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Projection onto range space

1/1 point (ungraded)

Which of the following expressions is the orthogonal projector P_A , projecting orthogonally on the range space of A ?

☒ $P_A = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$ ✓

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Some matrix algebra

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Use the correct expression for P_A from the previous expression to check the following.

Which of the following expressions is/are correct?

☒ $P_A^T = P_A$

☐ $P_A + P_A = P_A$

☒ $P_A P_A = P_A$



Answer

Correct:

$$P_A P_A = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T \cdot A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T = A \cdot I \cdot (A^T A)^{-1} A^T = P_A;$$

$$P_A^T = (A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T)^T = (A^T)^T ((A^T A)^{-1})^T (A)^T = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T = P_A;$$

$P_A + P_A = 2P_A$ The property of $P_A P_A = P_A$ is the required condition for a matrix P to be a projector. It indicates that if P applies twice on any vector, it gives the same results as it applies once.

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True or False questions

2/2 points (ungraded)

Try to determine if the following statements are TRUE or FALSE.

The orthogonal projection of \mathbf{y} on $\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{A})$ guarantees that the elements of $\hat{\mathbf{e}}$ are minimized.

☐ TRUE

☒ FALSE ✓

Answer

Correct:

The length (i.e. the norm) of $\hat{\mathbf{e}}$ is minimized, being equal to the sum of the squared elements of $\hat{\mathbf{e}}$.

For a consistent system of observation equations, \mathbf{y} would be in the range space $\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{A})$

☒ TRUE ✓

☐ FALSE

Answer

Correct:

True, but unfortunately in reality the system of observation equations generally isn't consistent due to measurement errors.

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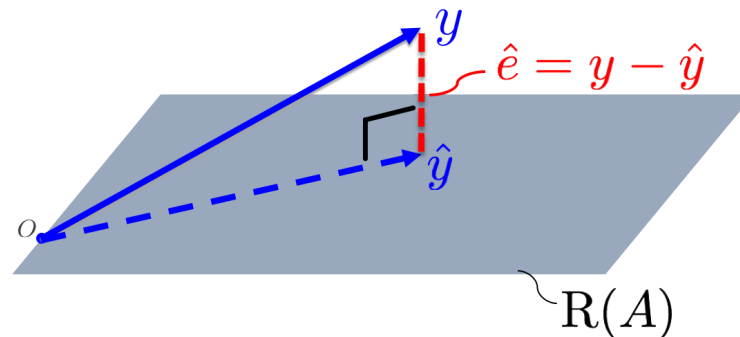
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Decomposition

1/1 point (ungraded)

It can be shown that \hat{y} is equal to the orthogonal projection of y on the range space of A :

$$\hat{y} = A \cdot \hat{x} = A \cdot (A^T A)^{-1} A^T y = P_A y$$



Now check for yourself which of the following expressions is correct for \hat{e} . *Select all correct answers*

☒ $\hat{e} = (I_m - P_A)y$

☐ $\hat{\mathbf{e}} = P_A^T \mathbf{y}$

☐ $\hat{\mathbf{e}} = P_A \hat{\mathbf{y}}$

☒ $\|\hat{\mathbf{e}}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 - \|\hat{\mathbf{y}}\|^2$

**Explanation**

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}} = \mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{y} - P_A \mathbf{y}.$$

The last expression follows from Pythagoras's theorem, see the figure with the decomposition. Vector \mathbf{y} is the hypotenuse, and its squared length $\|\mathbf{y}\|^2$ is equal to the squared lengths of the other sides of the triangle (recall: $\hat{\mathbf{y}} \perp \hat{\mathbf{e}}$).

✓ Correct (1/1 point)

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