

L13 Moore-Penrose inverses

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For $A \in C^{m \times n}$ matrix $G \in C^{n \times m}$ satisfying the following four Penrose conditions exists, is unique, and is called the Moore-Penrose inverse of A denoted by A^+ .

$$(i) AGA = A \quad (ii) GAG = G \quad (iii) (AG)^* = GB \quad (iv) (GA)^* = GA.$$

Proof Suppose by SVD $A = U \begin{pmatrix} \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} V^*$. We show that

$$G \text{ satisfying the four Penrose conditions} \iff G = V \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} U^*.$$

$$\Rightarrow: (i) AGA = A \implies G \in A^- \implies G = V \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^{-1} & H_{12} \\ H_{21} & H_{22} \end{pmatrix} U^*.$$

$$(iii) AG \text{ is Hermitian} \implies U \begin{pmatrix} I_r & \Delta H_{12} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} U^* \text{ is Hermitian. So } H_{12} = 0.$$

$$(iv) GA \text{ is Hermitian} \implies V \begin{pmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ H_{21} \Delta & 0 \end{pmatrix} V^* \text{ is Hermitian. So } H_{21} = 0.$$

$$(ii) GAG = G \implies H_{22} = 0. \text{ Hence } G = V \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} U^*.$$

$$\Leftarrow: (i) AGA = U \begin{pmatrix} \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} V^* = A. \quad (ii) GAG = V \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} U^* = G.$$

$$(iii) AG = U \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} U^* \text{ is Hermitian.} \quad (iv) GA = V \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} V^* \text{ is Hermitian.}$$

Hence G satisfying the four Penrose conditions.

Comments: $A^+ \in A^-$. For SVD $A = U \begin{pmatrix} \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} V^*$, $A^+ = V \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} U^*$ is SVD for A^+ . $\text{rank}(A^+) = \text{rank}(A)$.

$$(2) 0_{m \times n}^+ = 0_{n \times m}; \quad \text{With } \alpha \neq 0, (\alpha A)^+ = \frac{1}{\alpha} A^+$$

Proof For the first one let $G = 0_{n \times m}$. Check (iii) only.

(iii) $0_{m \times n} G = 0_{m \times m}$ is real symmetric and hence is Hermitian;

For the second one let $G = \frac{1}{\alpha} A^+$. Check (iv) only.

(iv) $G(\alpha A) = \frac{1}{\alpha} A^+ \alpha A = A^+ A$ is Hermitian.

$$(3) (A')^+ = (A^+)', (\bar{A})^+ = \overline{A^+}, (A^*)^+ = (A^+)^* \text{ and } (A^+)^+ = A$$

Proof For the 1st one let $G = (A^+)'$. Check (i): $A'GA' = A'(A^+)'A' = (AA^+A)' = A'$.

For the 2nd one let $G = \overline{A^+}$. Check (ii): $G\bar{A}G = \overline{A^+} \bar{A} \overline{A^+} = \overline{A^+ A A^+} = \overline{A^+}$.

For the 3rd one let $G = (A^+)^*$. Check (iii): $A^*G = A^*(A^+)^* = (A^+ A)^*$ is Hermitian.

For the last one let $G = A$. Check (iv): $GA^+ = AA^+$ is Hermitian.

Ex1: For column vector $0 \neq x \in C^n$, $x^+ = \frac{x^*}{\|x\|^2}$.

Check (i) and (ii). (i): $x \frac{x^*}{\|x\|^2} x = x$, (ii) $\frac{x^*}{\|x\|^2} x \frac{x^*}{\|x\|^2} = \frac{x^*}{\|x\|^2}$.

Comment: $(x')^+ = (x^+)' = \frac{(x')^*}{\|x\|^2}$.

2. More special cases

- (1) If $A \in C^{m \times n}$ has full row rank, then $AA^* \in C^{m \times m}$ is non-singular. Then $A^+ = A^*(AA^*)^{-1}$.

Proof Let $G = A^*(AA^*)^{-1}$. Only check (i).

(i) $AGA = A[A^*(AA^*)^{-1}]A = A$.

- (2) If $A \in C^{m \times n}$ has full column rank, then $A^*A \in C^{n \times n}$ is non-singular. Then $A^+ = (A^*A)^{-1}A^*$.

Proof Let $G = (A^*A)^{-1}A^*$. Only check (ii).

(ii) $GAG = [(A^*A)^{-1}A^*]A[(A^*A)^{-1}A^*] = (A^*A)^{-1}A^* = G$.

- (3) If A has orthonormal columns, i.e., $A^*A = I$, then $A^+ = A^*$.

Proof Let $G = A^*$. Only check (iii). (iii) $AG = AA^*$ is Hermitian.

- (4) If A has orthonormal rows, i.e., $(A')^*A' = I \iff AA^* = I$, then $A^+ = A^*$.

Proof Let $G = A^*$. Only check (iv). (iv) $GA = A^*A$ is Hermitian.

- (5) If $A^* = A = A^2$, then $A^+ = A$.

Proof Let $G = A$. Only check (i). (i) $AGA = AAA = A$.

3. Special cases of $(AB)^+ = B^+A^+$

- (1) $(AB)^+ \neq B^+A^+$.

For $A = (1, 2)$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $(AB)^+ = 1^+ = 1$. But $B^+A^+ = (1, 0) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} / 5 = \frac{1}{5}$.

- (2) If $AB = 0$, then $(AB)^+ = B^+A^+$.

Proof If $AB = 0$, then $(AB)^+ = 0^+ = 0$. On the other hand,

$$B^+A^+ = B^+BB^+A^+AA^+ = B^+(B^+)^*(AB)^*(A^+)^*A^* = 0.$$

- (3) If A has orthonormal columns, i.e., $A^*A = I$, then $(AB)^+ = B^+A^+$.

Proof Let $G = B^+A^+ = BA^*$. Only check (iii).

(iii) $ABG = ABB^+A^* = A(BB^+)A^*$ is Hermitian.

- (4) If B has orthonormal rows, i.e., $BB^* = I$, then $(AB)^+ = B^+A^+$.

Proof Let $G = B^+A^+ = B^*A^+$. Only check (ii).

(ii) $GABG = (B^*A^+)AB(B^*A^+) = B^*A^+AA^+ = B^+A^+ = G$.

- (5) If A has full column rank and B has full row rank, then $(AB)^+ = B^+A^+$.

Proof A has full column rank $\implies A^+ \in A^- = A^L \implies A^+A = I$.

$$B \text{ has full row rank } \implies B^+ \in B^- = B^R \implies BB^+ = I.$$

Let $G = B^+A^+$. Only check (i).

(i) $(AB)G(AB) = (AB)(B^+A^+)(AB) = A(BB^+)(A^+A)B = IIB = AB$.

Ex2: Suppose for A both G_1 and G_2 satisfy the four Penrose conditions. Show $G_1 = G_2$.

$$\begin{aligned} G_1 &\stackrel{(ii)}{=} G_1AG_1 \stackrel{(i)}{=} G_1(AG_2A)G_1 \stackrel{(iii)}{=} G_1(AG_2)^*(AG_1)^* = G_1G_2^*A^*G_1^*A^* \\ &= G_1G_2^*(AG_1A)^* \stackrel{(i)}{=} G_1G_2^*A^* = G_1(AG_2)^* \stackrel{(iii)}{=} G_1AG_2 \stackrel{(i)}{=} G_1(AG_2A)G_2 \\ &\stackrel{(iv)}{=} (G_1A)^*(G_2A)^*G_2 = A^*G_1^*A^*G_2^*G_2 = (AG_1A)^*G_2^*G_2 \stackrel{(i)}{=} A^*G_2^*G_2 = (G_2A)^*G_2 \\ &\stackrel{(iv)}{=} G_1AG_2 \stackrel{(ii)}{=} G_2. \end{aligned}$$

L14 More on Moore-Penrose inverses

1. AA^* and A^*A

$$(1) (AA^*)^+ = (A^*)^+A^+ \text{ and } (A^*A)^+ = A^+(A^*)^+$$

Proof For the first one let $G = (A^*)^+A^+$. Check (i) only.

$$\begin{aligned} (i) (AA^*)G(AA^*) &= (AA^*)[(A^*)^+A^+](AA^*) = A[A^*(A^*)^+](A^+A)A^* \\ &= A[A^*(A^*)^+](A^+A)^*A^* = (AA^+A)(AA^+A)^* = AA^*. \end{aligned}$$

$$(2) A^*(AA^*)^+ = A^+ = (A^*A)^+A^*.$$

Comment: Recall: A has full row rank $\implies A^*(AA^*)^{-1} = A^+$

A has full column rank $\implies (AA^*)^{-1}A^* = A^+$.

(2) gives what if the conditions are removed.

Proof Show 1st one only: $A^*(AA^*)^+ = A^*(A^*)^+A^+ = (A^+A)^*A^+ = A^+AA^+ = A^+$.

$$(3) A(A^*A)^-A^* = AA^+ \text{ and } A^*(AA^*)^-A = A^+A.$$

Comment: While $(A^*A)^+A^* = A^+$ and $A^*(AA^*)^+ = A^+$, non-unique $(A^*A)^-A^* \neq A^+$ and non-unique $A^*(AA^*)^- \neq A^+$. However (3) holds.

Proof Show the first one only.

$$\begin{aligned} A(A^*A)^-A^* &= AA^+A(A^*A)^-(AA^+A)^* = (AA^+)^*A(A^*A)^-A^*(AA^+)^* \\ &= (A^+)^*A^*A(A^*A)^-A^*AA^+ = (A^+)^*A^*AA^+ = (AA^+)^*AA^+ \\ &= AA^+. \end{aligned}$$

2. Hermitian and idempotent matrices

$$(1) \text{ Recall: if } P^* = P = P^2, \text{ then } P^+ = P. \text{ So } PP^+ = P \text{ and } P^+P = P.$$

Comment: AA^+ , A^+A , $I - AA^+$ and $I - A^+A$ are all Hermitian and idempotent, and hence satisfy the conditions for P .

(2) The following (a), (b), (c) and (d) are equal.

$$(a) (ADB)^+ \quad (b) B^+B(ADB)^+ \quad (c) (ADB)^+AA^+ \quad (d) B^+B(ADB)^+AA^+$$

Proof For (a)=(b) let $G = B^+B(ADB)^+$. Show (i) only.

$$\begin{aligned} (i) (ADB)G(ADB) &= (ADB)[B^+B(ADB)^+](ADB) \\ &= (ADB)(ADB)^+(ADB) = ADB \end{aligned}$$

For (a)=(c) let $G = (ADB)^+AA^+$. Show (ii) only.

$$\begin{aligned} (ii) G(ADB)G &= [(ADB)^+AA^+](ADB)[(ADB)^+AA^+] \\ &= (ADB)^+(ADB)(ADB)^+AA^+ = G. \end{aligned}$$

For (a)=(d) let $G = B^+B(ADB)^+AA^+$. Show (iii) only.

$$\begin{aligned} (iii) (ADB)G &= (ADB)[B^+B(ADB)^+AA^+] = (ADB)(ADB)^+AA^+ \\ &= [AA^+(ADB)(ADB)^+]^* = (ADB)(ADB)^+ \text{ is Hermitian.} \end{aligned}$$

Ex1: $(AB)^+ = B^+B(AB)^+ = (AB)^+AA^+ = B^+B(AB)^+AA^+.$

Ex2: $(I - B^+B)(AB)^+ = 0$ since $(I - B^+B)(AB)^+ = (I - B^+B)B^+B(AB)^+ = 0.$

$[(I - AA^+)B]^+A = 0$ since $[(I - AA^+)B]^+A = [(I - AA^+)B]^+(I - AA^+)A = 0.$

Ex3: $(AB)(AB)^+AA^+ = (AB)(AB)^+$ is directly by Ex1 or

$$\begin{aligned} (AB)(AB)^+AA^+ &= \{[(AB)(AB)^+(AA^+)]^*\}^* = [(AA^+)(AB)(AB)^+]^* \\ &= [(AB)(AB)^+]^* = (AB)(AB)^+ \end{aligned}$$

3. Matrices with blocks

(1) In (A, B)

The columns of A and the columns of B are orthogonal

$$\iff A^*B = 0 \iff B^*A = 0 \iff B^+A = 0 \iff A^+B = 0.$$

In $\begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix}$,

The rows of A and the rows of B are orthogonal

$$\iff AB^* = 0 \iff BA^* = 0 \iff BA^+ = 0 \iff AB^+ = 0.$$

(2) $(A, B)^+ = \begin{pmatrix} A^+ \\ B^+ \end{pmatrix} \iff$ The columns of A and the columns of B are orthogonal.

Proof $\Rightarrow$: With $(A, B)^+ = \begin{pmatrix} A^+ \\ B^+ \end{pmatrix}$, $(A, B) \begin{pmatrix} A^+ \\ B^+ \end{pmatrix} (A, B) = (A, B)$

$$\implies (A + BB^+A, AA^+B + B) = (A, B) \implies BB^+A = 0 \implies B^+A = 0.$$

$\Leftarrow$: For $(A, B)^+ = \begin{pmatrix} A^+ \\ B^+ \end{pmatrix}$, we check (i) only.

$$(i) (A, B) \begin{pmatrix} A^+ \\ B^+ \end{pmatrix} (A, B) = (AA^+ + BB^+)(A, B) = (A, B).$$

Comment: If in $A = (A_1, \dots, A_k)$ $A_i^*A_j = 0$ for all $i \neq j$, then $A^+ = \begin{pmatrix} A_1^+ \\ \vdots \\ A_k^+ \end{pmatrix}$.

(3) $\begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix}^+ = (A^+, B^+) \iff$ The rows of A and B are orthogonal.

Proof Skipped.

Comment: If in $A = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ \vdots \\ A_k \end{pmatrix}$, $A_iA_j^* = 0$ for all $i \neq j$, then $A^+ = (A_1^+, \dots, A_k^+)$.

$$\text{Ex4: } \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}^+ = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}^+ \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ B \end{pmatrix}^+ \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A^+ & 0 \\ 0 & B^+ \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{since } \begin{pmatrix} A \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}^* \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ B \end{pmatrix} = 0, A0^* = 0 \text{ and } 0B^* = 0.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}^+ = ((A, 0)^+, (0, B)^+) = \begin{pmatrix} A^+ & 0 \\ 0 & B^+ \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{since } (A, 0)(0, B)^* = 0, A^*0 = 0 \text{ and } 0^*B = 0.$$

$$\text{Ex5: } \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ B & 0 \end{pmatrix}^+ = ?$$

1. 4.1 p191. Find the singular value matrix Δ for $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

2. 5.2 p238. Find A^+ for $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ using Theorem 5.3 (h) $A^+ = (A'A)^{-1}A'$.

Hint: Calculation tool for $M^{-1}H$: $(M|H) \xrightarrow{row} (I|M^{-1}H)$

3. 5.3 p238. Find $\mathbf{a}^+$ for $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

4. 5.12 (a) p239. For real matrix A show $A'AA^+ = A'$ and $A^+AA' = A'$ separately.

5. 5.16 p240. B has full row rank. Show $(AB)(AB)^+ = AA^+$.

Hint: first show $[AA^+(AB)(AB)^+]^* = (AB)(AB)^+$.

Next, show $[AA^+(AB)(AB)^+]^* = AA^+$ under the condition that B has a right-inverse B^R .