

# Algorithm for calculating and updating Moore-Penrose inverse.

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## Abstract

The paper presents an algorithm for calculating a Moore-Penrose inverse. The algorithm is similar in spirit to the well known Gram-Schmidt process. It first calculates the More-Penrose inverse for a matrix  $V$  having two columns then it gives an efficient recipe for the updating of the Moore-Penrose inverse in response to appending a new column to  $V$ . It is assumed that the columns of  $V$  are linearly independent.

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## 1 Introduction

The Moore-Penrose inverse has a diverse range of important applications in neural networks [5], cryptology [6], control theory [8], image processing [7] to mention just a few. It is closely related to various matrix factorizations such as, for example, the  $QR$ -factorization and the Singular Value Decomposition. The technique developed in this publication is associated with a modified Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization procedure ( see [1] and [4]). The paper presents an algorithm for calculating the Moore-Penrose inverse

$$(V^T V)^{-1} V^T$$

The algorithm is not only rooted in a modified Gram-Schmidt type of orthogonalization but its organization is similar in spirit to that of the well known Gram-Schmidt process. It first calculates the More-Penrose inverse for a matrix  $V$  having two columns then it gives an efficient recipe for the updating of the Moore-Penrose inverse in response to appending a new column to  $V$ . The newly proposed update scheme requires the number of arithmetic operations that is proportional to the number of rows in  $V$ . From this point of view it is more efficient than methods using Givens, Householder transformations or other rotations (see [2]). The algorithm is designed with an intention to be used in applications where the size of the column is much greater than the number of columns in  $V$ .

## 2 Moore-Penrose inverse for a matrix with two columns

Consider a matrix

$$V = (V_1 \ V_2)$$

with two linearly independent columns  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ . The goal is to calculate the Moore-Penrose inverse

$$MP_2 = (V^T V)^{-1} V^T$$

where  $V^T$  denotes the transpose of  $V$  and  $(V^T V)^{-1}$  is the inverse of  $(V^T V)$ .

For this purpose let us use an approach based on a modified version of Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization algorithm. This approach is well known, for details see [1], [2], [4] and for further references see chapter 7 in [3]. In accordance with the modified version of Gram-Schmidt algorithm (see [4])

$$\begin{aligned} V_1 &= \eta_1 \\ V_2 &= \eta_2 + \frac{\langle \eta_1, V_2 \rangle}{|\eta_1|^2} \eta_1 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where  $\langle \eta_1, V_1 \rangle$  denotes the dot product between  $\eta_1$  and  $V_1$ , while  $|\eta_1|^2 = \langle \eta_1, \eta_1 \rangle$ . One can see that

$$\langle \eta_1, \eta_2 \rangle = 0$$

and

$$|\eta_2|^2 = |V_2|^2 - \frac{\langle \eta_1, V_2 \rangle^2}{|\eta_1|^2}.$$

Let us write (1) in a matrix form,

$$(V_1 \ V_2) = (\eta_1 \ \eta_2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{\langle \eta_1, V_2 \rangle}{|\eta_1|^2} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then the Moore-Penrose inverse  $MP_2$  can be calculated as follows.

$$(V^T V)^{-1} V^T = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{\langle \eta_1, V_2 \rangle}{|\eta_1|^2} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^T (\eta_1 \ \eta_2)^T (\eta_1 \ \eta_2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{\langle \eta_1, V_2 \rangle}{|\eta_1|^2} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{\langle \eta_1, V_2 \rangle}{|\eta_1|^2} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^T (\eta_1 \ \eta_2)^T \tag{2}$$

It follows from (2) and

$$(\eta_1 \ \eta_2)^T (\eta_1 \ \eta_2) = \begin{pmatrix} |\eta_1|^2 & 0 \\ 0 & |\eta_2|^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

that

$$MP_2 = (V^T V)^{-1} V^T = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{\langle \eta_1, V_2 \rangle}{|\eta_1|^2} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{|\eta_1|^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{|\eta_2|^2} \end{pmatrix} (\eta_1 \ \eta_2)^T \right)$$

Since

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{\langle \eta_1, V_2 \rangle}{|\eta_1|^2} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{\langle \eta_1, V_2 \rangle}{|\eta_1|^2} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

let us introduce

$$W_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{|\eta_1|^2} & -\frac{\langle \eta_1, V_2 \rangle}{|\eta_1|^2 |\eta_2|^2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{|\eta_2|^2} \end{pmatrix} \tag{3}$$

Then

$$MP_2 = W_2(\eta_1 \ \eta_2)^T \quad (4)$$

and we obtain the following formula

$$MP_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{|\eta_1|^2} & -\frac{\langle \eta_1, V_2 \rangle}{|\eta_1|^2 |\eta_2|^2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{|\eta_2|^2} \end{pmatrix} (\eta_1 \ \eta_2)^T = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{|\eta_1|^2} \eta_1^T & -\frac{\langle \eta_1, V_2 \rangle}{|\eta_1|^2 |\eta_2|^2} \eta_2^T \\ \frac{1}{|\eta_2|^2} \eta_2^T & \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

### 3 Updating Moore-Penrose inverse

Given Moore-Penrose inverse  $MP_n$  for linearly independent vectors  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n$  the goal of this section is to calculate More-Penrose inverse  $MP_{n+1}$  after adding  $V_{n+1}$  column to the original set of vectors. It is assumed that the updated set of vectors  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n, V_{n+1}$  is linearly independent. Section 3.2 in [2] considers similar problem for QR decomposition but it describes the technique employing Givens rotations which is different from the machinery developed in this section.

Application of the modified Gram-Schmidt algorithm to  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_1 &= V_1 \\ \eta_2 &= V_2 - \frac{\langle \eta_1, V_2 \rangle}{|\eta_1|^2} \eta_1 \\ &\vdots \\ \eta_n &= V_n - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{\langle \eta_j, V_n \rangle}{|\eta_j|^2} \eta_j \\ \eta_{n+1} &= V_{n+1} - \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\langle \eta_j, V_{n+1} \rangle}{|\eta_j|^2} \eta_j \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_{n+1}$  be linearly independent and  $MP_n$  be the Moore-Penrose inverse for  $(V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n)$ . Then

$$MP_{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} MP_n - \frac{1}{|\eta_{n+1}|^2} (MP_n V_{n+1}) \eta_{n+1}^T \\ \frac{1}{|\eta_{n+1}|^2} \eta_{n+1}^T \end{pmatrix}$$

is the Moore-Penrose inverse for  $(V_1, V_2, \dots, V_{n+1})$ .

**Proof.** Modified Gram-Schmidt algorithm (6) yields that

$$\langle \eta_{n+1}, V_j \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq n$$

Hence, for  $1 \leq j \leq n$

$$MP_{n+1} V_j = \begin{pmatrix} MP_n V_j \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = e_j$$

where  $e_j$  has all its entries equal to 0 but its  $j$ th entry is 1.

It remains to show that  $MP_{n+1}V_{n+1} = e_{n+1}$ . Indeed, it follows from

$$\langle \eta_{n+1}, V_{n+1} \rangle = |V_{n+1}|^2 - \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\langle \eta_j, V_{n+1} \rangle^2}{|\eta_j|^2} = |\eta_{n+1}|^2$$

that

$$MP_{n+1}V_{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} MP_n V_{n+1} - \frac{1}{|\eta_{n+1}|^2} (MP_n V_{n+1}) \langle \eta_{n+1}, V_{n+1} \rangle \\ \frac{\langle \eta_{n+1}, V_{n+1} \rangle}{|\eta_{n+1}|^2} \end{pmatrix} = e_{n+1}$$

Q.E.D.  $\square$

**Example 3.1.** Calculate Moore-Penrose inverse  $MP_3$  for

$$V_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad V_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad V_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The modified Gram-Schmidt process yields

$$\eta_1 = V_1, \quad \eta_2 = V_2 - \frac{\langle \eta_1, V_2 \rangle}{|\eta_1|^2} \eta_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

It follows from (3), (4) that

$$W_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{8} \\ 0 & \frac{3}{8} \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$MP_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3}(1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0) - \frac{1}{8}(-\frac{1}{3} \ 1 \ \frac{2}{3} \ -\frac{1}{3} \ 1) \\ \frac{3}{8}(-\frac{1}{3} \ 1 \ \frac{2}{3} \ -\frac{1}{3} \ 1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{8} & -\frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{8} & -\frac{1}{8} \\ -\frac{1}{8} & \frac{3}{8} & \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{8} & \frac{3}{8} \end{pmatrix}$$

It follows from (6) that

$$\eta_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Making use of theorem 3.1 yields

$$MP_3 = \left( \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{8} & -\frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{8} & -\frac{1}{8} \\ -\frac{1}{8} & \frac{3}{8} & \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{8} & \frac{3}{8} \\ & & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

Hence,

$$MP_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{8} & -\frac{3}{8} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{5}{8} & \frac{1}{8} \\ -\frac{3}{8} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{5}{8} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

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