# Chapter 2. A Short Excursion into Matrix Algebra

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A matrix A is a system of numbers with n rows and p columns:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1p} \\ \cdots & a_{22} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{np} \end{pmatrix}$$

We also write  $(a_{ii})$  for  $\mathcal{A}$  and denoted as x or  $x(p \times 1)$ .

### Matrix Operations

Elementary operations are summarized below:

$$egin{aligned} \mathcal{A}^T &= (a_{ji}) \ & \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B} = (a_{ij} + b_{ij}) \ & \mathcal{A} - \mathcal{B} = (a_{ij} - b_{ij}) \ & c \cdot \mathcal{A} = (c \cdot a_{ij}) \ & \mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{A}(n imes p) \mathcal{B}(n imes m) = (c_{ij}) = \left(\sum_{j=1}^p a_{ij} b_{jk}
ight) \end{aligned}$$

### Properties of Matrix Operations

$$(\mathcal{A}^T)^T = \mathcal{A}$$
  
 $(\mathcal{A}\mathcal{B})^T = \mathcal{B}^T \mathcal{A}^T$ 

Name	Definition	Notation	Example
Scalar	p = n = 1	а	3
Column vector	p = 1	а	$\binom{1}{3}$
Row vector	n = 1	$a^{T}$	(1 3)
Vector of ones	$(\underbrace{1,\ldots,1}_{n})^{\top}$	1,,	$\binom{1}{1}$
Vector of zeros	$(\underbrace{0,\ldots,0}_{\pi})^{\top}$	0,1	(°)
Square matrix	n = p	$A(p \times p)$	$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$
Diagonal matrix	$a_{ij}=0, i\neq j, n=p$	$diag(a_{ii})$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$
Identity matrix	$\operatorname{diag}(\underbrace{1,\ldots,1}_{p})$	$\mathcal{I}_p$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
Unit matrix	$a_{ij} = 1, n = p$	$1_n1_n^{\top}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
Symmetric matrix	$a_{ij} = a_{ji}$		$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$
Null matrix	$a_{ij} = 0$	0	(° °)
Upper triangular matrix	$a_{ij} = 0, i < j$		$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
Idempotent matrix	AA = A		$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$
Orthogonal matrix	$A^{T}A = I = AA^{T}$		$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$

#### Matrix Characteristics

#### Rank

The rank of a matrix  $\mathcal{A}(n \times p)$  is defined as the maximum number of linearly independent rows (columns). A set of k rows  $a_j$  of  $\mathcal{A}(n \times p)$  are said to be linearly independent if  $\sum_{j=1}^k c_j a_j = 0_p$  implies  $c_j = 0, \forall j$ , where  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  are scalars.

#### Trace

$$tr(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{p} a_{ii}$$



#### Determinant

$$det(A) = |A| = \sum (-1)^{|\tau|} a_{1\tau(1)} \cdots a_{p\tau(p)}$$

the summation is over all permutations  $\tau$  of  $\{1, 2, ..., p\}$ , and  $|\tau| = 0$  if the permutation can be written as a product of an even number if transpositions and  $|\tau|=1$  otherwise.

$$|\mathcal{A}^{T}| = |\mathcal{A}|$$
$$|\mathcal{A}\mathcal{B}| = |\mathcal{A}| \cdot |\mathcal{A}|$$
$$|c\mathcal{A}| = c^{n} |\mathcal{A}|$$

#### Transpose

For 
$$\mathcal{A}(n \times p)$$
 and  $\mathcal{B}(p \times n)$ 

$$(\mathcal{A}^T)^T = \mathcal{A} \text{ and } (\mathcal{A}\mathcal{B})^T = \mathcal{B}^T \mathcal{A}^T$$

#### Inverse

If  $|\mathcal{A}| \neq 0$  and  $\mathcal{A}(p \times p)$ , then the inverse  $\mathcal{A}^{-1}$  exists:

$$\mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}^{-1}=\mathcal{A}^{-1}\mathcal{A}=\mathcal{I}_p$$

the inverse of  $\mathcal{A} = (a_{ij})$ :

$$\mathcal{A}^{-1} = \frac{C}{|\mathcal{A}|}$$

where  $C = (c_{ij})$  is the adjoint matrix of A.

The elements  $c_{ii}$  of  $\mathcal{C}^T$  are the co-factors of  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$$c_{ji} = (-1)^{i+j} \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1(j-1)} & a_{1(j+1)} & \dots & a_{1p} \\ \vdots & & & & & \\ a_{(i-1)1} & \dots & a_{(i-1)(j-1)} & a_{(i-1)(j+1)} & \dots & a_{(i-1)p} \\ a_{(i+1)1} & \dots & a_{(i+1)(j-1)} & a_{(i+1)(j+1)} & \dots & a_{(i+1)p} \\ \vdots & & & & & \\ a_{p1} & \dots & a_{p(j-1)} & a_{p(j+1)} & \dots & a_{pp} \end{vmatrix}.$$

The relationship between determinant and inverse of matrix  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $|\mathcal{A}^{-1}| =$ 

#### G-inverse

G-inverse (Generalized Inverse)  $A^-$  which satisfies the following :

$$AA^{-}A = A$$

Example 2.2 The generalized inverse can also be calculated for singular matrices. We have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

which means that the generalized inverse of  $\mathcal{A}=\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\mathcal{A}^-=$ 

 $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  even though the inverse matrix of  $\mathcal A$  does not exist in this case.

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#### Eigenvalues, Eigenvectors

Consider a  $(p \times p)$  matrix A. If there a scalar  $\lambda$  and a vector  $\gamma$  exists such as

$$A\gamma = \lambda\gamma \tag{2.1}$$

then we call

 $\lambda$  an eigenvalue

 $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$  an eigenvector.

It can be proven that an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  is a root of the p-th order polynomial  $|\mathcal{A} - \lambda I_p| = 0$ . Therefore are up to p eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \cdots, \lambda_p$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\Lambda = \operatorname{diag}(\lambda_1, \cdots, \lambda_p)$ .



### Eigenvalues, Eigenvectors

The determinant |A| and the trace tr(A) can be rewritten in terms of the eigenvalues:

$$|\mathcal{A}| = |\mathbf{\Lambda}| = \prod_{j=1}^{p} \lambda_j \tag{2.2}$$

$$tr(A) = tr(\Lambda) = \sum_{j=1}^{\rho} \lambda_j$$
 (2.3)

An idempotent matrix  $\mathcal{A}$  (see the definition in Table 2.1) can only have eigenvalues in  $\{0,1\}$ ; therefore,  $tr(\mathcal{A}) = \operatorname{rank}(\mathcal{A}) = \operatorname{number}$  of eigenvalues  $\neq 0$ .

### Eigenvalues, Eigenvectors

Example 2.3 Let us consider the matrix  $\mathcal{A}=\begin{pmatrix}1&0&0\\0&\frac{1}{2}&\frac{1}{2}\\0&\frac{1}{2}&\frac{1}{2}\end{pmatrix}$  . It is easy to

verify that  $\mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}=\mathcal{A}$  which implies that the matrix  $\mathcal{A}$  is idempotent. We know that the eigenvalues of idempotent matrix are equal to 0 or 1.

In this case, the eigenvalues of  ${\cal A}$  are  $\lambda_1=1$ ,  $\lambda_2=1$  , and  $\lambda_3=\!0$  since

$$egin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & rac{1}{2} & rac{1}{2} \ 0 & rac{1}{2} & rac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \, egin{pmatrix} 1 \ 0 \ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \, egin{pmatrix} 1 \ 0 \ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{pmatrix} = 1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and, } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{pmatrix} = 0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Using formulas (2.2) and (2.3), we can calculate the trace and the determinant of A from the eigenvalues:

$$\mathsf{tr}(\mathcal{A}) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = \mathsf{2}, \ |\mathcal{A}| = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 = \mathsf{0}, \ \mathsf{and} \ \mathsf{rank}(\mathcal{A}) = \mathsf{2}.$$

### Properties of Matrix Characteristics

$$\mathcal{A}(n \times n)$$
,  $\mathcal{B}(n \times n)$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ 

$$tr(A + B) = tr(A) + tr(B)$$
 (2.4)

$$tr(cA) = c tr(A)$$
 (2.5)

$$|c\mathcal{A}| = c^n |\mathcal{A}| \tag{2.6}$$

$$|\mathcal{A}\mathcal{B}| = |\mathcal{B}\mathcal{A}| = |\mathcal{A}||\mathcal{B}| \tag{2.7}$$

$$rank(\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{T}}\mathcal{A}) = rank(\mathcal{A}) \tag{2.11}$$

$$rank(A + B) = rank(A) + rank(B)$$
 (2.12)

$$rank(\mathcal{AB}) = min \{ rank(\mathcal{A}), rank(\mathcal{B}) \}$$
 (2.13)

### Properties of Matrix Characteristics

$$\mathcal{A}(n \times p)$$
,  $\mathcal{B}(p \times q)$ ,  $\mathcal{C}(q \times n)$ 

$$tr(\mathcal{ABC}) = tr(\mathcal{BCA}) = tr(\mathcal{CAB})$$
 (2.14)

$$rank(\mathcal{ABC}) = rank(\mathcal{B})$$
 for nonsingular  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{C}$  (2.15)

$$\mathcal{A}(p \times p)$$

$$|\mathcal{A}^{-1}| = |\mathcal{A}|^{-1} \tag{2.16}$$

rank(A) = p if and only if A is nonsingular. (2.17)

# 2.2 Spectral Decompositions

**Theorem 2.1** (Jordan Decomposition) Each symmetric matrix  $\mathcal{A}(p \times p)$  can be written as

$$\mathcal{A} = \Gamma \mathbf{\Lambda} \Gamma^{T} = \sum_{j=1}^{p} \lambda_{j} \gamma_{j} \gamma_{j}^{T}$$
 (2.18)

where

$$\mathbf{\Lambda} = \mathsf{diag}(\lambda_1, \cdots, \lambda_p)$$

and where

$$\Gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \cdots, \gamma_p)$$

is an orthogonal matrix consisting of the eigenvectors  $\gamma_j$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

For some  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ 

$$\mathcal{A}^{\alpha} = \Gamma \mathbf{\Lambda}^{\alpha} \Gamma^{T} \tag{2.19}$$

where  $\Lambda^{\alpha} = diag(\lambda_1^{\alpha}, \cdots, \lambda_p^{\alpha})$ .

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**Theorem 2.2** (Singular Value Decomposition) Each matrix  $A(n \times p)$  with rank r can be decomposed as

$$\mathcal{A} = \Gamma \mathbf{\Lambda} \Delta^{T}$$
,

where  $\Gamma(n \times r)$  and  $\Delta(p \times r)$ . Both  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta$  are column orthogonal , i.e.,  $\Gamma^T \Gamma = \Delta^T \Delta = \mathcal{I}_r$  and  $\Lambda = diag(\lambda_1^{1/2}, \cdots, \lambda_r^{1/2}), \lambda_j > 0$ . The values  $\lambda_1, \cdots, \lambda_r$  are the nonzero eigenvalues of the matrices  $\mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}^T$  and  $\mathcal{A}^T \mathcal{A}$ .  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta$  consists of the corresponding r eigenvectors of these matrices.

# 2.2 Spectral Decompositions

### Properties of Matrix Characteristics

Example 2.5 In Example 2.2, we showed that the generalized inverse of

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 is  $\mathcal{A}^- = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

The following also holds 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 which means that the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$  is also a generalized inverse of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

# 2.3 Quadratic Forms

A quadratic form  $\mathcal{Q}(x)$  is built form a symmetric matrix  $\mathcal{A}(p \times p)$  and a vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^p$ :

$$Q(x) = x^{T} A x = \sum_{i=1}^{p} \sum_{j=1}^{p} a_{ij} x_{i} x_{j}.$$
 (2.21)

# 2.3 Quadratic Forms

#### **Definiteness of Quadratic Forms and Matrices**

$$Q(x) > 0$$
 for all  $x \neq 0$  positive definite

$$Q(x) \ge 0$$
 for all  $x \ne 0$  positive semidifinite

A matrix  $\mathcal{A}$  is called positive definite (semidefinite) if the corresponding quadratic form  $\mathcal{Q}(\cdot)$  is positive definite (semidefinite). We write  $\mathcal{A} > 0 (\geq 0)$ .

**Theorem 2.4**  $\mathcal{A}>0$  of and only if all  $\lambda_i>0$  ,  $i=1,\cdots,p$ .

**Corollary 2.1** If A > 0, then  $A^{-1}$  exists and |A| > 0.



# 2.3 Quadratic Forms

**Theorem 2.5** If  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  are symmetric and  $\mathcal{B}>0$ , then the maximum of  $\frac{\mathbf{x}^T\mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{x}^T\mathcal{B}\mathbf{x}}$  is given by the largest eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{B}^{-1}\mathcal{A}$ . More generally.

$$\mathit{max}_x \frac{x^T \mathcal{A} x}{x^T \mathcal{B} x} = \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \ldots \geq \lambda_p = \mathit{min}_x \frac{x^T \mathcal{A} x}{x^T \mathcal{B} x}$$

where  $\lambda_1,\ldots\lambda_p$  denote the eigenvalues of  $\mathcal{B}^{-1}\mathcal{A}$ . The vector which maximizes(minimizes)  $\frac{\mathbf{x}^T\mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{x}^T\mathcal{B}\mathbf{x}}$  is the eigenvector of  $\mathcal{B}^{-1}\mathcal{A}$  which corresponds to the largest (smallest) eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{B}^{-1}\mathcal{A}$ . If  $\mathbf{x}^T\mathcal{B}\mathbf{x}=1$ , we get

$$\max_{x} x^{T} \mathcal{A} x = \lambda_{1} \geq \lambda_{2} \geq \ldots \geq \lambda_{p} = \min_{x} x^{T} \mathcal{A} x$$

# 2.4 Derivatives

The Hessian of the quadratic form  $Q(x) = x^T A x$  is

$$\frac{\partial^2 x^T \mathcal{A} x}{\partial x \partial x^T} = 2\mathcal{A}. \tag{2.25}$$

### 2.5 Partitioned Matrices

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A}_{11} & \mathcal{A}_{12} \\ \mathcal{A}_{21} & \mathcal{A}_{22} \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $A_{ij}(n_i \times p_j)$ , i,j =1,2 , $n_1 + n_2 = n$  and  $p_1 + p_2 = p$ .

$$\mathcal{A}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} A^{11} & A^{12} \\ A^{21} & A^{22} \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.26}$$

where

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{A}^{11} = (\mathcal{A}_{11} - \mathcal{A}_{12}\mathcal{A}_{22}^{-1}\mathcal{A}_{21})^{-1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\mathcal{A}_{11\cdot 2})^{-1} \\ \mathcal{A}^{12} = -(\mathcal{A}_{11\cdot 2})^{-1}\mathcal{A}_{12}\mathcal{A}_{22}^{-1} \\ \mathcal{A}^{21} = -\mathcal{A}_{22}^{-1}\mathcal{A}_{21}(\mathcal{A}_{11\cdot 2})^{-1} \\ \mathcal{A}^{22} = \mathcal{A}_{22}^{-1} + \mathcal{A}_{22}^{-1}\mathcal{A}_{21}(\mathcal{A}_{11\cdot 2})^{-1}\mathcal{A}_{12}\mathcal{A}_{22}^{-1} \end{cases}$$

### 2.5 Partitioned Matrices

The following results will be useful if  $A_{11}$  is nonsingular:

$$|\mathcal{A}| = |\mathcal{A}_{11}| \left| \mathcal{A}_{22} - \mathcal{A}_{21} \mathcal{A}_{11}^{-1} \mathcal{A}_{12} \right| = |\mathcal{A}_{11}| \left| \mathcal{A}_{22 \cdot 1} \right|$$
 (2.27)

If  $A_{22}$  is nonsingular, we have that

$$|\mathcal{A}| = |\mathcal{A}_{22}| |\mathcal{A}_{11} - \mathcal{A}_{12}\mathcal{A}_{22}^{-1}\mathcal{A}_{21}| = |\mathcal{A}_{22}| |\mathcal{A}_{11\cdot 2}|$$
 (2.28)

#### Distance

Let  $x,y \in \mathbb{R}^p$ . A distance d is defined as a function

$$d:\mathbb{R}^{2p} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{+} \ \ \text{ which fulfills } \begin{cases} d(x,y) > 0 & \forall x \neq y \\ d(x,y) = 0 & \text{if and only if } x = y \\ d(x,y) \leq d(x,z) + d(z,y) \ \forall x,y,z \end{cases}$$

A Euclidean distance d between two points x and y is defined as

$$d^{2}(x,y) = (x-y)^{T} \mathcal{A}(x-y)$$
 (2.32)

where A is a positive-definite matrix (A>0). A is called a *metric*.

Example 2.10 A particular case is when  $A = I_p$ , i.e.,

$$d^{2}(x,y) = \sum_{i=1}^{p} (x_{i} - y_{i})^{2}$$
 (2.33)

Fig. 2.1 Distance d

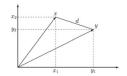


Fig. 2.2 Iso-distance sphere



A positive-definite matrix A(A > 0) leads to the iso-distance curves

$$E_d = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^p \mid (x - x_0)^T \mathcal{A}(x - x_0) = d^2 \right\}$$
 (2.34)

i.e., ellipsoids with center  $x_0$ , matrix A and constant  $d_{-}$ 

#### Theorem 2.7

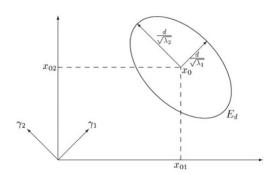
- (i) The principal axes of  $E_d$  are in the direction of  $\gamma_i$  ; i=1,...,p.
- (ii) The half-lengths of the axes are;  $\sqrt{rac{d^2}{\lambda_i}}$  i=1,...,p.
- (iii) The rectangle surrounding the ellipsoid  $E_d$  is defined by the following inequalities:

$$x_{0i} - \sqrt{d^2 a^{ii}} \le x_i \le x_{0i} + \sqrt{d^2 a^{ii}}, i = 1, \dots, p,$$

where  $a^{ii}$  is the (i,i) element of  $A^{-1}$ . By the rectangle surrounding the ellipsoid  $E_d$  we mean the rectangle whose side are parallel to the coordinate axis.



Fig. 2.3 Iso-distance ellipsoid



#### Norm of a Vector

The norm or length of x (with respect to the metric  $\mathcal{I}_p$ ) is defined as

$$||x|| = d(0_p, x) = \sqrt{x^T x}$$

If ||x|| = 1, x is called a *unit vector* .A more general norm can be defined with respect to the metric A:

$$\|x\|_A = \sqrt{x^T A x}$$

#### Angle between two Vectors

$$\cos \theta = \frac{x^T y}{\|x\| \|y\|},\tag{2.40}$$

The angle can also be defined with respect to a general metric A

$$\cos \theta = \frac{x^T \mathcal{A} y}{\|x\|_{\mathcal{A}} \|y\|_{\mathcal{A}}} \tag{2.43}$$

Example 2.11 Assume that these are two centered (i.e.,zero mean) data vectors. The cosine of the angle between them is equal to their correlation (defined in (3.8)). Indeed for x and y with  $\bar{x}=\bar{y}=0$  we have

$$r_{XY} = \frac{\sum x_i y_i}{\sqrt{\sum x_i^2 \sum y_i^2}} = \cos \theta$$

#### Rotations

Let  $\Gamma$  be a  $(2 \times 2)$  orthogonal matrix where

$$\Gamma = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.44}$$

If the axes are rotated about the origin through an angle  $\theta$  in a clockwise direction, the new coordinates of P will be given by the vector y

$$y = \Gamma x \tag{2.45}$$

and a rotation through the same angle in a anticlockwise direction gives the new coordinates as

$$y = \Gamma^T x \tag{2.46}$$

### Column Space and Null Space of a Matrix

Define of  $\mathcal{X}$   $(n \times p)$ 

$$\operatorname{Im}(\mathcal{X}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} C(\mathcal{X}) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \exists a \in \mathbb{R}^p \text{ so that } Xa = x\}.$$

the space generated by the columns of  $\mathcal{X}$  or the column space of  $\mathcal{X}$ . Note that  $C(\mathcal{X}) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $dim\{C(\mathcal{X})\} = rank(\mathcal{X}) = r \leq min(n,p)$ .

$$\mathsf{Ker}(\mathcal{X}) \stackrel{\mathit{def}}{=} \mathsf{N}(\mathcal{X}) = \{ y \in \mathbb{R}^p \mid \mathcal{X}_y = 0 \}$$

is the null space of  $\mathcal X$  .

Note that  $N(\mathcal{X}) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^p$  and that  $dim\{N(\mathcal{X})\} = p - r$ .



Remark 2.2  $N(\mathcal{X}^T)$  is the orthogonal complement of  $C(\mathcal{X})$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , i.e., given a vector  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  it will hold that  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in C(\mathcal{X})$ , if and only if  $\mathbf{b} \in N(\mathcal{X}^T)$ .

Example 2.12 Let 
$$\mathcal{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 6 & 7 \\ 6 & 8 & 6 \\ 8 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$
. It is easy to show (e.g.,by

calculating the determinant of  $\mathcal{X}$ ) that  $rank(\mathcal{X})=3$ . Hence, the column space of  $\mathcal{X}$  is  $C(\mathcal{X})=\mathbb{R}^3$ . The null space of  $\mathcal{X}$  contains only the zero vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T$  and its dimensions is equal to  $rank(\mathcal{X})-3=0$ .



### **Projection Matrix**

A matrix  $\mathcal{P}$   $(n \times n)$  is called an (orthogonal) projection matrix in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  if and only if  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}^T = \mathcal{P}^2$  ( $\mathcal{P}$  is idempotent). Let  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $a = \mathcal{P}b$  is the projection of b on  $C(\mathcal{P})$ .

#### **Projection on** C(X)

Consider  $\mathcal{X}$   $(n \times p)$  and let

$$\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{X}(\mathcal{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathcal{X})^{-1}\mathcal{X}^{\mathsf{T}} \tag{2.47}$$

and  $Q = \mathcal{I}_n$  -  $\mathcal{P}$ . It's easy to check that  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{Q}$  are idempotent and that

$$\mathcal{P}\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X} \text{ and } \mathcal{Q}\mathcal{X} = 0.$$
 (2.48)

Since the columns of  $\mathcal{X}$  are projected onto themselves, the projection matrix  $\mathcal{P}$  projects any vector  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  onto  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{X})$ . Similarly, the projection matrix  $\mathcal{Q}$  projects any vector  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  onto the orthogonal complement of  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{X})$ .

**Theorem 2.8** Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the Projection (2.47) and  $\mathcal{Q}$  its orthogonal complement. Then:

- (i)  $x = \mathcal{P}b$  entails  $x \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{X})$ ,
- (ii) y = Qb means that  $y^T x = 0 \ \forall x \in C(\mathcal{X})$ .

Remark 2.3 Let  $x,y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and consider  $p_x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the projection of x on y (see Fig.2.5). With  $\mathcal{X} = y$  we have form(2.47)

$$p_{x} = y(y^{T}y)^{-1}y^{T}x = \frac{y^{T}x}{\|y\|^{2}}y$$
 (2.49)

and we can easily verify that

$$\|p_x\| = \sqrt{p_x^T p_x} = \frac{|y^T x|}{\|y\|}.$$