

Outline

1. Review

— $Ax=b$

— dot product

2. Dot product application

3. Dot product is special case of matrix mult etc

4. Uniqueness

Review

linear

① A system of m equations in n unknowns can be written as a vector equation where the lhs is a L.C. of n vectors & the rhs is a constant vector w/ m elements.

Example

$$2x_1 - 3x_2 - x_3 = 1$$

$$x_3 - x_1 = 0$$

$$x_2 = 4$$

Take 1 minute & write in the form stated above, LC = const. vector
What are m & n ?

$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

the scalars are the unknowns

In general $x_1 \begin{bmatrix} | \\ a_1 \\ | \end{bmatrix} + \dots + x_n \begin{bmatrix} | \\ a_n \\ | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | \\ b \\ | \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{matrix} T \\ m \\ \perp \end{matrix}$

OR $\begin{matrix} \swarrow & \searrow & \searrow & \searrow \\ m \times n & n \times 1 & m \times 1 & \end{matrix}$
 $Ax = b$ where $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ | \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ a_1 & \dots & a_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ | \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

② Ax is matrix-vector multiplication and
 Ax is/means L.C. of the columns of A .

$Ax=b$ states that (for some x), b is a L.C. of the columns of A

The statement that $Ax=b$ has no solⁿ means that b is not a L.C. of the columns of A

Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$Ax=b$ has no solⁿ.

Matrix-vector mult. has some properties of ordinary mult. but not all.

$$A(x+y) = Ax + Ay \quad \text{b/c}$$

$$A(x+y) = \cancel{A} (x_1+y_1) \overset{!}{a}_1 + \dots + (x_n+y_n) \overset{!}{a}_n$$

using properties
of scaling

$$= \cancel{A} x_1 \overset{!}{a}_1 + \dots + x_n \overset{!}{a}_n + y_1 \overset{!}{a}_1 + \dots + y_n \overset{!}{a}_n$$

$$= Ax + Ay$$

$Ax \neq xA$, $\overset{m \times n}{A} \overset{m \times 1}{b} \leftarrow$ does not compute!

③ The dot product of \vec{x} & \vec{y} (same size) is

$$\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

$$\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = 0 \quad \text{means that } \vec{x} \perp \vec{y}$$

$$\|\vec{x}\|^2 = \text{length squared of } \vec{x} = \vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}$$

NOTE

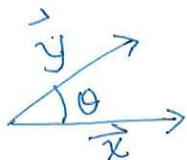
$$\text{length of } \vec{x} = \|\vec{x}\| \quad \text{len}(\vec{x}) = n$$

For $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$, $\frac{\vec{x}}{\|\vec{x}\|}$ is a unit vector

b/c it has length = 1

Check

$$\text{length squared } \frac{\vec{x}}{\|\vec{x}\|} = \frac{\vec{x}}{\|\vec{x}\|} \cdot \frac{\vec{x}}{\|\vec{x}\|} = \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}}{\|\vec{x}\|^2} = \frac{\|\vec{x}\|^2}{\|\vec{x}\|^2} = 1$$



$$\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = \|\vec{x}\| \|\vec{y}\| \cos \theta$$

true

but

not used

so often in

this class

Vector notation is compact & concise compared to summation.

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Example: Statistics (will also provide a geometrical picture)

~~\vec{x}~~ $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$ a vector containing n samples (measurements)

mean $\mu_x = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \frac{1}{n} \vec{1} \cdot \vec{x}$ where $\vec{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Variance $\sigma_x^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_x)^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \|\vec{x} - \mu_x \vec{1}\|^2$

if $\mu_x = 0$, variance of $x = \frac{\|\vec{x}\|^2}{n-1}$ \propto proportional to length squared.

Covariance $\sigma_{xy} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_x)(y_i - \mu_y)$
 $= \frac{1}{n-1} (\vec{x} - \mu_x \vec{1}) \cdot (\vec{y} - \mu_y \vec{1})$

if $\mu_x = \mu_y = 0$, $\sigma_{xy} = \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{n-1}$ & $\sigma_{xy} = 0$ iff $\vec{x} \perp \vec{y}$
independence \sim orthogonality.

correlation

if $\mu_x = \mu_y = 0$ $\rho_{xy} = \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{\|\vec{x}\| \|\vec{y}\|} = \frac{\cos \theta}{\text{geometry}}$
 $\rho_{xy} = \frac{\sigma_{xy}}{\sigma_x \sigma_y}$

Let us not pretend that matrix mult & the dot product are two different things.

$$\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

$1 \times n$ $n \times 1$ ans. is 1×1

$$= [x_1 \text{ --- } x_n] \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} \text{ OR } [y_1 \text{ --- } y_n] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

a matrix w/ one row
and n columns

The notation for $[x_1 \text{ --- } x_n]$ is x^T where "T" means transpose and that means ~~we~~ switch rows & columns.

— if x is $n \times 1$, x^T is $1 \times n$

— $(x^T)^T = x$

We will write $x^T y$ (or $y^T x$) and think $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}$.

$$\|x\|^2 = x^T x$$

$$x^T y = 0 \quad \text{if } \vec{x} \perp \vec{y}$$

etc

Let us not pretend that matrix mult. & the dot product are two different things (II).

Example

linear combination
of columns of A

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + (-6) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 5 + 0 + 2 \\ 0 - 18 + 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -14 \end{bmatrix}$$

look like
dot products

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 5 \cdot 1 + (-6) \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 2 \\ 5 \cdot 0 + (-6) \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

"By the same logic"

The i -th element of Ax denoted

$[Ax]_i$ is the i -th row of A dotted with x ,

$$[Ax]_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \underbrace{A_{ij}}_{\substack{\text{row } i \\ \text{column } j \text{ of } A}} x_j = \underbrace{A_{i \cdot}}_{\substack{\text{row } i \text{ of } A \\ \text{so } i\text{-th row}}} \cdot \underbrace{x}_{\substack{\text{column vector}}} = \text{row } i \times \text{column } n$$

i -th element of A

row i column j of A

row i is fixed so i -th row

row \times column $m \times n$

Using the same formula

$$[Ax] = \sum_{j=1}^n \underbrace{A_{\cdot j}}_{\substack{\text{the } j\text{-th} \\ \text{column of } A}} x_j = \text{L.C. of the columns of } A$$

all the elements

scalar

the j -th column of A

2 views of Ax :

1. L.C. of the columns of A
2. Dotting rows of A in x .

Both are useful

Practice/computation

- if x has many zeros #1 is good $A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = ?$ 1st column of A
- If we only want 1 element of A , #2 is nice.

theory

- $Ax=b$ has solⁿ iff b is L.C. of columns of A comes from #1, Existence
- #2 is handy for statements about uniqueness

Suppose that there are 2 solutions $\vec{x} \neq \vec{y}$ (and $\vec{x} \neq \vec{y}$) so that $A\vec{x} = \vec{b} \neq A\vec{y} = \vec{b}$. (8)

By math

$$A(\underbrace{\vec{x} - \vec{y}}_{\vec{z} \neq \vec{0}}) = A\vec{x} - A\vec{y} = \vec{b} - \vec{b} = \vec{0}$$

If the solⁿ is not unique, there is a vector $\vec{z} \neq \vec{0}$ such that $A\vec{z} = \vec{0}$.

[this is unlike scalar mult. where $a\vec{z} = \vec{0}$ means that either $a = 0$ or $\vec{z} = \vec{0}$]

Example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{neither vector is zero but they are } \perp$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{each} \\ \text{row of } A \\ \text{sums to zero} \end{array}$$

not zero \rightarrow

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \neq \quad \text{not unique!}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

such that

The logic if solⁿ not unique, then $\exists \vec{z} \neq \vec{0}$ \Rightarrow

$A\vec{z} = \vec{0}$, goes both ways.

Suppose $A\vec{z} = \vec{0}$ and $\vec{z} \neq \vec{0}$. Then a solⁿ of $Ax = b$ is not unique. why?

$$A(x + z) = Az + Ax = b$$

two solⁿ's x & $x + z$ and they differ b/c $z \neq \vec{0}$,

Actually more than 2

$$A(\vec{x} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{scalar}}}{c}\vec{z}) = Ax + cAz = b$$

for any scalar c , so an ∞ # of solⁿ's.

As we saw in the 2D example the possibilities are

0, 1, ∞ # of solⁿ's.

If a solⁿ exists, it is either unique or there are an infinite # of solⁿ's

A statement about uniqueness.

A solⁿ of $Ax = b$ is unique iff the only solution of $Az = \vec{0}$ is $z = \vec{0}$.

Note the uniqueness statement does not involve b ,

(A does not express a view on existence)

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Recall the 2nd view of Ax — dotting rows of A into x

$A\vec{z} = \vec{0}$ means that z is \perp to all the rows of A .

Uniqueness of solⁿ of $Ax=b$ depends on whether there is a non-zero vector $z \perp$ to all the rows of A .

At this point we have theory statements about the existence & uniqueness of solⁿ's of $Ax=b$. But no method for solving.

Sometimes the solⁿ is easy

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 6 & 1 \\ -8 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -3 & 9 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad , \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{what is the sol}^n \text{ of } Ax=b?$$

Since b is the 2nd column of A

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad \text{Next time a ~~new~~ general method.}$$