
Subject: Re: the (Moore-Penrose) pseudo-inverse of a matrix - anything like
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Posted by [Heinz Stege](#) on Wed, 03 Apr 2013 13:33:36 GMT

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; compile_opt defint32,strictarr,logical_predicate
;
svdc,a,w,u,v ; singular value decomposition
;
n=n_elements(w)
threshold=n_elements(rcond)? max(w)*rcond : 0.
ii=where(w gt threshold,count)
if count lt n then begin
    message,/info,strtrim(n-count,2)+' small singular values.'
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end
;
jj=(indgen(n))[ii]*(n+1) ; diagonal elements
matrix=make_array(n,n,type=size(w,/type))
matrix[jj]=1./w[ii]
result=transpose(u)#matrix#v
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return,result
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If you want to use double precision, take a look at the IDL function
LA_SVD.

Cheers, Heinz

Subject: Re: the (Moore-Penrose) pseudo-inverse of a matrix - anything like
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Posted by [lecacheux.alain](#) on Wed, 03 Apr 2013 13:46:22 GMT

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Le mercredi 3 avril 2013 07:18:16 UTC+2, JP a écrit :

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Your problem should likely be solved by using the `LA_LEAST_SQUARES` function and setting `METHOD` (to 2 or 3) and `RCONDITION` keywords
alx.

Subject: Re: the (Moore-Penrose) pseudo-inverse of a matrix - anything like
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Posted by [Russell Ryan](#) on Wed, 03 Apr 2013 13:52:22 GMT

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I just read the Wikipedia article on Moore-Penrose Inverses. Sounds like you can just do an SVD then operate on the Sigma matrix and the resulting A+ matrix. I'm unaware of any existing IDL code to do this. There are two routines to do the SVD included in the standard distro.

-Russell

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Posted by [JP](#) on Wed, 03 Apr 2013 23:06:51 GMT

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Thanks Heinz,

After my post yesterday I tested Paul's svd_matrix_invert comparing with scipy's pinv2 and it looks like they do the same. I added a rcond keyword too and it also mimics pinv2 behaviour. From a quick look to your code it looks like it's also doing the same thing but haven't tested.

cheers

Juan

On Thursday, 4 April 2013 00:33:36 UTC+11, Heinz Stege wrote:

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Posted by [JP](#) on Wed, 03 Apr 2013 23:08:23 GMT

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Thanks, will test that

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