Introduction to Vectors and Matrices

Matrices

- Definition: A matrix is a rectangular array of numbers
- In many applications, the rows of a matrix will represent individual cases (people, items, plants, animals, ...) and columns will represent attributes or characteristics
- The dimension of a matrix is its number of rows and columns, often denoted as r x c (r rows by c columns)
- Can be represented in full form or abbreviated form:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1j} & \cdots & a_{1c} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2j} & \cdots & a_{2c} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & \cdots & a_{ij} & \cdots & a_{ic} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{r1} & a_{r2} & \cdots & a_{rj} & \cdots & a_{rc} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{ij} \end{bmatrix} \quad i = 1, \dots, r; \ j = 1, \dots, c$$

Special Types of Matrices

Square Matrix: Number of rows = # of Columns (r = c)

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 20 & 32 & 50 \\ 12 & 28 & 42 \\ 28 & 46 & 60 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

Vector: Matrix with one column (column vector) or one row (row vector)

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 57 \\ 24 \\ 18 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \\ d_4 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{E'} = \begin{bmatrix} 17 & 31 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{F'} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 & f_2 & f_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Transpose: Matrix formed by interchanging rows and columns of a matrix (use "prime" to denote transpose)

$$\mathbf{G}_{2\times 3} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 15 & 22 \\ 8 & 13 & 25 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{G'} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 8 \\ 15 & 13 \\ 22 & 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{r \times c} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & \cdots & h_{1c} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ h_{r1} & \cdots & h_{rc} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{ij} \end{bmatrix} \quad i = 1, ..., r; \ j = 1, ..., c \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{H}' = \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & \cdots & h_{r1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ h_{1c} & \cdots & h_{rc} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{ji} \end{bmatrix} \quad j = 1, ..., c; \ i = 1, ..., r$$

Matrix Equality: Matrices of the same dimension, and corresponding elements in same cells are all equal:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 12 & 10 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{bmatrix} \implies b_{11} = 4, b_{12} = 6, b_{21} = 12, b_{22} = 10$$

Matrix Addition and Subtraction

Two matrices \boldsymbol{A} and \boldsymbol{B} of the same dimensions can be added, where the sum $\boldsymbol{A} + \boldsymbol{B}$ has $(i, j)^{\text{th}}$ entry equal to $a_{ij} + b_{ij}$

Example (2.4 on p. 55): If
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, then

$$A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 0+1 & 3-2 & 1-3 \\ 1+2 & -1+5 & 1+1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: Subtraction is defined in a similar way.

Exercise: Find A - B in the above example.

Matrix Multiplication

Multiplication of a Matrix by a Scalar (single number):

$$k = 3$$
 $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow k\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3(2) & 3(1) \\ 3(-2) & 3(7) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ -6 & 21 \end{bmatrix}$

Multiplication of a Matrix by a Matrix (#cols(\mathbf{A}) = #rows(\mathbf{B}):

If
$$c_A = r_B : \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}_{r_A \times c_A} \mathbf{B}_{r_B \times c_B} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} ab_{ij} \end{bmatrix} i = 1, ..., r_A; j = 1, ..., c_B$$

 $ab_{ij} \equiv \text{ sum of the products of the } c_A = r_B \text{ elements of i}^{th} \text{ row of } \mathbf{A} \text{ and j}^{th} \text{ column of } \mathbf{B}$:

$$\mathbf{A}_{3\times 2} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B}_{2\times 2} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}_{3\times22\times2} = \mathbf{AB}_{3\times2} = \begin{bmatrix} 2(3) + 5(2) & 2(-1) + 5(4) \\ 3(3) + (-1)(2) & 3(-1) + (-1)(4) \\ 0(3) + 7(2) & 0(-1) + 7(4) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 18 \\ 7 & -7 \\ 14 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

If
$$c_A = r_B = c : \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}_{r_A \times c_A} \mathbf{B}_{r_B \times c_B} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} ab_{ij} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{k=1}^{c} a_{ik}b_{kj} \end{bmatrix} i = 1, ..., r_A; j = 1, ..., c_B$$

Special Matrix Types

Symmetric Matrix: Square matrix with a transpose equal to itself: A = A':

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 19 & -8 \\ 19 & 14 & 3 \\ -8 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{A'} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 19 & -8 \\ 19 & 14 & 3 \\ -8 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{A}$$

Diagonal Matrix: Square matrix with all off-diagonal elements equal to 0:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} \qquad \text{Note:Diagonal matrices are symmetric (not vice versa)}$$

Identity Matrix: Diagonal matrix with all diagonal elements equal to 1 (acts like multiplying a scalar by 1):

$$\mathbf{I}_{3\times 3} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{A}_{3\times 3} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \implies \mathbf{I}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

Scalar Matrix: Diagonal matrix with all diagonal elements equal to a single number"

$$\begin{bmatrix} k & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & k \end{bmatrix} = k \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = k \underbrace{\mathbf{I}}_{4\times4}$$

1-Vector and matrix and zero-vector:

$$\mathbf{1}_{r \times l} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{J}_{r \times r} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{0}_{r \times l} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \text{Note: } \mathbf{1}_{l \times r} \mathbf{1}_{r \times l} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = r \qquad \mathbf{1}_{r \times l} \mathbf{1}_{l \times r} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{J}_{r \times r}$$

Linear Dependence

• **Definition:** A set of vectors \mathbf{x}_1 , \mathbf{x}_2 , ..., \mathbf{x}_k is said to be *linearly dependent* if there exist k numbers a_1 , a_2 , ..., a_k , not all zero, such that

$$a_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + a_2 \mathbf{x}_2 + \dots + a_k \mathbf{x}_k = 0$$

Otherwise the set of vectors is said to be linearly independent.

• Example: Let
$$x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
, $x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$, $x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Then $2x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 = 0$

Thus, x_1 , x_2 , x_3 are a linearly dependent set of vectors.

Linear Dependence and Rank of a Matrix

- Linear Dependence: When a linear function of the columns (rows) of a matrix produces a zero vector (one or more columns (rows) can be written as linear function of the other columns (rows))
- Rank of a matrix: Number of linearly independent columns (rows) of the matrix. Rank cannot exceed the minimum of the number of rows or columns of the matrix. rank(\mathbf{A}) \leq min($r_{\mathbf{A}}$, $c_{\mathbf{A}}$)
- A matrix if full rank if rank(\mathbf{A}) = min(r_A , c_A)

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -4 & 12 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_1 & \mathbf{A}_2 \\ 2 \times 1 & 2 \times 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad 3\mathbf{A}_1 + \mathbf{A}_2 = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{Columns of } \mathbf{A} \text{ are linearly dependent } \operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = 1$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 4 & 12 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}_1 & \mathbf{B}_2 \\ 2 \times 1 & 2 \times 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad 0\mathbf{B}_1 + 0\mathbf{B}_2 = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{Columns of } \mathbf{B} \text{ are linearly independent } \operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{B}) = 2$$

Geometry of Vectors

- A vector of order n is a point in n-dimensional space
- The line running through the origin and the point represented by the vector defines a 1-dimensional subspace of the n-dim space
- Any p linearly independent vectors of order n, p < n define a p-dimensional subspace of the n-dim space
- Two vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are orthogonal if $\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{x} = 0$ and form a 90° angle at the origin
- Two vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are linearly dependent if they form a 0° or 180° angle at the origin

Geometry of Vectors - II

Length of a vector: length(\mathbf{x}) = $L_{\mathbf{x}} = \sqrt{\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{x}}$

Cosine of Angle between 2 vectors: $cos(\theta) = \frac{\mathbf{x'y}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{x'x}}\sqrt{\mathbf{y'y}}}$

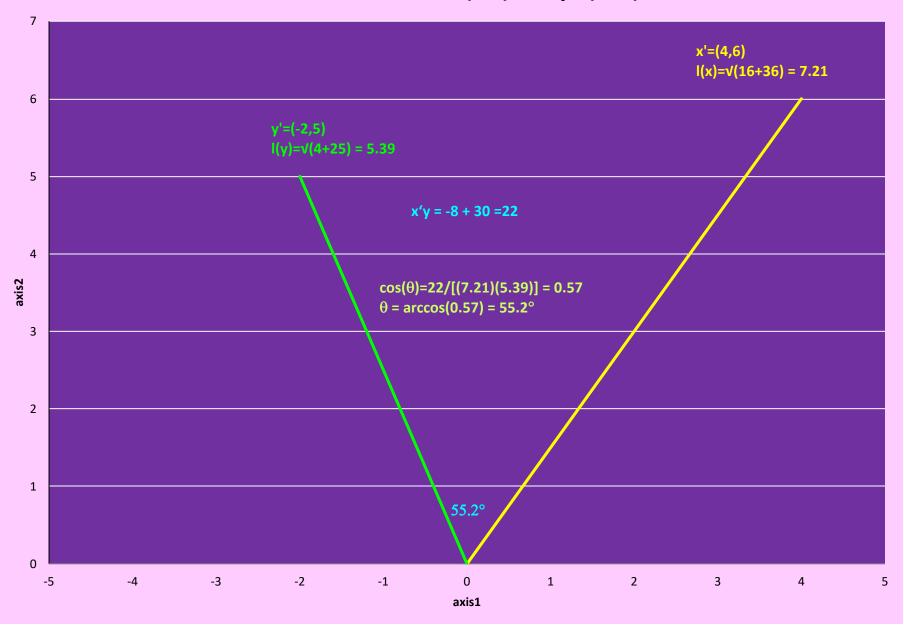
$$\Rightarrow \theta = \arccos\left(\frac{\mathbf{x'y}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{x'x}\sqrt{\mathbf{y'y}}}}\right) \text{ in degrees}$$

Projection of
$$\mathbf{x}$$
 on \mathbf{y} : $\frac{\mathbf{x'y}}{\mathbf{y'y}}\mathbf{y} = \frac{\mathbf{x'y}}{L_{\mathbf{y}}} \left(\frac{1}{L_{\mathbf{y}}}\right) \mathbf{y}$

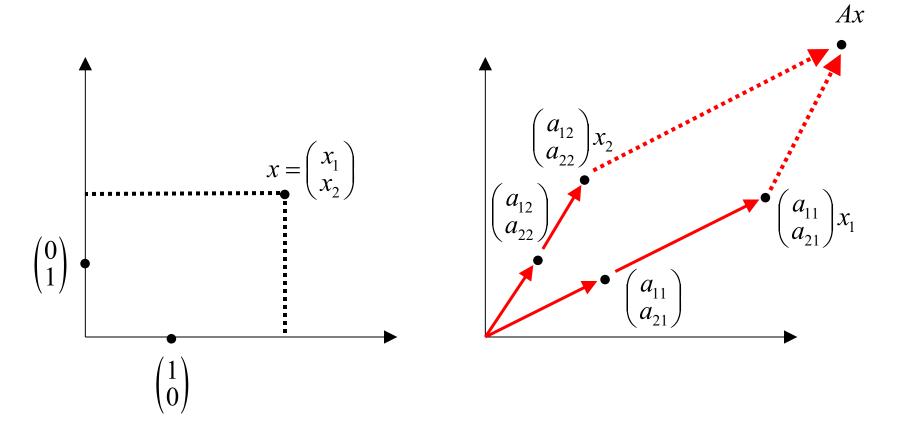
with length
$$\frac{|\mathbf{x'y}|}{L_{\mathbf{y}}} = L_{\mathbf{x}} \frac{|\mathbf{x'y}|}{L_{\mathbf{x}}L_{\mathbf{y}}} = L_{\mathbf{x}} |\cos(\theta)|$$

If two vectors each have mean 0 among their elements then θ is the product moment correlation between the two vectors

Plot of 2 Vectors: x'=(4,6) and y'=(-2,5)



• Graphical Depiction of Matrix multiplication:



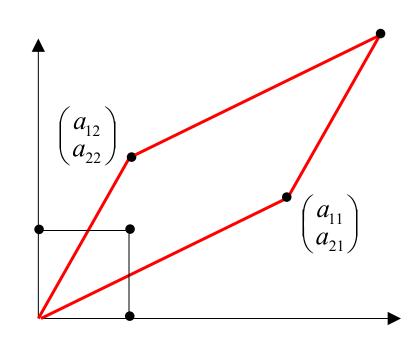
DETERMINANTS OF SQUARE MATRICES

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

$$\Rightarrow \det(A)$$

$$= a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{21}$$





= Area of the image of the unit square under A

Matrix Inverse

• Note: For scalars (except 0), when we multiply a number, by its reciprocal, we get 1: 2(1/2)=1 $x(1/x)=x(x^{-1})=1$

• In matrix form if A is a square matrix and full rank (all rows and columns are linearly independent), then A has an inverse: A⁻¹ such that: A⁻¹ A = A A⁻¹ = I

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 8 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{36} & \frac{8}{36} \\ \frac{4}{6} & \frac{-2}{36} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{36} & \frac{8}{36} \\ \frac{4}{36} & \frac{-2}{36} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 8 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{36} + \frac{32}{36} & \frac{16}{36} - \frac{16}{36} \\ \frac{8}{36} - \frac{8}{36} & \frac{32}{36} + \frac{4}{36} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{I}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 4(1/4) + 0 + 0 & 0 + 0 + 0 & 0 + 0 + 0 \\ 0 + 0 + 0 & 0 + (-2)(-1/2) + 0 & 0 + 0 + 0 \\ 0 + 0 + 0 & 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 & 0 + 0 + 6(1/6) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{I}$$

Use of Inverse Matrix – Solving Simultaneous Equations

 $\mathbf{AY} = \mathbf{C}$ where \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{C} are matrices of of constants, \mathbf{Y} is matrix of unknowns $\Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{AY} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{C} \Rightarrow \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{C}$ (assuming \mathbf{A} is square and full rank)

Equation 1:
$$12y_1 + 6y_2 = 48$$
 Equation 2: $10y_1 - 2y_2 = 12$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 6 \\ 10 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 48 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{C}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{12(-2) - 6(10)} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -6 \\ -10 & 12 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{84} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 10 & -12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{C} = \frac{1}{84} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 10 & -12 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 48 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{84} \begin{bmatrix} 96 + 72 \\ 480 - 144 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{84} \begin{bmatrix} 168 \\ 336 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note the wisdom of waiting to divide by |A| at end of calculation!

Useful Matrix Results

All rules assume that the matrices are conformable to operations:

Addition Rules:

$$A + B = B + A$$
 $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$

Multiplication Rules:

(AB)C = A(BC)
$$C(A+B) = CA + CB$$
 $k(A+B) = kA + kB$ $k = \text{scalar}$

Transpose Rules:

$$(A')' = A$$
 $(A+B)' = A'+B'$ $(AB)' = B'A'$ $(ABC)' = C'B'A'$

Inverse Rules (Full Rank, Square Matrices):

$$(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$$
 $(ABC)^{-1} = C^{-1}B^{-1}A^{-1}$ $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$ $(A')^{-1} = (A^{-1})^{-1}$

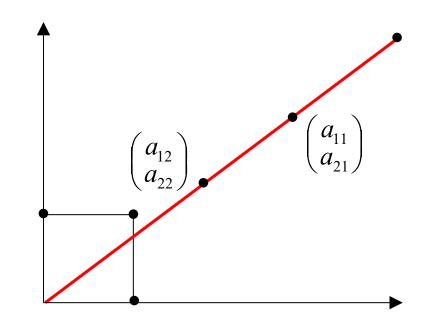
NONSINGULAR SQUARE MATRICES

A^{-1} exists

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \end{pmatrix} and \begin{pmatrix} a_{21} \\ a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$are \ not \ colinear$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$
 $\det(A) \neq 0$



 \Leftrightarrow A is nonsingular

PROPERTIES OF DETERMINANTS

- Another notation for det(A) is |A|
- $\bullet \quad |A'| = |A|$
- |AB| = |A||B|
- $|A^{-1}| = |A|^{-1}$
- Partitioned matrices:

$$\begin{vmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{vmatrix} = |A_{11}| |A_{22} - A_{21} A_{11}^{-1} A_{12}|$$
$$= |A_{22}| |A_{11} - A_{12} A_{22}^{-1} A_{21}|$$

Orthogonal Matrices

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_1 \\ \mathbf{q}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{q}_k \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{Q'} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_1 & \mathbf{q}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{q}_k \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{q}_i = \begin{bmatrix} q_{1i} \\ q_{2i} \\ \vdots \\ q_{ki} \end{bmatrix} \quad i = 1, \dots, k \quad \text{Orthogonal} \implies \mathbf{QQ'} = \mathbf{Q'Q} = \mathbf{I}$$

$$\mathbf{QQ'} = \mathbf{I} \implies \mathbf{Q'} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \qquad \mathbf{q}_{i} \mathbf{q}_{i} = \sum_{l=1}^{k} q_{li}^{2} = 1 \quad i = 1, ..., k \qquad \mathbf{q}_{i} \mathbf{q}_{j} = \sum_{l=1}^{k} q_{li} q_{lj} = 0 \quad i \neq j$$

 $\mathbf{QQ'} = \mathbf{I} \implies \text{Rows of } \mathbf{Q} \text{ are of length 1 and mutually perpendicular}$

 $\mathbf{Q}'\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I} \implies \text{Columns of } \mathbf{Q} \text{ are of length 1 and mutually perpendicular}$

Example: Rotation Matrix - Rotate 2-dimensional Axes by $\theta = 22.5^{\circ}$ counterclockwise

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9239 & 0.3827 \\ -0.3827 & 0.9239 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{T'} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9239 & -0.3827 \\ 0.3827 & 0.9239 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{TT'} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta & -\cos \theta \sin \theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ -\sin \theta \cos \theta + \cos \theta \sin \theta & \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{I}$$

Trace of a matrix

Def: If A is a square matrix, then $tr(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{ii}$

Properties:

- $\operatorname{tr}(A + B) = \operatorname{tr}(A) + \operatorname{tr}(B)$
- tr(AB) = tr(BA)
- $tr(A'A) = tr(AA') = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{p} a_{ij}^2$

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Def: If A is a square matrix and λ is a scalar and x is a nonzero vector such that

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

then we say that λ is an eigenvalue of A and x is its corresponding eigenvector.

Note: To find the eigenvalues we solve $|A - \lambda I| = 0$

Note: If A is $n \times n$ then A has n eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n$. The λ 's are not necessarily all distinct, or nonzero or real numbers.

Properties:

- $\operatorname{tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i$ $|A| = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i$

Spectral Decomposition

Def: If A is a symmetric matrix then

$$A = CDC'$$

where $C = (e_1, ..., e_n)$ contains the eigenvectors of A and

 $D = diag(\lambda_1, ..., \lambda_n)$ is a diagonal matrix with the eigenvalues of A Equivalently, this means

$$A = \lambda_1 \mathbf{e}_1 \mathbf{e}_1' + \lambda_2 \mathbf{e}_2 \mathbf{e}_2' + \dots + \lambda_n \mathbf{e}_n \mathbf{e}_n'$$

If $\lambda_i > 0$ for all i = 1, ..., n then A is called positive definite and we can define square root matrix

$$A^{1/2} = CD^{1/2}C'$$

where $D^{1/2} = \operatorname{diag}(\sqrt{\lambda_1}, ..., \sqrt{\lambda_n})$

Properties:

- $A^{1/2}A^{1/2}=A$
- $A^{-1} = CD^{-1}C'$