

Orthogonality

Definition 1

If a matrix Y in a linear space of matrices is orthogonal to every matrix in a subspace \mathcal{U} , Y is said to be *orthogonal* to \mathcal{U} .

The statement that Y is orthogonal to \mathcal{U} is sometimes abbreviated to $Y \perp \mathcal{U}$.

Definition 2

Similarly, to indicate that every matrix in a subspace \mathcal{U} is orthogonal to every matrix in a subspace \mathcal{W} , one says that \mathcal{U} is orthogonal to \mathcal{W} or writes $\mathcal{U} \perp \mathcal{W}$.

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Lemma 3

- ▶ Let Y represent a matrix in a linear space \mathcal{V} , let \mathcal{U} and \mathcal{W} represent subspaces of \mathcal{V} , and take $\{X_1, \dots, X_s\}$ to be a set of matrices that spans \mathcal{U} and $\{Z_1, \dots, Z_t\}$ to be a set that spans \mathcal{W} . Then, $Y \perp \mathcal{U}$ if and only if $Y \cdot X_i = 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, s$; that is, Y is orthogonal to \mathcal{U} if and only if Y is orthogonal to each of the matrices X_1, \dots, X_s .
- ▶ And, similarly, $\mathcal{U} \perp \mathcal{W}$ if and only if $X_i \cdot Z_j = 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, s$ and $j = 1, \dots, t$; that is, \mathcal{U} is orthogonal to \mathcal{W} if and only if each of the matrices X_1, \dots, X_s is orthogonal to each of the matrices Z_1, \dots, Z_t .

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By applying Lemma (3) in the special case where $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{R}^{m \times 1}$ and \mathcal{U} and \mathcal{W} are the column spaces of two matrices (each of which has m rows), we obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 4

Let \mathbf{y} represent an m -dimensional column vector, and let X represent an $m \times n$ matrix and Z an $m \times p$ matrix. Then, \mathbf{y} is orthogonal to $\mathcal{C}(X)$ if and only if $X'\mathbf{y} = 0$. Similarly, $\mathcal{C}(X)$ is orthogonal to $\mathcal{C}(Z)$ if and only if $X'Z = 0$.

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Theorem 5

Let Y represent a matrix in a linear space \mathcal{V} , and let \mathcal{U} represent an r -dimensional subspace of \mathcal{V} . Then there exists a unique matrix Z in \mathcal{U} such that $(Y - Z) \perp \mathcal{U}$, that is, such that the difference between Y and Z is orthogonal to every matrix in \mathcal{U} . If $r = 0$, then $Z = 0$, and, if $r > 0$, Z is expressible as

$$Z = c_1 X_1 + \cdots + c_r X_r, \quad (1)$$

where $\{X_1, \dots, X_r\}$ is any orthonormal basis for \mathcal{U} and $c_j = Y \cdot X_j$ ($j = 1, \dots, r$). Moreover, $Z = Y$ if and only if $Y \in \mathcal{U}$.

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Proof: Consider first the case where $r = 0$. In this case, the only matrix in \mathcal{U} is the null matrix 0 . Clearly, $Y - 0$ is orthogonal to 0 . Thus, there exists a unique matrix Z in \mathcal{U} such that $(Y - Z) \perp \mathcal{U}$, namely, $Z = 0$. Moreover, it is clear that $Y = Z$ if and only if $Y \in \mathcal{U}$.

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Consider now the case where $r > 0$. Take $\{X_1, \dots, X_r\}$ to be any orthonormal basis for \mathcal{U} , and define $c_j = Y \cdot X_j$ ($j = 1, \dots, r$).

Clearly, $\sum_j c_j X_j \in \mathcal{U}$, and

$$(Y - \sum_j c_j X_j) \cdot X_i = (Y \cdot X_i) - c_i = 0$$

for $i = 1, \dots, r$, implying (from Lemma 3) that $(Y - \sum_j c_j X_j) \perp \mathcal{U}$.

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Moreover, for any matrix X such that $X \in \mathcal{U}$ and $(Y - X) \perp \mathcal{U}$, we find that $(X - \sum_j c_j X_j) \in \mathcal{U}$ and hence

$$\begin{aligned}(X - \sum_j c_j X_j) \cdot (X - \sum_j c_j X_j) &= (Y - \sum_j c_j X_j) \cdot (X - \sum_j c_j X_j) \\ &\quad - (Y - X) \cdot (X - \sum_j c_j X_j) \\ &= 0 - 0 = 0,\end{aligned}$$

so that $(X - \sum_j c_j X_j) = 0$ or equivalently $X = \sum_j c_j X_j$.

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We conclude that there exists a unique matrix Z in \mathcal{U} such that $(Y - Z) \perp \mathcal{U}$, namely, $Z = \sum_j c_j X_j$. To complete the proof, observe that, if $Y = Z$, then obviously, $Y \in \mathcal{U}$, and conversely, if $Y \in \mathcal{U}$, then, since $Y - Y$ is orthogonal to \mathcal{U} , $Y = Z$.

Projection

Definition 6

Suppose that \mathcal{U} is a subspace of a linear space \mathcal{V} . Then, it follows from Theorem 5 that, corresponding to each matrix Y in \mathcal{V} , there exists a unique matrix Z in \mathcal{U} such that $Y - Z$ is orthogonal to \mathcal{U} . The matrix Z is called the *orthogonal projection* of Y on \mathcal{U} or simply the *projection* of Y on \mathcal{U} .

Projection

Theorem 7

Let Y_1, \dots, Y_p represent matrices in a linear space \mathcal{V} , let \mathcal{U} represent a subspace of \mathcal{V} , and let Z_1, \dots, Z_p represent the projections of Y_1, \dots, Y_p , respectively, on \mathcal{U} . Then, for any scalars k_1, \dots, k_p , the projection of the linear combination $k_1 Y_1 + \dots + k_p Y_p$ (on \mathcal{U}) is the corresponding linear combination $k_1 Z_1 + \dots + k_p Z_p$ of Z_1, \dots, Z_p .

Projection

Proof: By definition, $Z_i \in \mathcal{U}$ and $(Y_i - Z_i) \perp \mathcal{U}$ ($i = 1, \dots, p$).
Thus, $(k_1 Z_1 + \dots + k_p Z_p) \in \mathcal{U}$. Moreover, for every matrix X in \mathcal{U} ,

$$\begin{aligned} & [k_1 Y_1 + \dots + k_p Y_p - (k_1 Z_1 + \dots + k_p Z_p)] \cdot X \\ &= [k_1 (Y_1 - Z_1) + \dots + k_p (Y_p - Z_p)] \cdot X \\ &= k_1 [(Y_1 - Z_1) \cdot X] + \dots + k_p [(Y_p - Z_p) \cdot X] \\ &= k_1 0 + \dots + k_p 0 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Projection

Proof: So that $[k_1 Y_1 + \cdots + k_p Y_p - (k_1 Z_1 + \cdots + k_p Z_p)] \perp \mathcal{U}$.
We conclude that $k_1 Z_1 + \cdots + k_p Z_p$ is the projection of $k_1 Y_1 + \cdots + k_p Y_p$ on \mathcal{U} .

Projection

Theorem 8

Let z represent the projection (with respect to the usual inner product) of an n -dimensional column vector y on a subspace \mathcal{U} of \mathbb{R}^n , and let X represent any $n \times p$ matrix whose columns span \mathcal{U} . Then,

$$z = Xb^*$$

for any solution b^ to the linear system*

$$X'Xb = X'y \text{ (in } b\text{)}.$$

Projection

Proof: Suppose that \mathbf{b}^* is a solution to the linear system $X'X\mathbf{b} = X'\mathbf{y}$. Then $X'(\mathbf{y} - X\mathbf{b}^*) = 0$, implying that $\mathbf{y} - X\mathbf{b}^*$ is orthogonal to $\mathcal{C}(X)$ and hence [since $\mathcal{C}(X) = \mathcal{U}$] to \mathcal{U} . Since $X\mathbf{b}^* \in \mathcal{U}$, we conclude that $X\mathbf{b}^*$ is the projection of \mathbf{y} on \mathcal{U} and hence, by definition, that $\mathbf{z} = X\mathbf{b}^*$.

Projection

Corollary 9

Let z represent the projection (with respect to the usual inner product) of an n -dimensional column vector y on a subspace \mathcal{U} of \mathbb{R}^n , and let X represent any $n \times p$ matrix whose columns span \mathcal{U} . Then,

$$z = X(X'X)^{-1}X'y.$$

Projection

Corollary 10

Let \mathbf{y} represent an n -dimensional column vector, \mathbf{X} an $n \times p$ matrix, and \mathbf{W} any $n \times q$ matrix such that $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{W}) = \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X})$. Then,

$$\mathbf{W}\mathbf{a}^* = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}^*$$

for any solution \mathbf{a}^ to the linear system $\mathbf{W}'\mathbf{W}\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{W}'\mathbf{y}$ (in \mathbf{a}) and any solution \mathbf{b}^* to the linear system $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y}$ (in \mathbf{b}).*

Projection

Corollary 11

Let \mathbf{y} represent an n -dimensional column vector, and X an $n \times p$ matrix. Then, $X\mathbf{b}_1 = X\mathbf{b}_2$ for any two solutions \mathbf{b}_1 and \mathbf{b}_2 to the linear system $X'X\mathbf{b} = X'\mathbf{y}$ (in \mathbf{b}).

Projection

The following theorem gives a converse of Theorem 8.

Theorem 12

Let z represent the projection (with respect to the usual inner product) of an n -dimensional column vector y on a subspace \mathcal{U} of \mathbb{R}^n , and let X represent any $n \times p$ matrix whose columns span \mathcal{U} . Then any $p \times 1$ vector b^ such that $z = Xb^*$ is a solution to the linear system $X'Xb = X'y$ (in b).*

Projection

Proof: In light of Theorem 8, $X'X\mathbf{b} = X'\mathbf{y}$ has a solution, say \mathbf{a} , and $\mathbf{z} = X\mathbf{a}$. Thus,

$$X'X\mathbf{b}^* = X'\mathbf{z} = X'X\mathbf{a} = X'\mathbf{y}. \quad (2)$$

Example

Let us find the projection (with respect to the usual inner product) of an n -dimensional column vector \mathbf{y} on a subspace \mathcal{U} of \mathbb{R}^n in the special case where $n = 2$, $\mathbf{y} = (4, 8)'$, and $\mathcal{U} = \text{sp}\{\mathbf{x}\}$, where $\mathbf{x} = (3, 1)'$.

Upon taking X to be the 2×1 matrix whose only column is \mathbf{x} , the linear system $X'X\mathbf{b} = X'\mathbf{y}$ becomes $(10)\mathbf{b} = (20)$, which has the unique solution $\mathbf{b} = (2)$.

Thus, the projection of \mathbf{y} on \mathcal{U} is

$$\mathbf{z} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} (2) = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Example

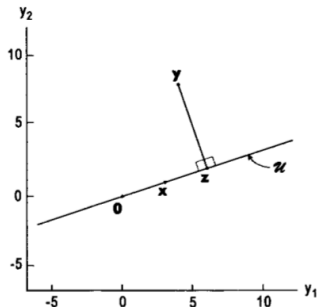


FIGURE 12.1. The projection z of a two-dimensional column vector y on a one-dimensional subspace U of \mathcal{R}^2 .

Example

Let us find the projection of an n -dimensional column vector \mathbf{y} on a subspace \mathcal{U} of \mathbb{R}^n in the special case where $n = 3$, $\mathbf{y} = (3, -38/5, 74/5)'$ and $\mathcal{U} = \text{sp}\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3\}$, where

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Clearly, \mathbf{x}_1 and \mathbf{x}_2 are linearly independent, and $\mathbf{x}_3 = \mathbf{x}_2 - (1/3)\mathbf{x}_1$. Thus $\dim(\mathcal{U}) = 2$.

Example

Upon taking X to be 3×3 matrix whose columns are \mathbf{x}_1 , \mathbf{x}_2 , and \mathbf{x}_3 , respectively, the normal equations $X'X\mathbf{b} = X'\mathbf{y}$ become

$$\begin{pmatrix} 54 & 30 & 15 \\ 30 & 24 & 14 \\ 15 & 14 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 66 \\ 38 \\ 16 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Example

One solution to these equations is the vector $(32/15, -1/2, -1)'$.
Thus, the projection of \mathbf{y} on \mathcal{U} is

$$\mathbf{z} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 & -2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 32/15 \\ -1/2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 22/5 \\ 44/5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Example

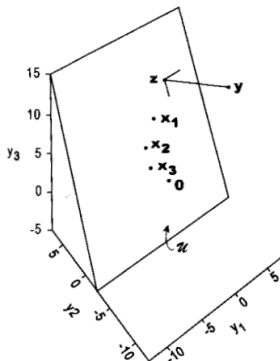


FIGURE 12.2. The projection z of a three-dimensional column vector y on a two-dimensional subspace U of \mathcal{R}^3 .

Projection Matrix

Theorem 13

Let \mathcal{U} represent any subspace of the linear space \mathbb{R}^n of all n -dimensional column vectors. Then, there exists a unique matrix A of dimension $n \times n$ such that $A\mathbf{y}$ is the projection of \mathbf{y} on \mathcal{U} for every column vector \mathbf{y} in \mathbb{R}^n . Moreover, $A = P_X = X(X'X)^{-1}X'$ for any matrix X such that $\mathcal{C}(X) = \mathcal{U}$.

Projection Matrix

Proof: Let X represent any matrix such that $\mathcal{C}(X) = \mathcal{U}$. Then it follows from Corollary 9 that for every $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $P_X \mathbf{y}$ is the projection of \mathbf{y} on \mathcal{U} . Moreover, if a matrix A is such that $A\mathbf{y}$ is the projection then by Theorem 8 $A\mathbf{y} = P_X \mathbf{y}$ for every \mathbf{y} , implying that $A = P_X$. We conclude that there exists a unique matrix A such that $A\mathbf{y}$ is the projection of \mathbf{y} on \mathcal{U} for every $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and that $A = P_X$.

Projection Matrix

Corollary 14

Let A represents the projection matrix for a subspace \mathcal{U} of a linear space \mathbb{R}^n of all n -dimensional column vectors. Then, $A = P_X$ for any matrix X such that $\mathcal{C}(X) = \mathcal{U}$.

Corollary 15

A matrix A is a projection matrix if and only if $A = P_X$ for some matrix X .

Projection Matrix

Theorem 16

Let X represent any $n \times p$ matrix. Then,

- (1) $P_X X = X$, that is, $X(X'X)^{-1}X'X = X$, that is, $(X'X)^{-1}X'$ is a generalized inverse of X ;*
- (2) $P_X = XB^*$ for any solution B^* to the (consistent) linear system $X'XB = X'$ (in B);*
- (3) $P_X' = P_X$;*

Projection Matrix

Theorem 16

Let X represent any $n \times p$ matrix. Then,

- (4) $X[(X'X)^-]'X'X = X$; *that is, $[(X'X)^-]'X'$ is a generalized inverse of X ;*
- (5) $X'P_X = X'P'_X = X'$; *that is,*
 $X'X(X'X)^-X' = X'X[(X'X)^-]'X' = X'$; *that is $X(X'X)^-$ and $X[(X'X)^-]'$ are generalized inverses of X' .*
- (6) $P_X^2 = P_X$, *that is P_X is idempotent;*

Projection Matrix

Theorem 16

Let X represent any $n \times p$ matrix. Then,

(7) $\mathcal{C}(P_X) = \mathcal{C}(X)$ and $\mathcal{R}(P_X) = \mathcal{R}(X')$;

(8) $\text{rank}(P_X) = \text{rank}(X)$;

(9) $\text{rank}(I - P_X) = n - \text{rank}(X)$.

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Proof:

(1) By definition of generalized inverse we have

$$X'X(X'X)^{-}X'X = X'X.$$

Now consider

$$\begin{aligned} & (X(X'X)^{-}X'X - X)'(X(X'X)^{-}X'X - X) \\ = & ((X'X)^{-}X'X - I)'(X'X(X'X)^{-}X'X - X'X) \\ = & 0. \end{aligned}$$

This proves the claim.

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Proof:

(2) In order to prove this result we need the following result:

Theorem 17

A matrix X^ is a solution to a consistent linear system $AX = B$ (in X) if and only if*

$$X^* = A^+B + (I - A^+A)Y$$

for some matrix Y .

Projection matrices

Proof:

- (2) If B^* is a solution to the linear system $X'XB = X'$ then by Theorem ??,

$$B^* = (X'X)^{-1}X' + [I - (X'X)^{-1}X'X]Y$$

for some matrix Y . Now from Part (1) we get

$$XB^* = P_X + (X - P_X X)Y = P_X.$$

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Proof:

- (3) First we shall show that $[(X'X)^-]'$ is a g-inverse of $X'X$.
Observe that

$$\begin{aligned}X'X[(X'X)^-]'X'X &= [X'X(X'X)^-X'X]' \\ &= [X'X]' \\ &= X'X.\end{aligned}$$

Now, since $[(X'X)^-]'$ is g-inverse of $X'X$, therefore $[(X'X)^-]'X'$ is a solution to the linear system $X'XB = X'$.
Thus applying Part (2) we find that

$$X(X'X)^-X' = P_X = X[(X'X)^-]'X'$$

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Proof:

(4) It follows from Parts (1) and (3) that

$$X[(X'X)^{-1}]'X'X = P_X' = P_X = X$$

Projection matrices

Proof:

(5) Making use of Parts (3) and (1) we get

$$X'P_X = X'P'_X = [P_X X]' = X'.$$

Projection matrices

Proof:

(6) Making use of Part (1), we find that

$$P_X^2 = P_X X(X'X)^{-1}X' = X(X'X)^{-1}X' = P_X.$$

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Proof:

(7) To prove this result we need the following Theorem:

Theorem 17

*For any $m \times n$ matrix A and $n \times p$ matrix F , $\mathcal{C}(AF) \subset \mathcal{C}(A)$.
Similarly, for any $m \times n$ matrix A and $q \times m$ matrix L ,
 $\mathcal{R}(LA) \subset \mathcal{R}(A)$.*

In light of above Theorem and by definition of P_X we have $\mathcal{C}(P_X) \subset \mathcal{C}(X)$. From Part (1), we have $\mathcal{C}(X) \subset \mathcal{C}(P_X)$. Thus, $\mathcal{C}(P_X) = \mathcal{C}(X)$. Next, note that $\mathcal{C}(P_X) = \mathcal{C}(X)$ if and only if $\mathcal{R}(P_X') = \mathcal{R}(X')$. Thus, $\mathcal{R}(P_X) = \mathcal{R}(X')$.

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Proof:

(8) Directly follows from Part (7).

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Proof:

(9) To prove this result, following Theorem is needed:

Theorem 17

For any square matrix A such that $A^2 = kA$ for some scalar k , $\text{trace}(A) = k \text{rank}(A)$.

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{rank}(I - P_X) &= \text{trace}(I - P_X) = n - \text{trace}(P_X) \\ &= n - \text{rank}(P_X).\end{aligned}$$

Least Squares

Theorem 18

Let Y represent a matrix in a linear space \mathcal{V} , and let \mathcal{U} represent a subspace of \mathcal{V} . Then, for $W \in \mathcal{U}$, the distance $\|Y - W\|$ between Y and W is minimized uniquely by taking W to be the projection Z of Y on \mathcal{U} . Moreover,

$$\|Y - Z\|^2 = Y \cdot (Y - Z).$$

Least Squares

Proof: For any matrix W in \mathcal{U} ,

$$\begin{aligned}\|Y - W\|^2 &= \|(Y - Z) - (W - Z)\|^2 \\ &= (Y - Z) \cdot (Y - Z) - 2(Y - Z) \cdot (W - Z) \\ &\quad + (W - Z) \cdot (W - Z).\end{aligned}$$

Least Squares

Proof: Further, $W - Z$ is in \mathcal{U} and, by definition, $Y - Z$ is orthogonal to every matrix in \mathcal{U} . Thus, $(Y - Z) \cdot (W - Z) = 0$, and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|Y - W\|^2 &= (Y - Z) \cdot (Y - Z) + (W - Z) \cdot (W - Z) \\ &= \|Y - Z\|^2 + \|W - Z\|^2 \\ &\geq \|Y - Z\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

with equality holding if and only if $W = Z$. It follows that, for $W \in \mathcal{U}$, $\|Y - W\|^2$ and, consequently, $\|Y - W\|$ are minimized uniquely by taking $W = Z$.

Least Squares

Proof: That $\|Y - Z\|^2 = Y \cdot (Y - Z)$ is clear upon observing that $Z \in \mathcal{U}$ and hence that $Z \cdot (Y - Z) = 0$.