Linear Algebra Notes

Study Sheets

Part One:

• Linear Equation:

Equation in the form $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots a_nx_n = b$

• Solution:

Parallel lines - No Solution - Inconsistent
Same line - Infinite Solutions - Consistent
Intersection - One Solution - Consistent
This concept extends to 3D plans or even higher dimensions
Number of variables = dimension of space

• Matrix Notation:

$$7x + 5y - 3z = 16$$
$$3x - 5y + 2z = -8$$
$$5x + 3y - 7z = 0$$

Coefficient matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 5 & -3 \\ 3 & -5 & 2 \\ 5 & 3 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Augmented matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 5 & -3 & 16 \\ 3 & -5 & 2 & -8 \\ 5 & 3 & -7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

m equations and n variables leads to a m x n matrix.

• Elementary Row Operations

- Row Swap) Exchange any two rows.
- (Scalar Multiplication) Multiply any row by a constant.
- (Row Sum) Add a multiple of one row to another row

• Reduced Row-Echelon Form

Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & c \end{bmatrix}$$

- Any row with non-zero entries has a leading one
- All entries in a column with a leading one are zero
- Each leading one has another up and to the left

Elimination is complete and we can look at the Rank of the matrix

$$Rank = number of leading ones$$

- Rank = Number of columns in coefficient matrix \rightarrow at most one solution
- Rank < Number of columns in coefficient matrix \rightarrow Infinite or No solutions

• Types of Matrices

m = number of rows n = number of columnsm = n results in a square matrix

The identity matrix I is an RREF square matrix with any size. Example:

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- An upper triangular matrix is one where all entries below the diagonal are 0.
- A lower triangular matrix one where all entries above the diagonal are 0.
- **Vector:** Matrix of one column
- Row Vector: Matrix of one row

Linear equations can also be represented as vectors.

$$3x + y = 7$$

$$x + 2y = 4$$

$$x \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is the vector form of the linear system. This shows that scalars can be factored in and out of Matrices.

- Matrix Addition

Two Matrices must have the same dimension in order to add them. Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 5 & 4 \\ 9 & 8 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Reminder that this is a 2 x 3 matrix and is the sum of the first two.

- Matrix Subtraction

Works in the exact same way as addition.

Note*

Addition is commutative- Subtraction is not

- Matrix Multiplication

In order for two matrices (n x m and q x p) to be multiplied. m=q MUST be true.

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