

Introduction to Linear Algebra

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Metric

Metric, denoted as $d(x, y)$, is a generalization of the concept “distance for an arbitrary set.

Constraints on Metric:

- ① $d(x, y) \geq 0$
- ② $d(x, y) = 0 \leftrightarrow x = y$
- ③ $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$
- ④ $d(y, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(x, z)$

So a set \mathcal{S} containing those x, y, z together with a valid metric d is called a **metric space**.

Convergence of Point Sequence

A sequence of points $\{a_n\}$ in a set \mathcal{S} is said to **converge** to $a \in \mathcal{S}$ if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(a, a_n) = 0$$

From the definition, it can be easily seen that this concept is associated with the choice of metric.

Cauchy Sequence

A sequence $\{a_n\}$ in a metric space \mathcal{S} is said to be a **Cauchy sequence** if for any $\epsilon > 0$ there exists an N such that

$$d(a_m, a_n) < \epsilon \quad \text{whenever} \quad m, n \geq N$$

- Any convergent sequence is Cauchy sequence (Proof using triangular inequality);
- **Not** every Cauchy sequence is convergent.

Norm

Norm, denoted as $||x||$ is a generalization of the concept “length” for an arbitrary vector space.

Constraints on Norm:

- $||x|| \geq 0$
- $||ax|| = |a| ||x||$
- $||x + y|| \leq ||x|| + ||y||$

So a vector space with a valid norm is called a **normed vector space**.

Special Norms

- p-norm

$$\|\mathbf{v}\|_p = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |v_i|^p \right)^{1/p}$$

- Frobenius Norm

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}^2}$$

Compatible & Sub-multiplicative

A matrix norm on $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is said to be **compatible** to another norm for \mathbb{R} if

$$\forall \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{v}\|$$

A matrix norm on $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is said to be **sub-multiplicative** if

$$\forall \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \quad \|\mathbf{AB}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{B}\|$$

Operator Norm

The matrix norm $\|\cdot\|_o : \mathbf{R}^{n \times n} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$,

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_o = \max_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}} \|\mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{x}}\|$$

is known as the **operator norm** induced by the vector norm $\|\cdot\|$ on \mathbf{R}^n .

- $\|\mathbf{A}\|_1 = \text{max}$ sum over some column in \mathbf{A}
- $\|\mathbf{A}\|_\infty = \text{max}$ sum over some row in \mathbf{A}
- $\|\mathbf{A}\|_2 = \text{max}$ singular value in \mathbf{A}

Inner Product

Inner product, denoted as $\langle u, v \rangle$, is a generalization of the concept dot product for an arbitrary set.

Constraints on Inner Product:

- $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle$
- $\langle \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle$
- $\langle \alpha \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \alpha \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{u}, \alpha \mathbf{v} \rangle$
- $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle \geq 0$ and $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle = 0$ iff $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$

So a vector space with a valid inner product is called a **inner product space**.

Redefined Terms

Basic terms for inner product space:

- **length:** $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle}$;
- **distance:** $d(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} \rangle}$;
- **orthogonal:** $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0$;
- **angle:** $\cos \theta = \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{u}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{v}\|}$

Based on these redefined terms, theorems like *Cauchy-Schwarz inequality*, *Triangle inequality* and *Parallelogram law* are still satisfied.

Some Notes

- ① Inner product of a vector space is **NOT** unique.
- ② Every inner product space is a metric space as well as a normed space.
- ③ \mathcal{L}_p -norm for $p \neq 2$ does not correspond to any inner product. In such cases, *Pythagorean law* will not hold.
- ④ An inner product space \mathcal{H} is called a **Hilbert space** if every Cauchy sequence in \mathcal{H} converges to an element of \mathcal{H} with respect to the induced norm.

Orthogonal Set

A set of vectors in an inner product space is called an **orthogonal set** if any two different vectors in it are orthogonal. And if all vectors in this set are unit, then it is also called **orthonormal set**.

Parsevals Theorem

If in an inner product space, $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n$ is an orthonormal basis, then

$$\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \mathbf{u}_i$$

Orthogonal Matrix

An $n \times n$ matrix \mathbf{Q} is said to be an **orthogonal matrix** if its columns form an orthonormal set.

$n \times n$ Orthogonal matrices have several properties:

- $\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$
- $\mathbf{Q}^T = \mathbf{Q}^{-1}$
- $\langle \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{y} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$
- $\|\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{x}\|$
- \mathbf{Q}^T is also orthogonal

Projection

The **vector projection** of a vector \mathbf{y} onto another vector \mathbf{u} is defined as

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{y} = \|\mathbf{y}\| \cos \theta \frac{\mathbf{u}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{y} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle} \mathbf{u},$$

and the vector $(\mathbf{y} - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{y})$ is called the **vector component** of \mathbf{y} orthogonal to \mathbf{u} .

Orthogonality between Vector & Space

A vector \mathbf{x} in a inner product space \mathcal{V} is orthogonal to a subspace of \mathcal{V} if it is orthogonal to any vector in that space.

For a vector \mathbf{x} in \mathcal{V} and a subspace \mathcal{W} of \mathcal{V} , we can **uniquely** write

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^{\parallel} + \mathbf{x}^{\perp}$$

where \mathbf{x}^{\parallel} is in \mathcal{W} and \mathbf{x}^{\perp} is orthogonal to \mathcal{W} .

For an orthonormal basis $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m\}$,

$$\mathbf{x}^{\parallel} = \text{proj}_{\mathcal{W}}(\mathbf{x}) = \langle \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{x} \rangle \mathbf{u}_1 + \langle \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{x} \rangle \mathbf{u}_2 + \cdots + \langle \mathbf{u}_m, \mathbf{x} \rangle \mathbf{u}_m$$

Orthogonality between Spaces

For two subspace \mathcal{X} , \mathcal{Y} of an inner product space \mathcal{V} , if any vector in \mathcal{X} is orthogonal to any vector in \mathcal{Y} , then we write

$$\mathcal{X} \perp \mathcal{Y}$$

For a subspace \mathcal{W} of an inner product space \mathcal{V} , the set of all vectors in \mathcal{V} which is orthogonal to \mathcal{W} is defined as its **orthogonal complement**.

- ① The orthogonal complement \mathcal{W}^\perp of \mathcal{W} is a subspace of \mathcal{V} .
- ② $\mathcal{W}^\perp \cap \mathcal{W} = \{\mathbf{0}\}$.
- ③ $\dim \mathcal{W} + \dim \mathcal{W}^\perp = n$.
- ④ $(\mathcal{W}^\perp)^\perp = \mathcal{W}$

$$\text{null}(\mathbf{A}) = (\text{col}(\mathbf{A}^T))^\perp \quad \text{and} \quad \text{null}(\mathbf{A}^T) = (\text{col}(\mathbf{A}))^\perp$$

Direct Sum

The direct sum of two subspaces \mathcal{X} , \mathcal{Y} of \mathcal{W} is the set of vectors in \mathcal{W} which can be **uniquely** represented as sum of a vector in \mathcal{X} and a vector in \mathcal{Y} .

If \mathcal{S} is a subspace of \mathcal{W} , then

$$\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{S} \oplus \mathcal{S}^\perp$$

Gram-Schmidt QR Factorization

If \mathbf{A} is an $m \times n$ matrix of rank n , then \mathbf{A} can be factored into a product

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{QR}$$

where \mathbf{Q} is an $m \times n$ matrix with orthonormal column vectors and \mathbf{R} is an upper triangular $n \times n$ matrix whose diagonal entries are all positive.

QR factorization is often used to solve the linear least squares problem and is the basis for a particular eigenvalue algorithm, the QR algorithm.

Motivation

The vector reaches the **steady-state** regardless of the initial state, that is,
 $\exists t_0 \geq 0 \forall t \geq t_0, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{w}_t = \mathbf{w}_t$ for any choice of \mathbf{w}_0 .

In general, if a linear transformation is represented by an $n \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} and we can find a nonzero vector \mathbf{x} so that $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$, for some scalar λ , then, for this transformation, \mathbf{x} is a natural choice to use as a basis vector for \mathbb{R}^n .

For an $n \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} , a scalar λ is said to be an **eigenvalue** of \mathbf{A} if there exists a nonzero vector \mathbf{x} such that

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$$

The vector \mathbf{x} is said to be an **eigenvector** corresponding to λ .

Key Concepts

- **Eigenspace:** the subspace $\text{null}(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I})$
- **Characteristic Polynomial:** $p(\lambda) = \det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I})$
- **Algebraic Multiplicity & Geometric Multiplicity:** the degree of a root in the characteristic polynomial & the dimension of the eigenspace (\geq)
- **Complex Vector Space:** the one in which the scalars are complex numbers (\mathbb{R}^n is not a subspace of \mathbb{C}^n)

If λ is an eigenvalue of a **real** $n \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} , and if \mathbf{x} is an eigenvector belonging to λ , then $\bar{\lambda}$ is also an eigenvalue of \mathbf{A} , and $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ is a corresponding eigenvector.

Some Properties of Eigens

Assume for a $n \times n$ square matrix \mathbf{A} ,

- ① Eigenvectors with distinct eigenvalues are linearly independent.
- ② The number of non-zero eigenvalues is equal to the rank.
- ③ If λ is an eigenvalue of \mathbf{A} , then
 - $\alpha\lambda, \alpha \neq 0$ is an eigenvalue of $\alpha\mathbf{A}$;
 - $\lambda^s, s \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ is an eigenvalue of \mathbf{A}^s ;
 - $p(\lambda)$ is an eigenvalue of $p(\mathbf{A})$, where $p(\cdot)$ is a polynomial function;
 - λ is an eigenvalue of transpose matrix \mathbf{A}^T ;
 - if \mathbf{A} is invertible, λ^{-1} is an eigenvalue of \mathbf{A}^{-1} .
- ④ if \mathbf{A} is diagonal or triangular, the eigenvalues are the diagonal elements.

Similarity Transformation

For two $n \times n$ matrices \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} , if there exists a nonsingular matrix \mathbf{P} such that $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}$, then \mathbf{B} is **similar** to \mathbf{A} . \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are similar matrices then.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 [\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{A}} & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{A}} & [L(\mathbf{v})]_{\mathcal{A}} \\
 \mathbf{P} \uparrow & & \downarrow \mathbf{P}^{-1} \\
 [\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{B}} & [L(\mathbf{v})]_{\mathcal{B}}
 \end{array}$$

Similarity Invariants

Some properties preserved by a similarity transformation:

- 1 the same eigenvalues
- 2 the same determinant
- 3 the same trace
- 4 the same rank
- 5 the same nullity
- 6 the same invertibility
- 7 the same eigenspace dimension corresponding to some λ

Diagonal

Now we can approach a special case of the similarity transformation, namely diagonalization.

A matrix $\mathbf{A}_{n \times n}$ is **diagonalizable** if there is an invertible matrix \mathbf{P} and a diagonal matrix \mathbf{D} such that $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}$.

- ① Diagonalizable \leftrightarrow n linearly independent eigenvectors
- ② Diagonalizable \rightarrow columns of \mathbf{P} are the n eigenvectors; diagonal elements of \mathbf{D} are corresponding eigenvalues
- ③ Diagonalizing matrix \mathbf{P} is not unique.

In this sense, $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^{-1}$ and $\mathbf{A}^k = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}^k\mathbf{P}^{-1}$. We can easily calculate $e^{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A} + \frac{1}{2!}\mathbf{A}^2 + \frac{1}{3!}\mathbf{A}^3 + \cdots = \mathbf{P}e^{\mathbf{D}}\mathbf{P}^{-1}$ now!

Real Matrix with Complex Eigenvalues

- ① Consider the real matrix $\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$ where $b \geq 0$. If a and b are not both zero, then $\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} r & 0 \\ 0 & r \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$ where $\theta = \arg(\lambda_1)$, $r = \text{mod}(\lambda_1)$.
- ② For a real 2×2 matrix \mathbf{C} with complex eigenvalues $\lambda = a \pm bi$, $b > 0$, $\mathbf{P} = [\text{Re}(\mathbf{x}) \text{ Im}(\mathbf{x})]$ is invertible and $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P} \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}^{-1}$ where \mathbf{x} is an eigenvector corresponding to $a - bi$.

Combining the two facts above gives us, for every real 2×2 matrix \mathbf{C} with complex eigenvalues, $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{R}_\theta \mathbf{P}^{-1}$.

Complex Notation

For $\mathbf{u} = [u_1, \dots, u_n]^T$ and $\mathbf{v} = [v_1, \dots, v_n]^T$ in \mathbb{C}^n ,

- $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \mathbf{u}^T \bar{\mathbf{v}} = \bar{\mathbf{v}}^T \mathbf{u}$
- $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle} = \sqrt{|v_1|^2 + \dots + |v_n|^2}, |v_i| = \text{mod}(v_i)$

If $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$ is an orthonormal basis and $\mathbf{z} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{u}_i$, then $\alpha_i = \langle \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{u}_i \rangle$

and $\|\mathbf{z}\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \bar{\alpha}_i$.

Hermitian Matrix - Symmetric Matrix

A matrix \mathbf{A} is said to be **Hermitian** if $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^H$. Hermitian matrices can be viewed as the complex analogue of symmetric real matrices. Some nice properties hold for Hermitian matrices,

- ① The eigenvalues are all real. In other sense, the main diagonal entries are all real.
- ② The eigenvectors belonging to distinct eigenvalues are orthogonal.
- ③ $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^H$, $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^H$ and $\mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{A}$ are all Hermitian.
- ④ \mathbf{A}^k is Hermitian for all $k = 1, 2, \dots$; if \mathbf{A} is invertible, then \mathbf{A}^{-1} is also Hermitian.
- ⑤ If \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} are Hermitian, then $\alpha\mathbf{A} + \beta\mathbf{B}$ is Hermitian for all real scalars α, β .

Unitary Matrix - Orthogonal Matrix

An $n \times n$ matrix \mathbf{U} is said to be **unitary** if its columns are orthonormal in \mathbb{C}^n , i.e., $\mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}$. It follows that $\mathbf{U}^{-1} = \mathbf{U}^H$.

If the eigenvalues of a Hermitian matrix \mathbf{A} are **distinct**, then there exists a unitary matrix \mathbf{U} such that $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{U}^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{U}$.

For each $n \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} , there exists a unitary matrix \mathbf{U} such that $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{U}$ is upper triangular. The factorization $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{U}^H$ is **Schur Decomposition** of \mathbf{A} .

Hermitian matrix always has a unitary matrix \mathbf{U} that diagonalizes it.

Normal

If \mathbf{A} can be factored into $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{U}^H$ where \mathbf{U} is unitary and \mathbf{D} is diagonal, then $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^H = \mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{A}$. A matrix that satisfies this is called **normal** (if and only if).

- ① A normal matrix is **Hermitian** if and only if all its eigenvalues are real.
- ② If \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are normal with $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{BA}$, then both \mathbf{AB} and $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$ are also normal. Moreover, there exists a unitary matrix \mathbf{U} such that \mathbf{UAU}^H and \mathbf{UBU}^H , which is called **simultaneously diagonalizable**.

Background

For a $m \times n$ matrix,

- ① \mathbf{A} and $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ have the same null space.
- ② \mathbf{A} and $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ have the same row space.
- ③ \mathbf{A}^T and $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ have the same column space.
- ④ \mathbf{A} and $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ have the same rank

If \mathbf{A} is an $m \times n$ matrix, then

- ① $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ is orthogonally diagonalizable.
- ② The eigenvalues of $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ are nonnegative.

Square roots of eigenvalues of $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ are called the **singular values** of \mathbf{A} .

Singular Value Decomposition

If \mathbf{A} is an $m \times n$ of rank k , then \mathbf{A} can be factored as

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$$

$$= \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} \mathbf{u}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{u}_k & \mathbf{u}_{k+1} & \cdots & \mathbf{u}_m \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} \sigma_1 & \cdots & 0 & & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & & & \\ 0 & \cdots & \sigma_k & & & \\ \hline & & & \mathbf{0}_{(m-k) \times k} & & \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{v}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_k^T \\ \hline \mathbf{v}_{k+1}^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_n^T \end{array} \right]$$

in which \mathbf{U} , $\mathbf{\Sigma}$ and \mathbf{V} are matrices of size $m \times m$, $m \times n$, and $n \times n$, respectively.

Singular Value Decomposition

- The nonzero diagonal entries of Σ are nonzero singular values of \mathbf{A} ,

$$\sigma_1 = \sqrt{\lambda_1}, \quad \sigma_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_2}, \dots, \quad \sigma_k = \sqrt{\lambda_k}$$

where λ_i are the nonzero eigenvalues of $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ in order of decreasing size, so

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_k > 0$$

- Vector \mathbf{u}_j is defined as the normalized image of \mathbf{v}_j under \mathbf{A}

$$\mathbf{u}_j = \frac{\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_j}{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_j\|} = \frac{1}{\sigma_j} \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_j \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

- The set $\{\mathbf{u}_{k+1}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m\}$ is an extension set of $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k\}$ so that

$$\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k, \mathbf{u}_{k+1}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m\}$$

forms an orthonormal basis for \mathbb{R}^m .

Singular Value Decomposition

For every linear map $T : \mathbb{K}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{K}^m$ we can find orthonormal bases of them such that T maps the i -th basis vector of \mathbb{K}^n to a non-negative multiple of the i -th basis vector of \mathbb{K}^m , and sends the left-over basis vectors to zero. With respect to these bases, the map T is represented by a diagonal matrix with non-negative real diagonal entries.

Reduced Singular Value Decomposition

For matrix \mathbf{A} whose rank $k < n$, it is often sufficient to consider $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}_k \mathbf{\Sigma}_k \mathbf{V}_k^T$, where $\mathbf{U}_k = [\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k]$, $\mathbf{V}_k = [\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k]$, $\mathbf{\Sigma}_k$ is the diagonal matrix containing nonzero singular values of \mathbf{A} .

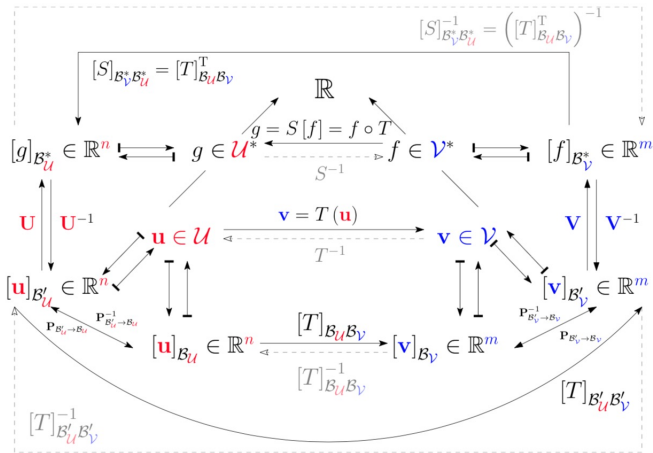
Instead of storing the whole matrix \mathbf{A} , we store the σ_j 's, \mathbf{u}_j 's and \mathbf{v}_j 's up to rank k .

With SVD, we can diagonalize a rectangular system (not restricted to square system as EVD does),

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$\mathbf{\Sigma}(\mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{b})$$

General Picture



Generalized Inverse

For an $m \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} of rank k , the generalized inverse \mathbf{A}^+ is defined as

$$\mathbf{A}^+ = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Sigma}^+\mathbf{U}^T = \mathbf{V}_k\mathbf{\Sigma}_k^{-1}\mathbf{U}_k^T$$

If \mathbf{A} has linearly independent columns, then $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$ is invertible and,

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

Motivation

A quadratic form in n variables is a function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$ where \mathbf{A} is a symmetric $n \times n$ matrix.

To find the matrix associated with some quadratic form:

- ① coefficients of squared terms correspond to the diagonal elements;
- ② coefficients of cross-product terms are averaged among elements at corresponding indices.

For every quadratic form $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$, the substitution $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{y}$ results in $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{y} = \lambda_1 y_1^2 + \lambda_2 y_2^2 + \cdots + \lambda_n y_n^2$, where \mathbf{Q} is the orthogonal matrix such that $\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{D}$.

Key Concepts

For $n \times n$ real symmetric matrix \mathbf{A} , the quadratic form is,

- ① Positive definite: $f(\mathbf{x}) > 0$ for all $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ (all of the eigenvalues are positive);
- ② Negative definite: $f(\mathbf{x}) < 0$ for all $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ (all of the eigenvalues are negative);
- ③ Positive semidefinite: $f(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0$ for all \mathbf{x} (all of the eigenvalues are nonnegative);
- ④ Negative semidefinite: $f(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0$ for all \mathbf{x} (all of the eigenvalues are nonpositive);
- ⑤ Indefinite: $f(\mathbf{x})$ alters between positive and negative (both positive and negative eigenvalues);

Application

For $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$, subject to $\|\mathbf{x}\| = 1$, we have

- ① $f(\mathbf{x})$ is bounded between the minimum and maximum eigenvalues;
- ② The minimum value is attained when \mathbf{x} is a unit eigenvector corresponding to minimum eigenvalue;
- ③ The maximum value is attained when \mathbf{x} is a unit eigenvector corresponding to maximum eigenvalue.

Suppose $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is three times differentiable, and f has a critical point at \mathbf{a} . If \mathbf{H} is positive definite at \mathbf{a} , then $f(\mathbf{a})$ is a local minimum for f .