

ECEn 671: Mathematics of Signals and Systems

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Section 1

Schur Complement and the Matrix Inversion Lemma

Schur Complement

Definition

Consider the partitioned matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}.$$

1. When A_{11} is non-singular,

$$S_{ch}(A_{11}) \triangleq A_{22} - A_{21}A_{11}^{-1}A_{12}$$

is called the Schur Complement of A_{11} in A .

2. When A_{22} is non-singular,

$$S_{ch}(A_{22}) \triangleq A_{11} - A_{12}A_{22}^{-1}A_{21}$$

is called the Schur Complement of A_{22} in A .

Schur Complement, cont.

Lemma

When A_{11} is nonsingular, A is nonsingular if and only if $S_{ch}(A_{11})$ is nonsingular, in which case

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11}^{-1} + A_{11}^{-1}A_{12}S_{ch}^{-1}(A_{11})A_{21}A_{11}^{-1} & -A_{11}^{-1}A_{12}S_{ch}^{-1}(A_{11}) \\ -S_{ch}^{-1}(A_{11})A_{21}A_{11}^{-1} & S_{ch}^{-1}(A_{11}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Lemma

When A_{22} is nonsingular, A is nonsingular if and only if $S_{ch}(A_{22})$ is nonsingular, in which case

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{ch}^{-1}(A_{22}) & -S_{ch}^{-1}(A_{22})A_{12}A_{22}^{-1} \\ -A_{22}^{-1}A_{12}S_{ch}^{-1}(A_{22}) & A_{22}^{-1} + A_{22}^{-1}A_{21}S_{ch}^{-1}(A_{22})A_{12}A_{22}^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Proof.

By direct manipulation.

Matrix Inversion Lemma

Lemma (Matrix Inversion Lemma)

If $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $R \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ are invertible, and $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ and $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ then

$$(A + XRY)^{-1} = A^{-1} - A^{-1}X(R^{-1} + YA^{-1}X)^{-1}YA^{-1}$$

Proof.

Equate the (2,2) elements of A^{-1} in the previous slide, and re-label matrices.



Matrix Inversion Lemma, cont.

- ▶ A special case of this matrix inversion lemma is the formula

$$(A + xy^H)^{-1} = A^{-1} - \frac{A^{-1}xy^HA^{-1}}{1 + y^HA^{-1}x}$$

where x and y are vectors.

- ▶ Sylvester's inequality gives

$$\text{rank}(x) + \text{rank}(y) - 1 \leq \text{rank}(xy^H) \leq \min(\text{rank}(x), \text{rank}(y)).$$

But

$$\text{rank}(x) + \text{rank}(y) - 1 = 1$$

$$\min(\text{rank}(x), \text{rank}(y)) = 1$$

- ▶ Therefore $\text{rank}(xy^H) = 1$