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For a minimum norm g-inverse, we have

$$G A A^T = A^T$$

$$\begin{cases} A G A = A \\ A A^T G^T = A \\ G A A^T = A^T \end{cases}$$

$A^T (A A^T)^-$ will satisfy this equation

$$\begin{aligned} & A^T (A A^T)^- A A^T \\ &= X (A A^T) (A A^T)^- A A^T \\ &= X A A^T = A^T \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} A^T = X A A^T \\ \text{for some } X \\ \rho(A^T) = \rho(A A^T) \\ \mathcal{R}(A^T) \supseteq \mathcal{R}(A A^T) \end{cases}$$

Also, $A^T (A A^T)^-$ is a g-inverse of A .

So, a minimum norm g-inverse exists.

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{R}(A^T) \\ \supseteq \mathcal{R}(A A^T) \\ \mathcal{R}(A^T) \\ \subseteq \mathcal{R}(A A^T) \\ A^T = X A A^T \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & A (A^T (A A^T)^-)^T A \\ &= A A^T (A A^T)^- A \\ &= A A^T (A A^T)^- A A^T Y \\ &= (A A^T) Y = A \end{aligned}$$

$$A = (A A^T) Y$$

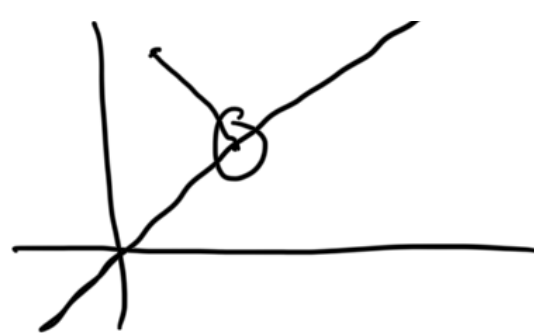
$$y \in \mathcal{C}(A) \quad \|y - A n\| > 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$A_{m \times n}$

$$\arg \left(\min_{n \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|y - A n\| \right)$$

A g-inverse is a least square g-inverse (LS) if for all y and n

$$\|y - A G y\| \leq \|y - A n\|$$



Theorem: Suppose A is a matrix and G is a g -inverse of A . Then, the following statements are equivalent.

(i) G is a LS g -inverse

(ii) AG is a symmetric matrix.

(iii) $(A^T A)G = A^T \longrightarrow$ we can not write $G = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T$ but $(A^T A)^+ A^T$ will satisfy

Proof: (i) \Rightarrow (ii) G is a LS g -inverse

$\Rightarrow \forall x, y$

$$\|y - AGy\| \leq \|y - Ax\|$$

$$x - Gy = w$$

$$(A^T A)G = A^T$$

$$\begin{aligned} Ax &= b \\ x &= Gb \end{aligned}$$

$$\|y - AGy\| \leq \|y - Aw - AGy\| \quad \forall w, \forall y$$

$$\Rightarrow \|y - AGy\|^2 \leq \|y - Aw - AGy\|^2 \quad \forall w, \forall y$$

$$\geq \|y - AGy\|^2 + \|Aw\|^2 - 2w^T A^T (y - AGy)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|Aw\|^2 - 2w^T A^T (y - AGy) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \|Aw\|^2 - 2w^T A^T (I - AG)y \geq 0 \quad \forall w \text{ and } \forall y$$

$$\Rightarrow w^T A^T (I - AG)y = 0 \quad \forall w, \forall y$$

$$\Rightarrow w^T A^T (I - AG) = 0 \quad \forall w$$

$$\Rightarrow (I - AG)^T A w = 0 \quad \forall w$$

$$\Rightarrow (I - AG)^T A = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A - (AG)^T A = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A = (AG)^T A$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{AG = (AG)^T AG}$$

$$\Rightarrow AG \text{ is a symmetric matrix}$$

$$(ii) \Rightarrow (i) \quad AG \text{ is symmetric}$$

we have to show

$$\|y - Ax\| \leq \underline{\|y - AGy\|} \quad \forall x, \forall y$$

$$\|y - Ax\|^2 = \|y - Aw - AGy\|^2 \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} x - Gy \\ = w \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow \|y - Ax\|^2 = \|y - AGy\|^2 + \|Aw\|^2 - \underline{2 w^T A^T (I - AG)y} \dots (*)$$

$$w^T A^T (I - AG)y$$

$$\Rightarrow w^T (A^T - A^T AG)y$$

$$\Rightarrow w^T (A^T - \underline{A^T G^T A^T})y$$

$$\Rightarrow w^T (A^T - A^T)y$$

$$\Rightarrow 0$$

$$A = AGA$$

$$\Rightarrow A^T = A^T G^T A^T$$

$$\text{From } (*), \text{ we have } \|y - Ax\|^2 \geq \|y - AGy\|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \|y - Ax\| \geq \|y - AGy\|$$

$$(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) \quad AG \text{ is symmetric and } \underline{AGA = A}$$

$$G^T A^T A = A$$

$$\Rightarrow (A^T A) G = A^T$$

- We want a g-inverse that satisfies all the three properties, i.e., a g-inverse which is reflexive, minimum norm, LS. Equivalently, we want a matrix G s.t.

- $AGA = A$
- $GAG = G$ (reflexive)
- $(GA)^T = GA$ (minimum norm)
- $(AG)^T = AG$ (LS g-inverse)

Such a g-inverse is called a Moore-Penrose (MP) g-inverse.

Theorem For a matrix A , MP g-inverse always exists and is unique. It is denoted by A^+ .

Proof: (Existence) First assume that $A = 0_{m \times n}$. Then $0_{n \times m}$ satisfies all the properties of a MP g-inverse.

Now, suppose A is a non-null matrix.

Consider $G = D^T (D^T A D^T)^{-1} D^T$, where

(P, Q) is an RF of A .

Note that $P^T A Q^T = (P^T P)(Q Q^T)$ is an invertible matrix. We show that G satisfies all the properties of a MP g-inverse.

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad A G A &= A Q^T (P^T A Q^T)^{-1} P^T A \\ &= P (Q Q^T) (Q Q^T)^{-1} (P^T P)^{-1} (P^T P) Q \\ &= P Q = A \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad G A G &= Q^T (Q Q^T)^{-1} (P^T P)^{-1} P^T P Q \\ &\quad Q^T (Q Q^T)^{-1} (P^T P)^{-1} P^T \\ &= Q^T (Q Q^T)^{-1} (P^T P)^{-1} P^T \\ &= G \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad G A &= Q^T (Q Q^T)^{-1} (P^T P)^{-1} P^T P Q \\ &= Q^T (Q Q^T)^{-1} Q \end{aligned}$$

Note that $Q^T (Q Q^T)^{-1} Q$ is a symmetric matrix. So $G A$ is a symmetric matrix.

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad A G &= P Q Q^T (Q Q^T)^{-1} (P^T P)^{-1} P^T \\ &= P (P^T P)^{-1} P^T \end{aligned}$$

Again $P (P^T P)^{-1} P^T$ is a symmetric matrix.

So, AG is a symmetric matrix.

(Uniqueness) Let G_1 and G_2 be two MP g-inverses. Then

$$\begin{aligned} G_1 &= G_1 A G_1 \\ &= G_1 G_1^T A^T && (\text{as } AG_1 = G_1^T A^T) \\ &= G_1 G_1^T A^T G_2^T A^T && (\text{as } A^T = A^T G_2^T A^T) \\ &= G_1 A G_1 G_2^T A^T && (\text{as } AG_1 = G_1^T A^T) \\ &= G_1 A G_2 && (\text{as } G_1 A G_1 = G_1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } G_2 &= G_2 A G_2 \\ &= A^T G_2^T G_2 && (\text{as } G_2 A = A^T G_2^T) \\ &= A^T G_1^T A^T G_2^T G_2 && (\text{as } A^T = A^T G_1^T A^T) \\ &= G_1 A A^T G_2^T G_2 && (\text{as } A^T G_1^T = G_1 A) \\ &= G_1 A G_2 A G_2 && (\text{as } A^T G_2^T = G_2 A) \\ &= G_1 A G_2 && (\text{as } G_2 A G_2 = G_2) \end{aligned}$$

Thus $G_1 = G_2$.