The Incidence Matrix of a Graph Nullspaces, Rank, Pseudoinverse

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"Graph"
$$x_1$$
 nodes 1 2 3 4 edges x_2 y_3 y_5 x_4 x_4 nodes 1 2 3 4 edges x_3 x_4 x_4 nodes 1 2 3 4 edges x_4 x_5 x_6 x_8 $x_$

Graph has 5 edges, 4 nodes. A is its 5×4 incidence matrix. Rank = 3 Columns 1, 2, 3 are a basis for $\mathbf{C}(\mathsf{A})$ Column 4 = - Columns 1 + 2 + 3 $y = y_1$ to $y_5 =$ currents on edges $x = x_1$ to $x_4 =$ voltages at nodes

Edges
$$1, 2, 3$$
 form a loop in the graph Dependent rows $1, 2, 3$ Edges $1, 2, 4$ form a tree (no loops). Independent rows $1, 2, 4$

Kirchhoff's Current Law $A^{\mathrm{T}} {m y} = {m 0}$ at each node flow in = flow out Elimination on A produces its echelon form R_0 : rank 3

Reduced row echelon form of the incidence matrix

$$m{R_0} = \left[egin{array}{cccc} m{1} & 0 & 0 & -1 \ 0 & m{1} & 0 & -1 \ 0 & 0 & m{1} & -1 \ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}
ight]$$

Column space basis: Columns 1, 2, 3 of A

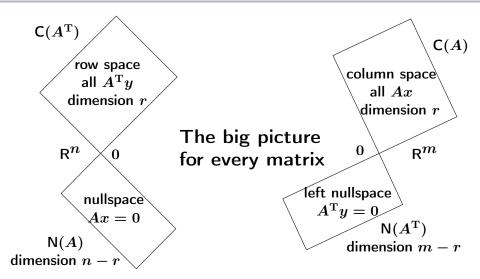
Row space basis: Rows 1, 2, 3 of R_0

Nullspace basis: (1, 1, 1, 1)

Nullspace of A^{T} : 2 loops give basis

$$(\mathbf{1}, -\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0})$$
 and $(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0}, -\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, -\mathbf{1})$

Four Fundamental Subspaces $\mathsf{C}(A), \mathsf{C}(A^{\mathrm{T}}), \mathsf{N}(A), \mathsf{N}(A^{\mathrm{T}})$



Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra, Part 1

The column space and row space both have dimension rThe nullspaces have dimensions n-r and m-r

m equations, n unknowns, rank r

 $Ax = \mathbf{0}$ has n - r independent solutions

There is always a nonzero solution x to Ax = 0 if n > m

Fundamental Theorem, Part 2: Subspaces are orthogonal (Each row of A) • x = 0

Fundamental Theorem, Part 3: Perfect bases from singular vectors and the SVD

Every
$$A$$
 has a pseudoinverse A^+
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^+ = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

A is invertible if and only if m=n=r (rank). Then $A^+=A^{-1}$

A has a left inverse $A^+ = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T$ when r = n.

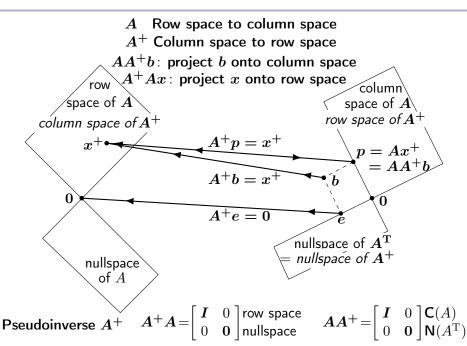
Then $A^+A = I_n$

A has a right inverse $A^+ = A^{\mathrm{T}}(AA^{\mathrm{T}})^{-1}$ when r = m.

Then $AA^+ = I_m$

Every A = CR has the pseudoinverse $A^+ = R^+C^+$.

Just reverse the 4 subspaces!



$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -\mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 \\ -\mathbf{1} & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 \\ 0 & -\mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & 0 \\ 0 & -\mathbf{1} & 0 & \mathbf{1} \\ 0 & 0 & -\mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{A}^{+} = \frac{1}{8} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -3 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Each row of A adds to zero Each column of A^+ adds to zero

Row 2 of A = Row 1 + Row 3 Column 2 of $A^+ = \text{Column } 1 + \text{Column } 3$

Row 4 of A = Row 3 + Row 5 Column 4 of $A^+ = \text{Column } 3 + \text{Column } 5$ The 4 subspaces for A^T are also the 4 subspaces for A^+

- How to compute the pseudoinverse A^+ ?
- 1 Use the SVD $A=U\Sigma V^{\mathrm{T}}$ Then $A^{+}=V\Sigma^{+}U^{\mathrm{T}}$
- $oxed{2}$ Use modified Gram-Schmidt $oldsymbol{A} = oldsymbol{Q} oxed{R}$ Then $oldsymbol{A}^+ = oldsymbol{R}^{-1} oldsymbol{Q}^{ ext{T}}$
- ${f 3}$ Use column-row factorization ${f A}={f C}{f R}$ Then ${f A}^+={f R}^+{f C}^+$

Question Is A^+ rational when the entries of A are rational?

Key fact: The pseudoinverse of AB is not always B^+A^+ but $(CR)^+=R^+C^+=R^{
m T}(RR^{
m T})^{-1}(C^{
m T}C)^{-1}C^{
m T}$ is true because

 $oldsymbol{C}$ has full column rank and $oldsymbol{R}$ has full row rank in $oldsymbol{A} = oldsymbol{C} oldsymbol{R}$

Graph incidence matrix (and every matrix) A = CR

$$m{C}= ext{first } m{r} ext{ independent columns of } m{A}= \left[egin{array}{cccc} -1 & 1 & 0 \ -1 & 0 & 1 \ 0 & -1 & 1 \ 0 & -1 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{array}
ight]$$

$$egin{aligned} R &= r ext{ nonzero rows of rref}(A) \ R_0 &= ext{reduced row echelon form} \end{aligned} = egin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $A^+=C^+R^+=$ rational computation of the pseudoinverse

Complete graph with 4 nodes and 6 edges

 $A^{\mathrm{T}}A=\mathsf{Graph}\;\mathsf{Laplacian}\;\mathsf{matrix}$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$m{A} = egin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \ \end{bmatrix} \qquad m{L} = m{A}^{\mathbf{T}} m{A} = egin{bmatrix} m{3} & -1 & -1 & -1 \ -1 & m{3} & -1 & -1 \ -1 & -1 & m{3} & -1 \ -1 & -1 & -1 & m{3} \ \end{bmatrix}$$

 $L = A^{\mathrm{T}}A$ has eigenvalues 4, 4, 4, 0. Its first 3 eigenvectors are orthogonal to its 4th eigenvector (1, 1, 1, 1).

Then P = L/4 has eigenvalues 1, 1, 1, 0: a projection matrix.

For complete graphs, the pseudoinverse A^+ is the same as $\frac{1}{-}A^{\mathrm{T}}$

$$A^{+} = \mathsf{Pseudoinverse} = rac{1}{4} egin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \ 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = rac{1}{4}A^{\mathrm{T}}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma^+} = \frac{1}{4}\boldsymbol{\Sigma^T}. \text{ Then } \boldsymbol{A^+} = (\boldsymbol{U}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\boldsymbol{V}^{\mathrm{T}})^+ = \boldsymbol{V}\boldsymbol{\Sigma^+}\boldsymbol{U}^{\mathrm{T}} = \frac{1}{4}\boldsymbol{V}\boldsymbol{\Sigma^T}\boldsymbol{U}^{\mathrm{T}} = \frac{1}{4}\boldsymbol{A^T}$$

$$A^{\mathrm{T}}A = \frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{3} & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & \mathbf{3} & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & \mathbf{3} & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & \mathbf{3} \end{bmatrix}$$
 The pseudoinverse is $\frac{A^{\mathrm{T}}A}{16}$

 $A^{\rm T}A$ has eigenvalues ${\bf 4,4,4,0}$. Therefore $(A^{\rm T}A)^+$ has eigenvalues ${\bf \frac{1}{4},\frac{1}{4},\frac{1}{4},0}$.

The eigenvectors are the same so $(A^{\mathrm{T}}A)^{+}=\frac{1}{16}(A^{\mathrm{T}}A)$.

The Column-Row Factorization A=CRA new start for linear algebra

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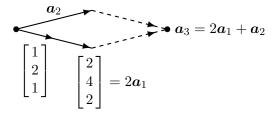
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{array}{c} m = 3 \text{ rows} \\ n = 3 \text{ columns} \end{array}$$

Are the columns independent? Go left to right

Column 1 OK Column 2 OK Column 3?

Column 3 = 2 (Column 1) +1 (column 2) **Dependent**

Column 3 is in the plane of Columns 1 and 2



$$\mathsf{Matrix}\ C = \left[\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \ \mathsf{of} \ \mathsf{independent}\ \mathsf{columns}\ \mathsf{in}\ A = \left[\begin{array}{cc} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{5} \\ \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{7} \\ \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{5} \end{array} \right]$$

The matrix A has column rank r=2

The **column space** of A is a plane in \mathbb{R}^3

The column space contains all combinations of the columns

Column space of $A = \text{Column space of } C \text{ ((but } A \neq C))$

Express the steps by multiplications $A {m x}$ and C R

Ax = matrix times vector = combination of columns of A

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \left(\mathsf{Column} \ 1 \right) + 1 \left(\mathsf{Column} \ 2 \right) - 1 \left(\mathsf{Column} \ 3 \right)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\mathsf{dot} \ \mathsf{products} \ \mathsf{of} \ \textit{x} \ \mathsf{with} \ \mathsf{rows} \ \mathsf{of} \ A)$$

CR = Matrix times matrix = C times each column of R

Use dot products (low level) or take combinations of the columns of ${\it C}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \mathbf{2} \\ 0 & 1 & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{is } \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{R}$$

Check C times each column of R

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \left(\text{Column } 1 \right) + \left(\text{Column } 2 \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2\boldsymbol{a}_1 + \boldsymbol{a}_2 = \boldsymbol{a}_3$$

How to find CR for every A? **Elimination!**

$$A = CR$$
 is $(m \text{ by } n) = (m \text{ by } r)(r \text{ by } n)$

$$R = \left[egin{array}{ccc} I & F \end{array}
ight] P \quad ext{ and } \quad A = CR = \left[egin{array}{ccc} C & CF \end{array}
ight] P$$

In reality we compute R before C!! The columns of I in R tell us the independent columns of A in C.

The permutation P puts those columns in the right places (if they are not the first r columns of A)

R = reduced row echelon form rref(A) (zero rows removed)

Here are the steps to establish A = CR

We know $EA = \mathbf{rref}(A)$ and $A = E^{-1} \mathbf{rref}(A)$: E is $m \times m$

Remove m-r zero rows from ${\bf rref}(A)$ and m-r columns from E^{-1}

This leaves $A = \text{(some matrix } C\text{) times (known form } \left[\begin{array}{cc}I & F\end{array}\right]P\text{)}$

 ${\cal C}$ must hold independent columns ${\cal C}{\cal F}$ holds dependent columns

C has r independent columns R has r independent rows

Rows of A = CR are combinations of the rows of R

Row space of A = Row space of R! (from A = CR)

If A has 2 independent columns in C then \boldsymbol{A} has $\boldsymbol{2}$ independent rows

Column rank = Row rank = r GREAT THEOREM

Look at A=CR both ways: Combine columns of C Combine rows of R

r = 1 Rank one matrix A = (1 column)(1 row)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 10 & 100 \\ 2 & 4 & 20 & 200 \\ 1 & 2 & 10 & 100 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 10 & 100 \end{bmatrix} = CR$$

If the column space is a line in 3-dimensional space then the row space is a line in 4-dimensional space

A adds up (Column k of C) (Row k of R) = **New way to multiply** CR

Rank r matrix = Sum of r matrices of rank 1

Geometry of A: Four Fundamental Subspaces

Column space $\mathbf{C}(A) = \text{all combinations of columns} = \text{all } Ax$

Row space $\mathbf{C}(A^{\mathrm{T}})=$ all combinations of columns of $A^{\mathrm{T}}=$ all $A^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{y}$

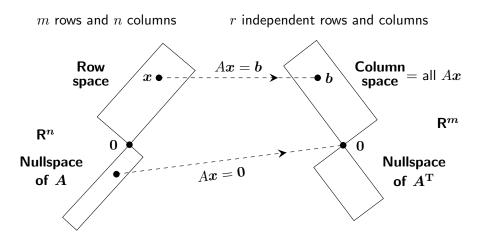
Nullspace $\mathbf{N}(A)=$ all solutions $oldsymbol{x}$ to $Aoldsymbol{x}=\mathbf{0}$

Nullspace of A^{T} $\mathbf{N}(A^{\mathrm{T}}) = \text{all solutions } \boldsymbol{y} \text{ to } A^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{y} = \mathbf{0}$

Dimensions r r n-r m-r

Row space is orthogonal to nullspace!

$$\left[egin{array}{c} \mathsf{row} \ 1 \ \cdots \ \mathsf{row} \ m \end{array}
ight] \left[egin{array}{c} x \ \end{array}
ight] = \left[egin{array}{c} \mathbf{0} \ \cdot \ \mathbf{0} \end{array}
ight]$$



BIG PICTURE OF LINEAR ALGEBRA $\mbox{Square invertible matrices} \ \ m=n=r$ $\mbox{Nullspaces} = \mbox{zero vector only}$

Magic factorization $A = CW^{-1}R_*$

$$A=CW^{-1}R_st$$

C = r independent columns of A $R_* = r$ independent rows of A

 $W = r \times r$ matrix = intersection of columns in C and rows in R_*

The factorization is just block elimination on A. The block pivot is W.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $WR = R^*$ is exactly r rows of CR = A. So W must be invertible

Randomized linear algebra $A pprox CW^{-1}R_*$

Large matrices / thin samples "Skeleton factors"

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Randomized Numerical Linear Algebra Approx CUR

Famous Factorizations of a Matrix

$$A = LU = (lower triangular L) (upper triangular R)$$

$$A = QR$$
 = (orthogonal columns in Q) (upper triangular R)

$$S = Q\Lambda Q^{T} = (eigenvectors in Q)(eigenvalues in \Lambda)$$

$$m{A} = m{U} m{\Sigma} m{V}^{\mathbf{T}} = ext{(singular vectors in } U ext{ and } V ext{) (singular values in } \Sigma ext{)}$$

$$Aoldsymbol{v}_k = \sigma_k oldsymbol{u}_k$$
 (orthogonal vectors $oldsymbol{v}$ mapped to orthogonal vectors $oldsymbol{u}$)

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc} 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 \end{array}\right] \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 \end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 9 \end{array}\right] \qquad \left[\begin{array}{c} 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 \end{array}\right] \left[\begin{array}{c} -1 \\ 1 \end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} -3 \\ 1 \end{array}\right]$$

Full rank r = m = n r = n indep. columns r = m indep. rows

A is invertible

$$A^{\mathrm{T}}A$$
 is invertible AA^{T} is invertible

$$m{A}m{A}^{ ext{T}}$$
 is invertible

A

Solve
$$Ax = b$$

$$Ax = A b$$

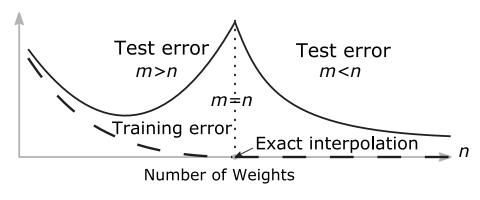
$$A^{\mathrm{T}}A\widehat{m{x}} = A^{\mathrm{T}}m{b}$$
 $AA^{\mathrm{T}}m{y} = m{b}
ightarrow \overline{m{x}} = A^{\mathrm{T}}m{y}$

x exact solution

 \widehat{x} least squares solution \overline{x} minimum norm solution

The minimum norm solution \overline{x} has no nullspace component / use the pseudoinverse $\overline{x} = A^+ b$

Double Descent of Error



Deep learning has found that overfitting can help! A big question in the theory of neural networks using ReLU

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