

Monday 4 Nov • pseudo inverse
 • the least squares problem

I. Pseudo inverse (11.5)

A. A is $m \times n$ matrix.

the columns of A
are linearly independent

if and
only if

$A^T A$ is
invertible

Why?

Suppose columns of A are linearly independent

Let x be an n -vector so that $A^T A x = 0$. (There must be some vector, e.g. $x=0$.)

So

$$0 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = x^T (A^T A x)$$

\uparrow the number zero
 \uparrow x^T
 \uparrow n -vector of zeros

b/c $A^T A x = 0$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} x^T & A^T \end{pmatrix} (A x)$$

b/c matrix mult. is associative.

$$= (A x)^T (A x)$$

b/c $(A^T B)^T = (B A)^T$

$$= \|A x\|^2$$

b/c $\|a\|^2 = a^T a$

But the only way $\|v\|^2 = 0$ is if v is the zero vector.

Since cols of A are linearly independent, the only way $A x = 0$ is if $x = 0$.

Since the only solution to $A^T A x = 0$ is if $x = 0$, we have shown the columns of $A^T A$ are linearly independent. Thus $A^T A$ is invertible. ✓

Suppose the columns of A are linearly dependent.

Then there is some x so that $Ax=0$ and $x \neq 0$.

$$\Rightarrow A^T A x = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x \neq 0.$$

\Rightarrow columns of $A^T A$ are linearly dependent

$\Rightarrow A^T A$ is not invertible. \checkmark

def: Suppose A is an $m \times n$ matrix with linearly independent columns.
(So $m \geq n$.)

The pseudo inverse of A , denoted A^\dagger ,

is $(A^T A)^{-1} A^T = A^\dagger$. $\leftarrow A^\dagger$ is a left inverse of A

\hookrightarrow We just argued that this makes sense (ie. $A^T A$ is invertible)

$$\left(\begin{matrix} A^T \\ (n \times m) \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} A \\ (m \times n) \end{matrix} \right)^{-1} (n \times m) = (n \times m)^{-1} (n \times m) = n \times m$$

$$\text{See: } \begin{matrix} A^\dagger \\ (n \times m) \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} A \\ m \times n \end{matrix} = \left(\begin{matrix} A^T \\ (n \times m) \end{matrix} \right)^{-1} A^T A = \begin{matrix} (A^T A)^{-1} \\ (n \times m) \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} A^T \\ m \times n \end{matrix} = I_n$$

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$. • Find the pseudo inverse of A .
 • Find an inverse by inspection.

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

$$\text{So } A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, (A^T A)^{-1} = \left(\frac{1}{10-1}\right) \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{9} & -\frac{1}{9} \\ -\frac{1}{9} & \frac{5}{9} \end{bmatrix}; (A^T A)^{-1} A^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{9} & -\frac{1}{9} \\ -\frac{1}{9} & \frac{5}{9} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{9} & \frac{4}{9} & \frac{1}{9} \\ \frac{4}{9} & -\frac{2}{9} & -\frac{5}{9} \end{bmatrix};$$

check!

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{9} & \frac{4}{9} & \frac{1}{9} \\ \frac{4}{9} & -\frac{2}{9} & -\frac{5}{9} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{9} + \frac{8}{9} & \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{9} \\ \frac{4}{9} - \frac{4}{9} & \frac{4}{9} + \frac{5}{9} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

I. Motivating Question for Least Squares.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ with columns } a_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, a_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- The vectors a_1, a_2 do NOT form a basis. Why?

- Find a vector b so that $Ax = b$ has a solution.
- Find a vector c so that $Ax = c$ does not have a solution.

Ex $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$, choose $x_1 = x_2 = 1$.

$$\text{So } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ So } b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ would work!}$$

$$\text{So would choosing } x_1 = 1, x_2 = 0 \text{ so } b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

● Ex Choose $c = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$. There is no solution

$$\text{to } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ b/c the only}$$

way $c_2 = 2$ is for $x_1 = 1$. Similarly, since $c_3 = -1$, $x_2 = 1$. But then $c_1 = 2 \neq 5$.

There are many answers: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ or $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

The motivating question:

We know $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ has no solution,

can we find a "good" or "close" solution?

A "best" solution?

Ex $x_1 = x_2 = 1$ gives $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ which is 3 units from $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = c$

but $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 2$ gives $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = b$

$\|c - b\| = \|(2, 0, 1)\| = \sqrt{4+1} = \sqrt{5} < 3$. Best? \rightarrow

$$\text{Recall } A^{\dagger} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{9} & \frac{4}{9} & \frac{1}{9} \\ \frac{4}{9} & \frac{-2}{9} & \frac{-5}{9} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Find } A^{\dagger} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{9} & \frac{4}{9} & \frac{1}{9} \\ \frac{4}{9} & \frac{-2}{9} & \frac{-5}{9} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5+8-1}{9} \\ \frac{20-4+5}{9} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{12}{9} \\ \frac{21}{9} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{3} \\ \frac{7}{3} \end{bmatrix} = \hat{x} \leftarrow \text{best/closest solution}$$

$$\text{Check } A\hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{3} \\ \frac{7}{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{11}{3} \\ \frac{8}{3} \\ -\frac{7}{3} \end{bmatrix} = b$$

$$\|c-b\| = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{11}{3} \\ \frac{8}{3} \\ -\frac{7}{3} \end{bmatrix} \right\| = \left\| \left(\frac{4}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{3} \right) \right\|$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{16+4+16}{9}} = \sqrt{\frac{36}{9}} = \frac{6}{3} = 2$$

crazy!