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Adjoint Operators, Fundamental Subspaces

$A^* A \vec{x} = A^* \vec{b}$: least square solution.

When $A^* A$ is invertible, $\vec{x} = (A^* A)^{-1} A^* \vec{b}$

When is $(A^* A)$ invertible?

$(A^* A)^{-1}$ exists iff columns of A are L.I.

Recall: $A^* = \overline{A^T}$ (conjugate of A^T)

properties: 1. $(A+B)^* = A^* + B^*$

$$2. (\alpha A)^* = \overline{\alpha} A^*$$

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

$$4. (A^*)^* = A$$

$$5. (A\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = (\vec{x}, A^* \vec{y})$$

Proof: If A is $m \times n$ matrix, $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n$, $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{C}^m$

$$\begin{aligned} (A\vec{x}, \vec{y}) &= \vec{y}^* (A\vec{x}) = (\vec{y}^* A) \vec{x} = (A^* \vec{y})^* \vec{x} \\ &= (\vec{x}, A^* \vec{y}) \end{aligned}$$

Adjoint Transformation

$A: V \rightarrow W$ (V & W are inner-product spaces)

Define $A^*: W \rightarrow V$, such that $(A\vec{v}, \vec{w}) = (\vec{v}, A^* \vec{w})$

$$\forall \vec{v} \in V, \forall \vec{w} \in W$$

$A = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ is orthonormal basis in V

$B = \{\vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_m\}$ is orthonormal basis in W

$$[A^*]_{AB} = ([A]_{AB})^*$$

Theorem:

1. $\text{Ker } A = (\text{Ran } A^*)^\perp$

2. $\text{Ker } A^* = (\text{Ran } A)^\perp$

3. $\text{Ran } A = (\text{Ker } A^*)^\perp$

4. $\text{Ran } A^* = (\text{Ker } A)^\perp$

Statements (1) & (2) equivalent: (2) is just (1) applied to A^* .

Same with (3) & (4): (4) is (3) applied to A^*

Statements (4) and (1) are equivalent:

If $\text{Ker } A = (\text{Ran } A^*)^\perp$

then $(\text{Ker } A)^\perp = ((\text{Ran } A^*)^\perp)^\perp = \text{Ran } A^*$

So all 4 statements are equivalent.

Proof of statement 1:

$$\vec{x} \in (\text{Ran } A^*)^\perp$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \vec{x} \perp \text{Ran } A^*$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\vec{x}, A^* \vec{y}) = 0 \quad \forall \vec{y}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (A \vec{x}, \vec{y}) = 0 \quad \forall \vec{y}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A \vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \vec{x} \in \text{Ker } A$$

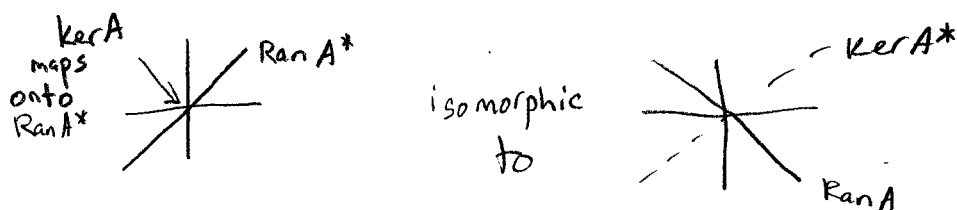
If A is an $m \times n$ matrix,

$$A: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^m$$

$$\dim \ker A + \dim \operatorname{Ran} A^* = n$$

$$\dim (\operatorname{Ran} A^*)^\perp + \dim \operatorname{Ran} A^* = n$$

Corollary: $\operatorname{Ran} A^* \rightarrow \operatorname{Ran} A$
" $(\ker A)^\perp$



$$(\vec{x}, A\vec{y}) = (A^*\vec{x}, \vec{y})$$

$$\operatorname{Rank}(A^*A) = \operatorname{Rank} A$$

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