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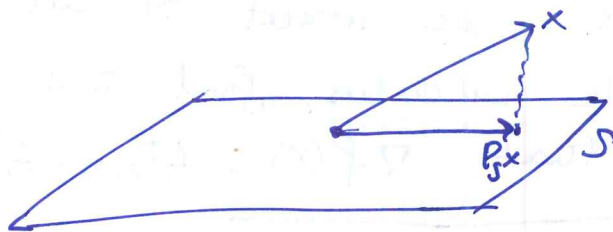
Lecture 19

Orthogonal projections: Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ subspace

How do we project orthogonally onto S ?

I.e., ~~for $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we want:~~ for $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we want:

$\min_{y \in S} \|y - x\|$, and we call $y = P_S x$ the minimizer



Facts: P_S is a linear operator $P_S: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
 $x \mapsto P_S x$

For every $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $P_S x$ is the orth. proj. of x onto S .

$P = P_S$ satisfies the following properties:

(a) $P^2 = P$

(b) $P^T = P$

We call any $n \times n$ matrix P that satisfies (a) and (b) an orthogonal proj. matrix. For such a matrix:

(1) $Q = I - P$ is also an orth. proj. matrix

(2) $PQ = QP = 0$

(3) P projects orthogonally onto $S = R(P)$, i.e. $\forall x$, Px is the closest to x in $S = R(P)$.

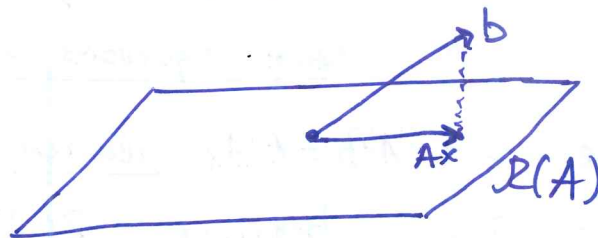
(4) Q projects orthogonally onto $S^\perp = R(P)^\perp = N(P)$.

Given a subspace S , how do we project onto it?

Linear regression: $b = Ax + z$

We want to project b onto $R(A)$!!!

known b
 \downarrow
 Ax
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 to find



We want to find x so that Ax is as close as possible to b , i.e.

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^m} \|b - Ax\|$$

$$P = P_{\mathcal{R}(A)}$$

This will happen when $Ax = Pb$ is the projection of b onto $\mathcal{R}(A)$.

Two ways to find x :

①. If $f(x) = \|b - Ax\|^2$, we want to minimize f , so we use multivariable calculus, find ∇f and set it to 0. It turns out that $\nabla f(x) = A^T Ax - A^T b \Rightarrow \boxed{A^T Ax = A^T b}$.

②. In this case, $Qb = (I - P)b = b - Ax$ is the projection onto $\mathcal{R}(A)^\perp$.

$$\Rightarrow Qb \perp \mathcal{R}(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow (b - Ax) \perp \mathcal{R}(A)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (b - Ax) \in \mathcal{R}(A)^\perp$$

$$\Leftrightarrow b - Ax \in \mathcal{N}(A^T)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A^T(b - Ax) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{A^T b = A^T Ax} \text{ The least squares equations. (LSE)}$$

Remarks:

1. Any solution to the LSE minimizes $\|b - Ax\|$ over $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

2. If $A^T A$ is invertible, then \exists a unique solution

$$x^* = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$

the least squares solution.

3. The LSE $A^T b = A^T Ax$ always has a solution.

We showed this in the graphs & networks chapter.

Proof: This is because $\mathcal{R}(A^T) = \mathcal{R}(A^T A)$.

$$\text{or equivalently } \mathcal{R}(A^T)^\perp = \mathcal{R}(A^T A)^\perp \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{N}(A) = \mathcal{N}(A^T A).$$

6. Projection onto a line $L = \text{span}\{a\}$:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ \vdots \\ a \end{bmatrix}_{m \times 1}$$

Then $A^T A = \langle a, a \rangle = \|a\|^2$ invertible if $x \neq \vec{0}$.

Then, $x = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b = \frac{1}{\|a\|^2} a^T b = \frac{\langle a, b \rangle}{\|a\|^2}$, $A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T = \frac{a a^T}{\|a\|^2}$.

which is exactly the projection onto $\text{span}\{a\}$!!!

4. $A^T A$ is invertible, $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{N}(A^T A) = \{\vec{0}\} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{N}(A) = \{\vec{0}\}$
 \Leftrightarrow Columns of A are linearly independent!!!

5. If $A^T A$ is invertible, then $x = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$, so $Ax = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$
 $P = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$ is the projection matrix onto $\mathcal{R}(A)$!

7. If $A^T A$ is invertible, then $(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$ is a left inverse of A :

$$\left[(A^T A)^{-1} A^T \right] A = I$$

Notation: $A^+ = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T$ the Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse of A .

In MATLAB: `pinv(A)` gives A^+ .

8. If $A^T A$ is not invertible, then how can we find the projection Pb onto $\mathcal{R}(A)$?

$A^T A$ not invertible \Leftrightarrow columns of A are l.d.

- Find a basis for $\mathcal{R}(A)$, e.g. by Gaussian elimination.
- Create a new matrix \tilde{A} whose columns are the basis vectors
- Then $\mathcal{R}(A) = \mathcal{R}(\tilde{A})$, and $P = P_{\mathcal{R}(A)} = P_{\mathcal{R}(\tilde{A})} = \tilde{A} (\tilde{A}^T \tilde{A})^{-1} \tilde{A}^T$.

Example: If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, set $\tilde{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\text{Then, } \tilde{A}^T \tilde{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\tilde{A}^T \tilde{A})^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and}$$

$$\tilde{A} (\tilde{A}^T \tilde{A})^{-1} \tilde{A}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The projection matrix onto $\text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.