Appendix

Some algebraic and functional techniques

This appendix covers various topics involving matrix decompositions, projections in vector and function spaces, and the constrained maximization of certain quadratic forms through the solution of appropriate eigenequations.

A.1 Inner products $\langle x, y \rangle$

An advance in mathematical notation occurs when we separate the name for an operation from explicit instructions on how to carry it out. Consider, for example, the operation +. Suppose one opens a mathematics book at a random page, and discovers the expression x + y. One might imagine that everyone would always mean the same by x + y, but a moment's thought shows that computing the sum can involve very different techniques depending on whether x and y are real numbers, complex numbers, vectors, matrices of the same dimensions or functions. What really counts is that any author who uses the symbol + can be assumed to mean an operation that obeys the basic properties of addition, x + y = y + x and (x + y) + z =x + (y + z), and that this operation also interlocks with the multiplication operation \times through $(x + y) \times z = x \times z + y \times z$ and $x \times (y + z) =$ $x \times y + x \times z$. The author assumes that we can actually carry out the operation involved ourselves, or else in some exotic situations he or she furnishes us with detailed instructions. The notation x + y allows the basic structure of addition to be assumed, almost subconsciously, leaving the details to be supplied in any particular case if necessary. Hiding the details focusses our attention on what really matters.

A.1.1 Some specific examples

We now discuss a generic notation for inner products, extending the familiar idea of the inner product of two vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} . Consider the *Euclidean inner product* operation $\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{y}$, where \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are vectors of the same length. The operation has the following simple properties:

Symmetry: $\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{x}$ for all \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} ,

Positivity: $\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{x} \ge 0$ for all \mathbf{x} , with $\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{x} = 0$ if and only if $\mathbf{x} = 0$, and

Bilinearity: for all real numbers a and b, $(a\mathbf{x} + b\mathbf{y})'\mathbf{z} = a\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{z} + b\mathbf{y}'\mathbf{z}$ for all vectors \mathbf{x} , \mathbf{y} and \mathbf{z} .

Of course, these properties follow from the instructions implied in the definition

$$\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{y} = \sum_{i} x_i y_i. \tag{A.1}$$

However, it is important to note that the Euclidean inner product operation, and the instructions defining it, are of critical importance in multivariate data analysis *because* of the properties of symmetry, positivity and bilinearity, which can therefore be considered of more fundamental significance than the definition (A.1) itself.

This basic role of symmetry, positivity and bilinearity is further emphasized when we realize that $\mathbf{x'Wy}$, where \mathbf{W} is a positive definite matrix of appropriate order, also has these properties and, indeed, can be used almost anywhere that we use $\mathbf{x'y}$. So, for example, we use $\mathbf{x'\Sigma}^{-1}\mathbf{y}$, where Σ is a population covariance matrix, to define the multivariate normal distribution, to compute Mahalanobis distances, to define generalized least squares estimates instead of ordinary least squares, and many other useful things.

Now suppose that x and y are not vectors, but rather functions with values x(t). The natural functional counterpart to x'y is $\int x(t)y(t) dt$, replacing the sum in (A.1) by an integral. Again we have an operation on two functions x and y that is denoted by presenting the instructions for computing its value, but we know that this, too, is symmetric in x and y, linear in either function, and satisfies the positivity requirement. The same conclusions can be drawn for the operation $\int \omega(t)x(t)y(t) dt$, where ω is a strictly positive weight function, and indeed for the more general operation $\int \int \omega(s,t)x(s)y(t) ds dt$ if ω is strictly positive-definite, which simply means that the positivity requirement for the inner product is satisfied.

It should by now be clear that we can achieve a great leap forward in generality by using a common notation for these various real-valued operations that is understood to imply symmetry, positivity and bilinearity, without bothering with the details of the computation. We call such an operation an *inner product*, and we use the generic notation $\langle x, y \rangle$ for the inner product of x and y. The fundamental properties of an inner product are:

Symmetry: $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$ for all x and y;

Positivity: $\langle x, x \rangle \ge 0$ for all x, with $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$ if and only if x = 0;

Bilinearity: for all real numbers a and b, $\langle ax + by, z \rangle = a \langle x, z \rangle + b \langle y, z \rangle$ for all vectors x, y and z.

Note that bilinearity in the second argument follows from symmetry and bilinearity in the first.

A.1.2 General properties: association, size, angle, distance

We can think of the inner product as defining a scalar measure of *association* between pairs of quantities x and y. The symmetric nature of the measure means that it is, as we would usually require, invariant with respect to the order of the quantities, and its bilinearity means that changing the scale of either argument and/or using a sum as either argument leaves the measure unchanged in its essential properties.

Positivity means that the inner product of any x with itself is essentially a measure of its *size*. The positive square root of this size measure is called the *norm* of x, written ||x||, so that

$$\|x\|^2 = \langle x, x \rangle \tag{A.2}$$

with $||x|| \ge 0$. In the special case where x is an n-vector, and the inner product is the Euclidean inner product (A.1), the norm of x is simply the length of the vector measured in n-dimensional space. In the case of a function f, a basic type of norm is $||f|| = \sqrt{\int f^2}$, and is called its \mathcal{L}^2 norm.

Whatever inner product is used, the standard properties of inner products lead to the following properties of the norm:

- 1. $||x|| \ge 0$ and ||x|| = 0 if and only if x = 0
- 2. ||ax|| = |a|||x|| for all real numbers a
- 3. $||x + y|| \le ||x|| + ||y||$.

From the properties of the inner product also follows the *Cauchy-Schwarz* inequality:

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \le ||x|| ||y|| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle \langle y, y \rangle}.$$

This inequality links the inner product with the derived size measure or norm, and also leads to the *cosine inequality*:

$$-1 \le \langle x, y \rangle / (\|x\| \|y\|) \le 1.$$

The cosine inequality links the inner product to the geometrical concept of *angle*; the angle between x and y can be defined to be the angle θ such that

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\| \|y\|}.$$

Where x and y are n-vectors and the inner product is Euclidean inner product, θ is the angle between x and y in the usual geometric sense. Similarly, the cosine of the angle between two functions f and g can be defined as $\int fg/\sqrt{(\int f^2)(\int g^2)}$. The use of the cosine inequality to justify the idea of the angle between two vectors or functions further illuminates the notion that $\langle x, y \rangle$ is a association measure. Once we have obtained a scale invariant coefficient by dividing by ||x||||y||, we have a useful index of the extent to which x and y are measuring the same thing.

The particular relation $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$, called *orthogonality*, implies that x and y can be considered as being at right angles to one another. Because of bilinearity, orthogonality remains unchanged under any rescaling of either quantity. Orthogonality plays a key role in the operation of *projection* that is discussed in Section A.2.1.

From the inner product, we also derive a measure of distance between x and y

$$d_{xy} = \|x - y\| = \sqrt{\langle x - y, x - y \rangle}$$

that has extremely wide applications; again, in the Euclidean case, distance corresponds to the usual geometric definition.

Thus, the simple algebraic properties of symmetry, positivity and bilinearity of the inner product lead easily to very useful definitions of the size of a quantity x, and of the angle and distance between x and y. We can be confident that, no matter how we define $\langle x, y \rangle$ in a particular application, the essential characteristics of these three measures remain unchanged.

The nature of the inner product depends on something more fundamental about x and y: They are elements of a *vector space* in which elements can be added, can be multiplied by real numbers to yield new vectors, and in which addition distributes with respect to scalar multiplication. The ensemble of a vector space and an associated inner product is called an *inner product* space.

Finally, of the three properties, only symmetry and bilinearity are really crucial. We can often get by with relaxing positivity to the weaker condition that $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$, so that $\langle x, x \rangle$ may be zero for some x's that are not themselves zero. Then the inner product is called a *semi-inner product* and the norm a *seminorm*. Most properties of inner products remain true for semi-inner products.

A.1.3 Descriptive statistics in inner product notation

As an example of how inner products can work for us, we consider how standard descriptive statistics can be expressed in inner product notation. Consider the space of possible univariate samples $x = (x_1, \ldots, x_N)$ of size N. Define the inner product to be the Euclidean inner product

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i} x_i y_i = x' y.$$

Let 1 indicate the vector of size N all of whose elements are unity. Then some familiar univariate descriptive statistics become

Mean: $\bar{x} = N^{-1} \langle x, 1 \rangle$. Note that \bar{x} , being a multiple of an inner product, is a scalar and not a vector. The vector of length N all of whose elements are \bar{x} is $\bar{x}1$.

Variance:
$$s_x^2 = N^{-1} \langle x - \bar{x} 1, x - \bar{x} 1 \rangle = N^{-1} ||x - \bar{x} 1||^2$$

Covariance:
$$s_{xy} = N^{-1} \langle x - \bar{x} 1, y - \bar{y} 1 \rangle$$

Correlation: $r_{xy} = s_{xy}/(s_x s_y)$.

It is easy to show that the covariance s_{xy} is itself a semi-inner product between x and y. It is then an immediate consequence of the cosine inequality that the correlation coefficient satisfies the well-known *correlation inequality*

$$-1 \le r_{xy} \le 1.$$

Now suppose that we stop using the Euclidean inner product, but instead go for

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i} w_i x_i y_i,$$

where w_i is a nonnegative weight to be applied to observation *i*. What difference would this make? None at all, except of course we must now divide by the constant $\sum_i w_i$ instead of *N* in defining \bar{x}, s_x^2 , and s_{xy} . The essential characteristics of these statistics depend on the characteristics of the inner product, and not on precisely how the inner product is actually calculated. Of course, the precise weighting affects the values of the statistics, but the essential meanings of the various descriptive statistics, for example as measures of location, scale and dependence remain basically unchanged.

We can generalize this idea further: Suppose that the sequence of observations is known to be correlated, with covariance matrix Σ . Then we can use $\langle x, y \rangle = x' \Sigma^{-1} y$ to provide a basis for descriptive statistics that compensate for the known covariance structure on the observations.

Now consider these same statistics in the context of x being a function with values x(t), where argument t takes values within some real interval such as [0, T]. Thus the index *i* taking *N* possible values has been replaced by the index *t* taking an infinity of values. Define the inner product as

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \int_0^T x(t)y(t) \, dt,$$

where we assume that the functions are sufficiently well behaved that the integral is always defined and finite. Then the various descriptive statistics continue to be defined as above, except that we divide by $\int_0^T dt = T$ instead of N and the vector 1 is replaced by the function 1 = 1(t) which takes the value of unity for all t. In the functional case, \bar{x} becomes the mean level of the function x, s_x^2 becomes a measure of its variation about its mean level, and s_{xy} and r_{xy} measure the correspondence between the variation of x and y. Moving to

$$\langle x,y\rangle = \int_0^T \omega(t) x(t) y(t)\,dt,$$

for some positive weight function ω , and dividing by $\int \omega(t) dt$ really wouldn't change these interpretations in any essential way, except that different parts of the range of t would be regarded as being of different importance.

Finally, we note that even the divisors in these statistics can be defined in inner product terms, meaning that our fundamental descriptive statistics can be written in the unifying form

$$\begin{split} \bar{x} &= \langle x, 1 \rangle / \|1\|^2 \\ s_x^2 &= \|x - \bar{x}1\|^2 / \|1\|^2 \\ s_{xy} &= \langle x - \bar{x}1, y - \bar{y}1 \rangle / \|1\|^2 . \end{split}$$

A.1.4 Some extended uses of inner product notation

In this book, we take the somewhat unorthodox step of using inner product notation to refer to certain *linear operations* that, strictly speaking, do not fall within the rubric of inner products.

So far in our discussion, the result of an inner product has always been a single real number. One way in which we extend our notation is the following. Let $x = (x_1, \ldots, x_m)'$ be a vector of length m, each element of which is an element of some vector space, whether finite dimensional or functional. Then the notation $\langle x, y \rangle$, where y is a single element of the same space, indicates the m-vector whose elements are $\langle x_1, y \rangle, \ldots, \langle x_m, y \rangle$. Furthermore, if y is similarly a vector of length, say, n, then the notation $\langle x, y' \rangle$ defines the matrix with m rows and n columns containing the values $\langle x_i, y_j \rangle, i = 1, \ldots, m; j = 1, \ldots, n$. We only use this convention in situations where the context should make clear whether x and/or y are vectors of elements of the space in question. In the functional context, we sometimes write

$$\langle z,\beta\rangle = \int z(s)\beta(s)\,ds$$

even when the functions z and β are not in the same space. We hope that the context of this use of inner product notation will make clear that a true inner product is not involved in this case. The alternative would have been the use of different notation such as (z, β) , but we considered that the possibilities of confusion justified avoiding this convention.

An important property is that $\langle z, \beta \rangle$ is always a *linear operator* when regarded as a function of either of its arguments; generally speaking a linear operator on a function space is a mapping A such that, for all f_1 and f_2 in the space, and for all scalars a_1 and a_2 , we have $A(a_1f_1 + a_2f_2) = a_1Af_1 + a_2Af_2$.

A.2 Further aspects of inner product spaces

We briefly review two further aspects of inner product spaces that are useful in our later development.

A.2.1 Projections

Let u_1, \ldots, u_n be any *n* elements of our space, and let \mathcal{U} be the subspace consisting of all possible linear combinations of the u_i . We can characterize the subspace \mathcal{U} by using suitable vector notation. Let *u* be the *n*-vector whose elements are the u_1, \ldots, u_n . Then every member of \mathcal{U} is of the form u'c for some real *n*-vector *c*.

Associated with the subspace \mathcal{U} is the *orthogonal projection onto* \mathcal{U} , which is defined to be a linear operator P with the following properties:

- 1. For all z, the element Pz falls in \mathcal{U} , and so is a linear combination of the functions u_1, \ldots, u_n .
- 2. If y is in \mathcal{U} already, then Py = y.
- 3. For all z, the residual z Pz is orthogonal to all elements v of \mathcal{U} .

From the first two of these properties, it follows at once that $PP = P^2 = P$. From the third property, it is easy to show that the operator P maps each element z to its *nearest* point in \mathcal{U} , distance being measured in terms of the norm. This makes projections very important in statistical contexts such as least squares estimation.

A.2.2 Quadratic optimization

Some of our functional data analysis methodology require the solution of a particular kind of constrained optimization problem. Suppose that A is a linear operator on a function space satisfying the condition

$$\langle x, Ay \rangle = \langle Ax, y \rangle$$
 for all x and y.

Such an operator is called a *self-adjoint* operator.

Now consider the problem of maximizing $\langle x, Ax \rangle$ subject to the constraint ||x|| = 1. In Section A.5, we set out results relating this optimization problem to the eigenfunction/eigenvalue problem $Au = \lambda u$. We then go on to consider the more general problem of maximizing $\langle x, Ax \rangle$ subject to a constraint on $\langle x, Bx \rangle$ for a second self-adjoint operator B.

A.3 Matrix decompositions and generalized inverses

We describe two important matrix decompositions, the singular value decomposition and the QR decomposition. Both of these are standard techniques in numerical linear algebra, and can be carried out within packages such as S-PLUS and MATLAB^(R). We do not give any details of the way the decompositions are computed; for these see, for example, Golub and Van Loan (1989) or the standard numerical linear algebra package LINPACK (Dongarra et al., 1979).

A.3.1 Singular value decompositions

Suppose **Z** is an $m \times n$ matrix. For many purposes it is useful to carry out a singular value decomposition (SVD) of **Z**. This expresses **Z** as the product of three matrices

$$\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}' \tag{A.3}$$

where, for some integer $q \leq \min(m, n)$,

- U is $m \times q$ and $U'U = I_q$, where I_q is the identity matrix of order q;
- **D** is a $q \times q$ diagonal matrix with strictly positive elements on the diagonal;
- **V** is $n \times q$ and $\mathbf{V}'\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}_q$.

The diagonal elements d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_q of **D** are called the *singular values* of **Z**, and the SVD can always be carried out in such a way that the diagonal elements d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_q satisfy

$$d_1 \ge d_2 \ge \ldots \ge d_q > 0. \tag{A.4}$$

In this case, the number q is equal to the rank of the matrix \mathbf{Z} , i.e., the maximum number of linearly independent rows or columns of \mathbf{Z} .

In the special case where \mathbf{Z} is square and symmetric, the requirement that the diagonal elements of \mathbf{D} are necessarily positive is usually dropped, but the matrices \mathbf{U} and \mathbf{V} are chosen to be identical. Furthermore we may allow $q \geq \operatorname{rank} \mathbf{Z}$. The d_i then include all the nonzero eigenvalues of \mathbf{Z} , together with some or all of the zero eigenvalues if there are any. We have

$$\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{U}' \text{ with } \mathbf{U}'\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}.$$
(A.5)

If, in addition, **Z** is positive semi-definite, so that $x'\mathbf{Z}x \ge 0$ for all vectors x, then

$$d_1 \ge d_2 \ge \ldots \ge d_q \ge 0. \tag{A.6}$$

A.3.2 Generalized inverses

Given any $m \times n$ matrix **Z**, we can define a *generalized inverse* or *g-inverse* of **Z** to be any $n \times m$ matrix **Z**⁻ such that

$$\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{Z}^{-}\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{Z}.$$
 (A.7)

If m = n and **Z** is an invertible matrix, then it follows from (A.7) that \mathbf{Z}^{-1} is a g-inverse of **Z**. Furthermore, by pre and post multiplying (A.7) by \mathbf{Z}^{-1} , we see that \mathbf{Z}^{-1} is the *unique* g-inverse of **Z** in this case.

In the more general case, the matrix \mathbf{Z}^- is not generally unique, but a particular g-inverse, called the *Moore-Penrose g-inverse* \mathbf{Z}^+ can always be calculated using the singular value decomposition (A.3) of the matrix \mathbf{Z} . Set

$$\mathbf{Z}^+ = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{U}'. \tag{A.8}$$

It is easy to check that \mathbf{Z}^+ is a g-inverse of \mathbf{Z} and also that

$$\mathbf{Z}^+ \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^+ = \mathbf{Z}^+ \text{ and } \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^+ = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{U}'.$$
(A.9)

A.3.3 The QR decomposition

The *QR* decomposition of an $m \times n$ matrix **Z** is a different decomposition that yields the expression

$$\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{R}$$

where \mathbf{Q} is an $m \times m$ orthogonal matrix (so that $\mathbf{Q}'\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{Q}' = \mathbf{I}$) and \mathbf{R} is an $m \times n$ upper-triangular matrix (so that $\mathbf{R}_{ij} = 0$ if i > j).

If m > n then the last (m - n) rows of **R** will be zero, and each of the last (m - n) columns x of **Q** will satisfy $x'\mathbf{Z} = 0$. Dropping these rows and columns will yield a *restricted QR decomposition* $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{Q}_1\mathbf{R}_1$ where \mathbf{R}_1 is an $n \times n$ upper-triangular matrix and **Q** is an $m \times n$ matrix of orthonormal columns.

A.4 Projections

In discussing the key concept of *projection*, we first consider projection matrices in *m*-dimensional spaces, and then go on to consider more general inner product spaces.

A.4.1 Projection matrices

Suppose that an $m \times m$ matrix **P** has the property that $\mathbf{P}^2 = \mathbf{P}$. Define \mathcal{P} to be the subspace of \mathbb{R}^m spanned by the columns of **P**. The matrix **P** is then called a *projection matrix* onto the subspace \mathcal{P} . The following two properties, which are easily checked, give the reason for this definition:

- 1. Every *m*-vector \mathbf{z} is mapped by \mathbf{P} into the subspace \mathcal{P} .
- 2. If \mathbf{z} is already a linear combination of columns of \mathbf{P} , so that $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{u}$ for some vector \mathbf{u} , then $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{z}$.

If **P** is a symmetric matrix, then **P** is called an *orthogonal* projection matrix, and will have several nice properties. For example, for any vector \mathbf{z} we have

$$(\mathbf{P}\mathbf{z})'\{(\mathbf{I}-\mathbf{P})\mathbf{z}\} = \mathbf{z}'\mathbf{P}'(\mathbf{I}-\mathbf{P})\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{z}'(\mathbf{P}\mathbf{z}-\mathbf{P}^2\mathbf{z}) = 0.$$

This means that the projected vector \mathbf{Pz} and the 'residual vector' $\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{Pz}$ are orthogonal to one another, in the usual Euclidean sense. Furthermore, suppose \mathbf{v} is any vector in \mathcal{P} . Then, by a very similar argument,

$$\mathbf{v}'(\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{z}) = (\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v})'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{v}'\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})\mathbf{z} = 0,$$

so that the residual vector is orthogonal to all vectors in \mathcal{P} .

Suppose that **w** is any vector in \mathcal{P} other than **Pz**. Then **w** – **Pz** is also in \mathcal{P} and therefore is orthogonal to **z** – **Pz**. Defining $\langle x, y \rangle = x'y$ and ||x||to be the usual Euclidean inner product and norm, we then have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{w}\|^2 &= \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{z}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{P}\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{w}\|^2 + 2\langle \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{P}\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{w} \rangle \\ &= \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{z}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{P}\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{w}\|^2 > \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{z}\|^2. \end{aligned}$$
(A.10)

This means that \mathbf{Pz} is the closest point to \mathbf{z} in the subspace \mathcal{P} . Thus orthogonal projections onto a subspace have the property of mapping each vector to the nearest point in the subspace.

More generally, if the inner product is $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \mathbf{x}' \mathbf{W} \mathbf{y}$, and if \mathbf{P} is a projection onto the space \mathcal{P} such that $\mathbf{W} \mathbf{P}$ is symmetric, then \mathbf{P} is orthogonal with respect to this inner product, meaning that $\langle \mathbf{P} \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{P} \mathbf{z} \rangle = 0$ and $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{P} \mathbf{z} \rangle = 0$ for all \mathbf{v} in \mathcal{P} .

A.4.2 Finding an appropriate projection matrix

Now suppose we are not given a projection matrix, but instead we are given a subspace \mathcal{U} of \mathbb{R}^m , and we wish to find an orthogonal projection matrix **P** that projects onto \mathcal{U} .

Let \mathbf{Z} be any matrix whose columns are *m*-vectors that span the subspace \mathcal{U} . There is no need for the columns to be linearly independent. Define \mathbf{P} by

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{Z}^{-}$$

It is straightforward to show that \mathbf{P} is a projection onto the subspace \mathcal{U} as required.

In order to get an *orthogonal* projection, define **P** using the Moore-Penrose g-inverse \mathbf{Z}^+ . Then, in terms of the SVD of **Z**, we have $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}'$, so that **P** is a symmetric matrix and hence an orthogonal projection.

A.4.3 Projections in more general inner product spaces

We can extend these ideas to projections in more general inner product spaces as discussed in Section A.2.1. As in that section, let u_1, \ldots, u_n be any *n* elements of our space, and let *u* be the *n*-vector whose elements are the u_1, \ldots, u_n . Let \mathcal{U} be the subspace consisting of all possible linear combinations c'u for real *n*-vectors *c*. Suppose that *P* is an orthogonal projection onto \mathcal{U} as specified in Section A.2.1. The proof that *P* maps each element *z* to the nearest member $P\mathbf{z}$ of \mathcal{U} is identical to the argument given in (A.10) because that depends only on the defining properties of an inner product and associated norm.

How are we to find an orthogonal projection of this kind? Extend our notation to define $\mathbf{K} = \langle u, u' \rangle$ to be the symmetric $n \times n$ matrix with elements $\langle u_i, u_j \rangle$. Given any real *n*-vector *x*, we have $x'\mathbf{K}x = \langle x'u, u'x \rangle = ||x'u||^2 \ge 0$, so the matrix **K** is positive semi-definite.

Define the operator P by

$$Pz = u'\mathbf{K}^+ \langle u, z \rangle$$

for all z. By definition Pz is a linear combination of the elements of u and hence is in \mathcal{P} . We shall show that P is an orthogonal projection onto \mathcal{P} .

If y is in \mathcal{P} , then y = u'c for some real vector c, so that $Py = u'\mathbf{K}^+\mathbf{K}c$, and y - Py = u'd where $d = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}^+\mathbf{K})c$. Therefore, since $\mathbf{K}\mathbf{K}^+\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{K}$,

$$||y - Py||^2 = d'\mathbf{K}d = d'(\mathbf{K} - \mathbf{K}\mathbf{K}^+\mathbf{K})c = 0,$$

implying that $||y - Py||^2 = 0$ and Py = y.

Finally, given any v in \mathcal{P} , and any z, use the property (A.9) to show that

and therefore that $\langle Pz - v, z - Pz \rangle = 0$, completing the proof that P is the required orthogonal projection onto \mathcal{P} .

A.5 Constrained maximization of a quadratic function

A.5.1 The finite-dimensional case

Suppose that **A** is a symmetric $p \times p$ matrix. An important result in linear algebra concerns the constrained maximization problem

$$\max \mathbf{x}' \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \text{ for } p \text{-vectors } \mathbf{x} \text{ subject to } \mathbf{x}' \mathbf{x} = 1.$$
 (A.11)

Let $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \ldots \geq \lambda_p$ be the eigenvalues of **A**, and let \mathbf{u}_i be the corresponding eigenvectors, each normalized to have $\|\mathbf{u}_i\| = 1$. Let **U** be the matrix whose columns are the eigenvectors \mathbf{u}_i and **D** be the diagonal matrix with diagonal elements λ_i . We then have $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{U}'$, and $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}' = \mathbf{U}'\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}$.

Set $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{U}'\mathbf{x}$ in (A.11), so that $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{y}$. We have $\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{U}'\mathbf{U}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{y}$, so the constraint $\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{x} = 1$ is equivalent to $\mathbf{y}'\mathbf{y} = 1$. Therefore, in terms of \mathbf{y} , the maximization problem (A.11) can be rewritten as

$$\max \mathbf{y}' \mathbf{D} \mathbf{y} \text{ for } p \text{-vectors } \mathbf{y} \text{ subject to } \mathbf{y}' \mathbf{y} = 1.$$
(A.12)

This is clearly solved by setting \mathbf{y} to be the vector $(1, 0, \dots, 0)'$, so that \mathbf{x} is the first column of \mathbf{U} , in other words the leading normalized eigenvector \mathbf{u}_1 of \mathbf{A} .

By an extension of this argument, we can characterize all the eigenvectors of \mathbf{A} as solutions of successive optimization problems. The *j*th normalized eigenvector \mathbf{u}_j solves the problem (A.11) subject to the additional constraint of being orthogonal to all the solutions found so far:

max
$$\mathbf{x}' \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$$
 subject to $\mathbf{x}' \mathbf{x} = 1$ and $\mathbf{x}' \mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{x}' \mathbf{u}_2 = \ldots = \mathbf{x}' \mathbf{u}_{j-1} = 0.$
(A.13)

Setting $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{u}_j$, we have $\mathbf{x}' \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \lambda_j \mathbf{u}'_j \mathbf{u}_j = \lambda_j$, the *j*th eigenvalue.

A.5.2 The problem in a more general space

Now suppose we are working within a more general inner product space. The role of a symmetric matrix is now played by a self-adjoint linear operator A, that is, one satisfying the condition

$$\langle x, Ay \rangle = \langle Ax, y \rangle$$
 for all x and y.

We shall assume that A is a completely continuous (or compact) symmetric transformation on a Hilbert space; there is no need at all for the reader to understand what this means, but anyone interested is referred to Aubin (2000) or any other standard text on functional analysis. The reader can

always take it on trust that the assumptions are satisfied when we appeal to the results of this section.

The problem

$$\max\langle x, Ax \rangle$$
 subject to $||x|| = 1$ (A.14)

corresponds to the maximization problem (A.11), and we can define a sequence u_i as the solutions to the succession of optimization problems

$$\max\langle x, Ax \rangle$$
 subject to $||x|| = 1$ and $\langle x, u_i \rangle = 0$ for $i < j$. (A.15)

Under the conditions referred to above, these optimization problems can be solved by considering the eigenfunction problem

$$Au = \lambda u$$

and normalizing the eigenfunctions u to satisfy ||u|| = 1. Suppose the eigenvalues are $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \ldots$ with eigenfunctions u_1, u_2, \ldots Then the leading eigenfunction u_1 solves the optimization problem (A.14) and the value of the maximum is λ_1 . The successive eigenfunctions u_j solve the constrained problem (A.15), and the maximum at the *j*th stage is $\langle u_j, Au_j \rangle = \lambda_j ||u_j||^2 = \lambda_j$.

A.5.3 Generalized eigenproblems

We sometimes wish to modify the optimization problems we have considered by the introduction of a positive definite symmetric matrix **B** into the constraints, replacing the constraint $||\mathbf{x}|| = 1$ by $\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{B}\mathbf{x} = 1$ or, more generally, $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{B}\mathbf{x} \rangle = 1$, and similarly defining orthogonality with respect to the matrix **B**.

Consider the solutions of the generalized eigenproblem

$$Av = \rho Bv,$$

where v is either a function or a vector, and A and B are corresponding linear operators acting on V. We normalize the solutions to satisfy $\langle v, Bv \rangle = 1$. Suppose the solutions are v_1, v_2, \ldots , with corresponding generalized eigenvalues $\rho_1 \ge \rho_2 \ge \ldots$. Under suitable conditions, which are always satisfied in the finite-dimensional case, and are analogous to those noted above for more general spaces, the leading generalized eigenvector or function v_1 solves the problem

$$\max\langle v, Av \rangle$$
 subject to $\langle v, Bv \rangle = 1$, (A.16)

and the maximizing value is equal to ρ_1 . The *j*th generalized eigenvector or function v_j solves the problem

 $\max\langle v, Av \rangle$ subject to $\langle v, Bv \rangle = 1$ and $\langle v, Bv_i \rangle = 0$ for i < j

and the maximizing value is ρ_i .

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Finally, we note that the problem of maximizing the ratio

$$\frac{\langle v, Av \rangle}{\langle v, Bv \rangle} \tag{A.17}$$

for $v \neq 0$ is equivalent to that of maximizing $\langle v, Av \rangle$ subject to the constraint $\langle v, Bv \rangle = 1$. To see this, note that scaling any v to satisfy the constraint does not affect the value of the ratio (A.17), and so the maximum of the ratio is unaffected by the imposition of the constraint. Once the constraint is imposed, the denominator of (A.17) is equal to 1, and so maximizing the ratio subject to $\langle v, Bv \rangle = 1$ is exactly the same as the original maximization problem (A.16).

A.6 Kronecker Products

Let **A** be an *m* by *n* matrix and let **B** be a *p* by *q* matrix. The Kronecker product $\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B}$ is the super or composite matrix of order *mp* by *nq* consisting of sub-matrices $a_{ij}\mathbf{B}$. That is,

$$\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}\mathbf{B} & a_{12}\mathbf{B} & \dots & a_{1n}\mathbf{B} \\ a_{21}\mathbf{B} & a_{22}\mathbf{B} & \dots & a_{2n}\mathbf{B} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1}\mathbf{B} & a_{m2}\mathbf{B} & \dots & a_{mn}\mathbf{B} \end{bmatrix}$$

One of the most common applications of the Kronecker product is to express a linear equation of the form

$$AXB' = C,$$

which cannot be solved for \mathbf{X} by conventional matrix algebra, in the form

$$(\mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{A})$$
vec $(\mathbf{X}) =$ vec $(\mathbf{C}),$

where vec (**X**) indicates the vector of length nq obtained by writing matrix **X** as a vector column-wise, and, in the same way, vec (**C**) indicates the vector of length mp obtained by writing matrix **C** as a vector column-wise. Then we can express the solution directly as

$$\operatorname{vec}\left(\mathbf{X}\right) = (\mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{A})^{-1}\operatorname{vec}\left(\mathbf{C}\right),$$

provided that, of course, matrix $\mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{A}$ is nonsingular.

The Kronecker product is *bilinear* in the sense that

$$\operatorname{vec}\left(\mathbf{A}_{1}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}_{1}^{\prime}+\mathbf{A}_{2}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}_{2}^{\prime}\right)=\left(\mathbf{B}_{1}\otimes\mathbf{A}_{1}+\mathbf{B}_{2}\otimes\mathbf{A}_{2}\right)\operatorname{vec}\left(\mathbf{X}\right).$$

Other useful relations for simplifying expressions involving Kronecker products are

$$\mathbf{A} \otimes (\mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{C}) = (\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B}) \otimes \mathbf{C}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{A}\otimes\mathbf{B})' &= & \mathbf{A}'\otimes\mathbf{B}' \\ (\mathbf{A}\otimes\mathbf{B})(\mathbf{C}\otimes\mathbf{D}) &= & (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{C})\otimes(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}) \\ (\mathbf{A}+\mathbf{B})\otimes\mathbf{C} &= & (\mathbf{A}\otimes\mathbf{C})+(\mathbf{B}\otimes\mathbf{C}) \\ \mathbf{A}\otimes(\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{C}) &= & (\mathbf{A}\otimes\mathbf{B})+(\mathbf{A}\otimes\mathbf{C}) \\ \operatorname{trace}\left(\mathbf{A}\otimes\mathbf{B}\right) &= & (\operatorname{trace}\mathbf{A})(\operatorname{trace}\mathbf{B}), \end{aligned}$$

Finally, if both **A** and **B** are nonsingular, then

$$(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B})^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{B}^{-1}.$$

A.7 The multivariate linear model

We now return to a more statistical topic. A review of the multivariate linear model may be helpful, both to fix ideas and notation, and because some of the essential concepts transfer without much more than a change of notation to functional contexts. But a slight change of perspective is helpful on what the design matrix means. Moreover, a notion that is used repeatedly for functional data is *regularization*, and we introduce regularization in Section A.8 within the multivariate context.

A.7.1 Linear models from a transformation perspective

Let **Y** be a $N \times p$ matrix of dependent variable observations, **Z** be a $N \times q$ matrix, and **B** be a $q \times p$ matrix. In classical terminology, **Z** is the *design* matrix and **B** is a matrix of parameters.

The multivariate linear model is

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{E}.\tag{A.18}$$

The rows of the disturbance or residual matrix \mathbf{E} are often thought of, at least at the population level, as independent samples from a common population of *p*-variate observations with mean 0 and finite covariance matrix Σ .

Although in many contexts it is appropriate to think of the columns of \mathbf{Z} as corresponding to variables, it is better for our purposes to take the more general view that \mathbf{Z} represents a linear transformation that maps matrices \mathbf{B} into matrices with the dimensions of \mathbf{Y} . This can be indicated by the notation

$$\mathbf{Z}: R^{q \times p} \to R^{N \times p}.$$

The space of all possible transformed values **ZB** then defines a subspace of $R^{N \times p}$, denoted by $R(\mathbf{Z})$, and is called the *range space* of **Z**.

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A.7.2 The least squares solution for \mathbf{B}

When it is assumed that the rows of the disturbance matrix \mathbf{E} are independent, each with covariance matrix Σ , the natural inner product to use in the observation space $\mathbb{R}^{N \times p}$ is

$$\langle \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y} \rangle = \operatorname{trace} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{Y}' = \operatorname{trace} \mathbf{Y}' \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}$$
 (A.19)

for **X** and **Y** in $\mathbb{R}^{N \times p}$. We then measure the goodness of fit of any parameter matrix **B** to the observed data **Y** making use of the corresponding norm

$$LMSSE(\mathbf{B}) = \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{B}\|^2 = trace (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{B})'\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{B}).$$
(A.20)

Suppose, for the moment, that the matrix \mathbf{Z} is of full column rank, or that $N \geq q$ and the columns of \mathbf{Z} are independent. A central result on the multivariate linear model is that the matrix $\hat{\mathbf{B}}$ that minimizes $\texttt{LMSSE}(\mathbf{B})$ is given by

$$\hat{\mathbf{B}} = (\mathbf{Z}'\mathbf{Z})^{-1}\mathbf{Z}'\mathbf{Y}.$$
 (A.21)

The corresponding predictor of \mathbf{Y} is given by

$$\hat{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{Z}\hat{\mathbf{B}} = \mathbf{Z}(\mathbf{Z}'\mathbf{Z})^{-1}\mathbf{Z}'\mathbf{Y}.$$
(A.22)

The matrix $\hat{\mathbf{Y}}$ can be thought of as the matrix in the subspace $R(\mathbf{Z})$ that minimizes $\|\mathbf{Y} - \hat{\mathbf{Y}}\|^2$ over all possible approximations $\hat{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{B}$ falling in $R(\mathbf{Z})$.

Note that the least squares estimator $\hat{\mathbf{B}}$ and the best linear predictor $\hat{\mathbf{Y}}$ do not depend on the variance matrix $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$, even though the fitting criterion LMSSE(\mathbf{B}) does. It turns out that when the details of the minimization of LMSSE(\mathbf{B}) are carried through, the variance matrix $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ cancels out. But if there are covariances among errors or residuals *across* observations, contained in a variance-covariance matrix $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}$, say, then the inner product (A.19) becomes

$$\langle \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y} \rangle = \text{trace } \mathbf{Y}' \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}$$

Using this inner product in the definition of goodness of fit, the estimator of \mathbf{B} and the best predictor of \mathbf{Y} becomes

$$\hat{\mathbf{B}} = (\mathbf{Z}' \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} \mathbf{Z})^{-1} \mathbf{Z}' \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} \mathbf{Y}$$

and

$$\hat{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{Z} (\mathbf{Z}' \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} \mathbf{Z})^{-1} \mathbf{Z}' \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} \mathbf{Y}.$$

Thus, the optimal solution does depend on how one treats errors *across* observations.

A.8 Regularizing the multivariate linear model

One of the major themes of this book is *regularization*, and for readers familiar with multivariate analysis, it may be helpful to introduce this idea in the multivariate context first. Others, especially those who are familiar with curve estimation already, may prefer to omit this section.

Suppose now that we are dealing with an under-determined problem, where q > N and the matrix **Z** is of full row rank N. This means that the range space $R(\mathbf{Z})$ is the whole of $R^{N \times p}$.

A.8.1 Definition of regularization

Regularization involves attaching a *penalty term* to the basic squared error fitting criterion:

$$LMSSE_{\lambda}(\mathbf{B}) = \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{ZB}\|^2 + \lambda \times PEN(\mathbf{B}).$$
(A.23)

The purpose of the penalty term $\text{PEN}(\mathbf{B})$ is to require that the estimated value of \mathbf{B} not only yields a good fit in the sense of small $\|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{ZB}\|^2$, but also that some aspect of \mathbf{B} captured in the function PEN is kept under control. The positive penalty parameter λ quantifies the relative importance of these two aims. If λ is large, then we are particularly concerned with keeping PEN(\mathbf{B}) small, and getting a good fit to the data is only of secondary importance; if λ is small, then we are not so concerned about the value of PEN(\mathbf{B}).

One example of this type of regularization is the *ridge regression* technique, often used to stabilize regression coefficient estimates in the presence of highly collinear independent variables. In this case, what is penalized is the size of the regression coefficients themselves, in the sense that $PEN(\mathbf{B}) = trace(\mathbf{B'B})$, the sum of squares of the entries of **B**. The solution to the minimization of $LMSSE_{\lambda}(\mathbf{B})$ is then

$$\mathbf{B} = (\mathbf{Z}'\mathbf{Z} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{Z}'\mathbf{Y}.$$

As λ approaches zero, **B** approaches the least squares solution described in Section A.7, but as λ grows, **B** approaches zero. Thus, ridge regression is said to shrink the solution towards zero.

A.8.2 Hard-edged constraints

One way to obtain a well-determined problem is to place constraints on the matrix **B**. For example, consider the model where it is assumed that the coefficients in each column of **B** are a constant vector, so all we have to do is to estimate a single number for each column. If we define the $(q-1) \times q$ matrix **L** to have $L_{ii} = 1$ and $L_{i,i+1} = -1$ for each *i*, and all other entries

zero, then our assumption about \mathbf{B} can be written as the constraint

$$\mathbf{LB} = 0. \tag{A.24}$$

In order for the elements of \mathbf{B} to be identifiable on the basis of the observed data, the design matrix \mathbf{Z} has to satisfy the condition

$$\mathbf{Z1} \neq \mathbf{0},\tag{A.25}$$

where $\mathbf{1}$ is a vector of q unities.

The transformation \mathbf{L} reduces multiples of the vector $\mathbf{1}$ exactly to zero. The identifiability condition (A.25) can be replaced by the condition that the zero vector is the only *q*-vector \mathbf{b} such that both $\mathbf{L}\mathbf{b}$ and $\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{b}$ are zero. Equivalently, the matrix $[\mathbf{Z}' \ \mathbf{L}']$ is nonsingular.

A.8.3 Soft-edged constraints

Instead of enforcing the hard-edged constraint $\mathbf{LB} = 0$, we may wish to let the coefficients in any column of **B** vary, but not more than really necessary, by exploring compromises between the rank-one extreme implied by (A.24) and a completely unconstrained underdetermined fit. We might consider this a soft-edged constraint, and it can be implemented by a suitable regularization procedure. If we define

$$PEN(\mathbf{B}) = \|\mathbf{LB}\|^2 = trace(\mathbf{B'L'LB})$$
(A.26)

then the penalty PEN(B) quantifies how far the matrix **B** is from satisfying the constraint LB = 0.

The regularized estimate of \mathbf{B} , obtained by minimizing the criterion (A.23), now satisfies

$$(\mathbf{Z}'\mathbf{Z} + \lambda \mathbf{L}'\mathbf{L})\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{Z}'\mathbf{Y}.$$
 (A.27)

For any $\lambda > 0$, a unique solution for **B** requires the nonsingularity of the matrix $[\mathbf{Z}'\mathbf{L}']$, precisely the condition for identifiability of the model subject to the constraint (A.24).

In the limit as the parameter $\lambda \to \infty$, the penalized fitting criterion (A.23) automatically enforces on **B** the one-dimensional structure $\mathbf{LB} = 0$. On the other hand, in the limit $\lambda \to 0$, no penalty at all is applied, and **B** takes on whatever value results in minimizing the error sum of squares to zero, due to the underdetermined character of the problem. Thus, from the regularization perspective, the constrained estimation problem $\mathbf{LB} = 0$ that arises frequently in linear modelling designs is simply an extreme case of the regularization process where $\lambda \to \infty$.

We have concentrated on a one-dimensional constrained model, corresponding to a $(q-1) \times q$ matrix **L**, but of course the ideas can be immediately extended to nonsingular $s \times q$ constraint matrices **L** that map a *q*-vector into a space of vectors of dimension $s \leq q$. In this case, the constrained model is of dimension q-s. Note also that the specification of the matrix **L** corresponding to any particular constrained model is not unique, and that if **L** is specified differently the regularized estimates are in general different.

Finally, we note in passing that Bayesian approaches to regression, in which a multivariate normal prior distribution is proposed for \mathbf{B} , can also be expressed in terms of a penalized least squares problem of the form (A.23). For further details see, for example, Kimeldorf and Wahba (1970), Wahba (1978) or Silverman (1985).

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