

Lecture 6

# PSEUDOINVERSES

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## OUTLINE

- Quick review of SVD of linear operators
- Null space and measurement space
- Projection operators
- Moore's definition of Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse
- Penrose equations, Penrose definition of MP pseudoinverse
- SVD definition of Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse

Key results of SVD: object space

$$\mathcal{H}^\dagger \mathcal{H} \mathbf{u}_n = \mu_n \mathbf{u}_n \quad (1.111)$$

Eigenvalues are real and non-negative ( $\mu_n \geq 0$ ) and can be ordered as:

$$\mu_1 \geq \mu_2 \geq \dots \geq \mu_R > 0, \quad (1.114)$$

Set  $\{\mathbf{u}_n\}$  is orthonormal and complete in  $ND$  space  $\mathbb{U}$  ( $N$  may be  $\infty$ ):

$$\mathbf{u}_n^\dagger \mathbf{u}_m = \delta_{nm}, \quad \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{u}_n \mathbf{u}_n^\dagger = \mathbf{I}_{\mathbb{U}}$$

An arbitrary object can be expanded as:

$$\mathbf{f} = \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n \mathbf{u}_n = \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{u}_n \mathbf{u}_n^\dagger \mathbf{f}, \quad \alpha_n = \mathbf{u}_n^\dagger \mathbf{f}.$$

Key results of SVD: image space

$$\mathcal{H}\mathcal{H}^\dagger \mathbf{v}_m = \mu_m \mathbf{v}_m ,$$

The eigenvalues are the same as for  $\mathcal{H}^\dagger \mathcal{H}$  and hence the rank is the same.

Set  $\{\mathbf{u}_m\}$  is orthonormal and complete in  $MD$  space  $\mathbb{V}$  ( $M$  may be  $\infty$ ):

$$\mathbf{v}_n^\dagger \mathbf{v}_m = \delta_{nm} , \quad \sum_{m=1}^M \mathbf{v}_m \mathbf{v}_m^\dagger = \mathbf{I}_{\mathbb{V}}$$

An arbitrary image can be expanded as:

$$\mathbf{g} = \sum_{m=1}^M \beta_m \mathbf{v}_m = \sum_{m=1}^M \mathbf{v}_m \mathbf{v}_m^\dagger \mathbf{g} , \quad \beta_m = \mathbf{v}_m^\dagger \mathbf{g} .$$

If  $\mu_n \neq 0$ , object-space and image-space solutions are related by

$$\mathbf{v}_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_n}} \mathcal{H} \mathbf{u}_n , \quad \mathbf{u}_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_n}} \mathcal{H}^\dagger \mathbf{v}_n$$

## Representations of operators

The imaging operator and its adjoint are:

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{n=1}^R \sqrt{\mu_n} \mathbf{v}_n \mathbf{u}_n^\dagger, \quad \mathcal{H}^\dagger = \sum_{n=1}^R \sqrt{\mu_n} \mathbf{u}_n \mathbf{v}_n^\dagger$$

and the original Hermitian operators are:

$$\mathcal{H}^\dagger \mathcal{H} = \sum_{n=1}^R \mu_n \mathbf{u}_n \mathbf{u}_n^\dagger, \quad \mathcal{H} \mathcal{H}^\dagger = \sum_{m=1}^R \mu_m \mathbf{v}_m \mathbf{v}_m^\dagger$$

The unit operators in the two spaces are

$$\mathbf{I}_{\mathbb{U}} = \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{u}_n \mathbf{u}_n^\dagger, \quad \mathbf{I}_{\mathbb{V}} = \sum_{m=1}^M \mathbf{v}_m \mathbf{v}_m^\dagger$$

## The SVD imaging equation

The (noise-free) imaging equation for an arbitrary linear operator is

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathcal{H} \mathbf{f} .$$

The object and image can be expanded in eigenfunctions of  $\mathcal{H}^\dagger \mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{H} \mathcal{H}^\dagger$ , respectively:

$$\mathbf{f} = \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n \mathbf{u}_n , \quad \mathbf{g} = \sum_{m=1}^M \beta_m \mathbf{v}_m .$$

and the coefficients are related by

$$\beta_n = \sqrt{\mu_n} \alpha_n$$

Hence

$$\mathcal{H} \mathbf{f} = \sum_{n=1}^N \sqrt{\mu_n} \alpha_n \mathbf{v}_n .$$

## Null space and measurement space

Object representation (one more time):

$$\mathbf{f} = \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n \mathbf{u}_n .$$

Now split the sum into two parts:

$$\mathbf{f} = \sum_{n=1}^R \alpha_n \mathbf{u}_n + \sum_{n=R+1}^N \alpha_n \mathbf{u}_n .$$

Note that the second sum is a null vector of  $\mathcal{H}$ :

$$\mathcal{H} \sum_{n=R+1}^N \alpha_n \mathbf{u}_n = \sum_{n=R+1}^N \alpha_n \mathcal{H} \mathbf{u}_n = \sum_{n=R+1}^N \alpha_n \sqrt{\mu_n} \mathbf{v}_n = 0$$

since  $\mu_n = 0$  for  $n > R$ .

## Null space and measurement space – cont.

Thus, for a given operator  $\mathcal{H}$ , any object can be decomposed as

$$\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}_{meas} + \mathbf{f}_{null}, \quad \mathbf{f}_{meas} = \sum_{n=1}^R \alpha_n \mathbf{u}_n, \quad \mathbf{f}_{null} = \sum_{n=R+1}^N \alpha_n \mathbf{u}_n.$$

The set of all measurement vectors of the form  $\sum_{n=1}^R \alpha_n \mathbf{u}_n$  is called *measurement space* and denoted  $\mathbb{U}_{meas}$ .

The set of all null vectors of the form  $\sum_{n=R+1}^N \alpha_n \mathbf{u}_n$  is called *null space* and denoted  $\mathbb{U}_{null}$ .

Any vector in  $\mathbb{U}_{meas}$  is orthogonal to any vector in  $\mathbb{U}_{null}$ , and these two *orthogonal subspaces* make up the overall object space:

$$\mathbb{U} = \mathbb{U}_{meas} \oplus \mathbb{U}_{null}$$



## Consistency space and inconsistency space

An arbitrary vector in image space can be represented as:

$$\mathbf{g} = \sum_{m=1}^M \beta_m \mathbf{v}_m .$$

Again split the sum into two parts:

$$\mathbf{g} = \sum_{m=1}^R \beta_m \mathbf{v}_m + \sum_{m=R+1}^M \beta_m \mathbf{v}_m .$$

Note that the first sum could have been produced by the operator  $\mathcal{H}$  acting on *some* object, i.e., there exists an object  $\mathbf{f}_0$  such that

$$\mathcal{H}\mathbf{f}_0 = \sum_{m=1}^R \beta_m \mathbf{v}_m .$$

The first sum is *consistent* with the operator in this sense.

The second sum, on the other hand, must arise entirely from noise; it is the *inconsistent* part of the data.

## Consistency space and inconsistency space – cont.

Thus, for a given operator  $\mathcal{H}$ , any vector in image space can be decomposed as

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g}_{con} + \mathbf{g}_{incon}, \quad \mathbf{g}_{con} = \sum_{m=1}^R \beta_m \mathbf{v}_m, \quad \mathbf{g}_{incon} = \sum_{m=R+1}^M \beta_m \mathbf{v}_m.$$

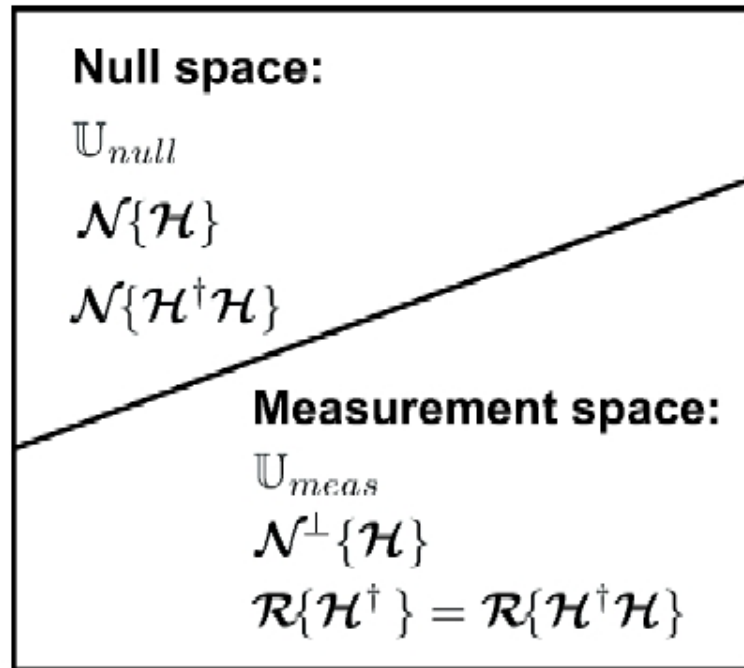
The set of all consistent vectors in image space is called *consistency space* and denoted  $\mathbb{V}_{con}$ . The set of all inconsistent vectors in image space is called *inconsistency space* and denoted  $\mathbb{V}_{incon}$ .

Any vector in  $\mathbb{V}_{con}$  is orthogonal to any vector in  $\mathbb{V}_{incon}$ , and these two orthogonal subspaces make up the overall image space:

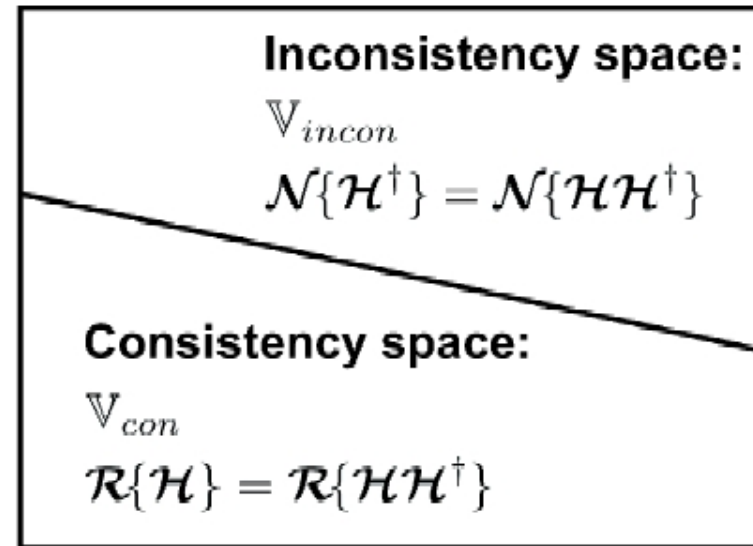
$$\mathbb{V} = \mathbb{V}_{con} \oplus \mathbb{V}_{incon}$$

Exercise: Show that  $\mathcal{H}^\dagger \mathbf{g}_{incon} = 0$ , so inconsistency space is the null space of the adjoint.

## Four subspaces



$\mathbb{U}$ : Domain of the operator  $\mathcal{H}$

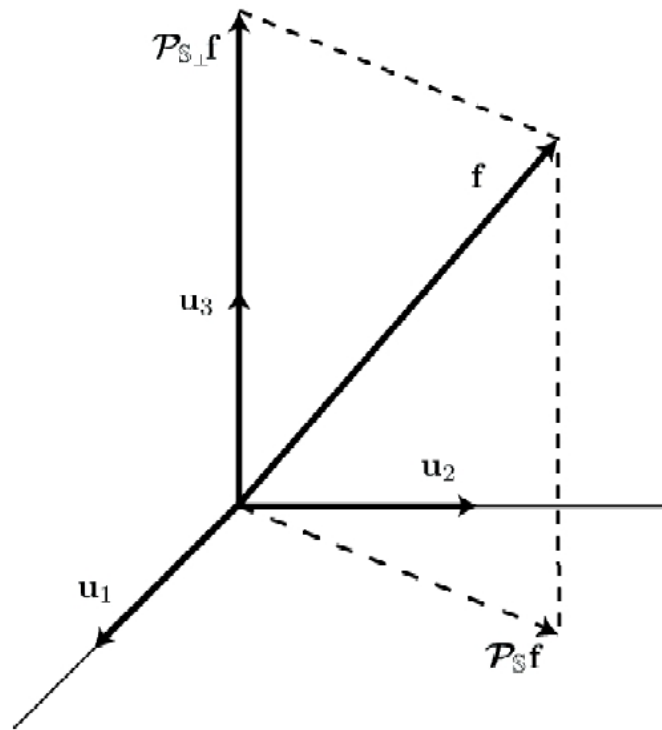


$\mathbb{V}$ : Domain of the adjoint operator  $\mathcal{H}^\dagger$

Recall  $R \leq \min(M, N)$ . If  $R = N$ , there is no nontrivial null space. If  $R = M$ , there is no nontrivial inconsistency space.

## Projection operators

A general projection operator  $\mathcal{P}$  is Hermitian ( $\mathcal{P}^\dagger = \mathcal{P}$ ) and *idempotent* ( $\mathcal{P}^2 = \mathcal{P}$ ). We are interested here in projections onto subspaces:



## Projections onto measurement and null space

Recall:

$$\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}_{meas} + \mathbf{f}_{null}, \quad \mathbf{f}_{meas} = \sum_{n=1}^R \alpha_n \mathbf{u}_n, \quad \mathbf{f}_{null} = \sum_{n=R+1}^N \alpha_n \mathbf{u}_n.$$

We can use this decomposition to define two projection operators:

$$\mathbf{f}_{meas} = \mathcal{P}_{meas} \mathbf{f}, \quad \mathbf{f}_{null} = \mathcal{P}_{null} \mathbf{f},$$

where  $\mathcal{P}_{meas}$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{null}$  are the projectors (or projection operators) onto measurement and null space, respectively.

Caution: A projector onto a subspace is not the same as a projector onto a convex set and not the same as a projector in tomography.

Exercises: Show that

$$\mathcal{P}_{meas} = \sum_{n=1}^R \mathbf{u}_n \mathbf{u}_n^\dagger, \quad \mathcal{P}_{null} = \sum_{n=R+1}^N \mathbf{u}_n \mathbf{u}_n^\dagger = \mathbf{I}_{\mathbb{U}} - \mathcal{P}_{meas}$$

## Projections onto consistency and inconsistency space

Recall:

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g}_{con} + \mathbf{g}_{incon}, \quad \mathbf{g}_{con} = \sum_{m=1}^R \beta_m \mathbf{v}_m, \quad \mathbf{g}_{incon} = \sum_{m=R+1}^M \beta_m \mathbf{v}_m.$$

Define:

$$\mathbf{g}_{con} = \mathcal{P}_{con} \mathbf{g}, \quad \mathbf{g}_{incon} = \mathcal{P}_{incon} \mathbf{g},$$

where  $\mathcal{P}_{con}$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{incon}$  are the projectors onto consistency and inconsistency space, respectively.

Exercises: Show that

$$\mathcal{P}_{con} = \sum_{m=1}^R \mathbf{v}_m \mathbf{v}_m^\dagger, \quad \mathcal{P}_{incon} = \sum_{m=R+1}^M \mathbf{v}_m \mathbf{v}_m^\dagger = \mathbf{I}_\mathbb{V} - \mathcal{P}_{con}$$

## Moore's definition of pseudoinverse

Moore (1920) defined an operator  $\mathcal{H}^+$  (a matrix in his case) such that:

$$\mathcal{P}_{meas} = \mathcal{H}^+ \mathcal{H}, \quad \mathcal{P}_{null} = \mathbf{I}_{\mathbb{U}} - \mathcal{H}^+ \mathcal{H},$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{con} = \mathcal{H} \mathcal{H}^+, \quad \mathcal{P}_{null} = \mathbf{I}_{\mathbb{V}} - \mathcal{H} \mathcal{H}^+,$$

These four definitions turn out to completely determine  $\mathcal{H}^+$ .

Exercise: Use what you know about SVD to find an expression for  $\mathcal{H}^+$  from the Moore definition.

## The Penrose equations

As a graduate student at Cambridge, Roger Penrose (now Sir Roger) proposed that a *generalized inverse* be defined as any operator  $\mathcal{H}^\#$  that satisfies one or more of the following equations:

$$\text{Penrose Eq. 1: } \mathcal{H}\mathcal{H}^\#\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}. \quad (1.130a)$$

$$\text{Penrose Eq. 2: } \mathcal{H}^\#\mathcal{H}\mathcal{H}^\# = \mathcal{H}^\#. \quad (1.130b)$$

$$\text{Penrose Eq. 3: } (\mathcal{H}\mathcal{H}^\#)^\dagger = \mathcal{H}\mathcal{H}^\#. \quad (1.130c)$$

$$\text{Penrose Eq. 4: } (\mathcal{H}^\#\mathcal{H})^\dagger = \mathcal{H}^\#\mathcal{H}. \quad (1.130d)$$

If  $\mathcal{H}$  has a true inverse, it satisfies all four of the Penrose equations. An operator that satisfies Penrose Eq. 1 but not the other three is called a 1-inverse of  $\mathcal{H}$ , one that satisfies Eqs. 1 and 2 is called a (1,2)-inverse, etc. For matrices, a 1-inverse always exists and can be found by Gaussian elimination.



## The Penrose definition of the Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse

The Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse, denoted  $\mathcal{H}^+$ , is the generalized inverse that satisfies all four Penrose equations. Thus the Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse is a (1,2,3,4)-inverse and is equal to the true inverse if one exists.

The Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse is also equivalent to the one defined by Moore (otherwise we wouldn't call it that!).

The Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse exists for all operators with finite-dimensional range ( $M < \infty$ ), including CD operators and matrices. It may not exist for some CC operators.

## SVD definition

Recall:

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{n=1}^R \sqrt{\mu_n} \mathbf{v}_n \mathbf{u}_n^\dagger$$

Can define a pseudoinverse as

$$\mathcal{H}^+ = \sum_{n=1}^R \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_n}} \mathbf{u}_n \mathbf{v}_n^\dagger$$

This operator satisfies both Moore and Penrose definitions. For example

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}^+ \mathcal{H} &= \left[ \sum_{n=1}^R \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_n}} \mathbf{u}_n \mathbf{v}_n^\dagger \right] \left[ \sum_{m=1}^R \sqrt{\mu_m} \mathbf{v}_m \mathbf{u}_m^\dagger \right] \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^R \sum_{m=1}^R \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_n}} \sqrt{\mu_m} \mathbf{u}_n \mathbf{v}_n^\dagger \mathbf{v}_m \mathbf{u}_m^\dagger = \sum_{n=1}^R \mathbf{u}_n \mathbf{u}_n^\dagger = \mathcal{P}_{meas} \end{aligned}$$

## Still to come

- Iterative computation of the pseudoinverse
- Application to inverse problems
- Effects of noise
- Characterizing the null space
- Characterizing the range
- Consistency conditions