

Projections onto different sets

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\*Projections onto subspaces:

$\Pi_S(x) = \underset{y \in S}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|y - x\|$   
 based on inner product space  $\langle y - x, y - x \rangle^2$

\*One dimensional subspace:

$S = \{ \lambda v, \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \}$  one-dimensional sub-space generated by  $v \neq 0$

$\Pi_S(x) = \underset{y \in S}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|y - x\|$

Property of the projection

$(x - \Pi_S(x)) \perp v$

Proof:  $\Pi_S(x) = \underset{y \in S}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|y - x\|^2$

note  $\|y - x\|^2 = \|(y - x_0) - (x - x_0)\|^2$  where  $x_0$  is chosen

$= \|y - x_0\|^2 + \|x - x_0\|^2 - 2\langle y - x_0, x - x_0 \rangle$  such that  $\langle x - x_0, v \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow (x - x_0) \perp v$

- #  $\langle y - x_0, x - x_0 \rangle = \langle y - x_0, x_0 - x_0 \rangle + \langle y - x_0, x - x_0 \rangle$
- #  $\langle y - x_0, x_0 - x_0 \rangle = 0$  and  $x_0 \in S$ , note that such a point will always exist as  $x_0 \in S \Rightarrow \exists \lambda = \frac{\langle x, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2} v$  we can construct
- #  $\langle y - x_0, x - x_0 \rangle = \langle y - x_0, x - x_0 \rangle - \langle y - x_0, \lambda \frac{\langle x, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2} v \rangle$ , so by picking  $\lambda = \frac{\langle y - x_0, v \rangle}{\langle v, v \rangle}$  we can construct
- #  $\langle y - x_0, x - x_0 \rangle = \langle y - x_0, x - x_0 \rangle - \lambda \langle y - x_0, v \rangle \frac{\langle x, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2}$
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- #  $\langle y - x_0, x - x_0 \rangle = \langle y - x_0, x - x_0 \rangle - \lambda \langle y - x_0, v \rangle \frac{\langle x, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2}$

$= \|y - x_0\|^2 + \|x - x_0\|^2$

Clearly this term will be minimized when  $y = x_0$  if  $y$  is our decision variable

$\therefore \Pi_S(x) = \frac{\langle x, v \rangle}{\|v\|^2} v$  Component of  $x$  along the direction  $v$

\*Projection onto an arbitrary subspace S

Theorem:  $\langle X \in \text{inner product space}, x \in X, S \subseteq \text{subspace}(X) \rangle \Rightarrow \exists x^* \in S \quad (x^* = \underset{y \in S}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|y - x\| \Leftrightarrow (x - x^*) \perp S)$

Proof:  $\forall x \in X \exists u \in S \exists z \in S^\perp \quad x = u + z$

By Orthogonal decomposition:

$\|x\|^2 = \|u\|^2 + \|z\|^2$  (inner product space)

Boyd's version orthogonal decomposition law

$L^\perp$  Orthogonal complement of  $L = \{u | \forall v \in L, \langle u, v \rangle = 0\}$   
 $\forall v \in X \quad v = \Pi_L(v) + \Pi_{L^\perp}(v)$

$\forall y \in S \quad \|y - x\|^2 = \|y - u - z\|^2 = \|y - u\|^2 + \|z\|^2 - 2\langle y - u, z \rangle$   
 $\# \langle y - u, z \rangle = \langle y, z \rangle - \langle u, z \rangle = 0 - 0 = 0$   
 $\# z \in S^\perp \Rightarrow \langle y, z \rangle = 0$   
 $\# u \in S \Rightarrow \langle u, z \rangle = 0$   
 $= \|y - u\|^2 + \|z\|^2$

$\forall x \in X \quad \min_{y \in S} \|y - x\|^2 = \min_{y \in S} (\|y - u\|^2 + \|z\|^2) = \|z\|^2 + \min_{y \in S} \|y - u\|^2 = \|z\|^2$

$\therefore \Pi_S(x) = \underset{y \in S}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|y - x\| = u$  the pair  $(u, z)$  is uniquely determined by  $x$ , so they are constant w.r.t the optimization

$\Leftrightarrow x - x^* = z \in S^\perp \quad \therefore x - x^* \perp S$   
 Boyd definition:  $(x - x^*) \perp S$

\*Corollary 2: Projection on affine set

$\langle X \in \text{inner product space}, x \in X, a = z + x^{(0)} \rangle \Rightarrow \exists x^* \in A \quad (x^* = \underset{y \in A}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|y - x\| \Leftrightarrow (x - x^*) \perp S)$

Proof:  $A = z + S$

$\forall y \in A \Leftrightarrow \exists z \in S \quad y = z + x^{(0)}$

$\min_{y \in A} \|y - x\|^2 = \min_{z \in S} \|z + x^{(0)} - x\|^2$   
 $= \min_{z \in S} \|z - (x - x^{(0)})\|^2 = \min_{z \in S} \|z - x^{(1)}\|^2$  where  $x^{(1)} = x - x^{(0)}$  by Theorem 2-1  
 with  $y = z = x^{(1)}$   
 in original variable,  $y^* = z^* + x^{(0)} = x^{(1)*} + x^{(0)}$   
 so,  $x^* = \underset{y \in A}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|y - x\| = x^{(1)*} + x^{(0)}$   
 $\rightarrow (x - x^*) = x - x^{(1)*} - x^{(0)} = x^{(1)} - x^{(1)*}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow (x - x^*) \perp S$  (moved)

\*Euclidean Projection on a line:

$L = \text{span}\{v\}$  where  $v \neq 0$

by taking coefficient of  $v$  arbitrarily, we can construct

line of any length.

$\underset{z \in L}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|x - z\| = \underset{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|x - \lambda v\| = \underset{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sqrt{\|x - \lambda v\|^2} = \underset{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|x - \lambda v\|$  the point whose projection we are taking

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$P = \arg \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|x - p\|_2 = \arg \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{2} (x - p)^T (x - p)$

$x \in \mathbb{R}^n \Leftrightarrow x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$  given  $\|x\|_2 = 1$

one origin  $\rightarrow$  in span  $\rightarrow$  the point whose projection we are finding

$\| (x - p) \|^2 = (x - p)^T (x - p) = x^T x - 2x^T p + p^T p$

let minimum  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow 2x - 2p = 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow x = p$

$\therefore P^* = x_0 + \alpha^T (p - x_0) u$

**Euclidean projection of a point (P) onto a hyperplane  $H = \{z \in \mathbb{R}^n : a^T z = b\} = \{z \in \mathbb{R}^n : a^T z = 0\} = Z_0 + \mathcal{N}(a^T)$**

$a^T z = b$  is an affine set

$\mathcal{N}(a^T)$  is a subspace

$a$  is normal direction of the hyperplane

$\forall z_1, z_2 \in H \quad a^T z_1 = b = a^T z_2 = b$   
 $\rightarrow a^T (z_1 - z_2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow a \perp (z_1 - z_2)$

$P \in H \Leftrightarrow a^T P = b$

$P^* = \arg \min_{P \in H} \|P - p\|_2$

$\forall P \in H \quad \|P - p\|_2^2 = \|P - P_0\|_2^2 + \|P_0 - p\|_2^2$   
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$g(v) = \frac{1}{2} (\|P - p\|_2^2 + (a^T v - b)^2) = \frac{1}{2} \|P - p\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} (a^T v - b)^2$

$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} g(v) = 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow P - p + a(a^T v - b) = 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow P - p + a(a^T v - b) = 0$

dual problem:  $R g(v) = R \left( \frac{1}{2} \|P - p\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} (a^T v - b)^2 \right)$

$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} R g(v) = 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} (a^T a) v + a^T (p - b) = 0$   
 $\rightarrow \frac{1}{2} (a^T a) v = (a^T p - b)$   
 $\rightarrow v = 2 \frac{a^T p - b}{\|a\|_2^2}$

$\therefore P^* = -\frac{1}{2} \lambda \frac{(a^T p - b)}{a^T a} + p$   
 $= -\frac{1}{\|a\|_2^2} (a^T p - b) a + p$

Ans: [ eq: Euclidian\_proj\_on\_hyperplane ]

By projection theorem:  
 $(P^* - p) \perp \text{subspace of the affine set}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow (P^* - p) \perp \mathcal{N}(a^T)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \forall v \in \mathcal{N}(a^T) \quad (P^* - p)^T v = 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \forall v \in \mathcal{N}(a^T) \quad (a^T v = 0) \Rightarrow (P^* - p)^T v = 0$  **Proof:**  $(P^* - p)^T v = -\frac{(a^T p - b)}{\|a\|_2^2} a^T v = 0$

**2.3-2.3: Projection on a vector span:**

$S = \text{span}\{x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(d)}\} = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^d \beta_i x^{(i)} \mid \beta_i \in \mathbb{R}^d \right\}$

$\{ \text{subspace} \}$   $P^*$   $S$

By projection theorem: (point-to-be-projected - projected-point)  $\perp$  (subspace-to-be-projected-on)

$(P - P^*) \perp S$

$\Leftrightarrow \forall v \in S \quad (P - P^*)^T v = 0$

$\Leftrightarrow \forall v \in S \quad \left( \exists \alpha \sum_{i=1}^d \alpha_i x^{(i)} \right) \Rightarrow (P - P^*)^T \alpha = 0$

$\Rightarrow \forall \alpha \left( \exists \alpha \sum_{i=1}^d \alpha_i x^{(i)} \wedge (P - P^*)^T \alpha = 0 \right) \Leftrightarrow \exists \alpha \left( P^T \alpha = P^*{}^T \alpha \right) \Rightarrow \exists \alpha \left( P^T \alpha - P^*{}^T \alpha = 0 \right)$

$\Rightarrow \forall \alpha \left( (P - P^*)^T \sum_{i=1}^d \alpha_i x^{(i)} = 0 \right) \Leftrightarrow \exists \beta \forall \alpha \left( (P - \sum_{j=1}^d \beta_j x^{(j)})^T \sum_{i=1}^d \alpha_i x^{(i)} = 0 \right) \Leftrightarrow \exists \beta \forall \alpha \left( \sum_{i=1}^d \alpha_i (P - \sum_{j=1}^d \beta_j x^{(j)})^T x^{(i)} = 0 \right) \Leftrightarrow \exists \beta \forall \alpha \left( \sum_{i=1}^d \alpha_i (P^T - \sum_{j=1}^d \beta_j x^{(j)T}) x^{(i)} = 0 \right) \Leftrightarrow \exists \beta \forall \alpha \left( \sum_{i=1}^d \alpha_i (P^T x^{(i)} - \sum_{j=1}^d \beta_j x^{(j)T} x^{(i)}) = 0 \right)$  (eq: 2.8)

**Note:**  $\alpha \rightarrow x$  mapping one-to-one  
 $\alpha$  is arbitrary for all quantifier  
 $\exists$  is not arbitrary

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**\* Projection onto the span of orthonormal vectors:**

(eq: 2.8) **Note:**  $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, d\} \quad P^T x^{(i)} = \sum_{j=1}^d \beta_j x^{(j)T} x^{(i)} = \beta_j \quad \text{if } i=j$   
 $0, \text{ else}$

$\therefore P^* = \sum_{i=1}^d \beta_i x^{(i)} = \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{P^T x^{(i)}}{\|x^{(i)}\|_2^2} x^{(i)}$

\* Projection on affine set  $Az=b$ :

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$X = \{z \mid Az=b\}$

↳: full, full rank

$\therefore [x]_X = \underset{z \in X}{\operatorname{argmin}} \frac{1}{2} \|z-x\|_2^2$

opt. problem  $\rightarrow \underset{z}{\min} \frac{1}{2} \|z-x\|_2^2$   
 $Az=b$   
 $L(z, \nu) = \frac{1}{2} \|z-x\|_2^2 + \nu^T (b-Az)$

$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} g(\nu) = \underset{z}{\min} \frac{1}{2} \|z-x\|_2^2 + \nu^T (b-Az)$   
 $\nabla g(\nu) = 0 \rightarrow (z-x) - A^T \nu = 0 \rightarrow z^*(\nu) = x + A^T \nu$   
 $\nu^T b - (A^T \nu)^T z$   
 $= \left[ \frac{1}{2} \|z-x\|_2^2 + \nu^T b - (A^T \nu)^T z \right]_{z=x+A^T \nu}$

$= \frac{1}{2} \|A^T \nu\|_2^2 + \nu^T b - (A^T \nu)^T (A^T \nu + x) = \frac{1}{2} \|A^T \nu\|_2^2 + \nu^T b - \|A^T \nu\|_2^2 - (A^T \nu)^T x = -\frac{1}{2} \|A^T \nu\|_2^2 + (b-Ax)^T \nu$

↑ dual problem  
 $\tilde{R} - \frac{1}{2} \|A^T \nu\|_2^2 + (b-Ax)^T \nu$   
 $= -\tilde{R} \left( \frac{1}{2} \|A^T \nu\|_2^2 - (b-Ax)^T \nu \right)$   
 $\downarrow \nabla_{\nu} g(\nu) = 0$

$(A^T)^T (A^T \nu) - (b-Ax) = 0$

$\rightarrow (AA^T) \nu = (b-Ax)$

$\rightarrow \nu = (AA^T)^{-1} (b-Ax)$

$z^* = x + A^T \nu^*$

$= x + A^T (AA^T)^{-1} (b-Ax)$

$= x + A^T (AA^T)^{-1} b - A^T (AA^T)^{-1} Ax$

$= (I - A^T (AA^T)^{-1} A) x + A^T (AA^T)^{-1} b$

$\therefore \Pi_{\{x \mid Ax=b\}}(x) = [x]_{\{x \mid Ax=b\}} = (I - A^T (AA^T)^{-1} A) x + A^T (AA^T)^{-1} b$  \* Projection on  $Az=b$