

Pseudoinverse of a Square Matrix

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Abstract: We exhibit that the Faddeev-Sominsky's algorithm to construct the usual inverse A^{-1} when $\det A_{n \times n} \neq 0$, then if $1 \leq \text{rank } A \leq n - 1$ it gives a natural inverse A^+ with the properties $AA^+A = A$ and $A^+AA^+ = A^+$.

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INTRODUCTION

If $A_{n \times n}$ is non-singular, the Faddeev-Sominsky's algorithm gives the corresponding inverse matrix, in fact [1-3]:

$$\begin{aligned} B_1 & & a_1 &= -\text{tr}B_1, & C_1 &= B_1 + a_1I, \\ B_2 &= C_1A, & a_2 &= -\frac{1}{2}\text{tr}B_2, & C_2 &= B_2 + a_2I, \\ & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ B_{n-1} &= C_{n-2}A, & a_{n-1} &= -\frac{1}{n-1}\text{tr}B_{n-1}, & C_{n-1} &= B_{n-1} + a_{n-1}I, \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

$$B_n = C_{n-1}A, \quad a_n = -\frac{1}{n}\text{tr}B_n, \quad C_n = 0$$

[Cayley-Hamilton theorem],

then:

$$A^{-1} = -\frac{1}{a_j}C_{j-1}, \quad j = n; \quad p = \text{rank } A = n, \tag{2}$$

where $a_r, r = 1, \dots, n$ are the coefficients of the characteristic polynomial of A [4, 5]:

$$\lambda^n + a_1\lambda^{n-1} + a_2\lambda^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}\lambda + a_n = 0, \tag{3}$$

in particular, $a_n = (-1)^n \det A$

In Sec. 2 we accept that is non-defective, that is, that it has independent eigenvectors, with the constraints:

$$1 \leq p \leq n - 1, \quad a_p \neq 0, \tag{4}$$

and we find that (2) gives a pseudoinverse of A if $j = p$,

Generalized Inverse: First we remember that a non-defective matrix verifying the conditions (4) satisfies the identity [6, 7]:

$$A^{p+1} + a_1A^p + \dots + a_{p-1}A^2 + a_pA = 0 \tag{5}$$

that in the Faddeev-Sominsky's method implies the values:

$$a_k = 0, \quad B_k = C_k = 0, \quad k = p + 1, \dots, n. \tag{6}$$

Now the remarkable fact is that (2) for $j = p$ allows construct a pseudoinverse with the properties [8]:

$$AA^+A = A, \quad A^+AA^+ = A^+ \tag{7}$$

such that:

$$A^+ = -\frac{1}{a_p}C_{p-1} \tag{8}$$

which is more simple than the Gower's inverse [6, 7]:

$$A_G^+ = -\frac{1}{a_p} \left(B_{p-1} - \frac{a_{p-1}}{a_p} B_p \right); \tag{9}$$

with (1), (5), (6) and (8) is easy to prove the fulfilling of the relations (7).

Hence the Faddeev-Sominsky's procedure gives the usual inverse A^{-1} if $\det A \neq 0$ [$p = \text{rank } A = n$], and when $1 \leq p \leq n - 1$ it generates the pseudoinverse A^+ indicated in (8).

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