[Recall that we previously showed that if we have the right number of L.I. vectors, where the right # is the dimension, they are a basis]

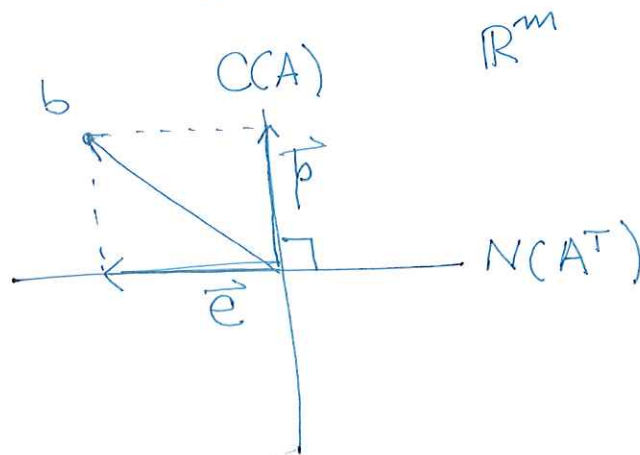
Same basis ~~for~~ means  $r$  pivot rows of  $R$  &  $n-r$  special sol<sup>n</sup> are a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$r$  pivot columns of  $A$  &  $m-r$  bottom rows of  $E$  are a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

In particular (there is a reason this?),

for any  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$   $b = p + e$  where  $p \in C(A)$  and  $e \in N(A^T)$

The picture that goes with this is



Note how the picture differs from the previous one with  $b \in C(A)$ . In particular, if  $\vec{e} \neq 0$

$b \notin C(A)$   $\nexists$   $Ax=b$  has no sol<sup>n</sup>. Another way to see this is

$$Ax=b=p+e$$

dot both sides w/  $\vec{e}$

$$\underbrace{\vec{e}^T Ax}_{=0} = \underbrace{\vec{e}^T p}_{=0} + \vec{e}^T e = \|e\|^2$$

$$e \in N(CA^T) \quad e \perp p$$

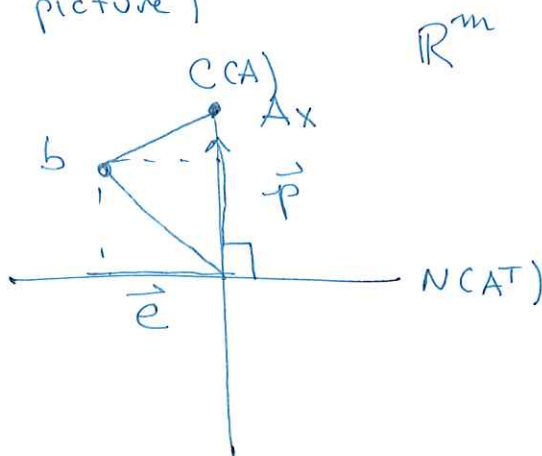
$$0 = \|e\|^2 \quad \nexists \text{ unless } \vec{e} = \vec{0} \text{ and } b \in C(A).$$

When  $Ax=b$  has no sol<sup>n</sup>, we do the best that we can, which means make  $Ax$  as close to  $b$  as possible. That is,

$$\text{minimize } \|Ax-b\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m ([Ax]_i - b_i)^2$$

This is called a least-squares problem.

(Add  $Ax$  to the picture)



The picture says (looking at the right triangle)

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$$\|Ax - b\|^2 = \|Ax - p\|^2 + \|e\|^2$$

which is interesting b/c only one ~~the~~ ~~in~~ term on the rhs depends on  $x$ .

~~The~~ Algebra says

$$\|Ax - b\|^2 = (Ax - b)^T (Ax - b)$$

$$= (Ax - p - e)^T (Ax - p - e)$$

$$= (Ax - p)^T (Ax - p) + e^T e + (Ax - p)^T e$$

$$= \|Ax - p\|^2 + \|e\|^2 + e^T (Ax - p)$$

$$= \|Ax - p\|^2 + \|e\|^2$$

Both terms are non-negative. And we want to make their sum small. The 2nd term does not depend on  $x$ .

It is unavoidable error. The 1st term can be made zero b/c  $Ax = p$  has a sol<sup>n</sup> which we call

$\hat{x}$  ( $x$  hat).  $\hat{x}$  is the solution of the L.S.

problem. So just solve  $Ax = p$ ? Problem: ~~plus~~

$b$  is given not  $p$ . Finding  $p$  <sup>answers</sup> solves the question of what vector in  $C(A)$  is closest to  $b$ .

$p$  is called the projection of  $b$  onto  $C(A)$ .

Warmup.  $n=1$ .  $A$  has 1 column,

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ a \end{bmatrix} = \vec{a}$$

$b$  is not in  $C(A)$

[here means  $\vec{b}$  is not a multiple of  $\vec{a}$ ]

$1 \times 1$  scalar



$$\vec{a}x = \vec{b}$$

has no sol<sup>n</sup>

$$b = p + e$$

where

$$p = A\hat{x}$$

$\hat{x}$  unknown

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$$e = b - p \quad \& \quad A^T e = 0 \quad \text{b/c } e \in N(A^T)$$

$$\text{so } A^T(b - p) = 0 \Rightarrow A^T b = A^T p$$

here  $A = a$  so

$$a^T b = a^T p = a^T a \hat{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{x} = \frac{a^T b}{a^T a} \quad \text{and} \quad p = \vec{a} \frac{a^T b}{a^T a}$$

which is the familiar 1D projection from physics (inclined plane)



Example

Project  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  onto  $\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\hat{x} = \frac{a^T b}{a^T a} = \frac{4}{14} = \frac{2}{7}$$

$$p = \frac{2}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\vec{a} x)$$

$$\vec{e} = \text{error} = b - p = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{2}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 9 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

check that  $\vec{e} \perp \vec{a}$   $\frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 9 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{7} (6 - 9 + 3)$

$= 0 \quad \checkmark$

Define a projection matrix  $\underline{P}$  such that

$$\underline{P} b = p \quad \text{here } p = \frac{a^T b}{a^T a} \vec{a} \quad \text{so rank-1 matrix.}$$

$$\underline{P} = \frac{a a^T}{a^T a}, \quad \text{here in example } \underline{P} = \frac{1}{14} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $A$  has more than one column, same idea

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$$b = p + e$$

$$A\hat{x} = p$$

$$e = b - p$$

$$A^T e = 0 \Rightarrow A^T b = A^T p = A^T A \hat{x}$$

$$\hat{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b \quad \checkmark$$

L.S. soln

$$p = A\hat{x} = \underbrace{A (A^T A)^{-1} A^T}_{\text{projection}} b$$

projection

$$P = A (A^T A)^{-1} A^T$$

projection matrix

Remarks,

1.  $P = A (A^T A)^{-1} A^T$  Don't all the  $A$ 's cancel?  
 $= A A^{-1} (A^T)^{-1} A^T = I$ ?

Generally, no b/c  $A$  is not square. If  $A^{-1}$  exists there is no need for L.S.

2. What happens if you project twice?

$$P^2 = A (A^T A)^{-1} \underbrace{(A^T A)}_{\text{projection}} (A^T A)^{-1} A^T = A (A^T A)^{-1} A^T = P$$

nothing happen the 2nd time  $P[Pb]$   
 $\uparrow$  already in  $C(A)$

3. What does  $(I-P)$  do? Projects onto  $N(A^T)$  ⑨

$$(I-P)b = b - p = e \quad \checkmark \quad \text{closest vector in } N(A^T) \text{ to } b.$$

4. Does  $(A^T A)$  have an inverse?

- it is square  $\begin{matrix} n \times m & m \times n \\ A^T & A \\ n \times n \end{matrix}$

- are the columns L.I.? Yes iff the columns of  $A$  are.

Proof

I will show  $N(A) = N(A^T A)$ .

This is useful b/c columns  $A$  L.I. iff  $N(A) = \vec{0}$

$\Leftrightarrow N(A^T A) = \vec{0} \Leftrightarrow A^{-1}$  exists, (iff columns of  $A^T A$  L.I.)

$$x \in N(A) \Rightarrow Ax = 0 \Rightarrow A^T A x = 0 \Rightarrow x \in N(A^T A)$$
$$N(A) \subseteq N(A^T A)$$

$$x \in N(A^T A) \Rightarrow A^T A x = 0 \Rightarrow x^T A^T A x = 0 \Rightarrow \|Ax\|^2 = 0$$

$$N(A^T A) \subseteq N(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow Ax = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in N(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow N(A^T A) = N(A) \quad \checkmark$$

So, if the columns of  $A$  are L.I.,  
the sol<sup>n</sup> of the L.S. problem is

$$\hat{x} = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T b.$$