



Problem 1 Orthogonally projecting matrices

An $n \times p$ matrix R always maps onto its column space $\text{Col } R$, in the sense that $R\mathbf{y} \in \text{Col } R$ for all $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^p$, and the map is onto, since any linear combination of columns of R can be written $R\mathbf{y}$.

If R is $n \times n$, it makes sense to ask when R projects orthogonally onto $\text{Col } R$, that is, when is $R\mathbf{y}$ the orthogonal projection of \mathbf{y} onto $\text{Col } R$ for all $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$? By the orthogonal decomposition theorem (the projection theorem), this is equivalent to $\mathbf{y} - R\mathbf{y} = (I - R)\mathbf{y}$ being in the orthogonal complement of $\text{Col } R$ for all \mathbf{y} , that is, $0 = (R\mathbf{z})^T(I - R)\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{z}^T R^T(I - R)\mathbf{y}$ for all $\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, which is the case if and only if $R^T(I - R) = O$, an $n \times n$ zero matrix.

Show that $R^T(I - R) = O$ if and only if R is symmetric and idempotent.

(We have also seen in the lectures that if X is $n \times p$ and $\text{rank } X = p$, then the symmetric and idempotent matrix $H = X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T$ projects orthogonally onto $\text{Col } X = \text{Col } H$.)

Problem 2 Period of swing of pendulum

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To get acces to data:

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attach(read.table(  
  "https://www.math.ntnu.no/emner/TMA4267/2018v/pendulum.txt"  
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Problem 3 Galápagos species

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