

**Extension of the Total Least Square Problem  
Using General Unitarily Invariant Norms**

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## Least square problem

Let  $A$  be  $m \times n$ ,  $b$  be  $m \times 1$ ,  $Ax = b$  has no solution.

Determine  $f$  with smallest  $\ell_2(f)$  such that  $Ax = b - f$  is solvable. Equivalently, we find  $x$  so that  $f = b - Ax$  has minimum  $\ell_2$ -norm.

### Example 1

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $Ax = b$  has no solution, and  $Ax = 0$  is the least square solution. [Here  $f = b$ .]

## A different approach - Total least square problem

Change  $(A, b)$  to  $(A - E, b - f)$  with minimum  $\ell_2([E|f])$  so that  $(A - E)x = b - f$  is solvable.

In Example 1, we can take  $f = 0$ ,  $E = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon \\ 0 & \varepsilon \end{pmatrix}$  for any  $\varepsilon \neq 0$ .

## Some definitions

Let  $m, n, p \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $m \geq n + p$ ,  $A$  be  $m \times n$ ,  $B$  be  $m \times p$ , and

$$\mathcal{P}(A, B) = \{(E, F) : (A - E)X = B - F \text{ is solvable}\}.$$

Clearly,  $(E, F) \in \mathcal{P}(A, B)$  if and only if

$$\text{rank}([A - E | B - F]) = \text{rank}(A - E).$$

For a given unitarily invariant (u.i.) norm  $\|\cdot\|$ , define

$$\rho(A, B) = \inf\{\|[E | F]\| : (E, F) \in \mathcal{P}(A, B)\}.$$

A norm  $\|\cdot\|$  on rectangular matrices is u.i. if

$$\|UZV\| = \|Z\| \text{ for all } A \text{ and unitary } U \text{ and } V.$$

So,  $\|Z\|$  depends only on the singular values of  $Z$ .

## Goals

- a. Determine  $\rho(A, B)$ .
- b. Check the existence of  $(E, F) \in \mathcal{P}(A, B)$  attaining  $\rho(A, B)$ .  
Construct/find such  $(E, F)$  if exists.
- c. Obtain the results for arbitrary unitarily invariant norms.

**Example 1** (again) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then

$(A - E)x = b$  is solvable for any  $E = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon \\ 0 & \varepsilon \end{pmatrix}$  with  $\varepsilon \neq 0$ .

Then  $\rho(A, b) = 0$  and there is no  $(E, f) \in \mathcal{P}(A, b)$  attaining  $\rho(A, b)$  for any u.i. norm.

**Example 2** Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Then

$$(E, F) = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \in \mathcal{P}(A, B)$$

satisfies  $\|[E|F]\| = \rho(A, B)$  for any u.i. norm.

**Example 3** Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

a. Then for any u.i. norm,

$$(E_m, F) = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/m \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \in \mathcal{P}(A, B),$$

and  $\|[E_m|F]\| \rightarrow \|[0|F]\| = \rho(A, B)$ .

b. For the operator norm,  $(0, B) \in \mathcal{P}(A, B)$  attains  $\rho(A, B)$ .  
For the Frobenius norm, there is no matrix in  $\mathcal{P}(A, B)$  attaining  $\rho(A, B)$ .

## Results

**Theorem** *Let  $\|\cdot\|$  be a unitarily invariant norm. Suppose  $A$  is  $m \times n$  and  $B$  is  $m \times p$ . If the  $m \times (n+p)$  matrix  $[A|B]$  has singular values  $s_1 \geq \cdots \geq s_{n+p}$ , then*

$$\rho(A, B) = \left\| \sum_{j=n+1}^{n+p} s_j E_{jj} \right\|.$$

**Proposition** *Let  $A$  be  $m \times n$  and  $B$  be  $m \times p$ . Then  $(E, F) \in \mathcal{P}(A, B)$  if and only if any one of the following holds.*

(a) *There is an  $n \times p$  matrix  $X$  such that*

$$[E|F] \begin{bmatrix} -X \\ I_p \end{bmatrix} = [A|B] \begin{bmatrix} -X \\ I_p \end{bmatrix}.$$

(b) *There is an  $(n+p) \times p$  matrix  $Y = \begin{bmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \end{bmatrix}$  such that  $Y_2$  is a  $p \times p$  invertible matrix,  $Y^*Y = I_p$ , and  $[E|F]Y = [A|B]Y$ .*

**Theorem** Let  $\|\cdot\|$  be a u.i. norm,  $A$  be  $m \times n$ ,  $B$  be  $m \times p$ . Then there is  $(E, F) \in \mathcal{P}(A, B)$  attaining  $\rho(A, B)$  if and only if there is an  $(n+p) \times p$  matrix  $Y = \begin{bmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \end{bmatrix}$  such that  $Y_2$  is a  $p \times p$  invertible matrix,  $Y^*Y = I_p$ , and

$$\|[A|B][Y|0_{n+p,n}]\| = \left\| \sum_{j=n+1}^{n+p} s_j([A|B])E_{jj} \right\|.$$

## Computable criteria

Suppose  $[A|B]$  has rank  $\leq n$ . Then  $\rho(A, B) = 0$  is attainable by  $(E, F) = (O, O) \in \mathcal{P}(A, B)$  if and only if  $[A|B]$  and  $A$  have the same rank.

**Theorem** Let  $\|\cdot\|$  be a u.i. norm,  $A$  be  $m \times n$  and  $B$  be  $m \times p$  such that  $[A|B]$  has singular values  $s_1 \geq \cdots \geq s_{n+p}$  with  $s_n > 0$ . Suppose

$$\rho(A, B) = \left\| \sum_{j=1}^r s_{n+j} E_{jj} \right\| > \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{r-1} s_{n+j} E_{jj} \right\|.$$

Let  $b \leq n < d \leq n+t$  satisfy

$s_b > s_{b+1} = \cdots = s_d > s_{d+1}$  and  $s_{n+r} = \cdots = s_{n+t} > s_{n+t+1}$ ,

$$W = \begin{array}{c} n \\ p \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} W_{11} & W_{12} & W_{13} & W_{14} \\ W_{21} & W_{22} & W_{23} & W_{24} \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{array}{cccc} b & d-b & n+t-d & p-t \end{array}$$

be unitary such that

$$W[A|B]^*[A|B]W^* = \text{diag}(s_1^2, \dots, s_{n+p}^2).$$

Then there is  $(E, F) \in \mathcal{P}(A, B)$  attaining  $\rho(A, B)$  if and only if  $W_{23}$  has rank  $n+t-d$  and  $[W_{22}|W_{23}]$  has rank at least  $t$ .

Suppose  $t = p$ . (This happens  $\|\cdot\|$  is the Frobenius norm or any strictly convex u.i. norm.) Then  $W_{14}$  and  $W_{24}$  are vacuous, and condition (b) reduces to the condition that  $W_{23}$  has rank  $n + p - d$  and  $[W_{22}|W_{23}]$  has rank  $p$ .

**Corollary** *Let  $t = p$ . If  $(E, F) \in \mathcal{P}(A, B)$  attains  $\rho(A, B)$ , then  $\rho(A, B)$  is attained by  $(E, F)$  for any other u.i. norm.*

Suppose  $\|\cdot\|$  is the spectral norm. Then  $W_{13}$  and  $W_{23}$  are vacuous, and condition (b) reduces to the condition that  $W_{22}$  has rank at least  $t = d - n$ .

**Corollary** *If  $(E, F) \in \mathcal{P}(A, B)$  satisfies  $\|[E|F]\| = \rho(A, B)$  for a given u.i. norm  $\|\cdot\|$ , then  $(E, F)$  also attains  $\rho(A, B)$  for the spectral norm.*

## Further research

Applications?

Efficient computation algorithms?

Obtain results for other norms.

**Proposition** *Suppose  $\|\cdot\|$  is a (any!) norm,  $A$  is  $m \times n$ ,  $B$  is  $m \times p$ . Then  $\rho(A, B) = 0$  is attainable (by  $(E, F) = (0, 0)$ ) if and only if  $\text{rank}([A|B]) = \text{rank}(A)$ .*

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