

- For any $z \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $(P_x - P_w)z \in \mathcal{L}((I - P_w)X)$:

Since $\mathcal{L}(X)$ is the orthogonal complement of $\mathcal{N}(X^T)$ then any $z \in \mathbb{R}^n$ can be written as $z = u + w$ where $u \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ and $w \in \mathcal{N}(X^T)$ and since $u \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ then for some vector v $Xv = u$.
 $\Rightarrow z = Xv + w$

If it is the case that $(P_x - P_w)z \in \mathcal{L}((I - P_w)X)$ then for some v , $(P_x - P_w)z = (I - P_w)Xv$.
 It suffices to show that the above equality holds.

Since P_x is the projection onto $\mathcal{L}(X)$ then $I - P_x$ is the projection onto $\mathcal{N}(X^T)$ since $\mathcal{N}(X^T)$ is the orthogonal complement of $\mathcal{L}(X)$.

Moreover, since $\mathcal{L}(W) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(X)$ then $\mathcal{N}(X^T) \subseteq \mathcal{N}(W^T)$.

Thus, for any $w \in \mathcal{N}(X^T) \Rightarrow w \in \mathcal{N}(W^T)$

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Since $I - P_w$ projection onto $\mathcal{N}(W^T)$ then $(I - P_w)w = w$.

Hence, $(I - P_x)w = (I - P_w)w$

$$\Rightarrow w - P_x w = w - P_w w \Rightarrow P_x w = P_w w$$

(This can also be argued to be true since $I - P_x$ is the unique projection onto $\mathcal{N}(X^T)$ thus $I - P_x = I - P_w$)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Finally, } (P_x - P_w)z &= (P_x - P_w)(Xv + w) = \\ &= P_x Xv + P_x w - P_w Xv - P_w w \\ &\stackrel{\substack{\text{since } P_x \text{ proj. onto } \\ \mathcal{L}(X) \text{ and } Xv \in \mathcal{L}(X)}}}{=} Xv - P_w Xv + P_x w - P_w w \\ &\stackrel{\substack{P_x Xv = Xv \\ \text{(from above: since } P_x w = P_w w)}}{=} (I - P_w)Xv + 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (P_x - P_w)z = (I - P_w)Xv$$

Therefore $(P_x - P_w)z \in \mathcal{L}((I - P_w)X)$. //