

Linear Algebra for Computer Science

Lecture 16

Projection into a linear subspace

Orthogonality



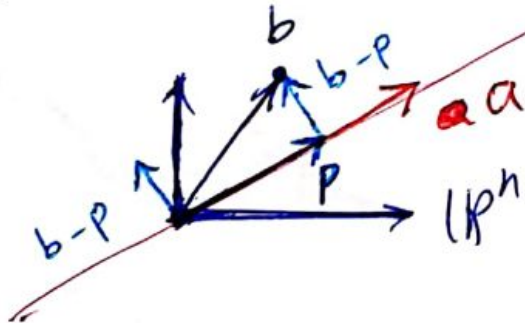
$$\langle u, v \rangle = u^T v = v^T u = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i v_i$$

$u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\|u\| = \sqrt{\langle u, u \rangle} = \sqrt{\sum u_i^2}$$

$$u \perp v \Leftrightarrow u^T v = 0$$

Projection into a linear space - 1D case



$$\vec{p} = \underline{x} \vec{a} \quad n \in \mathbb{R} \text{ scalar}$$

$$\boxed{[\vec{a}]^T x = [b]}$$

$$\langle \vec{a}, b-p \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{a}^T (b-p) = 0$$

~~$$\vec{a}^T b - \vec{a}^T p = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{a}^T b = \vec{a}^T p$$~~

~~$$\vec{a}^T b = \vec{a}^T (x \vec{a}) \Rightarrow x (\vec{a}^T \vec{a}) = \vec{a}^T b$$~~

$$a^T b - a^T p = 0 \Rightarrow a^T b = a^T p = x a^T a \Rightarrow x = \frac{a^T b}{a^T a} = \frac{a^T b}{\|a\|^2} \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$p = x \vec{a} = \left(\frac{a^T b}{a^T a} \right) a$$

Matrix multiplication of a vector and a scalar



$\alpha \vec{V}$ → vector

$$\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \quad V \in \mathbb{R}^n$$



$$\alpha \vec{V} = \vec{V} \alpha$$

$1 \times 1 \quad n \times 1 \quad n \times 1 \quad 1 \times 1$

compatible with
matrix multiplication

$$\alpha = u^T v \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\alpha = u^T A v \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$(u^T v) V \neq u^T v V$$

cannot multiply

$$= V(u^T v) = \underbrace{V}_{n \times n} \underbrace{u^T v}_{n \times 1}$$

$$\alpha V = (u^T v) v = v(u^T v) = (v u^T) v$$

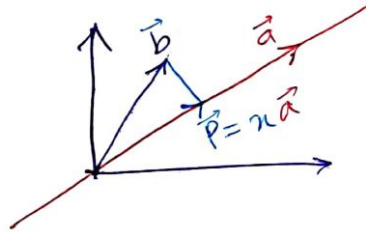
$$= v(v^T u) = v v^T u$$

$$= \underbrace{(v v^T)}_{n \times n} u$$

\vec{b} \vec{a}

Rank=1

Projection is a linear operation



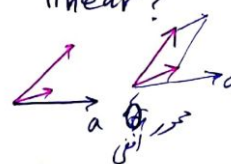
$n \times n$
Rank=1

$$\alpha = \frac{a^T b}{a^T a} = \frac{a^T b}{\|a\|^2}$$

$$p = \alpha a = \left(\frac{a^T b}{a^T a} \right) a$$

$p = f(b)$ f : projection on subspace spanned by \vec{a}

is f linear? $f(\alpha b) = \alpha f(b) \checkmark$



$$f(a+b) = f(a) + f(b) \checkmark$$

f is linear

$$p = f(b) = A b \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

projection is a linear operation

$$f(b) = p = \underbrace{\left(\frac{a^T b}{a^T a} \right)}_{f(b)} a$$

The projection matrix



$$f(b) = p \cdot a = \left(\frac{a^T b}{a^T a} \right) a = \overset{n \times 1}{a} \left(\frac{\overset{1 \times 1}{a^T b}}{\overset{1 \times 1}{a^T a}} \right) = \frac{1}{a^T a} a (a^T b)$$

compatible with matrix product

$$= \frac{1}{a^T a} \begin{matrix} \left[\begin{matrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{matrix} \right] \\ n \times 1 \quad 1 \times n \end{matrix} (a^T a^T) b = \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{a^T a} \underbrace{a a^T}_{n \times n} \right)}_{A = P_a} b = \begin{matrix} n \times n \\ \left(\frac{a a^T}{a^T a} \right) \\ \bullet 1 \times 1 \end{matrix} b$$

$$f(b) = \boxed{P_a} b \quad A = P_a$$


projection matrix



The projection operation



projection matrix




$$P_a = \frac{a a^T}{a^T a} = \frac{a a^T}{\|a\|^2}$$

$$f_a(b) = P_a b = \frac{a a^T}{a^T a} b$$

$$f_{2a}(b) = f_{ka}(b) = f_a(b)$$

$$f_a(2b) = 2f_a(b)$$

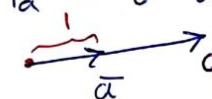
$$\vec{b} = \alpha \vec{a} \Rightarrow f_a(b) = P_a b = b$$


$$P_a = \frac{a a^T}{a^T a} = \frac{a a^T}{\|a\|^2} = \left(\frac{a}{\|a\|} \right) \left(\frac{a}{\|a\|} \right)^T$$

$$\bar{a} = \frac{a}{\|a\|} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^T a}}$$

$$\|\bar{a}\| = 1$$

\bar{a} is a unit vector

$$P_a = \bar{a} \bar{a}^T$$


Properties of the projection matrix

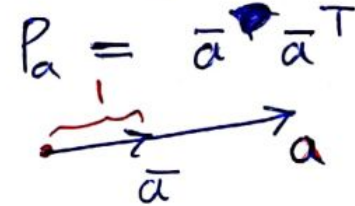


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$$P_a^T = \frac{aa^T}{\|a\|^2} = \frac{1}{\|a\|^2} (aa^T)^T = \frac{aa^T}{\|a\|^2} = P_a \quad \text{Symmetric}$$

$$\cancel{P_a P_a} = P_a P_a b = P_a b \quad \forall b \Rightarrow P_a P_a = P_a$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{= \alpha \vec{a}}$

Properties of the Projection Matrix

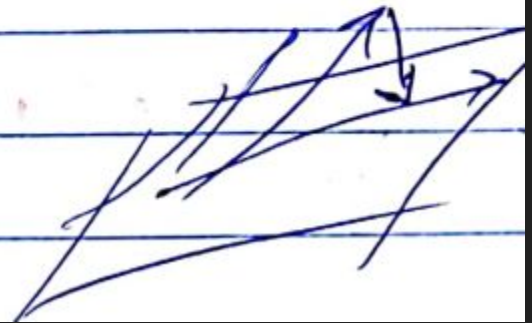


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$$f_a(b) = f_a(f_a(b)) \quad \text{idempotent}$$

$$P_a = P_a P_a$$

projection matrix $\begin{cases} P \cdot P = P \\ P^T = P \end{cases}$

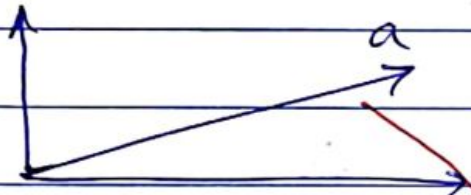


Rank of the 1-D projection matrix



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$$C(P_a) = C\left(\frac{a a^T}{\|a\|^2}\right) = C(a) = \{\alpha \vec{a} \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

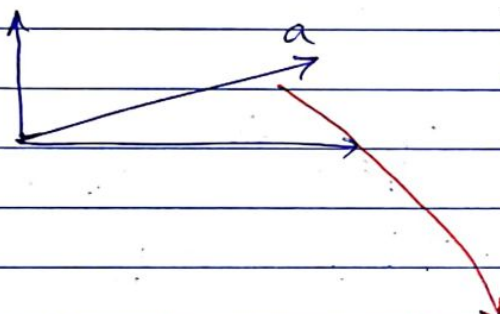


$$\frac{a a^T}{\|a\|^2} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} a \\ \vdots \\ a \end{bmatrix} [a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_n]}{\|a\|^2}$$

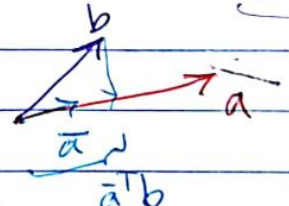
$$\left[\frac{a_1}{\|a\|^2} a \quad \frac{a_2}{\|a\|^2} a \quad \dots \quad \frac{a_n}{\|a\|^2} a \right]$$

$$\text{Rank}(P) = 1 = \dim(S)$$

Length of the projected vector


$$\frac{a a^T}{\|a\|^2} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} a \\ \vdots \\ a \end{bmatrix} [a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_n]}{\|a\|^2}$$
$$\left[\frac{a_1}{\|a\|^2} a \quad \frac{a_2}{\|a\|^2} a \quad \dots \quad \frac{a_n}{\|a\|^2} a \right]$$

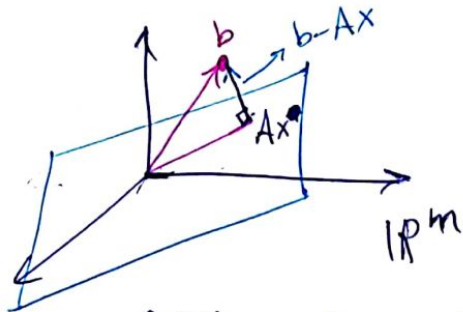
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$$f_a(b) = (\bar{a} \bar{a}^T) b = \bar{a} (\bar{a}^T b) = \bar{a} \langle \bar{a}, b \rangle$$


General Projection into a linear subspace



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$f_A(b) = Ax = P_A b$
projection map
(is linear)

$$(b - Ax) \perp C(A)$$

$$(b - Ax) \perp y \quad \text{for all } y \in C(A)$$

for all

$$y = Az =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$Ax = b$$

A has full column rank
(independent columns)

$$A = [a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_n]$$

$$C(A) = \text{span}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$$

$$= \{Ax \mid x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$$

$$\subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$$

General Projection into a linear subspace



$(b - Ax) \perp y$ for all $y \in C(A)$
 for all $y = Az = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{bmatrix}$
 $= z_1 a_1 + z_2 a_2 + \dots + z_n a_n$

$\Rightarrow \langle b - Ax, Az \rangle = 0 \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$(Az)^T (b - Ax) = 0 \quad \forall z$
 $z^T A^T (b - Ax) = 0 \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$z^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

~~$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$~~ $A^T (b - Ax) = 0$

$I \Rightarrow A^T (b - Ax) = 0 \Rightarrow A^T b = A^T A x$

$\begin{matrix} (A^T A) x = A^T b \\ \underbrace{\quad}_{n \times n} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{n \times 1} \end{matrix}$

$\begin{matrix} A^T A x = A^T b \\ \underbrace{\quad}_{n \times m} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{m \times n} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{n \times 1} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{n \times m} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{m \times 1} \end{matrix}$

$\Rightarrow x = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$

Least-squares solution is $A^T A$ invertible?

$\begin{bmatrix} A^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b \end{bmatrix}$
 $\begin{bmatrix} \quad \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \quad \end{bmatrix}$