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1. Introduction

In statistical analysis the decomposition of a sum of squares into various independent components is essential in ANOVA-type procedures. In this connection Cochran's theorem gives nice conditions to guarantee the independence of components. There have been many generalizations or refinements of Cochran's theorem, and recently Anderson and Styan (1980) reviewed those results and gave new ones.

In this paper we present a unified approach to those problems by consistent use of "projection" matrices which are generally not orthogonal. This approach enables us to extend various results to much greater generality.

In section 2 we review the properties of projection. In section 3 we prove some generalizations of Cochran's theorem. In section 4 we discuss decomposition of matrices into projections to their eigenspaces and its relation to Cochran-type decomposition.

Matrices may be considered as real or complex. Proofs are given in general vector space terms, and often they cover both cases. In section 4 we use complex matrices explicitly.

2. Projection Matrix

In this section properties of projection matrices are summarized.

To be self-contained brief proofs will be given.

A matrix \underline{A} is called a projection matrix if it is idempotent, i.e., $\underline{A}^2 = \underline{A}$. If in addition $\underline{A}' = \underline{A}$ (or $\underline{A}^* = \underline{A}$ for complex matrices) then \underline{A} is called an orthogonal projection matrix.¹ Orthogonal projections have many extra properties which are not shared by general projections. However, there are quite a few facts which have counterparts in general projections or hold without orthogonality. Moreover, the advantage of developing a theory for general projections is that the theory holds for vector spaces not equipped with an inner product.

We need some definitions about subspaces of a vector space. Let X be a vector space and U_1, \dots, U_k be subspaces of X . U_1, \dots, U_k are called (linearly) independent if $\underline{x}_i \in U_i$, $i = 1, \dots, k$, $\sum_{i=1}^k \underline{x}_i = \underline{0}$ implies $\underline{x}_i = \underline{0}$ $i = 1, \dots, k$. When U_1, \dots, U_k are independent, the subspace U spanned by U_1, \dots, U_k is called the direct sum of U_i 's and denoted by $U = U_1 + \dots + U_k = \sum_{i=1}^k U_i$. An element \underline{y} of U has a unique representation $\underline{y} = \underline{x}_1 + \dots + \underline{x}_k$ where $\underline{x}_i \in U_i$, $i = 1, \dots, k$. It is easy to see that the union of bases of U_i 's form a basis of U and therefore $\dim U = \sum \dim U_i$. For a matrix \underline{A} the column vector space or the range of \underline{A} is denoted by $C(\underline{A})$. The null space of \underline{A} is denoted by $N(\underline{A})$. $\lambda(\underline{A}) = \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k\}$ is the set of distinct eigenvalues of \underline{A} and $E(\lambda_i) = N(\underline{A} - \lambda_i \underline{I})$ denotes the eigenspace associated with λ_i .

¹Usually "projection" is used to mean orthogonal projection but here we use it for general projection.

Now we state properties of projection matrices.

Proposition 2.1. The following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) \underline{A} is a projection.
- (ii) $\underline{I} - \underline{A}$ is a projection.
- (iii) $C(\underline{A}) = \{\underline{x} : \underline{A}\underline{x} = \underline{x}\}$.
- (iv) $N(\underline{I} - \underline{A}) = C(\underline{A})$ or $N(\underline{A}) = C(\underline{I} - \underline{A})$.
- (v) $C(\underline{A})$ and $C(\underline{I} - \underline{A})$ are independent.

Proof. We show that (i) is equivalent to each of (ii)-(v).

(ii): (i) $\Leftrightarrow \underline{A}(\underline{I} - \underline{A}) = \underline{0} \Leftrightarrow$ (ii).

(iii): Let $V = \{\underline{x} : \underline{A}\underline{x} = \underline{x}\}$. Assume $\underline{A}^2 = \underline{A}$. If $\underline{x} \in C(\underline{A})$ then $\underline{x} = \underline{A}\underline{y} = \underline{A}^2\underline{y} = \underline{A}(\underline{A}\underline{y}) = \underline{A}\underline{x}$. Therefore $\underline{x} \in V$.
If $\underline{x} \in V$ then $\underline{x} = \underline{A}\underline{x} \in C(\underline{A})$. Therefore $V = C(\underline{A})$.

Assume $C(\underline{A}) = V$. Then $\underline{A}\underline{x} \in C(\underline{A}) = V$. Hence $\underline{A}(\underline{A}\underline{x}) = \underline{A}\underline{x} \forall \underline{x}$. Therefore $\underline{A}^2 = \underline{A}$.

(iv): (iv) \Leftrightarrow (iii).

(v): Necessity is proved in the next proposition. Sufficiency is proved noting

$$(\underline{A} - \underline{A}^2)\underline{x} - (\underline{I} - \underline{A})\underline{A}\underline{x} = \underline{0}, \quad \forall \underline{x},$$

and $(\underline{A} - \underline{A}^2)\underline{x} \in C(\underline{A})$, $(\underline{I} - \underline{A})\underline{A}\underline{x} \in C(\underline{I} - \underline{A})$. Q.E.D.

Properties (iii), (iv), (v) show that \underline{A} projects a vector $\underline{x} \notin C(\underline{A})$ to $C(\underline{A})$ along a line parallel to $C(\underline{I} - \underline{A})$.

Proposition 2.2. Suppose A_1, \dots, A_k are projections such that $A_i A_j = 0$ for $i \neq j$. Then (i) $A = A_1 + \dots + A_k$ is a projection, and (ii) $C(A_i)$'s are independent and $C(A) = \sum_{i=1}^k C(A_i)$.

Proof. Let $x_i \in C(A_i)$ then $x_i = A_i y_i$. Suppose $\sum_{i=1}^k x_i = 0$. Then

$$0 = A_j \left(\sum_{i=1}^k x_i \right) = A_j^2 y_j = A_j y_j = x_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, k.$$

Therefore $C(A_i)$'s are independent. $Ax = \sum_{i=1}^k A_i x$, therefore

$$(2.1) \quad C(A) \subset \sum_{i=1}^k C(A_i).$$

On the other hand $A A_i x = A_i^2 x = A_i x$ implies $C(A_i) \subset C(A)$, $i = 1, \dots, k$.

Therefore

$$(2.2) \quad C(A) \supset \sum_{i=1}^k C(A_i).$$

From (2.1) and (2.2) $C(A) = \sum_{i=1}^k C(A_i)$. Q.E.D.

The converse of the above proposition is given by the following proposition.

Proposition 2.3. Let A be a projection onto $V = C(A)$. Suppose $V = \sum_{i=1}^k V_i$ where V_i 's are given independent subspaces. Then $A = \sum_{i=1}^k A_i$ where A_i 's are uniquely determined projections such that $A_i A_j = 0$ for $i \neq j$ and $C(A_i) = V_i$, $i = 1, \dots, k$.

Proof. Let $V_0 = C(I-A)$. Then V_0, V_1, \dots, V_k are independent and $\sum_{i=0}^k V_i = X$ (whole space). Now we choose vectors $\{x_{01}, \dots, x_{0m_0}, x_{11}, \dots, x_{1m_1}, \dots, x_{km_k}\}$ such that $\{x_{i1}, \dots, x_{im_i}\}$ form a basis for V_i .

Then \underline{x}_{ij} 's form a basis for the whole space. Let

$$\underline{T} = (\underline{x}_{01}, \dots, \underline{x}_{km_k}) = (\underline{T}_0, \underline{T}_1, \dots, \underline{T}_k)$$

be a matrix with column vectors \underline{x}_{ij} with $\underline{T}_i = (\underline{x}_{i1}, \dots, \underline{x}_{im_i})$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, k$. Let \underline{T}^{-1} be partitioned accordingly

$$\underline{T}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{T}^0 \\ \vdots \\ \underline{T}^k \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$\underline{I} = \underline{T}\underline{T}^{-1} = \sum_{i=0}^k \underline{T}_i \underline{T}_i^1.$$

Let $\underline{A}_i = \underline{T}_i \underline{T}_i^1$. Now it is easy to check that $\underline{A}_i^2 = \underline{A}_i$, $C(\underline{A}_i) = V_i$, and $\underline{A}_i \underline{A}_j = 0$ for $i \neq j$. To prove uniqueness let $\underline{A} = \sum_{i=1}^k \underline{A}_i = \sum_{i=1}^k \underline{B}_i$. Then $\sum_{i=1}^k (\underline{A}_i - \underline{B}_i) \underline{x} = 0$, $\forall \underline{x}$, implies $\underline{A}_i \underline{x} = \underline{B}_i \underline{x}$, $i = 1, \dots, k$, because $(\underline{A}_i - \underline{B}_i) \underline{x} \in V_i$. Hence $\underline{A}_i = \underline{B}_i$, $i = 1, \dots, k$. Q.E.D.

In view of the above two propositions it may well be justified to call projection matrices \underline{A}_i , $i = 1, \dots, k$, (linearly) independent if $\underline{A}_i \underline{A}_j = 0$ for $i \neq j$.

We note here the relation between diagonalizable matrices and projections. Let \underline{A} be a $p \times p$ diagonalizable matrix and let $\lambda(\underline{A}) = \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k\}$. There exists a nonsingular \underline{T} such that

$$\underline{T}^{-1} \underline{A} \underline{T} = \underline{D}_\lambda$$

where \underline{D}_λ is a diagonal matrix with λ_i 's as diagonal elements in an appropriate order, i.e.,

$$\underline{D}_\lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k).$$

Now $\underline{A} = \underline{T} \underline{D} \underline{T}^{-1}$ and with the similar partitioning of $\underline{T} \underline{T}^{-1}$ as in the proof of Proposition 2.3

$$(2.3) \quad \underline{A} = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \underline{H}_i$$

where \underline{H}_i 's are independent projections onto eigenspace $E(\lambda_i)$'s of λ_i 's .

It follows that for any polynomial P

$$(2.4) \quad P(\underline{A}) = \sum_{i=1}^k P(\lambda_i) \underline{H}_i .$$

\underline{H}_i 's are unique by Proposition 2.3 and $\underline{I} = \sum_{i=1}^k \underline{H}_i$. Conversely if

$\sum_{i=1}^k E(\lambda_i) = X^2$ then \underline{A} can be diagonalized by \underline{T} as in the proof of Proposition 2.3.

When $0 \in \lambda(\underline{A})$ then putting $\lambda_k = 0$ we can write (2.3) as

$$\underline{A} = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \lambda_i \underline{H}_i .$$

(2.4) holds with k replaced by $k-1$ if $P(0) = 0$, i.e., P does not have constant term.

Despite its apparent plausibility we need the diagonalizability of a projection matrix to prove:

Proposition 2.4. If $\underline{A}^2 = \underline{A}$ then $\text{rank } \underline{A} = \text{tr } \underline{A}$.

Proof. $\underline{A}^2 = \underline{A}$ implies $\lambda(\underline{A}) \subset \{0,1\}$. It will be shown that \underline{A} is diagonalizable in section 4 and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rank } \underline{A} &= \text{number of eigenvalues } 1 \\ &= \text{tr } \underline{A} . \quad \text{Q.E.D.} \end{aligned}$$

²Eigenspaces $E(\lambda_i)$'s are always independent.

3. Cochran-Type Theorems

In terms of matrix theory Cochran's theorem essentially asserts the following: Let \underline{A} be an orthogonal projection and $\underline{A} = \sum_{i=1}^k \underline{A}_i$ where \underline{A}_i 's are symmetric. If $\text{rank } \underline{A} = \sum_{i=1}^k \text{rank } \underline{A}_i$ then \underline{A}_i 's are independent orthogonal projections. Various kinds of extensions and refinements are discussed in Anderson and Styan (1980). In this section we present simpler proofs for a number of them and give a generalization (Theorem 3.3 together with Corollary 4.2).

We begin by showing that Cochran's theorem holds without orthogonality.

Theorem 3.1. (Cochran's theorem) Let $\underline{A} = \sum_{i=1}^k \underline{A}_i$. \underline{A}_i 's are independent projections if and only if

- (i) \underline{A} is a projection,
- (ii) $\text{rank } \underline{A} = \sum_{i=1}^k \text{rank } \underline{A}_i$.

The key point to prove this is contained in

Lemma 3.1. Let $\underline{A} = \sum_{i=1}^k \underline{A}_i$ where \underline{A}_i 's are general matrices. Then

- (i) $C(\underline{A}_i)$'s are independent and $C(\underline{A}) = \sum_{i=1}^k C(\underline{A}_i)$

if and only if

- (ii) $\text{rank } \underline{A} = \sum_{i=1}^k \text{rank } \underline{A}_i$.

Proof.

Necessity: $\dim\{C(\underline{A})\} = \sum_{i=1}^k \dim\{C(\underline{A}_i)\}$. This is equivalent to $\text{rank } \underline{A} = \sum_{i=1}^k \text{rank } \underline{A}_i$.

Sufficiency: We show the independence of $C(A_i)$ by contradiction. Suppose that there are vectors x_1, \dots, x_k with at least one nonzero vector such that $x_i \in C(A_i)$, $i = 1, \dots, k$, and $\sum_{i=1}^k x_i = 0$. Without loss of generality let

$$0 \neq x_1 = -\sum_{i=2}^k x_i.$$

Let $\{x_1, q_1, \dots, q_m\}$ be a basis for $C(A_1)$ where $m = \text{rank } A_1 - 1$. Then $C(A) \subset C(A_1, \dots, A_k) = C(q_1, \dots, q_m, A_2, \dots, A_k)$. But $\dim\{C(A)\} = \text{rank } A$ and

$$\dim C(q_1, \dots, q_m, A_2, \dots, A_k) \leq m + \sum_{i=2}^k \dim C(A_i) = \text{rank } A - 1$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore $C(A_i)$'s are independent. Now $C(A) \subset \sum_{i=1}^k C(A_i)$ but again by the rank condition (ii) we get $C(A) = \sum_{i=1}^k C(A_i)$. Q.E.D.

Proof of Theorem 3.1.

Sufficiency: From the lemma we know $C(A_i) \subset C(A)$, $i = 1, \dots, k$. Therefore by (iii) of Proposition 2.1 we get $AA_i x = A_i x$. Then

$$\sum_{j \neq i} A_j A_i x + (A_i^2 - A_i)x = 0.$$

By independence of $C(A_i)$'s we get $A_j A_i x = 0$ $i \neq j$ and $(A_i^2 - A_i)x = 0$. This being true for any x shows $A_j A_i = 0$, $i \neq j$, and $A_i^2 = A_i$.

Necessity: In view of lemma 3.1 necessity was proved already in Proposition 2.2. Q.E.D.

Chipman and Rao (1964), Khatri (1968) give more algebraic proofs of this theorem.

We proceed to generalize this result to an r -potent matrix. A matrix \underline{A} is called r -potent if $\underline{A}^r = \underline{A}$. A general theorem is given by Anderson and Styan (1980, their theorem 3.3). Here we present a simpler (but equivalent) version.

Theorem 3.2. (r -potent matrix) Let $\underline{A} = \sum_{i=1}^k \underline{A}_i$ and $r \geq 3$.

$$(i) \quad \underline{A}_i^r = \underline{A}_i, \quad \underline{A}_i \underline{A}_j = \underline{0}, \quad i \neq j,$$

if and only if

$$(i') \quad \underline{A}^r = \underline{A}, \quad (ii') \quad \text{rank } \underline{A} = \sum_{i=1}^k \text{rank } \underline{A}_i,$$

$$(iii') \quad \underline{A} \underline{A}_i = \underline{A}_i \underline{A}, \quad i = 1, \dots, k.$$

Proof.

Necessity: We need to prove (ii'). By multiplying (i) by \underline{A}_i^{r-2} or \underline{A}_j^{r-2} we get $\underline{A}_i^{2(r-1)} = \underline{A}_i^{r-1}$, $\underline{A}_i^{r-1} \underline{A}_j^{r-1} = \underline{0}$, $i \neq j$. Therefore the previous theorem applies to \underline{A}_i^{r-1} and we get

$$\text{rank } \underline{A}^{r-1} = \sum_{i=1}^k \text{rank } \underline{A}_i^{r-1}.$$

But (i) and (i') show that $\text{rank } \underline{A}^{r-1} = \text{rank } \underline{A}$, $\text{rank } \underline{A}_i^{r-1} = \text{rank } \underline{A}_i$ noting $\text{rank } \underline{A} \geq \text{rank } \underline{A}^{r-1} \geq \text{rank } \underline{A}^r = \text{rank } \underline{A}$, etc. (ii') follows from this.

Sufficiency: From (iii') we get

$$\sum_{j=1}^k \underline{A}_j \underline{A}_i x = \underline{A}_i \underline{A} x.$$

Hence

$$\sum_{j \neq i} A_j A_i x + A_i (A_i - A) x = 0 .$$

By Lemma 3.1 $C(A_i)$'s are independent and therefore $A_j A_i x = 0, \forall x, j \neq i .$

Hence

$$A_j A_i = 0, j \neq i .$$

Now

$$0 = A^r - A = \sum_{i=1}^k (A_i^r - A_i) .$$

Noting $(A_i^r - A_i)x \in C(A_i), \forall x$, we get

$$A_i^r = A_i, i = 1, \dots, k . \text{ Q.E.D.}$$

We have assumed $r \geq 3$ above because (iii') is not needed in the case $r = 2$. Anderson and Styan (1980, their Theorem 3.3) replaces (iii') by $A_i A_i^{r-2} = A_i^{r-2} A_i$, for example. This condition is nice in the sense that it reduces to the null condition when $r=2$. On the other hand, (iii') is desirable in connection with simultaneous diagonalizability (Theorem 4.3 in section 4) and actually easier to check for $r > 3$.

Our proof of sufficiency is quite general and it yields the following result almost without changes.

Theorem 3.3. Let $P(x)$ be any polynomial of $\deg P \geq 2$. Suppose

- (i) $P(A) = 0$,
- (ii) $\text{rank } A = \sum_{i=1}^k \text{rank } A_i$,
- (iii) $A A_i = A_i A$.

Then

$$A_{\sim i} A_{\sim j} = \underline{0} \text{ and } \begin{cases} P(A_{\sim i}) = \underline{0}, & i = 1, \dots, k, \text{ if } P(0) = 0, \\ A_{\sim i} P(A_{\sim i}) = \underline{0}, & i = 1, \dots, k, \text{ if } P(0) \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

Proof. As in the proof of Theorem 3.2 we get $A_{\sim i} A_{\sim j} = \underline{0}$, $i \neq j$.

Therefore $\underline{0} = P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^k P(A_{\sim i})$ if $P(0) = 0$. Then

$$\underline{0} = \sum_{i=1}^k A_{\sim i} Q(A_{\sim i})$$

where $Q(x) = P(x)/x$. By independence of $C(A_{\sim i})$'s we get

$A_{\sim i} Q(A_{\sim i}) = \underline{0}$, $i = 1, \dots, k$. Therefore $P(A_{\sim i}) = A_{\sim i} Q(A_{\sim i}) = \underline{0}$. If

$P(0) \neq 0$, let $R(x) = xP(x)$. Then $R(0) = 0$, $R(A) = \underline{0}$, and by

the above argument $R(A_{\sim i}) = A_{\sim i} P(A_{\sim i}) = \underline{0}$, $i = 1, \dots, k$. Q.E.D.

When $P(0) = 0$ the converse of this is true except for (ii).

A partial converse will be given in Corollary 4.2.

4. Decomposition to Projections

The decomposition discussed in the previous section may be called the Cochran-type decomposition. Here we want to investigate another type of decomposition which we call the decomposition to projections.³ For a diagonalizable⁴ matrix such decomposition was discussed at the end of

³It is often called "spectral decomposition, as in the case of orthogonal projections.

⁴A more "mathematical" term is "semisimple".

section 1. First we derive a simple criterion which guarantees the diagonalizability of a matrix. After that the relation of two types of the above decompositions will be discussed and the main theorem of this section (Theorem 4.4) asserts that two types of projections commute. Theorem 4.4 will be applied to generalize Cochran's theorem to sum of weighted χ^2 variables.

To discuss the diagonalizability of matrices we rely on the theory of Jordan canonical form and minimal polynomial. For a $p \times p$ matrix \tilde{A} let $\lambda(\tilde{A}) = \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k\}$ and let m_i be the multiplicity of eigenvalue λ_i , $i = 1, \dots, k$ ($\sum_{i=1}^k m_i = p$). $E(\lambda_i) = N(\tilde{A} - \lambda_i I)$ is called the eigenspace associated with λ_i . $E^W(\lambda_i) = N([\tilde{A} - \lambda_i I]^{m_i})$ is called the wide-sense eigenspace associated with λ_i . A polynomial $\phi_{\tilde{A}}(\cdot)$ is called the minimal polynomial of \tilde{A} if $\phi_{\tilde{A}}$ is the lowest degree polynomial such that $\phi_{\tilde{A}}(\tilde{A}) = 0$. The theory of Jordan canonical forms tells us the following: $E^W(\lambda_i)$, $i = 1, \dots, k$, are independent, $\dim E^W(\lambda_i) = m_i$, and $\sum_{i=1}^k E^W(\lambda_i) = X$ (the whole space); there exists a nonsingular $\tilde{T} = (\tilde{T}_1, \dots, \tilde{T}_k)$ with $\tilde{T}_i: p \times m_i$ consisting of a basis of $E^W(\lambda_i)$ such that

$$\tilde{T}^{-1} \tilde{A} \tilde{T} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{C}_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{C}_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \tilde{C}_k \end{pmatrix}$$

where \tilde{C}_i is an $m_i \times m_i$ upper triangular matrix; furthermore \tilde{C}_i is of the form

$$C_i = \begin{pmatrix} B_{i1} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & B_{i\beta_i} \end{pmatrix}$$

where B_{ij} is a $\beta_{ij} \times \beta_{ij}$ matrix which has the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_i & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_i \end{pmatrix}$$

The minimal polynomial $\phi_{\tilde{A}}$ turns out to be

$$(4.1) \quad \phi_{\tilde{A}}(x) = \prod_{i=1}^k (x - \lambda_i)^{\beta_i}$$

where $\beta_i = \max_j \{\beta_{ij}\}$. See Shilov (1971, Chapter 6) for example.

If $\beta_i = 1$ then $C_i = \lambda_i I_{\beta_i}$. Therefore we have

Fact 3.1.

The following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) \tilde{A} is diagonalizable.
- (ii) $\beta_i = 1, i = 1, \dots, k$.
- (iii) $E(\lambda_i) = E^W(\lambda_i), i = 1, \dots, k$.
- (iv) $\sum_{i=1}^k E(\lambda_i) = X$.

These conditions are rather hard to check for particular matrices. Therefore it is desirable to have a sufficient condition for the diagonalizability. Here is a strong but fairly general sufficient condition.

Lemma 4.1. Let $P(x)$ ($P \neq 0$) be a polynomial such that $P(x) = 0$ has no multiple root. Suppose $P(\underline{A}) = \underline{0}$; then \underline{A} is diagonalizable.

Proof. Let

$$P(x) = Q(x) \phi_{\underline{A}}(x) + R(x)$$

where $\deg R < \deg \phi_{\underline{A}}$. Then $P(\underline{A}) = Q(\underline{A}) \phi_{\underline{A}}(\underline{A}) + R(\underline{A})$ and we have $R(\underline{A}) = \underline{0}$. But minimality of $\phi_{\underline{A}}$ implies $R(x) \equiv 0$. Therefore $P(x) = Q(x) \prod_{i=1}^k (x - \lambda_i)^{\beta_i}$ by (4.1). By assumption about P we get $\beta_i = 1$, $i = 1, \dots, k$, and P is diagonalizable. Q.E.D.

Applying this criterion we obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 4.1. (Decomposition to Projections) Let $P(x)$ ($P \neq 0$) be a polynomial such that $P(x) = 0$ has no multiple root. Suppose $P(\underline{A}) = \underline{0}$; then \underline{A} is diagonalizable and

$$(4.2) \quad \underline{A} = \lambda_1 \underline{H}_1 + \dots + \lambda_k \underline{H}_k$$

where $\lambda(\underline{A}) = \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k\}$, \underline{H}_i 's are independent projections and $\sum_{i=1}^k \underline{H}_i = \underline{I}$. This expression is unique.

Proof. By Lemma 4.1 \underline{A} is diagonalizable. Decomposition (4.2) is given in (2.3). Q.E.D.

Corollary 4.1. Let \underline{A} be r -potent, i.e., $\underline{A}^r = \underline{A}$. Then

$$(4.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \underline{A} &= \underline{H}_1 + \omega \underline{H}_2 + \dots + \omega^{r-2} \underline{H}_{r-1} \\ &= \underline{H}_1 + \omega \underline{H}_2 + \dots + \omega^{r-2} \underline{H}_{r-1} + 0 \cdot \underline{H}_r \end{aligned}$$

where $\omega = e^{i2\pi/(r-1)}$ and \underline{H}_i 's are independent projections. This expression is unique.

Proof. Let $P(x) = x^r - x = x(x-\omega) \dots (x-\omega^{r-2})(x-1)$. Then $P(x)$ has no multiple root. Noting that $\lambda(\underline{A}) \subset \{1, \omega, \dots, \omega^{r-2}, 0\}$ (4.3) follows from (4.2). Q.E.D.

This decomposition has the following intuitive meaning. First note $C(\underline{A}) = \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} C(\omega^{i-1} \underline{H}_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} C(\underline{H}_i)$. Now $\underline{A}^r = \underline{A}$ implies $C(\underline{A}) = C(\underline{A}^r) = C(\underline{A}^{2r-1}) = \dots$. On the other hand, $C(\underline{A}) \supset C(\underline{A}^2) \supset \dots$, therefore, $C(\underline{A}) = C(\underline{A}^k)$, $k = 2, 3, \dots$. Let $\underline{x} \in C(\underline{A})$ then $\underline{x} = \underline{A} \underline{y}$. Then $\underline{A}^{r-1} \underline{x} = \underline{A}^r \underline{y} = \underline{A} \underline{y} = \underline{x}$. Therefore, \underline{A} can be interpreted as "rotating" $C(\underline{A})$ completely in $r-1$ steps. Actually (4.3) tells us that \underline{A} divides $C(\underline{A})$ into $r-1$ independent spaces $C(\underline{H}_i)$, $i = 1, \dots, r-1$, and rotates $C(\underline{H}_i)$ by the angle $(i-1)2\pi/(r-1)$.

At this point we have two decompositions: Cochran-type decomposition (Theorem 3.3) and decomposition to projections (Theorem 4.1). It is conceivable that these two decompositions are "independent" and the order of applying them is interchangeable.

Theorem 4.2. (Commutativity)

Let $P(x)$ ($P \neq 0$) be a polynomial with no multiple root. Let $\underline{A} = \sum_{i=1}^k \underline{A}_i$. Suppose

- (i) $P(\underline{A}) = \underline{0}$,
(ii) $\text{rank } \underline{A} = \sum_{i=1}^k \text{rank } \underline{A}_i$,
(iii) $\underline{A}\underline{A}_i = \underline{A}_i\underline{A} \quad i = 1, \dots, k$.

Then there exist independent projections $\underline{H}_{11}, \dots, \underline{H}_{k1}, \underline{H}_{12}, \dots, \underline{H}_{k2}, \dots,$
 $\underline{H}_{1\ell}, \dots, \underline{H}_{k\ell}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{A}_1 &= \lambda_1 \underline{H}_{11} + \lambda_2 \underline{H}_{12} + \dots + \lambda_\ell \underline{H}_{1\ell} , \\
 \underline{A}_2 &= \lambda_1 \underline{H}_{21} + \lambda_2 \underline{H}_{22} + \dots + \lambda_\ell \underline{H}_{2\ell} , \\
 &\vdots \\
 \underline{A}_k &= \lambda_1 \underline{H}_{k1} + \lambda_2 \underline{H}_{k2} + \dots + \lambda_\ell \underline{H}_{k\ell} , \\
 \underline{A} &= \lambda_1 \underline{H}_1 + \lambda_2 \underline{H}_2 + \dots + \lambda_\ell \underline{H}_\ell \quad ,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4.4}$$

where $\underline{H}_j = \sum_{i=1}^k \underline{H}_{ij}$ and $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_\ell\} = \lambda(\underline{A}) - \{0\}$. These expressions are unique.

We first prove the following essential

Theorem 4.3. (Simultaneous Diagonalization)

Let $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$ be diagonalizable. Then

$$\underline{AB} = \underline{BA}$$

if and only if $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$ are simultaneously diagonalizable.

Proof.

Sufficiency: Let $\underline{A} = \underline{T}\underline{D}_1\underline{T}^{-1}$, $\underline{B} = \underline{T}\underline{D}_2\underline{T}^{-1}$, then $\underline{AB} = \underline{T}\underline{D}_1\underline{D}_2\underline{T}^{-1}$
 $= \underline{T}\underline{D}_2\underline{D}_1\underline{T}^{-1} = \underline{BA}$.

Necessity: Let $\lambda(\underline{A}) = \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k\}$, $\lambda(\underline{B}) = \{\mu_1, \dots, \mu_\ell\}$ and $\underline{A} = \sum_{i=1}^k$

$\lambda_i \underline{H}_i^A$, $\underline{B} = \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \mu_j \underline{H}_j^B$. Suppose $\underline{x} \in E(\lambda_i) = C(\underline{H}_i^A)$. Then $\underline{ABx} = \underline{BAx}$
 $= \lambda_i \underline{Bx}$. Therefore $\underline{Bx} \in E(\lambda_i)$ or $C(\underline{BH}_i^A) \subset C(\underline{H}_i^A)$. Noting $\underline{I} = \sum_{i=1}^k \underline{H}_i^A$

we get

$$0 = \underline{B} - \underline{B} = \sum_{i=1}^k (\underline{H}_i^A \underline{B} - \underline{B} \underline{H}_i^A).$$

Therefore $\underline{H}_i^A \underline{B} = \underline{B} \underline{H}_i^A$. By Corollary 4.1 \underline{H}_i^A is diagonalizable, and repeating the same argument we obtain

$$\underline{H}_i^A \underline{H}_j^B = \underline{H}_j^B \underline{H}_i^A \text{ for any } i \text{ and } j.$$

Let $\underline{H}_{ij} = \underline{H}_i^A \underline{H}_j^B$. Then

$$\underline{H}_{ij}^2 = \underline{H}_i^A \underline{H}_j^B \underline{H}_i^A \underline{H}_j^B = (\underline{H}_i^A)^2 (\underline{H}_j^B)^2 = \underline{H}_i^A \underline{H}_j^B = \underline{H}_{ij};$$

similarly

$$\underline{H}_{ij} \underline{H}_{i'j'} = 0 \text{ for } i \neq i' \text{ or } j \neq j'.$$

It follows that \underline{H}_{ij} , $i = 1, \dots, k$, $j = 1, \dots, \ell$, are

independent projections such that $\underline{I} = \sum_{i,j} \underline{H}_{ij}$. By Cochran's theorem

$\sum_{i,j} \text{rank } \underline{H}_{ij} = p$. Now taking appropriate bases from $C(\underline{H}_{ij})$'s and

letting \underline{T} as in the proof of Proposition 2.3, it is easy to see

that $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$ are simultaneously diagonalized by \underline{T} and $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$ can be

written as

$$(4.5) \quad \tilde{A} = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} H_{ij} \quad .$$

$$\tilde{B} = \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \mu_j \sum_{i=1}^k H_{ij} \quad .$$

Now $C(H_{ij}) \subset C(H_i^A) \cap C(H_j^B) = E(\lambda_i) \cap E(\mu_j)$. On the other hand if $\underline{x} \in E(\lambda_i) \cap E(\mu_j)$ then $H_{ij}\underline{x} = H_i^A H_j^B \underline{x} = H_i^A \underline{x} = \underline{x} \in C(H_{ij})$. Therefore $C(H_{ij}) = E(\lambda_i) \cap E(\mu_j)$. Q.E.D.

Remark: It is immediate to generalize the above proof to more than two diagonalizable matrices commuting with each other. For more standard proofs see Satake (1975, Sec. 4.2, ex. 1), Greub (1975, Sec. 13.27).

Now we are in a position to prove Theorem 4.2.

Proof of Theorem 4.2. The case $\deg P = 1$ reduces to Cochran's Theorem. Suppose $\deg P \geq 2$, then by Theorem 3.3 $A_i A_j = 0$, $i \neq j$, and $P(A_i) = 0$ or $A_i P(A_i) = 0$. By Lemma 4.1 A_i 's can be diagonalized. Let $\{\mu_{i1}, \dots, \mu_{ih_i}\} = \lambda(A_i) - \{0\}$. We want to show

$$\lambda(A_i) - \{0\} \subset \lambda(A) - \{0\}$$

and

$$E(\mu_{ij}) \subset E(\lambda_\alpha)$$

where

$$\lambda_\alpha = \mu_{ij} \quad .$$

Suppose $\underline{x} \in E(\mu_{ij})$. Then

$$\mu_{ij} A \underline{x} = A A_i \underline{x} = A_i^2 \underline{x} = (\mu_{ij})^2 \underline{x} \quad .$$

Dividing by μ_{ij} we get $A \underline{x} = \mu_{ij} \underline{x}$; hence $\mu_{ij} \in \lambda(A) - \{0\}$ and if

$\mu_{ij} = \lambda_\alpha$ then $E(\mu_{ij}) \subset E(\mu_\alpha)$.

Summarizing this we obtain now from Theorem 4.2

$$\underline{A} = \lambda_1 \underline{H}_1 + \dots + \lambda_\ell \underline{H}_\ell ,$$

$$\underline{A}_1 = \lambda_1 \underline{H}_{11} + \dots + \lambda_\ell \underline{H}_{1\ell} ,$$

\vdots

$$\underline{A}_k = \lambda_1 \underline{H}_{k1} + \dots + \lambda_\ell \underline{H}_{k\ell} ,$$

where

(i) $\underline{H}_1, \dots, \underline{H}_\ell$ are independent projections,

(ii) for fixed i $\underline{H}_{i1}, \dots, \underline{H}_{i\ell}$ are independent projections, and

(iii) $E(\mu_{i\alpha}) = C(\underline{H}_{ij}) \subset C(\underline{H}_j) = E(\lambda_j)$, $i = 1, \dots, k$, where

$$\mu_{i\alpha} = \lambda_j .$$

Now

$$\underline{A} \underline{x} = \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \lambda_j \underline{H}_j \underline{x} ,$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \underline{A}_i \underline{x} = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \lambda_j \underline{H}_{ij} \underline{x} .$$

Therefore

$$(\underline{H}_j - \sum_{i=1}^k \underline{H}_{ij}) \lambda_j \underline{x} = \underline{0} , \quad \forall \underline{x} ,$$

and we get

$$(4.6) \quad \underline{H}_j = \sum_{i=1}^k \underline{H}_{ij} .$$

Let $\underline{H} = \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \underline{H}_j = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \underline{H}_{ij}$. Now

$$\text{rank } \underline{A} = \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \text{rank } \underline{H}_j = \text{rank } \underline{H} ,$$

$$\text{rank } \underline{A}_i = \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \text{rank } \underline{H}_{ij} .$$

Hence

$$\sum \text{rank } \underline{A}_i = \text{rank } \underline{A}$$

implies

$$\sum_{i,j} \text{rank } \underline{H}_{ij} = \text{rank } \underline{H} .$$

Therefore by Cochran's Theorem (Theorem 3.1) \underline{H}_{ij} 's are independent projections. From the construction the expressions are unique. Q.E.D.

Corollary 4.2. (Converse to Theorem 3.3) Suppose $P(x)$ has no multiple root and $P(0) = 0$. Let $\underline{A} = \sum_{i=1}^k \underline{A}_i$. If

$$(i) \underline{A}_i \underline{A}_j = \underline{0}, \quad i \neq j,$$

$$(ii) P(\underline{A}_i) = \underline{0}, \quad i = 1, \dots, k,$$

then

$$(iii) P(\underline{A}) = \underline{0},$$

$$(iv) \underline{A} \underline{A}_i = \underline{A}_i \underline{A},$$

$$(v) \text{rank } \underline{A} = \sum_{i=1}^k \text{rank } \underline{A}_i .$$

Proof. (iii), (iv) follow immediately from (i) and (ii). Therefore we assume (i) - (iv) instead. Then the above proof requires no change up to (4.6). Now we want to show that

$$\underline{H}_{is} \underline{H}_{jt} = \underline{0}$$

whenever $i \neq j$ or $s \neq t$ without the rank condition. Fix s, t such that $s \neq t$. Let α, β be such that $\mu_{i\alpha} = \lambda_s, \mu_{j\beta} = \lambda_t$. If $\lambda_s \notin \lambda(\underline{A}_j) - \{0\}$ then let $E(\mu_{i\alpha}) = \emptyset$ instead. In any case $E(\mu_{i\alpha}) \cap E(\mu_{j\beta}) \subset E(\lambda_s)$

$\cap E(\lambda_c) = \emptyset$. Theorem 4.3 applied to $A_{\sim i}, A_{\sim j}$ (note $A_{\sim i} A_{\sim j} = A_{\sim j} A_{\sim i} = 0$) implies that in (4.5) the second sums are just single terms and now $s \neq t$ implies $H_{\sim i s} H_{\sim j t} = 0$. Then for $i \neq j$, $0 = A_{\sim i} A_{\sim j} = \sum_{s=1}^{\ell} \lambda_s^2 H_{\sim i s} H_{\sim j s}$. Noting $C(H_{\sim i s} H_{\sim j s}) \subset C(H_{\sim s})$ we get $H_{\sim i s} H_{\sim j s} = 0$. Therefore we have shown $H_{\sim i j}$'s are independent and by Cochran's Theorem used in the other direction we get $\text{rank } H = \sum_{ij} \text{rank } H_{\sim i j}$ which yields $\text{rank } A = \sum_{i=1}^k \text{rank } A_{\sim i}$. Q.E.D.

Khatri (1977, Sec. 3) discusses similar results without assuming the commutativity (iii) which is essential for our development.

Actually we can put Theorem 4.2 into a more natural and general form.

Theorem 4.4. (Commutativity) Let $A = \sum_{i=1}^k A_{\sim i}$. Suppose

- (i) A is diagonalizable,
- (ii) $\text{rank } A = \sum_{i=1}^k \text{rank } A_{\sim i}$,
- (iii) $A_{\sim i} A_{\sim i} = A_{\sim i} A$ $i = 1, \dots, k$,

Then $A_{\sim i}$'s are simultaneously diagonalizable and (4.4) holds.

Proof. By Fact 4.1, A is diagonalizable $\Leftrightarrow \phi_A$ has no multiple root. Therefore the result follows if we let $P = \phi_A$ in Theorem 4.2. Q.E.D.

Now looking at (4.4) we see that row-wise it gives a decomposition to projections and column-wise it gives Cochran-type decompositions. In addition, marginal sums add up correctly. To get $H_{\sim i j}$ we could either (1) decompose $A_{\sim i}$ into projections, or (2) decompose A into projections

H_1, \dots, H_k and let $H_{ij} = A_i H_j$. In this sense the two decompositions commute.

Finally we give an application of Theorem 4.4 to weighted χ^2 -variables.

If A and A_i 's are real symmetric the theory developed in this section can be interpreted entirely in real numbers and real matrices. Furthermore, diagonalization can be restricted to the ones by orthogonal matrices, which is always possible. In statistical terms, then, Theorem 4.4 reads:

Theorem 4.5. Let x_1, \dots, x_p be independent standard normal variables.

Let $Q = x' A x$, $Q_1 = x' A_1 x, \dots, Q_k = x' A_k x$ be quadratic forms in x_i 's such that

$$(i) A = \sum_{i=1}^k A_i,$$

$$(ii) \text{rank } A = \sum_{i=1}^k \text{rank } A_i,$$

$$(iii) A A_i = A_i A, \quad i = 1, \dots, k.$$

Then there exist independent standard normal variables y_1, \dots, y_p such that $(y_1, \dots, y_p)' = \Gamma(x_1, \dots, x_p)'$ for some orthogonal Γ and

$$Q = \lambda_1 y_1^2 + \lambda_2 y_2^2 + \dots + \lambda_m y_m^2,$$

$$Q_1 = \lambda_1 y_1^2 + \dots + \lambda_{m_1} y_{m_1}^2,$$

$$Q_2 = \lambda_{m_1+1} y_{m_1+1}^2 + \dots + \lambda_{m_1+m_2} y_{m_1+m_2}^2,$$

\vdots

$$Q_k = \lambda_{m-m_k+1} y_{m-m_k+1}^2 + \dots + \lambda_m y_m^2$$

where λ_i 's are eigenvalues of \tilde{A} and $m_i = \text{rank } \tilde{A}_i$, $m = \text{rank } \tilde{A}$.

The converse of this theorem is easy to prove. Therefore it actually gives necessary and sufficient conditions. This theorem in its matrix form is essentially proved in Luther (1965, his Theorem 1). See also Khatri (1977) for further discussion.

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