

## L05 Moore-Penrose inverses

### 1. Relations of inverses

#### (1) Inverses

Three types of inverses:  $A^L$ ,  $A^R$ ,  $A^{-1}$ . They may not exist. When they are existent,  $A^{-1}$  is unique, but the other two may not be unique.

Two types of generalized inverses,  $A^-$  and  $A^+$ . They all exist.  $A^+$  is unique.  $A^+ \in A^-$ .

#### (2) Three cases

(i) If  $A^L \neq \emptyset$ ,  $A^+ \in A^- = A^L$ . (No assumption on the existence for  $A^R$  and  $A^{-1}$ .)

(ii) If  $A^R \neq \emptyset$ ,  $A^+ \in A^- = A^R$ .

(iii) If  $A^{-1}$  exists,  $A^{-1} = A^+ = A^- = A^L = A^R$ .

**Pf:** (i)  $A^+ \in A^-$ : trivial.

$$A^- \subset A^L: B \in A^- \implies ABA = A \implies A^L ABA = A^T A \implies BA = I \implies B \in A^L.$$

$$A^- \supset A^L: B \in A^L \implies BA = I \implies ABA = A \implies B \in A^-.$$

(iii) By (i) and (ii)  $A^- = A^L = A^R$ . Now we show  $A^+ = A^- = A^{-1}$ .

$A^+ \in A^-$ : trivial.

$$A^- \subset A^{-1}: B \in A^- \implies ABA = A \implies \begin{cases} A^{-1}ABA = A^{-1}A \\ ABAA^{-1} = AA^{-1} \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} BA = I \\ AB = I \end{cases} \implies B = A^{-1}.$$

$$A^{-1} \in A^+: AA^{-1}A = A, A^{-1}AA^{-1} = A^{-1}, AA^{-1} = I \text{ is symmetric and } A^{-1}A = I \text{ is symmetric. So } A^{-1} \in A^+.$$

**Ex1:** If  $A \in R^{m \times n}$  has full column rank, then  $A^+A = A^-A = A^LA = I_n$ .

If  $A \in R^{m \times n}$  has full row rank, then  $AA^+ = AA^- = AA^R = I_m$ .

#### (3) Recall that $\text{rank}(AA') = \text{rank}(A'A) = \text{rank}(A)$ .

(i) If  $A$  has full column rank, then  $A'A$  is full rank square matrix. So  $(A'A)^{-1}$  exists and  $(A'A)^{-1}A' = A^+$ .

(ii) If  $A$  has full row rank, then  $AA'$  is full rank square matrix. So  $(AA')^{-1}$  exists and  $A'(AA')^{-1} = A^+$ .

**Ex2:** In regression you probably see the claim that  $\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1}X'y$  is a least square estimator for  $\beta$ . Now we know that  $\hat{\beta} = X^+y$  and we assume  $X$  has full column rank so that  $\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1}X'y$ .

#### (4) If $A$ is idempotent, i.e., $A^2 = A$ , then $\text{rank}(A) = \text{tr}(A)$ .

**Pf:** By the compact SVD for  $A$  with  $\text{rank}(A) = r$ ,  $A = U_I \Delta_r V_I'$ . Then

$$A^2 = A \iff U_I \Delta_r V_I' U_I \Delta_r V_I' = U_I \Delta_r V_I' \iff \Delta_r V_I' U_I = I_r.$$

$$\text{So } \text{tr}(A) = \text{tr}(U_I \Delta_r V_I') = \text{tr}(\Delta_r V_I' U_I) = \text{tr}(I_r) = r = \text{rank}(A).$$

**Ex3:**  $AA^-$ ,  $A^-A$ ,  $I - AA^-$  and  $I - A^-A$  are all idempotent. So,  $\text{rank}(A^-A) = \text{tr}(A^-A)$ ,  $\text{rank}(AA^-) = \text{tr}(AA^-)$ ,  $\text{rank}(I - A^-A) = \text{tr}(I - A^-A)$  and  $\text{rank}(I - AA^-) = \text{tr}(I - AA^-)$ .

## 2. Simple $A^+$

- (1) If  $A$  is symmetric and idempotent, i.e.,  $A' = A = A^2$ , then  $A^+ = A = AA^+ = A^+A$

**Pf:** With  $G = A$ ,  $AGA = AAA = A$ ;  $GAG = AAA = A = G$ ;  $AG = AA = A$  is symmetric;  $GA = AA = A$  is symmetric. Thus  $A^+ = G = A$  and  $AA^+ = A = A^+A$ .

**Ex4:** For  $A \in R^{m \times n}$ ,  $AA^+$ ,  $A^+A$ ,  $I - AA^+$  and  $I - A^+A$  are symmetric and idempotent. So  $(AA^+)^+ = AA^+$ ,  $(A^+A)^+ = A^+A$ ,  $(I - AA^+)^+ = I - AA^+$  and  $(I - A^+A)^+ = I - A^+A$ .

- (2) If  $A$  has orthonormal columns, i.e.,  $A'A = I$ , then  $A^+ = A' \in A^- = A^L$ ;  
If  $A$  has orthonormal rows, i.e.,  $AA' = I$ , then  $A^+ = A' \in A^- = A^R$ .

**Pf:** For the 1st one check condition (ii): Let  $B = A'$ , then  $BAB = A'AA' = A' = B$ .

- (3) If the columns of  $A$  are perpendicular to the columns of  $B$ , i.e.,  $A'B = 0$ , then

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

If the rows of  $A$  are perpendicular to the rows of  $B$ , i.e.,  $AB' = 0$ , then

$$\begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix}^+ = (A^+, B^+) \text{ so } \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix}^+ \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix} = A^+A + B^+B.$$

**Pf:** For the 1st one show (i). With  $A'B = 0$ ,

$$A^+B = (A^+AA^+)B = A^+(AA^+)'B = A^+(A^+)'A'B = 0. \text{ Similarly } B^+A = 0.$$

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

$$\textbf{Ex5: } \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}^+ = ((A, 0)^+, (0, B)^+) = \begin{pmatrix} A^+ & 0 \\ 0 & B^+ \end{pmatrix}.$$

## 3. Cases of $(AB)^+ = B^+A^+$

- (1) Recall

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

(ii) If  $A = B'$ , i.e.,  $B = A'$ , then  $(AB)^+ = B^+A^+ = (A')^+A^+ = B^+(B')^+$ .

- (2) If  $A$  has orthonormal columns, then  $(AB)^+ = B^+A^+$ .

If  $B$  has orthonormal rows, then  $(AB)^+ = B^+A^+$ .

**Pf:** For 1st one show (iii).

$A$  has orthonormal columns. So  $A^+ = A'$  and  $A'A = I$ .

(iii)  $(AB)(B^+A^+) = A(BB^+)A'$  is symmetric.

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

**Pf:** For 1st one show (ii).

$A$  has full column rank and  $B$  has full row rank. So  $A^+A = I$  and  $BB^+ = I$ .

(ii)  $(B^+A^+)(AB)(B^+A^+) = B^+IIA^+ = B^+A^+$ .

## L06: Orthogonal complement of space

### 1. Two types of spaces

#### (1) Two spaces

For  $A \in R^{m \times n}$ ,  $y = Ax$  is a linear transformation of  $x \in R^n$  to  $y \in R^m$  with range

$$\text{Range}(A) = \mathcal{R}(A) = \{y = Ax \in R^m : x \in R^n\}.$$

This range is span of the columns of  $A$  also called the column space of  $A$  denoted as  $\text{Span}(A) = C(A)$  with  $\dim[\mathcal{R}(A)] = \text{rank}(A)$ .

The Kernel of the transformation also called the null space of  $A$ ,

$$\mathcal{N}(A) = \{x \in R^n : Ax = 0\},$$

is a subspace of  $R^n$  with  $\dim[\mathcal{N}(A)] = n - \text{rank}(A)$ .

**Comment:** For liner transformation  $f$ ,

$$\dim[\text{domain}(f)] = \dim[\text{Kernel}(f)] + \dim[\text{Range}(f)].$$

With  $y = Ax$ :  $n = [n - \text{rank}(A)] + \text{rank}(A)$ .

#### (2) Expressions of $\mathcal{R}(A)$

For  $A \in R^{m \times n}$ , (i)  $\mathcal{R}(A) = \mathcal{R}(AA^-)$  (ii)  $\mathcal{R}(A) = \mathcal{R}(AA')$  (iii)  $\mathcal{R}(A) = \mathcal{R}((A')^+)$

**Proof.** Note that  $\mathcal{R}(AB) \subset \mathcal{R}(A)$  since  $y \in \mathcal{R}(AB) \implies y = ABx = A(Bx) \in \mathcal{R}(A)$ .

(i)  $\mathcal{R}(A) = \mathcal{R}(AA^-A) \subset \mathcal{R}(AA^-) \subset \mathcal{R}(A)$ .

(ii)  $\mathcal{R}(A) = \mathcal{R}(AA^+A) = \mathcal{R}(A(A^+A)') = \mathcal{R}(AA'(A^+)') \subset \mathcal{R}(AA') \subset \mathcal{R}(A)$ .

(iii)  $\mathcal{R}(A) = \mathcal{R}((AA^+)') \subset \mathcal{R}((A^+)') = \mathcal{R}((A^+AA^+)') = \mathcal{R}(AA^+(A^+)') \subset \mathcal{R}(A)$ .

**Ex1:** For  $A \in R^{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}(A) = \mathcal{R}(AA^+)$  where  $AA^+$  is symmetric and idempotent.

#### (3) Expressions of $\mathcal{N}(A)$

For  $A \in R^{m \times n}$ , (i)  $\mathcal{N}(A) = \mathcal{N}(A^-A)$  (ii)  $\mathcal{N}(A) = \mathcal{N}(A'A)$  (iii)  $\mathcal{N}(A) = \mathcal{N}((A^+)')$ .

**Proof.** Note that  $\mathcal{N}(A) \subset \mathcal{N}(BA)$  since

$$x \in \mathcal{N}(A) \implies Ax = 0 \implies BAx = 0 \implies x \in \mathcal{N}(BA).$$

(i)  $\mathcal{N}(A) \subset \mathcal{N}(A^-A) \subset \mathcal{N}(AA^-A) = \mathcal{N}(A)$ .

(ii)  $\mathcal{N}(A) \subset \mathcal{N}(A'A) \subset \mathcal{N}((A^+)')A) = \mathcal{N}((AA^+)')A) = \mathcal{N}(A)$ .

(iii)  $\mathcal{N}(A) = \mathcal{N}((A^+A)') \subset \mathcal{N}((A^+)')A'(A^+)') = \mathcal{N}((A^+)') \subset \mathcal{N}(A'(A^+)')$   
 $= \mathcal{N}(A^+A) = \mathcal{N}(A)$ .

**Ex2:** For  $A \in R^{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathcal{N}(A) = \mathcal{N}(A^+A)$  where  $A^+A$  is symmetric itempotent.

### 2. Cross expressions

#### (1) Condition for cross expression

If  $D$  is idempotent, i.e.,  $D^2 = D$ , then  $\mathcal{R}(D) = \mathcal{N}(I - D)$  and  $\mathcal{N}(D) = \mathcal{R}(I - D)$ .

**Proof** Only show  $\mathcal{R}(D) = \mathcal{N}(I - D)$

$$\subset: y \in \mathcal{R}(D) \implies y = Dx \implies (I - D)y = Dx - D^2x = 0 \implies y \in \mathcal{N}(I - D).$$

$$\supset: y \in \mathcal{N}(I - D) \implies (I - D)y = 0 \implies y = Dy \in \mathcal{R}(D).$$

(2) Expressing  $\mathcal{R}(A)$  by null space

$$\text{For } A \in R^{m \times n}, \mathcal{R}(A) = \mathcal{R}(AA^-) = \mathcal{N}(I_m - AA^-).$$

$$\mathbf{Ex3:} \mathcal{R}(A) = \mathcal{R}(AA^+) = \mathcal{N}(I_m - AA^+).$$

(3) Expressing  $\mathcal{N}(A)$  by range

$$\mathcal{N}(A) = \mathcal{N}(A^-A) = \mathcal{R}(I_n - A^-A).$$

$$\mathbf{Ex4:} \mathcal{N}(A) = \mathcal{N}(A^+A) = \mathcal{R}(I_n - A^+A).$$

### 3. Orthogonal complements

(1) Orthogonal complements

For  $A \in R^{m \times n}$ , the orthogonal complement of  $\mathcal{R}(A)$ ,

$$\mathcal{R}^\perp(A) = \{y \in R^m : \langle y, z \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } z \in \mathcal{R}(A)\}$$

is also a space in  $R^m$ . The orthogonal complement of  $\mathcal{N}(A)$ ,

$$\mathcal{N}^\perp(A) = \{y \in R^n : \langle y, z \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } z \in \mathcal{N}(A)\}$$

is a space in  $R^n$ .

(2) Expressing  $\mathcal{R}^\perp(A)$  by null space:

$$\mathcal{R}^\perp(A) = \mathcal{N}(A').$$

**Proof.**  $\mathcal{R}^\perp(A) = \mathcal{N}(A')$  since

$$\begin{aligned} y \in \mathcal{R}^\perp(A) &\iff \langle y, z \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } z \in \mathcal{R}(A) \iff \langle y, Ax \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } x \in R^n \\ &\iff x'A'y = 0 \text{ for all } x \in R^n \iff A'y = 0 \iff y \in \mathcal{N}(A'). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \mathcal{R}^\perp(A) = \mathcal{N}(A').$$

(3) Expressing  $\mathcal{N}^\perp(A)$  by range:

$$\mathcal{N}^\perp(A) = \mathcal{R}(A').$$

**Proof.** Note that  $A^+A$  is idempotent,  $I - A^+A$  is symmetric and idempotent.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}^\perp(A) &= [\mathcal{N}(A)]^\perp = [\mathcal{N}(A^+A)]^\perp = [\mathcal{R}(I - A^+A)]^\perp = \mathcal{N}(I - A^+A) \\ &= \mathcal{R}(I - (I - A^+A)) = \mathcal{R}(A^+A) = \mathcal{R}((A')(A')^+) = \mathcal{R}(A'). \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{Ex5:} \mathcal{R}^\perp(A) = \mathcal{N}(A') = \mathcal{N}((A')^+A') = \mathcal{N}(AA^+) = \mathcal{R}(I - AA^+).$$

$$\mathbf{Ex6:} \mathcal{N}^\perp(A) = \mathcal{R}(A') = \mathcal{R}(A^+) = \mathcal{R}(A^+A).$$