

Matrix Forensics

A brief guide to efficient linear algebra

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1 | Nomenclature

\mathbf{A}	Matrix.
\mathbf{a}	(Column) vector.
a	Scalar.
\mathbf{A}_{ij}	Matrix indexed. Returns i th row and j th column.
$\mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{B}$	Hadamard (element-wise) product of matrices \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} .
$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$	Nullspace of the matrix \mathbf{A} .
$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$	Range of the matrix \mathbf{A} .
$\det(\mathbf{A})$	Determinant of the matrix \mathbf{A} .
$\text{eig}(\mathbf{A})$	Eigenvalues of the matrix \mathbf{A} .
\mathbf{A}^H	Conjugate transpose of the matrix \mathbf{A} .
\mathbf{A}^T	Transpose of the matrix \mathbf{A} .
\mathbf{A}^+	Pseudoinverse of the matrix \mathbf{A} .
$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$	The entries of the n -vector \mathbf{x} are all real numbers.
$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$	The entries of the matrix \mathbf{A} with m rows and n columns are all real numbers.
$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}^n$	The matrix \mathbf{A} is symmetric and has n rows and n columns.
\mathbf{I}_n	Identity matrix with n rows and n columns.
$\{0\}$	The empty set

2 | Derivatives

For general \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{X} (no special structure):

$$\partial \mathbf{A} = 0 \quad \text{where } \mathbf{A} \text{ is a constant} \quad (1)$$

$$\partial(c\mathbf{X}) = c\partial\mathbf{X} \quad (2)$$

$$\partial(\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y}) = \partial\mathbf{X} + \partial\mathbf{Y} \quad (3)$$

$$\partial(\text{tr}(\mathbf{X})) = \text{tr}(\partial\mathbf{X}) \quad (4)$$

$$\partial(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}) = (\partial\mathbf{X})\mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{X}(\partial\mathbf{Y}) \quad (5)$$

$$\partial(\mathbf{X} \circ \mathbf{Y}) = (\partial\mathbf{X}) \circ \mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{X} \circ (\partial\mathbf{Y}) \quad (6)$$

$$\partial(\mathbf{X}^{-1}) = -\mathbf{X}^{-1}(\partial\mathbf{X})\mathbf{X}^{-1} \quad (7)$$

$$\partial(\det(\mathbf{X})) = \text{tr}(\text{adj}(\mathbf{X})\partial\mathbf{X}) \quad (8)$$

$$\partial(\det(\mathbf{X})) = \det(\mathbf{X}) \text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^{-1}\partial\mathbf{X}) \quad (9)$$

$$\partial(\ln(\det(\mathbf{X}))) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^{-1}\partial\mathbf{X}) \quad (10)$$

$$\partial(\mathbf{X}^T) = (\partial\mathbf{X})^T \quad (11)$$

$$\partial(\mathbf{X}^H) = (\partial\mathbf{X})^H \quad (12)$$

3 | Matrix Rogue Gallery

3.1 Non-Singular vs. Singular Matrices

For $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n,n}$ (initially drawn from [1, p. 574]):

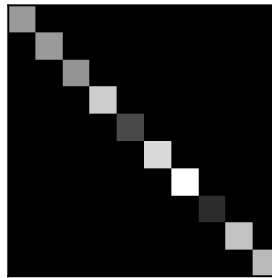
Non-Singular

\mathbf{A} is invertible
 The columns are independent
 The rows are independent
 $\det(\mathbf{A}) \neq 0$
 $\mathbf{Ax} = 0$ has one solution: $\mathbf{x} = 0$
 $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ has one solution: $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}$
 \mathbf{A} has n nonzero pivots
 \mathbf{A} has full rank $r = n$
 The reduced row echelon form is $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}$
 The column space is all of \mathbb{R}^n
 The row space is all of \mathbb{R}^n
 All eigenvalues are nonzero
 $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$ is symmetric positive definite
 \mathbf{A} has n positive singular values

Singular

\mathbf{A} is not invertible
 The columns are dependent
 The rows are dependent
 $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 0$
 $\mathbf{Ax} = 0$ has infinitely many solutions
 $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ has either no or infinitely many solutions
 \mathbf{A} has $r < n$ pivots
 \mathbf{A} has rank $r < n$
 \mathbf{R} has at least one zero row
 The column space has dimension $r < n$
 The row space has dimension $r < n$
 Zero is an eigenvalue of \mathbf{A}
 $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$ is only semidefinite
 \mathbf{A} has $r < n$ singular values

3.2 Diagonal Matrix



$$A = \text{diag}(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & a_n \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

Square matrix. Entries above diagonal are equal to entries below diagonal.

Number of “free entries”: $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$.

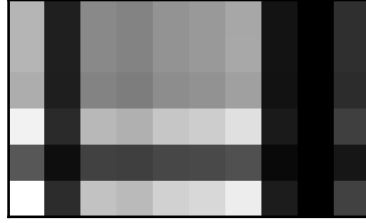
Special Properties

$$\text{eig}(A) = a_1, \dots, a_n \quad (14)$$

$$\det(A) = \prod_i a_i \quad (15)$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{a_1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \frac{1}{a_n} \end{bmatrix} \quad (16)$$

3.3 Dyads



$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$ is a dyad if it can be written as

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T \quad \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^m, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad (17)$$

Special Properties

- The columns of \mathbf{A} are copies of \mathbf{u} scaled by the values of \mathbf{v} .
- The rows of \mathbf{A} are copies of \mathbf{u}^T scaled by the values of \mathbf{v} .
- If \mathbf{A} is a dyad, it acts on a vector \mathbf{x} as $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T)\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{v}^T\mathbf{u})\mathbf{x}$.
- $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = c\mathbf{u}$ (\mathbf{A} scales \mathbf{x} and points it along \mathbf{u}).
- $\mathbf{A}_{ij} = \mathbf{u}_i\mathbf{v}_j$.
- If $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \neq 0$, then $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = 1$.
- If $m = n$, \mathbf{A} has one eigenvalue $\lambda = \mathbf{v}^T\mathbf{u}$ and eigenvector \mathbf{u} .

- A dyad can always be written in a normalized form $c\tilde{\mathbf{u}}\tilde{\mathbf{v}}^T$.

3.4 Hermitian Matrix

$\mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{C}^{m,n}$ is Hermitian iff

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}^H \quad (18)$$

where \mathbf{H}^H is the conjugate transpose of \mathbf{H} .

For $\mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$, Hermitian and symmetric matrices are equivalent.

Special Properties

$$\mathbf{H}_{ii} \in \mathbb{R} \quad (19)$$

$$\mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^H = \mathbf{H}^H\mathbf{H} \quad (20)$$

$$\mathbf{x}^H\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R} \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C} \quad (21)$$

$$\mathbf{H}_1 + \mathbf{H}_2 = \text{Hermitian} \quad (22)$$

$$\mathbf{H}^{-1} = \text{Hermitian} \quad (23)$$

$$\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^H = \text{Hermitian} \quad (24)$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}^H = \text{Skew-Hermitian} \quad (25)$$

$$\mathbf{AB} = \text{Hermitian iff } \mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{BA} \quad (26)$$

$$\det(\mathbf{H}) \in \mathbb{R} \quad (27)$$

$$\text{eig}(\mathbf{H}) \in \mathbb{R} \quad (28)$$

3.5 Idempotent Matrix

A matrix \mathbf{A} is idempotent iff

$$\mathbf{AA} = \mathbf{A} \quad (29)$$

Special Properties

$$\mathbf{A}^n = \mathbf{A} \quad \forall n \quad (30)$$

$$\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A} \text{ is idempotent} \quad (31)$$

$$\mathbf{A}^H \text{ is idempotent} \quad (32)$$

$$\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}^H \text{ is idempotent} \quad (33)$$

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) \quad (34)$$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (35)$$

$$\mathbf{A}^+ = \mathbf{A} \quad (36)$$

$$f(s\mathbf{I} + t\mathbf{A}) = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})f(s) + \mathbf{A}f(s + t) \quad (37)$$

$$\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{BA} \implies \mathbf{AB} \text{ is idempotent} \quad (38)$$

$$\text{eig}(\mathbf{A})_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad (39)$$

$$\mathbf{A} \text{ is always diagonalizable} \quad (40)$$

$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I}$ may not be idempotent.

3.6 Orthogonal Matrix

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (41)$$

A matrix \mathbf{U} is orthogonal iff:

$$\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{U}^T = \mathbf{I} \quad (42)$$

Square matrix. The columns form an orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^n .

Special Properties

- The eigenvalues of \mathbf{U} are placed on the unit circle.
- The eigenvectors of \mathbf{U} are unitary (have length one).
- \mathbf{U}^{-1} is orthogonal.

$$\mathbf{U}^T = \mathbf{U}^{-1} \quad (43)$$

$$\mathbf{U}^{-T} = \mathbf{U} \quad (44)$$

$$\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I} \quad (45)$$

$$\mathbf{U} \mathbf{U}^T = \mathbf{I} \quad (46)$$

$$\det(\mathbf{U}) = \pm 1 \quad (47)$$

Orthogonal matrices preserve the lengths and angles of the vectors they operator on. The converse is true: any matrix which preserves lengths and angles is orthogonal.

$$\|\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = (\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x})^T (\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} = \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \quad (48)$$

$$\|\mathbf{U}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{V}\|_F = \|\mathbf{A}\|_F \quad \forall \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V} \text{ with } \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V} \text{ orthogonal} \quad (49)$$

3.7 Positive Definite

$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}^n$ is positive definite (denoted $\mathbf{A} \succ 0$) if any of the following are true:

- $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} > 0, \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- $\text{eig}(\mathbf{A}) > 0$

Special Properties

- If \mathbf{A} is PD and invertible, \mathbf{A}^{-1} is also PD.
- If \mathbf{A} is PD and $c \in \mathbb{R}$ then $c\mathbf{A}$ is PD.
- The diagonal entries \mathbf{A}_{ii} are real and non-negative, so $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) \geq 0$.
- $\det(\mathbf{A}) > 0$
- For $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$, $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \succ 0 \iff \mathbf{A}$ is full-column rank ($\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = n$)
- For $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$, $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T \succ 0 \iff \mathbf{A}$ is full-row rank ($\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = m$)
- $\mathbf{P} \succ 0$ defines a full-dimensional, bounded ellipsoid centered at the origin and defined by the set $\mathcal{E} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{P}^{-1} \mathbf{x} \leq 1\}$. The eigenvalues λ_i and eigenvectors u_i of \mathbf{P} define the orientation and shape of the ellipsoid. u_i are the semi-axes while the lengths of the semi-axes are given by $\sqrt{\lambda_i}$. Using the Cholesky decomposition, $\mathbf{P}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$, an equivalent definition of the ellipsoid is $\mathcal{E} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq 1\}$.

3.8 Positive Semi-Definite

\mathbf{A} is positive semi-definite (denoted $\mathbf{A} \succeq 0$) if any of the following are true:

- $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \geq 0, \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- $\text{eig}(\mathbf{A}) \geq 0$

Special Properties

- For $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$, $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \succeq 0$
- For $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$, $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T \succeq 0$
- The positive semi-definite matrices \mathbb{S}_+^n form a convex cone. For any two PSD matrices $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{S}_+^n$ and some $\alpha \in [0, 1]$:

$$\mathbf{x}^T (\alpha \mathbf{A} + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{B}) \mathbf{x} = \alpha \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{x} \geq 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \quad (50)$$

$$\alpha \mathbf{A} + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{S}_+^n \quad (51)$$

- For $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}_+^n$ and $\alpha \geq 0$, $\alpha \mathbf{A} \succeq 0$, so \mathbb{S}_+^n is a cone.

3.9 Projection Matrix

A square matrix \mathbf{P} is a projection matrix that projects onto a vector space \mathcal{S} iff

$$\mathbf{P} \text{ is idempotent} \quad (52)$$

$$\mathbf{P} \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{S} \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \quad (53)$$

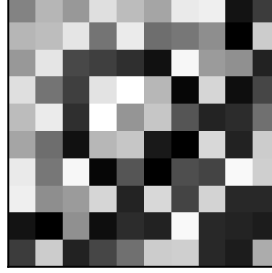
$$\mathbf{P} \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{z} \quad \forall \mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{S} \quad (54)$$

3.10 Singular Matrix

A square matrix that is not invertible.

$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n,n}$ is singular iff $\det \mathbf{A} = 0$ iff $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) \neq \{0\}$.

3.11 Symmetric Matrix



$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}^n$ is a symmetric matrix if $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^T$ (entries above diagonal are equal to entries below diagonal).

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d & e & f \\ b & g & l & m & o & p \\ c & l & h & n & q & r \\ d & m & n & i & s & t \\ e & o & q & s & j & u \\ f & p & r & t & u & k \end{bmatrix} \quad (55)$$

Special Properties

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^T \quad (56)$$

Number of “free entries”: $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$.

If \mathbf{A} is real, it can be decomposed into $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{Q}$ where \mathbf{Q} is a real orthogonal matrix (the columns of which are eigenvectors of \mathbf{A}) and \mathbf{D} is real and diagonal containing the eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} .

For a real, symmetric matrix with non-negative eigenvalues, the eigenvalues and singular values coincide.

3.12 Skew-Hermitian

A matrix $\mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{C}^{m,n}$ is Skew-Hermitian iff

$$\mathbf{H} = -\mathbf{H}^H \quad (57)$$

3.13 Toeplitz Matrix, General Form

Constant values on descending diagonals.

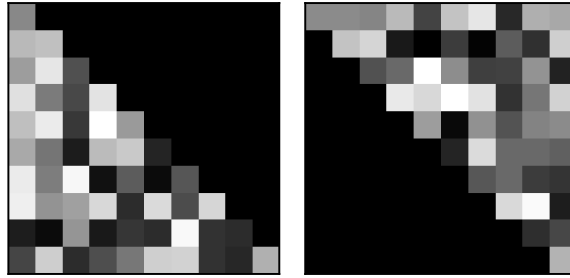
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_0 & a_{-1} & a_{-2} & \dots & \dots & a_{-(n-1)} \\ a_1 & a_0 & a_{-1} & \ddots & & \vdots \\ a_2 & a_1 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & a_{-1} & a_{-2} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & a_1 & a_0 & a_{-1} \\ a_{n-1} & \dots & \dots & a_2 & a_1 & a_0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (58)$$

3.14 Toeplitz Matrix, Discrete Convolution

Constant values on main and subdiagonals.

$$\begin{bmatrix} h_m & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & h_m & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ h_1 & \vdots & h_m & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h_1 & \ddots & \ddots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & h_1 & \ddots & h_m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \ddots & \vdots & h_m \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & h_1 & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & h_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (59)$$

3.15 Triangular Matrix



$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d & e & f \\ & g & h & i & j & k \\ & & l & m & n & o \\ & & & p & q & r \\ & & & & s & t \\ & & & & & u \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} a & & & & & \\ b & g & & & & \\ c & h & l & & & \\ d & i & m & p & & \\ e & j & n & q & s & \\ f & k & o & r & t & u \end{bmatrix} \quad (60)$$

Square matrices in which all elements either above or below the main diagonal are zero. An upper (left) and a lower (right) triangular matrix are shown above.

For an upper triangular matrix $A_{ij} = 0$ whenever $i > j$; for a lower triangular matrix $A_{ij} = 0$ whenever $i < j$.

Special Properties

$$\text{eig}(A) = \text{diag}(A) \quad (61)$$

$$\det(A) = \prod_i \text{diag}(A)_i \quad (62)$$

The product of two upper (lower) triangular matrices is still upper (lower) triangular.

The inverse of a nonsingular upper (lower) triangular matrix is still upper (lower) triangular.

3.16 Vandermonde Matrix

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_1^2 & \dots & \alpha_1^{n-1} \\ 1 & \alpha_2 & \alpha_2^2 & \dots & \alpha_2^{n-1} \\ 1 & \alpha_3 & \alpha_3^2 & \dots & \alpha_3^{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \alpha_m & \alpha_m^2 & \dots & \alpha_m^{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad (63)$$

Alternatively,

$$V_{i,j} = \alpha_i^{j-1} \quad (64)$$

Uses

Polynomial interpolation of data.

Special Properties

- $\det(V) = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (x_j - x_i)$

4 | Matrix Decompositions

4.1 LLT/UTU: Cholesky Decomposition

If \mathbf{A} is symmetric, positive definite, square, then

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}^T \quad (65)$$

where \mathbf{U} is a unique upper triangular matrix and \mathbf{L} is a unique lower-triangular matrix.

4.2 LDLT

If \mathbf{A} is a non-singular symmetric definite square matrix, then

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{L}^T = \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{L} \quad (66)$$

where \mathbf{L} is a unit lower triangular matrix and \mathbf{D} is a diagonal matrix. If $\mathbf{A} \succ 0$, then $\mathbf{D}_{ii} > 0$.

4.3 PCA: Principle Components Analysis

Find normalized directions in data space such that the variance of the projections of the centered data points is maximal. For centered data $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}$, the mean-square variation of data along a vector \mathbf{x} is $\mathbf{x}^T \tilde{\mathbf{X}} \tilde{\mathbf{X}}^T \mathbf{x}$.

$$\max_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \|\mathbf{x}\|_2=1} \mathbf{x}^T \tilde{\mathbf{X}} \tilde{\mathbf{X}}^T \mathbf{x} \quad (67)$$

Taking an SVD of $\tilde{\mathbf{X}} \tilde{\mathbf{X}}^T$ gives $H = \mathbf{U}_r \mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{U}^T$, which is maximized by taking $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{u}_1$. By repeatedly removing the first principal components and recalculating, all the principal axes can be found.

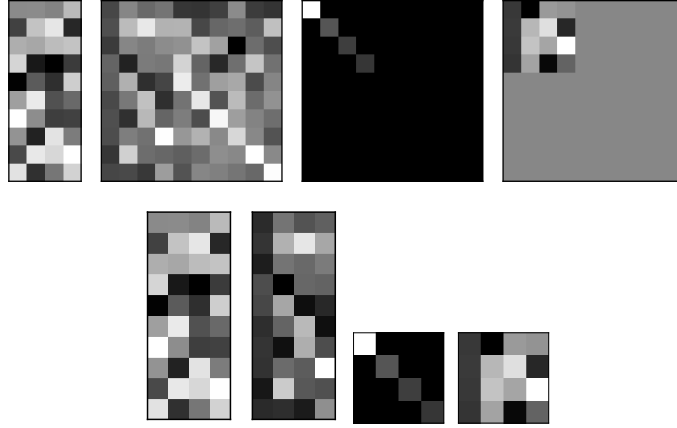
4.4 QR: Orthogonal-triangular

For $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n,n}$, $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{R}$ where \mathbf{Q} is orthogonal and \mathbf{R} is an upper triangular matrix. If \mathbf{A} is non-singular, then \mathbf{Q} and \mathbf{R} are uniquely defined if $\text{diag}(\mathbf{R})$ are imposed to be positive.

Algorithms

Gram-Schmidt.

4.5 SVD: Singular Value Decomposition



Any matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$ can be written as

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^T = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T \quad (68)$$

where

$$\mathbf{U} = \text{eigenvectors of } \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T \quad \mathbb{R}^{m,m} \quad (69)$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \text{diag}(\sigma_i) = \sqrt{\text{diag}(\text{eig}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T))} \quad \mathbb{R}^{n,m} \quad (70)$$

$$\mathbf{V} = \text{eigenvectors of } \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \quad \mathbb{R}^{n,n} \quad (71)$$

Let σ_i be the non-zero singular values for $i = 1, \dots, r$ where r is the rank of \mathbf{A} ; $\sigma_1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r$.

We also have that

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_i = \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \quad (72)$$

$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{u}_i = \sigma_i \mathbf{v}_i \quad (73)$$

$$\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I} \quad (74)$$

$$\mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I} \quad (75)$$

\mathbf{D} can be written in an expanded form:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{D}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{D} & 0_{r,n-r} \\ 0_{m-r,r} & 0_{m-r,n-r} \end{bmatrix} \quad (76)$$

The final $n - r$ columns of \mathbf{V} give an orthonormal basis spanning $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$. An orthonormal basis spanning the range of \mathbf{A} is given by the first r columns of \mathbf{U} .

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_F^2 = \text{Frobenius norm} = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}) = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i^2 \quad (77)$$

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_2^2 = \sigma_1^2 \quad (78)$$

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_* = \text{nuclear norm} = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i \quad (79)$$

The **condition number** κ of an invertible matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n,n}$ is the ratio of the largest and smallest singular value. Matrices with large condition numbers are closer to being singular and more sensitive to changes.

$$\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_n} = \|\mathbf{A}\|_2 \cdot \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|_2 \quad (80)$$

Low-Rank Approximation

Approximating $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$ by a matrix \mathbf{A}_k of rank $k > 0$ can be formulated as the optimization problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{A}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}} \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_k\|_F^2 : \text{rank } \mathbf{A}_k = k, 1 \leq k \leq \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) \quad (81)$$

The optimal solution of this problem is given by

$$\mathbf{A}_k = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T \quad (82)$$

where

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{A}_k\|_F^2}{\|\mathbf{A}\|_F^2} = \frac{\sigma_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_k^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_r^2} \quad (83)$$

$$1 - \frac{\|\mathbf{A}_k\|_F^2}{\|\mathbf{A}\|_F^2} = \frac{\sigma_{k+1}^2 + \dots + \sigma_r^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_r^2} \quad (84)$$

is the fraction of the total variance in \mathbf{A} explained by the approximation \mathbf{A}_k .

Range and Nullspace

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{V}_{nr}) \quad (85)$$

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})^\perp \equiv \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^T) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{V}_r) \quad (86)$$

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{U}_r) \quad (87)$$

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})^\perp \equiv \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^T) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{U}_{nr}) \quad (88)$$

where \mathbf{V}_r is the first r columns of V and V_{nr} are the last $[r+1, n]$ columns; similarly for \mathbf{U} .

Projectors

The projection of \mathbf{x} onto $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ is $(\mathbf{V}_{nr}\mathbf{V}_{nr}^T)\mathbf{x}$. Since $\mathbf{I}_n = \mathbf{V}_r\mathbf{V}_r^T + \mathbf{V}_{nr}\mathbf{V}_{nr}^T$, $(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{V}_r\mathbf{V}_r^T)\mathbf{x}$ also works. The projection of \mathbf{x} onto $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$ is $(\mathbf{U}_r\mathbf{U}_r^T)\mathbf{x}$.

If $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$ is full row rank ($\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T \succ 0$), then the minimum distance to an affine set $\{x : \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}\}$, $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is given by $\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{A}^T(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T)^{-1}\mathbf{b}$.

If $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$ is full column rank ($\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A} \succ 0$), then the minimum distance to an affine set $\{x : \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}\}$, $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is given by $\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{b}$.

Computational Notes

Since $\sigma \approx 0$, a *numerical rank* can be estimated for the matrix as the largest k such that $\sigma_k > \epsilon\sigma_1$ for $\epsilon \geq 0$.

4.6 Eigenvalue Decomposition for Diagonalizable Matrices

For a square, diagonalizable matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n,n}$

$$\mathbf{A} = U\Lambda U^{-1} \quad (89)$$

where $U \in \mathbb{C}^{n,n}$ is an invertible matrix whose columns are the eigenvectors of \mathbf{A} and Λ is a diagonal matrix containing the eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ of \mathbf{A} in the diagonal.

The columns $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n$ satisfy

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i\mathbf{u}_i \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad (90)$$

4.7 Eigenvalue (Spectral) Decomposition for Symmetric Matrices

A symmetric matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n,n}$ can be factored as

$$\mathbf{A} = U\Lambda U^T = \sum_i^n \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T \quad (91)$$

where $U \in \mathbb{R}^{n,n}$ is an orthogonal matrix whose columns \mathbf{u}_i are the eigenvectors of \mathbf{A} and Λ is a diagonal matrix containing the eigenvalues $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$ of \mathbf{A} in the diagonal. These eigenvalues are always real. The eigenvectors can always be chosen to be real and to form an orthonormal basis.

The columns $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n$ satisfy

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i\mathbf{u}_i \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad (92)$$

4.8 Schur Complements

For $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}^n$, $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{S}^n$, $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n,m}$ with $\mathbf{B} \succ 0$ and the block matrix

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{X}^T & \mathbf{B} \end{bmatrix} \quad (93)$$

and the Schur complement of \mathbf{A} in \mathbf{M}

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{X}^T \quad (94)$$

Then

$$\mathbf{M} \succeq 0 \iff \mathbf{S} \succeq 0 \quad (95)$$

$$\mathbf{M} \succ 0 \iff \mathbf{S} \succ 0 \quad (96)$$

5 | Matrix Properties

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{AB} + \mathbf{AC} \quad (\text{left distributivity}) \quad (97)$$

$$(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C})\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{BA} + \mathbf{CA} \quad (\text{right distributivity}) \quad (98)$$

$$\mathbf{AB} \neq \mathbf{BA} \quad (\text{in general}) \quad (99)$$

$$(\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{BC}) \quad (\text{associativity}) \quad (100)$$

6 | Transpose Properties

$$(\mathbf{AB})^T = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T \tag{101}$$

$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^T = \mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{B}^T \tag{102}$$

$$(\mathbf{A}^{-1})^T = (\mathbf{A}^T)^{-1} \tag{103}$$

7 | Determinant Properties

Geometrically, if a unit volume is acted on by \mathbf{A} , then $|\det(\mathbf{A})|$ indicates the volume after the transformation.

$$\det(I_n) = 1 \quad (104)$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A}^T) = \det(\mathbf{A}) \quad (105)$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A}^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{A})} = \det(\mathbf{A})^{-1} \quad (106)$$

$$\det(AB) = \det(BA) \quad (107)$$

$$\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B) \quad \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n,n} \quad (108)$$

$$\det(c\mathbf{A}) = c^n \det(\mathbf{A}) \quad \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n,n} \quad (109)$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = \prod \text{eig}(\mathbf{A}) \quad (110)$$

8 | Trace Properties

For $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n,n}$

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{A}_{ii} \quad (111)$$

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{B}) \quad (112)$$

$$\text{tr}(c\mathbf{A}) = c \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) \quad (113)$$

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^T) \quad (114)$$

For $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}$ of compatible dimensions,

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{B}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}^T) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{B} \mathbf{A}^T) \quad (115)$$

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{D}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{B} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{A}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{C} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{D} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{C}) \quad (116)$$

(Invariant under cyclic permutations)

9 | Inverse Properties

The inverse of $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n,n}$ is denoted \mathbf{A}^{-1} and defined such that

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}_n \quad (117)$$

where \mathbf{I}_n is the $n \times n$ identity matrix. \mathbf{A} is nonsingular if \mathbf{A}^{-1} exists; otherwise, \mathbf{A} is singular.

If individual inverses exist

$$(\mathbf{AB})^{-1} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1} \quad (118)$$

more generally

$$(\mathbf{A}_1\mathbf{A}_2 \dots \mathbf{A}_n)^{-1} = \mathbf{A}_n^{-1} \dots \mathbf{A}_2^{-1}\mathbf{A}_1^{-1} \quad (119)$$

$$(\mathbf{A}^{-1})^T = (\mathbf{A}^T)^{-1} \quad (120)$$

10 | Pseudo-Inverse Properties

For $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$, a pseudoinverse satisfies:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^+\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A} \quad (121)$$

$$\mathbf{A}^+\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^+ = \mathbf{A}^+ \quad (122)$$

$$(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^+)^T = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^+ \quad (123)$$

$$(\mathbf{A}^+\mathbf{A})^T = \mathbf{A}^+\mathbf{A} \quad (124)$$

10.1 Moore-Penrose Pseudoinverse

$$\mathbf{A}^+ = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{U}^T \quad (125)$$

where the foregoing comes from a singular-value decomposition and $\mathbf{D}^{-1} = \text{diag}(\frac{1}{\sigma_1}, \dots, \frac{1}{\sigma_r})$

Special Properties

- $\mathbf{A}^+ = \mathbf{A}^{-1}$ if $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n,n}$ and \mathbf{A} is square and nonsingular.
- $\mathbf{A}^+ = (\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T$, if $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$ is full column rank ($r = n \leq m$). \mathbf{A}^+ is a left inverse of \mathbf{A} , so $\mathbf{A}^+\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V}_r\mathbf{V}_r^T = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{V}^T = \mathbf{I}_n$.
- $\mathbf{A}^+ = \mathbf{A}^T(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T)^{-1}$, if $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$ is full row rank ($r = m \leq n$). \mathbf{A}^+ is a right inverse of \mathbf{A} , so $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^+ = \mathbf{U}_r\mathbf{U}_r^T = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^T = \mathbf{I}_m$.

11 | Hadamard Identities

$$(\mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{B})_{ij} = A_{ij} B_{ij} \quad \forall i, j \quad (126)$$

$$\mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B} \circ \mathbf{A} \quad (127) \quad [2]$$

$$\mathbf{A} \circ (\mathbf{B} \circ \mathbf{C}) = (\mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{B}) \circ \mathbf{C} \quad (128)$$

$$\mathbf{A} \circ (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{C} \quad (129) \quad [2]$$

$$a(\mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{B}) = (a\mathbf{A}) \circ \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A} \circ (a\mathbf{B}) \quad (130) \quad [2]$$

$$(\mathbf{A}^T \circ \mathbf{B}^T) = (\mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{B})^T \quad (131)$$

$$(\mathbf{A}^T \circ \mathbf{B}^T) = (\mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{B})^T \quad (132)$$

$$(x^T \mathbf{A} x) = \sum_{i,j} ((xx^T) \circ \mathbf{A}) \quad (133)$$

12 | Eigenvalue Properties

$\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ is an eigenvalue of $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n,n}$ and $u \in \mathbb{C}^n$ is a corresponding eigenvector if $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = \lambda\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{u} \neq 0$. Equivalantly, $(\lambda\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{A})\mathbf{u} = 0$ and $\mathbf{u} \neq 0$. Eigenvalues satisfy the equation $\det(\lambda\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{A}) = 0$.

Any matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n,n}$ has n eigenvalues, though some may be repeated. λ_1 is the largest eigenvalue and λ_n the smallest.

$$\text{eig}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T) = \text{eig}(\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}) \quad (134)$$

(Note that the number of entries in $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$ and $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$ may differ significantly leading to different compute times.)

$$\text{eig}(\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}) \geq 0 \quad (135)$$

Computation

TODO: eigsh, small eigen value extraction, top-k

13 | Norms

13.1 Matrices

Matrix norms satisfy some properties:

$$f(\mathbf{A}) \geq 0 \quad (136)$$

$$f(\mathbf{A}) = 0 \iff \mathbf{A} = 0 \quad (137)$$

$$f(c\mathbf{A}) = |c|f(\mathbf{A}) \quad (138)$$

$$f(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) \leq f(\mathbf{A}) + f(\mathbf{B}) \quad (139)$$

Many popular matrix norms also satisfy “sub-multiplicativity”: $f(\mathbf{AB}) \leq f(\mathbf{A})f(\mathbf{B})$.

13.1.1 Frobenius norm

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \sqrt{\text{tr } \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^H} \quad (140)$$

$$= \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |\mathbf{A}_{ij}|^2} \quad (141)$$

$$= \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \text{eig}(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A})_i} \quad (142)$$

Special Properties

$$\|\mathbf{Ax}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|_F \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad (143)$$

$$\|\mathbf{AB}\|_F \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|_F \|\mathbf{B}\|_F \quad (144)$$

13.1.2 Operator Norms

For $p = 1, 2, \infty$ or other values, an operator norm indicates the maximum input-output gain of the matrix.

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_p = \max_{\|\mathbf{u}\|_p=1} \|\mathbf{Au}\|_p \quad (145)$$

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_1 = \max_{\|\mathbf{u}\|_1=1} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}\|_1 \quad (146)$$

$$= \max_{j=1,\dots,n} \sum_{i=1}^m |\mathbf{A}_{ij}| \quad (147)$$

$$= \text{Largest absolute column sum} \quad (148)$$

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_\infty = \max_{\|\mathbf{u}\|_\infty=1} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}\|_\infty \quad (149)$$

$$= \max_{j=1,\dots,m} \sum_{i=1}^n |\mathbf{A}_{ij}| \quad (150)$$

$$= \text{Largest absolute row sum} \quad (151)$$

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_2 = \text{“spectral norm”} \quad (152)$$

$$= \max_{\|\mathbf{u}\|_2=1} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}\|_2 \quad (153)$$

$$= \sqrt{\max(\text{eig}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}))} \quad (154)$$

$$= \text{Square root of largest eigenvalue of } \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \quad (155)$$

Special Properties

$$\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}\|_p \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|_p \|\mathbf{u}\|_p \quad (156)$$

$$\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}\|_p \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|_p \|\mathbf{B}\|_p \quad (157)$$

$$(158)$$

13.1.3 Spectral Radius

Not a proper norm.

$$\rho(\mathbf{A}) = \text{spectral radius}(\mathbf{A}) = \max_{i=1,\dots,n} |\text{eig}(\mathbf{A})_i| \quad (159)$$

Special Properties

$$\rho(\mathbf{A}) \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|_p \quad (160)$$

$$\rho(\mathbf{A}) \leq \min(\|\mathbf{A}\|_1, \|\mathbf{A}\|_\infty) \quad (161)$$

$$(162)$$

13.2 Vectors

P-norm:

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_p = (\sum_i |\mathbf{x}_i|^p)^{1/p} \quad (163)$$

14 | Bounds

14.1 Matrix Gain

$$\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}) \leq \frac{\|\mathbf{Ax}\|_2^2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2} \leq \lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}) \quad (164)$$

$$\max_{\mathbf{x} \neq 0} \frac{\|\mathbf{Ax}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2} = \|\mathbf{A}\|_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})} \implies \mathbf{x} = u_1 \quad (165)$$

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \neq 0} \frac{\|\mathbf{Ax}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2} = \sqrt{\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})} \implies \mathbf{x} = u_n \quad (166)$$

14.2 Norms

For $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_1 \leq \sqrt{\text{card}(\mathbf{x})} \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq \sqrt{n} \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq n \|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty \quad (167)$$

For any $0 < p < q$ we have that $\|\mathbf{x}\|_q \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_p$.

14.3 Rayleigh quotients

The Rayleigh quotient of $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}^n$ is given by

$$\frac{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Ax}}{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}} \quad \mathbf{x} \neq 0 \quad (168)$$

$$\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{A}) \leq \frac{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Ax}}{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}} \leq \lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{A}) \quad \mathbf{x} \neq 0 \quad (169)$$

$$\lambda_{\max}(A) = \max_{\mathbf{x} \|\mathbf{x}\|_2=1} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Ax} = u_1 \quad (170)$$

$$\lambda_{\min}(A) = \min_{\mathbf{x} \|\mathbf{x}\|_2=1} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Ax} = u_n \quad (171)$$

where u_1 and u_n are the eigenvectors associated with λ_{\max} and λ_{\min} , respectively.

15 | Linear Equations

The linear equation $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{y}$ with $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$ admits a solution iff $\text{rank}([\mathbf{A} \ \mathbf{y}]) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$. If this is satisfied, the set of all solutions is an affine set $\mathcal{S} = \{\mathbf{x} = \bar{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{z} : \mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})\}$ where $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ is any vector such that $\mathbf{A}\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{y}$. The solution is unique if $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = \{0\}$.

$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{y}$ is *overdetermined* if it is tall/skinny ($m > n$); that is, if there are more equations than unknowns. If $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = n$ then $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = 0$, so there is either no solution or one solution. Overdetermined systems often have no solution ($\mathbf{y} \notin \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$), so an approximate solution is necessary.

$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{y}$ is *underdetermined* if it is short/wide ($n > m$); that is, if it has more unknowns than equations. If $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = m$ then $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbb{R}^m$, so $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = n - m > 0$, so the set of solutions is infinite. Therefore, finding a single solution that optimizes some quantity is of interest.

$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{y}$ is *square* if $n = m$. If \mathbf{A} is invertible, then the equations have the unique solution $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{y}$.

15.1 Least-Squares

For an overdetermined system we wish to find:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 \quad (172)$$

Since $\mathbf{Ax} \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$, we need a point $\tilde{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{Ax}^* \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$ closest to \mathbf{y} . This point lies in the nullspace of \mathbf{A}^T , so we have $\mathbf{A}^T(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{Ax}^*) = 0$. There is always a solution to this problem and, if $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = n$, it is unique.

$$\mathbf{x}^* = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y} \quad (173)$$

15.2 Minimum Norm Solutions

For underdetermined systems in which $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$ with $m < n$. We wish to find

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}: \mathbf{Ax}=\mathbf{y}} \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \quad (174)$$

The solution \mathbf{x}^* must be orthogonal to $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$, so $\mathbf{x}^* \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^T)$, so $\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{A}^T c$ for some c , so $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T c = \mathbf{y}$, therefore:

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{A}^T (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{y} \quad (175)$$

16 | $\mathbf{1}_r^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{1}_c$

Reduces to: Scalar

Notation: For $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times c}$, $\mathbf{1}_r$ is in $\mathbb{R}^{r \times 1}$ and $\mathbf{1}_c$ is in $\mathbb{R}^{c \times 1}$.

Plain English: The sum of the elements of the matrix.

Algorithm: Traverse all the element of the matrix in order keeping track of the sum. For applications where accuracy is important and the matrices have a large dynamic range, Kahan summation or a similar technique should be used.

Update Algorithm: If an entry changes, subtract its old value from the sum and add its new value to the sum.

17 | $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$

Reduces to: Scalar

Notation: \mathbf{A} must be in $\mathbb{R}^{i \times i}$. \mathbf{x} is in $\mathbb{R}^{i \times 1}$.

Plain English: TODO

Algorithm: TODO

Update Algorithm: We make use of the identity $(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i,j} ((\mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^T) \circ \mathbf{A})$. If an entry $\mathbf{A}_{i,j}$ in the matrix changes subtract its old value $\mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_j \mathbf{A}_{ij}$ and add the new value $\mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_j \mathbf{A}'_{ij}$. If an entry \mathbf{x}_i changes TODO.

18 | Algorithms

18.1 Gram-Schmidt

TODO

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