

# Matrix Analysis Homework 6

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## Problem 1 :

Let  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be square matrices. Show that  
 $\max\{\dim\mathcal{N}(A), \dim\mathcal{N}(B)\} \leq \dim\mathcal{N}(AB) \leq \dim\mathcal{N}(A) + \dim\mathcal{N}(B)$

*Proof.* Divided into two parts.

1)  $\dim\mathcal{N}(AB) \leq \dim\mathcal{N}(A) + \dim\mathcal{N}(B)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\dim\mathcal{N}(AB) &= n - \text{rank}(AB) \\ &\leq n - (\text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B) - n) \\ &= n - \text{rank}(A) + n - \text{rank}(B) \\ &= \dim\mathcal{N}(A) + \dim\mathcal{N}(B)\end{aligned}$$

2)  $\max\{\dim\mathcal{N}(A), \dim\mathcal{N}(B)\} \leq \dim\mathcal{N}(AB)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\dim\mathcal{N}(AB) &= n - \text{rank}(AB) \\ &\geq n - \min(\text{rank}(A), \text{rank}(B)) \\ &= \max(\dim\mathcal{N}(A), \dim\mathcal{N}(B))\end{aligned}$$

So we can get that,  $\max\{\dim\mathcal{N}(A), \dim\mathcal{N}(B)\} \leq \dim\mathcal{N}(AB) \leq \dim\mathcal{N}(A) + \dim\mathcal{N}(B)$ .  
Done. □

## Problem 2 :

Let  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$  be two column vectors such that  $u^T v \neq 1$ . Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be the  $n \times n$  identity matrix. Compute a basis for the nullspace of  $A := \mathcal{I} - uv^T$ . Or if  $\mathcal{N}(A) = 0$ , prove that  $A$  is invertible, and compute  $A^{-1}$ .

*Proof.*

1. We take one element  $x \in \mathcal{N}(A)$ , Then we can get  $uv^T x = x$ . So  $x$  is a eigenvector when  $\lambda = 1$ . And we know that  $\text{rank}(uv^T) = 1$  and  $\sum_i \lambda_i = \text{trace}(uv^T) = u^T v$ .  $\lambda$  just have two values whatever the dimension of  $uv^T$  is.

$$\lambda = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda = u^T v \neq 1$$

So there doesn't exist this eigenvector. So  $x$  just can equal to 0. It means  $\mathcal{N}(A) = 0$ . the nullspace of  $A$  is empty set.

2.  $\mathcal{N}(A) = 0 \Rightarrow \dim \mathcal{N}(A) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{rank}(A) = n - \dim \mathcal{N}(A) = n \Rightarrow A$  is invertible. Let  $B := uv^T$ , then we can get that  $BB = uv^T uv^T = v^T u uv^T = v^T u B$ . Let  $A^{-1} = \alpha I + \beta B$ .

$$\begin{aligned}(I - B)(\alpha I + \beta B) &= I \\ \alpha I + \beta IB - \alpha BI - \beta BB &= I \\ \alpha I + (\beta - \alpha - \beta v^T u)B &= I \\ &\Rightarrow \alpha = 1 \\ (\beta - \alpha - \beta v^T u) &= 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \beta = \frac{1}{1 - v^T u}\end{aligned}$$

So,  $A^{-1} = I + \frac{uv^T}{1 - v^T u}$ . Let verify in another direction.

$$\begin{aligned}A^{-1}A &= \left(I + \frac{uv^T}{1 - v^T u}\right) \times (I - uv^T) \\ &= I + \frac{uv^T}{1 - v^T u} - uv^T - \frac{uv^T uv^T}{1 - v^T u} \\ &= I + \frac{v^T u uv^T}{1 - v^T u} - \frac{uv^T uv^T}{1 - v^T u} \\ &= I \quad (uv^T uv^T = v^T u uv^T)\end{aligned}$$

Done. □

**Problem 3 :**

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be matrix with  $\text{rank}(A) = r$ . Prove in two different ways that there exist matrices  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}, C \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times n}$ , such that  $A = BC$ . You may only use arguments that we have developed in the class so far.

Hint: For the first proof, try to write the linear transformation  $\tau_A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  as a composition of two linear transformations  $\phi, \psi$  in the form  $\tau_A : \mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{\phi} \mathbb{R}^r \xrightarrow{\psi} \mathbb{R}^m$ . For the second proof,  $B$  should contain in its columns the basis for some space (which space?).

*Proof.* We can show that based on properties of linear transformation and matrix multiplication.

- 1) Let  $\tau_A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ . There exists  $\phi_C : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^r$  and  $\psi_B : \mathbb{R}^r \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ , such that  $\tau_A = \psi_B \phi_C$ .  $P, Q, R$  are the ordered basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^r, \mathbb{R}^m$  respectively. We know that  $A = [\tau_A]_{P,R} = [\psi_B \phi_C]_{P,R} = [\psi_B]_{Q,R} [\phi_C]_{P,Q} = BC$  from Theorem 2.15 in Roman. So we can get that  $A = BC$ .
- 2) Same as problem 1 in Homework 5. Let  $B = (B_1, \dots, B_r) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}$  be a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^r$ . And we know  $\text{rank} A = r$ , suppose  $A = (A_1, \dots, A_n)$ . So,

$$A_i = \sum_{j=1}^r B_j c_{i,j}$$

Let

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} c_{1,1} & c_{1,2} & \cdots & c_{1,n} \\ c_{2,1} & c_{2,2} & \cdots & c_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{r,1} & c_{r,2} & \cdots & c_{r,n} \end{pmatrix}$$

So we can get that  $A = BC$ .

Done. □

**Problem 4 :**

Let  $\|\cdot\| : \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a matrix norm induced by the vector norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Let  $A$  be an invertible matrix. Prove that  $\|A^{-1}\| = (\min_{\|x\|=1} \|Ax\|)^{-1}$ .

*Proof.* To prove that, we must know  $\left\| \frac{a}{\|a\|} \right\| = 1, \text{ if } a \neq 0.$

$$\begin{aligned}
\|A^{-1}\| &= \max_{\|x\|=1} \|A^{-1}x\| \\
&= \max_{y \neq 0} \left\| A^{-1} \frac{y}{\|y\|} \right\| \\
&= \max_{y \neq 0} \left\| \frac{A^{-1}y}{\|y\|} \right\| \\
&= \max_{y \neq 0} \frac{\|A^{-1}y\|}{\|y\|} \\
&= \max_{y \neq 0} \frac{\|A^{-1}y\|}{\|AA^{-1}y\|} \\
&= \frac{1}{\min_{y \neq 0} \left\| \frac{A(A^{-1}y)}{\|A^{-1}y\|} \right\|} \\
&= \frac{1}{\min_{\|x\|=1} \|Ax\|}
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, we get that  $\|A^{-1}\| = \frac{1}{\min_{\|x\|=1} \|Ax\|}.$

Done. □

**Problem 5 :**

There is something wrong with statement (5.2.13) p.283 in Meyer. What is it, and why is it wrong? How can you fix it?

*Proof.* The condition should be  $VV^* = I.$  We want to show that  $\|AV\|_2 = \|A\|_2.$

$$\begin{aligned}
\|AV\|_2^2 &= \|(AV)^*\|_2^2 \\
&= \|V^*A^*\|_2^2 \\
&= \max_{\|x\|_2=1} \|V^*A^*x\|_2^2 \\
&= \max_{\|x\|_2=1} x^*AVV^*A^*x \\
\|A\|_2^2 &= \|A^*\|_2^2 \\
&= \max_{\|x\|_2=1} \|A^*x\|_2^2 \\
&= \max_{\|x\|_2=1} x^*AA^*x
\end{aligned}$$

So just  $VV^* = I$  can get  $\|AV\|_2 = \|A\|_2.$  So we must change the condition to  $VV^* = I.$  □

**Problem 6 :**

Given a vector norm  $\|\cdot\| : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  define the dual norm  $\|\cdot\|^D : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $\|x\|^D := \max_{\|y\|=1} |x^T y|.$  Show that the dual norm is a norm. show that  $\|\cdot\|_2^D = \|\cdot\|_2, \|\cdot\|_1^D = \|\cdot\|_\infty, \|\cdot\|_\infty^D = \|\cdot\|_1.$

*Proof.*

1)  $\|\cdot\|_2^D = \|\cdot\|_2:$

(a) if  $x = 0, \|0\|_2^D = \|0\|_2.$

(b) if  $x \neq 0,$  we know that  $\cos\theta = \frac{\langle x|y \rangle}{\|x\|_2\|y\|_2},$  and  $\|y\|_2 = 1,$  we can get that  $\langle x|y \rangle = \|x\|_2 \cos\theta.$   
When  $y = \alpha x, \langle x|y \rangle$  can get the max. So let  $y = \frac{x}{\|x\|}.$

$$\|x\|_2^D = \max_{\|y\|_2=1} |x^T y| = \left| x^T \frac{x}{\|x\|_2} \right| = \|x\|_2$$

2)  $\|\cdot\|_1^D = \|\cdot\|_\infty$ :  
 $\|x\|_1^D = \max_{\|y\|_1=1} |x^T y|$ . When  $y = e_i$ , such that  $x_i = \max x_i$ , euqation get the maximum value. So  $\|x\|_1^D = \max |x_i|$ . Hence,

$$\|\cdot\|_1^D = \|\cdot\|_\infty$$

3)  $\|\cdot\|_\infty^D = \|\cdot\|_1$ :  
 $\|x\|_\infty^D = \max_{\|y\|_\infty=1} |x^T y|$ . When  $x_i < 0, y_i = -1$  and  $x_i > 0, y_i = 1$ ,  $\|x\|_\infty^D$  get the maximum. And  $\|x\|_\infty^D = |x^T y| = \sum_i |x_i|$ . Hence,

$$\|\cdot\|_\infty^D = \|\cdot\|_1$$

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