

# Projection and permutation matrices

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# "Fundamental Thm. of Linear Algebra"

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

"4 fundamental subspaces (of A)"

1.)  $\text{range}(A) \subset \mathbb{C}^m$   ~~$\emptyset$~~

2.)  $\text{ker}(A) \subset \mathbb{C}^n$

3.)  $\text{range}(A^*) \subset \mathbb{C}^n$

4.)  $\text{ker}(A^*) \subset \mathbb{C}^m$   ~~$\emptyset$~~

Then: if  $r = \text{rank}(A)$ ,

- $\dim \text{range}(A) = \dim \text{range}(A^*) = r$

- $\dim \text{ker}(A) = n - r$

- $\dim \text{ker}(A^*) = m - r$

- $\text{range}(A) \perp \text{ker}(A^*)$

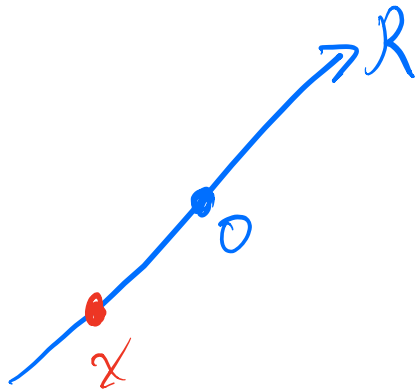
- $\text{range}(A^*) \perp \text{ker}(A)$

$$(S_1 \perp S_2 \text{ if } \langle x, y \rangle = 0 \quad \forall x \in S_1, y \in S_2)$$

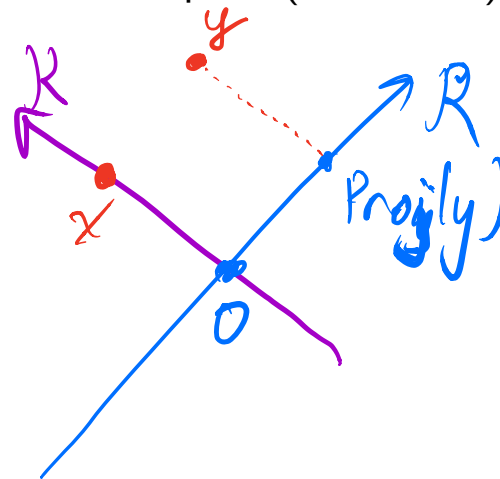
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In order to be well-defined, we need an additional condition.

## Definition

A matrix  $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is a projection matrix if

1.  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$  for all  $\mathbf{v} \in \text{range}(\mathbf{P})$
  2.  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$  for all  $\mathbf{v} \in \text{ker}(\mathbf{P})$
  - ★ 3.  $\text{range}(\mathbf{P}) \oplus \text{ker}(\mathbf{P}) = \mathbb{C}^n$ .
- $\Rightarrow \forall v \in \mathbb{C}^n, \exists r \in \text{range}(\mathbf{P}), k \in \text{ker}(\mathbf{P}) \text{ s.t. } v = r + k.$  (!) ✓

Ex.  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$   $\text{range}(P) = \mathbb{C}^2$   
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$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is not a projection.

# Projections exist and are unique

Does this definition make sense?

$\{0\}$

$\parallel$

## Theorem

If  $\mathcal{R}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$  are  $\mathbb{C}^n$ -subspaces such that  $\mathcal{R} \cap \mathcal{K} = \{0\}$  and  $\dim \mathcal{R} + \dim \mathcal{K} = n$ , then  $\exists !$  projection matrix  $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  such that  $\text{range}(\mathbf{P}) = \mathcal{R}$  and  $\ker(\mathbf{P}) = \mathcal{K}$ .

Proof:  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \dim \mathcal{R} + \dim \mathcal{K} = n \\ \mathcal{R} \cap \mathcal{K} = \{0\} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \mathcal{R} \oplus \mathcal{K} = \mathbb{C}^n$

Existence: Let  $r = \dim \mathcal{R}$ . ( $0 < r < n$ )

Let  $\{a_j\}_{j=1}^r$  be a basis for  $\mathcal{R}$ .  $\uparrow$

Let  $\{b_j\}_{j=1}^r$  be a basis for  $K^\perp$

$$K^\perp = \{x \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid \langle x, y \rangle = 0 \forall y \in K\}$$

Construct  $A = \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ a_1 & \dots & a_r \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ b_1 & \dots & b_r \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times r}$$

Define  $P = A \underbrace{(B^* A)^{-1}}_{r \times r} B^*$   $\star$

if  $B^* A$  is invertible:

- if  $x \in K$ , then  $B^* x = 0 \Rightarrow P x = 0$

- if  $x \in R$ , then  $\exists y \in \mathbb{C}^r$  s.t.  $x = A y$

$$\begin{aligned} P x &= A (B^* A)^{-1} B^* A y \\ &= A y = x \end{aligned}$$

is  $B^* A$  invertible?

- suppose  $\exists x \in \mathbb{C}^r$  s.t.  $\underline{B^* A} x = 0$ .

$$\Rightarrow A x \in K$$

But also:  $A x \in R$  ( $\text{range}(A) = R$ )



I.e.  $Ax \in R \cap K$ .

$$\Rightarrow Ax = 0.$$

But since columns of  $A$  are a basis for  $R \Rightarrow Ax = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$ .

- the only solution to  $B^*Ax = 0$  is  $x = 0$ .

$\Rightarrow B^*A$  invertible.

$\Rightarrow P$  is a projection.

uniqueness: Let  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  be projections with range  $R$  and kernel  $K$ .

$$P_1 = P_2 \iff (P_1 - P_2)v = 0 \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{C}^n.$$

Let  $v = v_R + v_K$ ,  $v_R \in R$ ,  $v_K \in K$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (P_1 - P_2)v &= (P_1 - P_2)(v_R + v_K) = (P_1 - P_2)v_R \\ &= v_R - v_R = 0. \end{aligned}$$

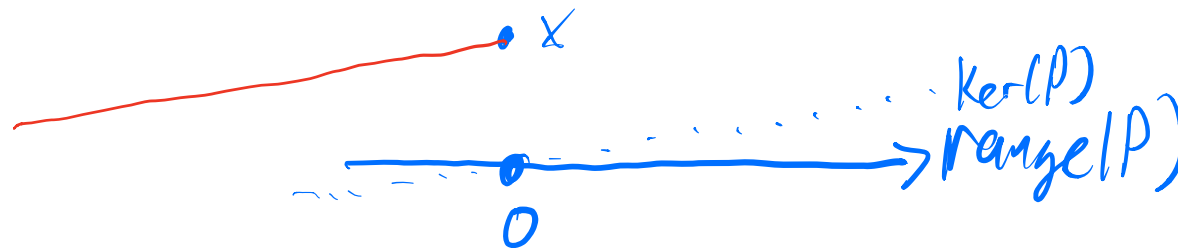
$\Rightarrow$  uniqueness

# Orthogonal projections

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If  $P$  is a projection

$$\Rightarrow \|P\|_2 = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{C}^n \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\|Px\|_2}{\|x\|_2} \geq \sup_{x \in \text{range}(P) \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\|Px\|_2}{\|x\|_2} = 1$$



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Pythagorean thm.

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Projection matrices  $\mathbf{P}$  satisfying  $\ker(\mathbf{P}) = (\text{range } \mathbf{P})^\perp$  are orthogonal projections.

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## Theorem

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Proof: Suppose  $P$  is a projection.

Let  $v \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . Then  $v = v_R + v_K$   
 $\begin{matrix} \nearrow & \nwarrow \\ \text{range}(P) & \text{ker}(P) \end{matrix}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (P - P^2)v &= (P - P^2)(v_R + v_{R'}) \\
 &= (P - P^2)v_R = v_R - Pv_R = v_R - v_R = 0. \\
 &\Rightarrow P = P^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Now suppose that  $P = P^2$ .

Let  $v \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

$$v = \underbrace{Pv}_{\text{range}(P)} + \underbrace{(I - P)v}_{\text{ker}(P)} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} P(I - P)v \\ = (P - P^2)v = 0 \end{array} \right)$$

already know:  $\dim \text{range}(P) + \dim \text{ker}(P) = n$ .

$$\Rightarrow \text{range}(P) \oplus \text{ker}(P) = \mathbb{C}^n.$$

exercise: show  $Pv = v \quad \forall v \in \text{range}(P)$ .  $\square$

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Let  $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  be a projection matrix. Then it is an orthogonal projector iff it is Hermitian.

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}^*$$

projector

$\mathbf{P}$  is orthogonal if  $\text{range}(\mathbf{P}) \perp \text{ker}(\mathbf{P})$ .

Proof: Assume  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}^*$ .

Two ways (i)  $\text{range}(\mathbf{P}) \perp \text{ker}(\mathbf{P}^*)$  (FT of LA)  
 $\Rightarrow \text{range}(\mathbf{P}) \perp \text{ker}(\mathbf{P})$ .

(ii) Let  $x \in \text{range}(P)$   
 $y \in \text{ker}(P)$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, y \rangle &= \langle Px, y \rangle = \langle Px, (I-P)y \rangle \\ &= \langle x, P^*(I-P)y \rangle \\ &= \langle x, \underbrace{(P^* - P^*P)}_0 y \rangle \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

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 $= 0$   
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Now assume  $\text{range}(P) \perp \text{ker}(P)$ .

Show  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{C}^n : \langle Px, y \rangle = \langle P^*x, y \rangle$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= x_R + x_K \\ y &= y_R + y_K \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} x_R, y_R &\in \text{range}(P) \\ x_K, y_K &\in \text{ker}(P) \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle Px, y \rangle = \langle x_R, y_R + y_K \rangle = \langle x_R, y_R \rangle$$

$$\langle P^*x, y \rangle = \langle x, Py \rangle = \langle x_R, y_R \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow P = P^* \quad \square.$$

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$P \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is an orthogonal projection matrix if  $P = P^2$  and  $P = P^*$ .

Note: if  $P$  is an orthogonal projector, then

$$\ker(P)^\perp = \text{range}(P).$$

If  $q_1 \sim q_r$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\text{range}(P)$ , ...

$$\text{then } P = A(B^*A)^{-1}B^* \quad , \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{range}(A) = \text{range}(P) \\ \text{range}(B) = \text{Ker}(P)^\perp \end{array}$$

$$\text{choose } A=B = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ b_1 & \dots & b_r \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} = Q.$$

$$B^*A = I_{r \times r}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{P = QQ^*}$$

$$Px = \underbrace{QQ^*}_x$$

scalar projections of  $x$  in  
directions  $b_1 \dots b_r$ .

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$$e_j = (0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0, 0)^*$$


  
 $j$ +th element.