

1. The Important Matrices $A^T A$ and AA^T . Let A be any $m \times n$ matrix. Consider the $n \times n$ (symmetric) matrix $A^T A$ and the $m \times m$ (symmetric) matrix AA^T .

- (a) Show that $N(A^T A) = N(A)$. [Hint: Use the trick formula $\mathbf{x}^T A^T A \mathbf{x} = \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|^2$.]
 (b) Use part (a) to show that

$$\text{rank}(A^T A) = \text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(AA^T).$$

[Hint: The Fundamental Theorem says that $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T)$.]

- (c) If A has independent columns, prove that $(A^T A)^{-1}$ exists. If A has independent rows, prove that $(AA^T)^{-1}$ exists. [Hint: Use part (b).]

2. Projection Matrices. A square matrix P is called a *projection matrix* when

$$P^2 = P \quad \text{and} \quad P^T = P.$$

- (a) If P is a projection matrix, show that $P + (I - P) = I$ and $P(I - P) = O$.
 (b) If P is a projection matrix, show that $I - P$ is also a projection matrix.
 (c) Let P be a projection matrix. For any vector \mathbf{x} we define $\mathbf{x}_1 = P\mathbf{x}$ and $\mathbf{x}_2 = (I - P)\mathbf{x}$. Show that $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2$ and $\mathbf{x}_1^T \mathbf{x}_2 = 0$. This is the geometric meaning of projection.
 (d) Let A be any matrix with independent columns, so that $(A^T A)^{-1}$ exists. Check that the following matrix is a projection matrix:

$$P = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T.$$

[Remark: This matrix projects onto the column space of A .]

- (e) Use part (d) to find the 3×3 matrix that projects onto the plane $x - 2y + 1z = 0$. [Hint: It is easier to find the matrix P that projects onto the orthogonal complement, which is the line spanned by $(1, -2, 1)$. Then the projection onto the plane is $I - P$.]

3. CMR Factorization. Let A be any $m \times n$ matrix of rank r . Pick any r columns of A that form a basis for the column space and call them $\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_r \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Pick any r rows of A that form a basis for the row space and call them $\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_r \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Define the matrices

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ \mathbf{c}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{c}_r \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} - & \mathbf{r}_1^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & \mathbf{r}_r^T & - \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) Prove that there exists an invertible $r \times r$ matrix M such that $A = CMR$. [Hint: We know from Problem 1 that $(C^T C)^{-1}$ and $(RR^T)^{-1}$ exist. Check that $M = (CC^T)^{-1}(C^T A R^T)(RR^T)^{-1}$ works.]
 (b) Compute a *CMR* factorization for the rank 1 matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (c) Compute a *CMR* factorization for the rank 2 matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 8 \\ 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

[Hint: Use the first two columns and the first two rows.]

4. Distance Between Skew Lines. Consider two lines $(1, 0, 0) + s(1, 2, 1)$ and $(1, 1, 1) + t(1, 1, 1)$ living in \mathbb{R}^3 .

- (a) Suppose that the lines intersect, so that $(1, 0, 0) + s(1, 2, 1) = (1, 1, 1) + t(1, 1, 1)$ for some values of s and t . Express this as a single matrix equation:

$$A \begin{pmatrix} s \\ t \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{b},$$

- (b) If the lines **don't** intersect then the matrix equation in part (a) has no solution. In this case, find the least squares solution for (s, t) .

5. Bilinear Forms. Given a matrix $B \in \mathbb{R}^n$ we define a function $\langle -, - \rangle_B : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle_B := \mathbf{x}^T B \mathbf{y}.$$

Remark: If I is the identity matrix then $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle_I$ is just the dot product on \mathbb{R}^n .

- (a) Show that this function is bilinear.
 (b) Let $\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be the standard basis. In this case show that

$$\langle \mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{e}_j \rangle_B = (ij \text{ entry of } B).$$

- (c) For any two $n \times n$ matrices B and C , show that

$$B = C \iff \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle_B = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle_C \text{ for all } \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

[Hint: One direction uses part (b).]

- (d) **Symmetric.** Show that $B = B^T$ if and only if $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle_B = \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle_B$ for all $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
 (e) **Semi-Definite.** If $B = A^T A$ for some rectangular $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, show that

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle_B \geq 0 \text{ for all } \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

- (f) **Definite.** If $B = A^T A$ for some A with **independent columns**, show that

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle_B = 0 \iff \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}.$$

[Hint for parts (e) and (f): Use the trick formula $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle_B = \|A\mathbf{x}\|^2$.]

6. Orthogonal Subspaces (Optional). Let V be a Hermitian inner product space. For any subspace $U \subseteq V$ we define its *orthogonal complement*:

$$U^\perp := \{\mathbf{v} \in V : \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } \mathbf{u} \in U\}.$$

- (a) Prove that U^\perp is also a subspace of V .
 (b) Prove that $U \cap U^\perp = \{\mathbf{0}\}$.
 (c) If U is finite dimensional with basis $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m\}$, show that

$$\mathbf{v} \in U^\perp \iff \langle \mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } i.$$

- (d) If U is finite dimensional, prove that $U + U^\perp = V$, which means that any vector $\mathbf{v} \in V$ can be expressed as $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2$ for some $\mathbf{v}_1 \in U$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 \in U^\perp$. [Hint: Let $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m\}$ be an orthonormal basis for U and define the *projection function* $\pi : V \rightarrow U$ by

$$\pi(\mathbf{v}) = \sum_{i=1}^m \langle \mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{v} \rangle \mathbf{u}_i.$$

For any $\mathbf{v} \in V$, use part (c) to show that $\mathbf{v} - \pi(\mathbf{v}) \in U^\perp$.]

- (e) Combine (b) and (d) to prove that $U \oplus U^\perp = V$, which means that any vector $\mathbf{v} \in V$ can be expressed as $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2$ for some **unique** $\mathbf{v}_1 \in U$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 \in U^\perp$.

- (f) If V is finite dimensional, prove that $\dim U + \dim U^\perp = \dim V$. [Hint: Let $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m\}$ be an orthonormal basis for U and let $\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n$ be an orthonormal basis for U^\perp . Use part (e) to prove that $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m, \mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n\}$ is a basis for V .]