

Primer on Linear Algebra

Linear Algebra

➤ Basic Concepts on Vectors and Matrices

Reading:

- Many primers (check internet)*

Matrices & Vectors

- Vector $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = (x_1 \dots x_n)^T = [x_i]$
- Dot product $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$, outer $\mathbf{x} \mathbf{y}^T = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 y_1 & \cdots & x_1 y_n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_n y_1 & \cdots & x_n y_n \end{pmatrix}$
- Matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1l} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nl} \end{bmatrix} = (\mathbf{a}_1 \dots \mathbf{a}_l) = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_n^T \end{bmatrix} = [a_{ij}]$

Matrix Multiplication

- Matrix multiplication $A = [a_{ij}] \in R^{n \times l}$ $B = [b_{ij}] \in R^{l \times m}$

$$AB = [\sum_{i=1}^M a_{ik} b_{kj}] = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_n^T \end{bmatrix} [\mathbf{b}_1 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{b}_m] = [\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_i^T \mathbf{b}_j]$$

$$= [A\mathbf{b}_1 \quad \dots \quad A\mathbf{b}_m] = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_1^T B \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_n^T B \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix Multiplication

- Matrix/vector multiplication $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_n^T \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_1^T \mathbf{b} \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_n^T \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix} = [\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_j^T \mathbf{b}]$
- Identity matrix $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{I}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}$

$$\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{3x3 Identity matrix}$$

Matrix Transpose

- Matrix transpose

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{n1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{1l} & \cdots & a_{nl} \end{bmatrix} = (\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_1 \dots \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_n) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_l^T \end{bmatrix}$$

- Property $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$

- Symmetric Matrix

Example

$$A = A^T \quad \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & -3 \\ 5 & 7 & 2 \\ -3 & 2 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

Trace

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_i^n a_{ii}$$

- properties $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^T) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A})$
 $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{B})$
 $\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{BA})$
- in general $\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) \neq \text{tr}(\mathbf{B})\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})$

Determinants

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{j+k} a_{jk} |\mathbf{A}_{jk}|$$

Determinants

- Properties

$$|AB| = |A||B|$$

$$|A + B| \neq |A| + |B|$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & \cdot & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & \cdot & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & \cdot & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } |A| = \prod_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$$

Matrix Inverse

- Matrix inverse A^{-1} $A^{-1}A = AA^{-1} = I$

$$A^{-1} \text{ exists iff } |A| \neq 0$$

- Solving systems $Ax = b \Rightarrow x = A^{-1}b$

- Properties $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$ $A^{-1T} = A^{T-1}$

$$|A^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|A|}$$

Matrix Inverse

- Inverse is only for square matrices. What happens for non-square (pseudo-inverse)?
- Solving the system $A \in R^{n \times l}$

$$Ax = b \quad \xRightarrow{A^T} \quad A^T Ax = A^T b$$

$$\xRightarrow{(A^T A)^{-1}} \quad x = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$

- Pseudo-inverse $A^+ = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \quad A^+ A = I$

Rank of matrix (Definition 1)

Equal to the dimension of the largest square sub-matrix of a matrix that has a non-zero determinant.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & 2 & 14 \\ 3 & 9 & 6 & 21 \\ 8 & 10 & 7 & 28 \\ 1 & 2 & 9 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \text{ has rank 3}$$

$$|\mathbf{A}| = 0 \quad \text{but} \quad \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 9 & 6 \\ 8 & 10 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = 63$$

Rank of matrix (Definition 2)

- A set of vectors $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3, \dots, \mathbf{a}_l$ are linearly independent then $c_1\mathbf{a}_1 + c_2\mathbf{a}_2 + c_3\mathbf{a}_3 + \dots + c_l\mathbf{a}_l = 0$
iff $c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_n = 0$

Alternative definition of rank: the maximum number of linearly independent columns (or rows) of A

Example: $1 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 8 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 9 \\ 10 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} - 1 \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ 21 \\ 28 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = 0$

Therefore,
rank is not 4 !

Properties

- If A in $n \times n$, $\text{rank}(A) = n$ iff A is nonsingular (i.e., invertible)
- If A in $n \times n$, $\text{rank}(A) = n$ iff $|A| \neq 0$ (full rank).
- If A in $n \times n$, $\text{rank}(A) < n$ iff A is singular.

Orthogonal/Orthonormal matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_n^T \end{bmatrix} \quad \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_j^T \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_k = 0 \text{ for every } j \neq k \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{L}$$

$$A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \dots \mathbf{a}_n] \quad \mathbf{a}_j^T \mathbf{a}_k = 0 \text{ for every } j \neq k \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{L}$$

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{I} \quad \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$$

Eigenvalues & Eigenvectors

- Vector \mathbf{x} is an eigenvector of matrix \mathbf{A} and λ is an eigenvalue of \mathbf{A} if:

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \lambda\mathbf{x} \quad \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$$

- **Interpretation:** the linear transformation implied by \mathbf{A} cannot change the direction of the eigenvectors \mathbf{x} , only their magnitude.

Eigenvalues & Eigenvectors

- To find the eigenvalues λ of a matrix A , find the roots of the *characteristic polynomial*:

$$|\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}| = 0$$

Example: $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\left| \begin{bmatrix} 5 - \lambda & -2 \\ 6 & -2 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right| = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 2 \Rightarrow$$

Eigenvalues & Eigenvectors

Find the eigenvectors by solving the two homogenous systems:

$$(A - \lambda_1 I)\mathbf{v}_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_1 = k \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(A - \lambda_2 I)\mathbf{v}_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_2 = k \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues & Eigenvectors

- Eigenvalues and eigenvectors are only defined for square matrices (i.e., $n = l$)
- Eigenvectors are not unique: If \mathbf{v} is an eigenvector, so is $k\mathbf{v}$ (solution of a homogenous system)
- Suppose $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ are the eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} , then:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) \quad \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = |\mathbf{A}| \quad \begin{array}{l} \lambda_i = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} \text{ is singular} \end{array}$$

Diagonalisation

- Given matrix A , find P such that $P^{-1}AP$ is diagonal (i.e., P diagonalises A)
- Take $P = [\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n]$, where $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ are the eigenvectors of A

$$AP = P \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Diagonalisation

Are all $n \times n$ matrices diagonalizable with $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n > 0$?

- Only if \mathbf{P}^{-1} exists (i.e., \mathbf{A} must have n linearly independent eigenvectors, that is, $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = n$)
- If \mathbf{A} has n distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$, then the corresponding eigen-vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ form a basis:
 - (1) linearly independent
 - (2) span \mathbb{R}^n

Diagonalisation

Symmetric Matrices

- The eigenvalues of symmetric matrices are all real.
- The eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are orthogonal. $\mathbf{P}^{-1} = \mathbf{P}^T$

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{P}^T = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i (\mathbf{v}_i)^T$$

Properties in the white board