

Lecture 7: Complex Matrices, Pseudo inverses

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Complex Matrices

- **Conjugate of a matrix:**

$$A \in M_{m \times n}(C) = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n} \Rightarrow \bar{A} \in M_{m \times n}(C) = [\bar{a}_{ij}]_{m \times n}$$

- **Ex :** $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1+i & 1 \\ i & 1-i \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \bar{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-i & 1 \\ -i & 1+i \end{pmatrix}$

- **Properties of the conjugate of a matrix:**

$$(1) \bar{\bar{A}} = A \quad (2) \overline{A \pm B} = \bar{A} \pm \bar{B} \quad (3) \overline{AB} = \bar{A} \bar{B}$$

$$(4) \overline{cA} = \bar{c} \bar{A}, \quad c \in C \quad (5) (\bar{A})^T = \overline{A^T}$$

$$(6) \text{ If } A \text{ is invertible, then } (\bar{A})^{-1} = \overline{A^{-1}}$$

- Conjugate transpose of a matrix:

$$A \in M_{m \times n}(C) \Rightarrow A^* = \overline{A^T} \in M_{n \times m}(C)$$

- Ex :

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1+i & -i & 0 \\ 2 & 3-2i & i \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow A^* = \overline{A^T} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-i & 2 \\ i & 3+2i \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}$$

- Properties of the conjugate transpose:

$$(1) (A^*)^* = A$$

$$(2) (A \pm B)^* = A^* \pm B^*$$

$$(3) (AB)^* = B^* A^*$$

$$(4) (cA)^* = \overline{c} A^*, \quad c \in C$$

- **Hermitian matrix:**

A square matrix $A \in M_n(C)$ is **Hermitian** if $A^* = A$

- **Ex :**
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2+i & 4 \\ 2-i & 3 & i \\ 4 & -i & 1 \end{pmatrix} = A^*$$

- **Anti-Hermitian (Skew-Hermitian) matrix:**

A square matrix $A \in M_n(C)$ is **skew- Hermitian** if $A^* = -A$

- **Ex 4:**
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -i & 2+i \\ -2+i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -A^*$$

■ **Notes:**

- (1) Diagonal entries of an Hermitian matrix are real
- (2) Diagonal entries of a Skew-Hermitian matrix are purely imaginary or zero
- (3) Every square matrix $A \in M_n(C)$ can be expressed as the sum of a Hermitian matrix B and a skew-Hermitian matrix C

$$B = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^*), \quad C = \frac{1}{2}(A - A^*)$$

Hermitian Matrices and Unitary Diagonalization

- **Hermitian matrix:** A square matrix $A \in M_n(C)$ is **Hermitian** if $A^* = A$
- **Unitary matrix:** A square matrix $A \in M_n(C)$ is **Unitary** if $A^* = A^{-1}$
- **Theorem : (Properties of Hermitian matrices)**

If A is a Hermitian matrix, then:

- (a) The eigenvalues of A are all real numbers.
- (b) Eigenvalues from different eigenspaces are orthogonal

- **Ex:** $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1+i \\ 1-i & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det(\lambda I - A) = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 2 & -1 - i \\ -1 + i & \lambda - 3 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 4) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1, 4 \text{ (real numbers)}$$

$$\lambda_1 = 1: \quad \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 - i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \lambda_2 = 4: \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(1 + i) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 = (-1 - i) \left(\overline{\frac{1}{2}(1 + i)} \right) + (1)(1) = \frac{1}{2}(-1 - i)(-1 + i) + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{orthogonal}$$

■ **Theorem : (Unitary matrix)**

If A is an $n \times n$ complex matrix, then the following are equivalent

- (a) A is unitary
- (b) $\|A\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{x}\|$ for all \mathbf{x} in C^n
- (c) $A\mathbf{x} \cdot A\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}$ for all \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} in C^n
- (e) The column vectors (row) of A form an orthonormal set in C^n with respect to the complex Euclidean inner product

■ **Ex : (Unitary matrix)**

Show that A is unitary, and then find A^{-1}

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(1+i) & \frac{1}{2}(1+i) \\ \frac{1}{2}(1-i) & \frac{1}{2}(-1+i) \end{bmatrix}$$

Sol:

Row vectors $\mathbf{r}_1 = [\frac{1}{2}(1+i) \quad \frac{1}{2}(1+i)]$, $\mathbf{r}_2 = [\frac{1}{2}(1-i) \quad \frac{1}{2}(-1+i)]$

$$\mathbf{r}_1 \cdot \mathbf{r}_2 = (\frac{1}{2}(1+i))\left(\overline{\frac{1}{2}(1-i)}\right) + (\frac{1}{2}(1+i))\left(\overline{\frac{1}{2}(-1+i)}\right) = 0$$

$$\|\mathbf{r}_1\| = \sqrt{\left|\frac{1}{2}(1+i)\right|^2 + \left|\frac{1}{2}(1+i)\right|^2} = 1, \quad \|\mathbf{r}_2\| = \sqrt{\left|\frac{1}{2}(1-i)\right|^2 + \left|\frac{1}{2}(-1+i)\right|^2} = 1$$

are orthonormal

$$\text{So } A \text{ is unitary} \Rightarrow A^{-1} = A^* = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(1-i) & \frac{1}{2}(1+i) \\ \frac{1}{2}(1-i) & \frac{1}{2}(-1-i) \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Unitary diagonalization**

A square complex matrix A is said to be **unitarily diagonalizable** if there is a unitary matrix P such that $P^*AP = D$ is a complex diagonal matrix. Any such matrix P is said to **unitarily diagonalize** A

- **Theorem : (Unitary diagonalization)**

Every $n \times n$ Hermitian matrix A has an orthonormal set of n eigenvectors and is unitarily diagonalized by any $n \times n$ matrix P whose column vectors form an orthonormal set of eigenvectors of A

- **Unitary diagonalization of a Hermitian matrix**

Let A be an $n \times n$ Hermitian matrix.

Step 1: Find a basis for each eigenspace of A

Step 2: Apply the Gram–Schmidt process to each of these bases to obtain orthonormal bases for the eigenspaces.

Step 3: Form the matrix P whose column vectors are the basis vectors obtained in Step 2. This will be a unitary matrix and will unitarily diagonalize A

- **Ex : (Unitary diagonalization of a Hermitian matrix)**

Find a matrix P that unitarily diagonalizes the Hermitian matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 + i \\ 1 - i & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sol:

$$\lambda_1 = 1: \quad \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 - i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \lambda_2 = 4: \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(1 + i) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Gram-Schmidt Process:

$$\mathbf{p}_1 = \frac{\mathbf{v}_1}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1-i}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{p}_2 = \frac{\mathbf{v}_2}{\|\mathbf{v}_2\|} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1-i}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{P}^* \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1+i}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1-i}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1+i \\ 1-i & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1-i}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Normal matrices**

A square complex matrix A is said to be **normal** if it commutes with its conjugate transpose: $A^*A = AA^*$

Normal matrices include: the **Hermitian**, **skew-Hermitian**, and **unitary matrices** in the complex case and the **symmetric**, **skew-symmetric**, and **orthogonal** matrices in the real case.

- **Note:**

The nonzero skew-symmetric matrices are examples of real matrices that are not orthogonally diagonalizable but are unitarily diagonalizable

- **Ex : (Normal matrix)**

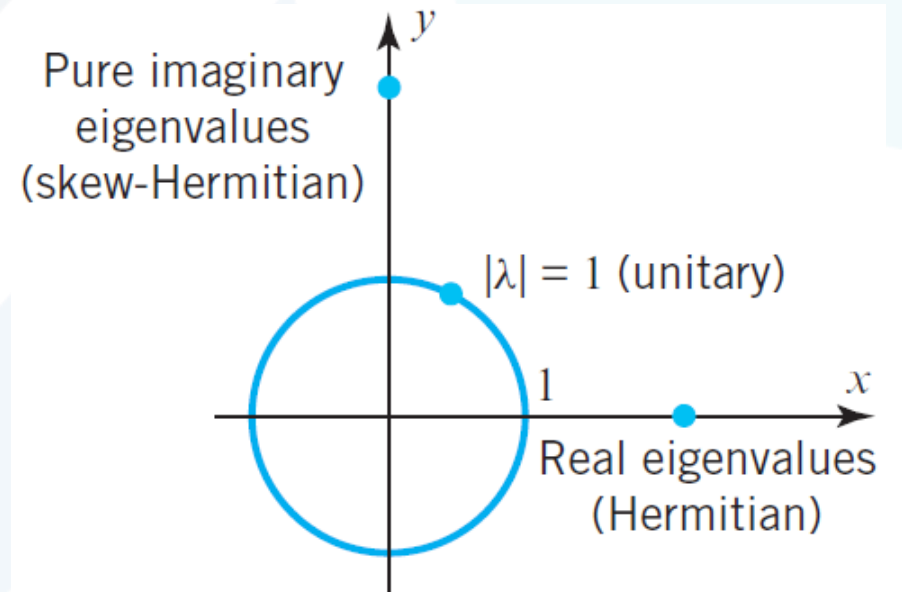
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (A^*A = AA^*)$$

- **Notes:**

Hermitian matrices have real eigenvalues

Skew-Hermitian matrices have eigenvalues either zero or purely imaginary

Unitary matrices have eigenvalues of modulus 1



The Pseudoinverse A^+

By choosing good bases, A multiplies v_i in the row space to give $\sigma_i u_i$ in the column space. A^{-1} must do the opposite! If $Av = \sigma u$ then $A^{-1}u = v/\sigma$. The singular values of A^{-1} are $1/\sigma$, just as the eigenvalues of A^{-1} are $1/\lambda$. The bases are reversed. The u 's are in the row space of A^{-1} , the v 's are in the column space.

Until this moment we would have added “if A^{-1} exists.” Now we don't. A matrix that multiplies u_i to produce v_i/σ_i *does* exist. It is the pseudoinverse A^+ :

Pseudoinverse of A

$$A^+ = V \Sigma^+ U^T = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & \cdots & v_r & \cdots & v_n \\ \text{\scriptsize } n \text{ by } n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^{-1} & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \sigma_r^{-1} & \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & \cdots & u_r & \cdots & u_m \\ \text{\scriptsize } m \text{ by } m \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$n \text{ by } n$ $n \text{ by } m$ $m \text{ by } m$

The *pseudoinverse* A^+ is an n by m matrix. If A^{-1} exists (we said it again), then A^+ is the same as A^{-1} . In that case $m = n = r$ and we are inverting $U\Sigma V^T$ to get $V\Sigma^{-1}U^T$. The new symbol A^+ is needed when $r < m$ or $r < n$. Then A has no two-sided inverse, but it has a *pseudoinverse* A^+ with that same rank r :

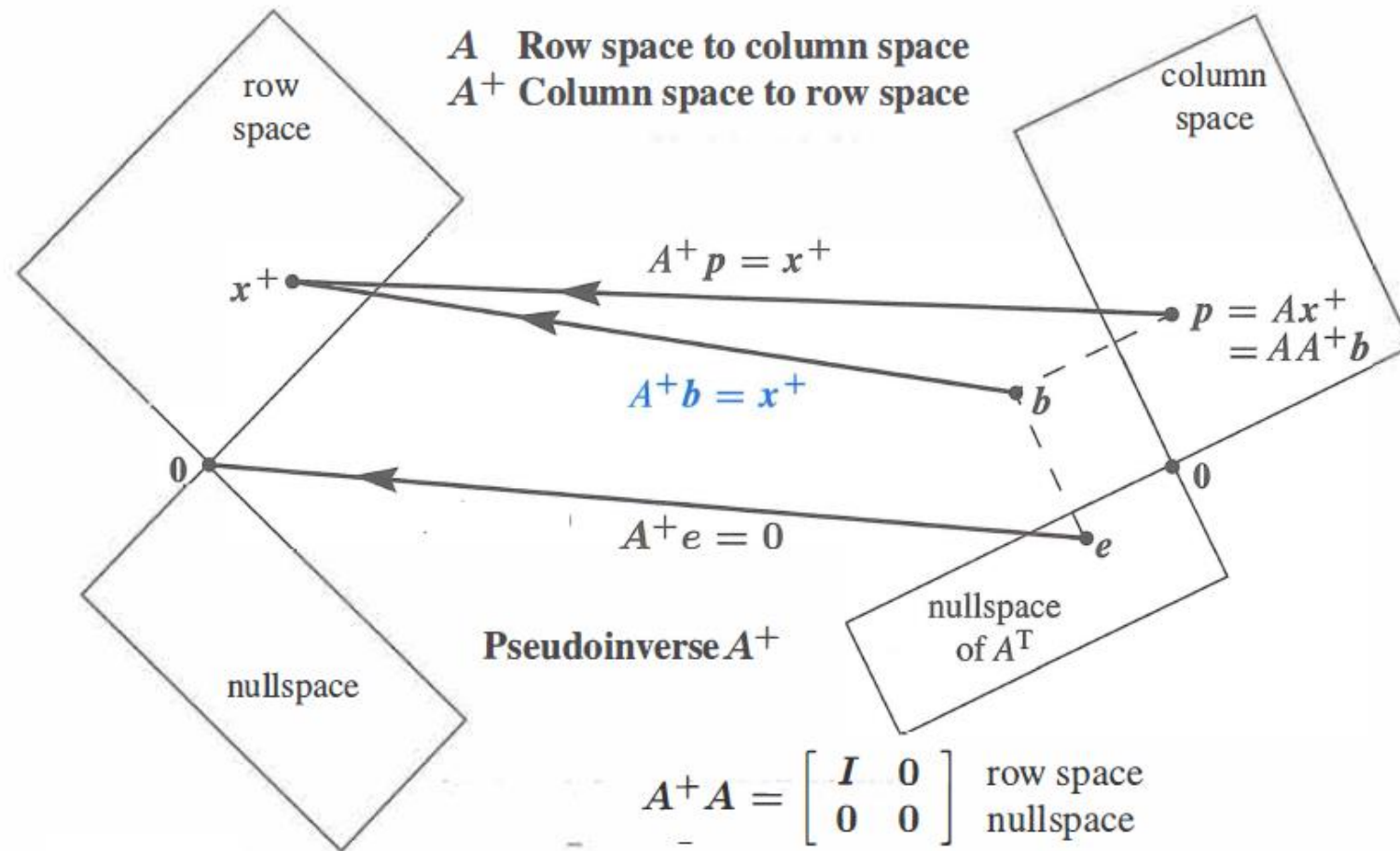
$$A^+ u_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} v_i \quad \text{for } i \leq r \quad \text{and} \quad A^+ u_i = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{for } i > r.$$

The vectors u_1, \dots, u_r in the column space of A go back to v_1, \dots, v_r in the row space. The other vectors u_{r+1}, \dots, u_m are in the left nullspace, and A^+ sends them to zero. When we know what happens to all those basis vectors, we know A^+ .

Notice the pseudoinverse of the diagonal matrix Σ . Each σ in Σ is replaced by σ^{-1} in Σ^+ . The product $\Sigma^+\Sigma$ is as near to the identity as we can get. It is a projection matrix, $\Sigma^+\Sigma$ is partly I and otherwise zero. We can invert the σ 's, but we can't do anything about the zero rows and columns. This example has $\sigma_1 = 2$ and $\sigma_2 = 3$:

$$\Sigma^+\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The pseudoinverse A^+ is the n by m matrix that makes AA^+ and A^+A into projections.



Ax^+ in the column space goes back to $A^+Ax^+ = x^+$ in the row space.

Trying for
 $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I$

$AA^+ =$ projection matrix onto the column space of A
 $A^+A =$ projection matrix onto the row space of A

Example 3 Every rank one matrix is a column times a row. With unit vectors u and v , that is $A = \sigma uv^T$. Its pseudoinverse is $A^+ = vu^T/\sigma$. The product AA^+ is uu^T , the projection onto the line through u . The product A^+A is vv^T .

Example 4 Find the pseudoinverse of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. This matrix is not invertible. The rank is 1. The only singular value is $\sigma_1 = 2$. That is inverted to $1/2$ in Σ^+ (also rank 1).

$$A^+ = V\Sigma^+U^T = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

A^+ also has rank 1. Its column space is always the row space of A .