

# Numerical Analysis (Review of) Linear Algebra

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# Linear Spaces

- A **vector space**  $\mathcal{V}$  is a set of elements called **vectors**  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{V}$  that may be multiplied by a **scalar**  $c$  and added, e.g.,

$$\mathbf{z} = \alpha \mathbf{x} + \beta \mathbf{y}$$

- I will denote scalars with lowercase letters and vectors with lowercase bold letters.
- Prominent examples of vector spaces are  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (or more generally  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ), but there are many others, for example, the set of polynomials in  $x$ .
- A **subspace**  $\mathcal{V}' \subseteq \mathcal{V}$  of a vector space is a subset such that sums and multiples of elements of  $\mathcal{V}'$  remain in  $\mathcal{V}'$  (i.e., it is closed).
- An example is the set of vectors in  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $x_3 = 0$ .

# Image Space

- Consider a set of  $n$  vectors  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and form a **matrix** by putting these vectors as columns

$$\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{a}_1 \mid \mathbf{a}_2 \mid \dots \mid \mathbf{a}_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}.$$

- I will denote matrices with bold capital letters, and sometimes write  $\mathbf{A} = [m, n]$  to indicate dimensions.
- The **matrix-vector product** is defined as a **linear combination** of the columns:

$$\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = x_1\mathbf{a}_1 + x_2\mathbf{a}_2 + \dots + x_n\mathbf{a}_n \in \mathbb{R}^m.$$

- The **image**  $\text{im}(\mathbf{A})$  or **range**  $\text{range}(\mathbf{A})$  of a matrix is the subspace of all linear combinations of its columns, i.e., the set of all  $\mathbf{b}'$ s. It is also sometimes called the **column space** of the matrix.

# Dimension

- The set of vectors  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$  are **linearly independent** or form a **basis** for  $\mathbb{R}^m$  if  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  implies that  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .
- The **dimension**  $r = \dim \mathcal{V}$  of a vector (sub)space  $\mathcal{V}$  is the number of elements in a basis. This is a property of  $\mathcal{V}$  itself and *not* of the basis, for example,

$$\dim \mathbb{R}^n = n$$

- Given a basis  $\mathbf{A}$  for a vector space  $\mathcal{V}$  of dimension  $n$ , every vector of  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{V}$  can be uniquely represented as the vector of coefficients  $\mathbf{x}$  in that particular basis,

$$\mathbf{b} = x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + x_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + \dots + x_n \mathbf{a}_n.$$

- A simple and common basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$ , where  $\mathbf{e}_k$  has all components zero except for a single 1 in position  $k$ .  
With this choice of basis the coefficients are simply the entries in the vector,  $\mathbf{b} \equiv \mathbf{x}$ .

# Kernel Space

- The dimension of the column space of a matrix is called the **rank** of the matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$ ,

$$r = \text{rank } \mathbf{A} \leq \min(m, n).$$

- If  $r = \min(m, n)$  then the matrix is of **full rank**.
- The **nullspace**  $\text{null}(\mathbf{A})$  or **kernel**  $\ker(\mathbf{A})$  of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is the subspace of vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  for which

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}.$$

- The dimension of the nullspace is called the **nullity** of the matrix.
- For a basis  $\mathbf{A}$  the nullspace is  $\text{null}(\mathbf{A}) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$  and the nullity is zero.

# Orthogonal Spaces

- An inner-product space is a vector space together with an **inner or dot product**, which must satisfy some properties.
- The standard dot-product in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is denoted with several different notations:

$$\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i.$$

- For  $\mathbb{C}^n$  we need to add complex conjugates (here  $\star$  denotes a complex conjugate transpose, or **adjoint**),

$$\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}^\star \mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{x}_i y_i.$$

- Two vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  are **orthogonal** if  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = 0$ .



# Part I of Fundamental Theorem

- One of the most important theorems in linear algebra is that the sum of rank and nullity is equal to the number of columns: For  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$

$$\text{rank } \mathbf{A} + \text{nullity } \mathbf{A} = n.$$

- In addition to the range and kernel spaces of a matrix, two more important vector subspaces for a given matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  are the:
  - Row space** or **coimage** of a matrix is the column (image) space of its transpose,  $\text{im } \mathbf{A}^T$ .  
*Its dimension is also equal to the the rank.*
  - Left nullspace** or **cokernel** of a matrix is the nullspace or kernel of its transpose,  $\text{ker } \mathbf{A}^T$ .

# Part II of Fundamental Theorem

- The **orthogonal complement**  $\mathcal{V}^\perp$  or orthogonal subspace of a subspace  $\mathcal{V}$  is the set of all vectors that are orthogonal to every vector in  $\mathcal{V}$ .
- Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be the set of vectors in  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $x_3 = 0$ . Then  $\mathcal{V}^\perp$  is the set of all vectors with  $x_1 = x_2 = 0$ .
- Second fundamental theorem in linear algebra:

$$\operatorname{im} \mathbf{A}^T = (\ker \mathbf{A})^\perp$$

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# Linear Transformation

- A function  $L : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}$  mapping from a vector space  $\mathcal{V}$  to a vector space  $\mathcal{W}$  is a **linear function** or a **linear transformation** if

$$L(\alpha \mathbf{v}) = \alpha L(\mathbf{v}) \text{ and } L(\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2) = L(\mathbf{v}_1) + L(\mathbf{v}_2).$$

- Any linear transformation  $L$  can be represented as a multiplication by a matrix  $\mathbf{L}$

$$L(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{v}.$$

- For the common bases of  $\mathcal{V} = \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathcal{W} = \mathbb{R}^m$ , the product  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{v}$  is simply the usual **matrix-vector product**,

$$w_i = \sum_{k=1}^n L_{ik} v_k,$$

which is simply the dot-product between the  $i$ -th row of the matrix and the vector  $\mathbf{v}$ .

# Matrix algebra

$$w_i = (\mathbf{L}\mathbf{v})_i = \sum_{k=1}^n L_{ik} v_k$$

- The composition of two linear transformations  $\mathbf{A} = [m, p]$  and  $\mathbf{B} = [p, n]$  is a **matrix-matrix product**  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AB} = [m, n]$ :

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{x}$$

$$z_i = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik} y_k = \sum_{k=1}^p A_{ik} \sum_{j=1}^n B_{kj} x_j = \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \sum_{k=1}^p A_{ik} B_{kj} \right) x_j = \sum_{j=1}^n C_{ij} x_j$$

$$C_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^p A_{ik} B_{kj}$$

- Matrix-matrix multiplication is **not commutative**,  $\mathbf{AB} \neq \mathbf{BA}$  in general.

# The Matrix Inverse

- A square matrix  $\mathbf{A} = [n, n]$  is **invertible or nonsingular** if there exists a **matrix inverse**  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{B} = [n, n]$  such that:

$$\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{BA} = \mathbf{I},$$

where  $\mathbf{I}$  is the identity matrix (ones along diagonal, all the rest zeros).

- The following statements are equivalent for  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n,n}$ :
  - $\mathbf{A}$  is **invertible**.
  - $\mathbf{A}$  is **full-rank**,  $\text{rank } \mathbf{A} = n$ .
  - The columns and also the rows are linearly independent and form a **basis** for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
  - The **determinant** is nonzero,  $\det \mathbf{A} \neq 0$ .
  - Zero is not an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

# Matrix Algebra

- Matrix-vector multiplication is just a special case of matrix-matrix multiplication. Note  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}$  is a scalar (dot product).

$$\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{CA} + \mathbf{CB} \text{ and } \mathbf{ABC} = (\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{BC})$$

$$(\mathbf{A}^T)^T = \mathbf{A} \text{ and } (\mathbf{AB})^T = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T$$

$$(\mathbf{A}^{-1})^{-1} = \mathbf{A} \text{ and } (\mathbf{AB})^{-1} = \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \text{ and } (\mathbf{A}^T)^{-1} = (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^T$$

- Instead of **matrix division**, think of multiplication by an inverse:

$$\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{C} \Rightarrow (\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{C} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \mathbf{B} &= \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{A} &= \mathbf{CB}^{-1} \end{cases}$$

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# Vector norms

- Norms are the abstraction for the notion of a length or **magnitude**.
- For a vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the  $p$ -norm is

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

and special cases of interest are:

- 1 The 1-norm ( $L^1$  norm or Manhattan distance),  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$
  - 2 The 2-norm ( $L^2$  norm, **Euclidian distance**),  
 $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x}} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2}$
  - 3 The  $\infty$ -norm ( $L^\infty$  or maximum norm),  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i|$
- 1 Note that all of these norms are inter-related in a finite-dimensional setting.

# Matrix norms

- Matrix norm **induced** by a given vector norm:

$$\|\mathbf{A}\| = \sup_{\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}} \frac{\|\mathbf{Ax}\|}{\|\mathbf{x}\|} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \|\mathbf{Ax}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{x}\|$$

- The last bound holds for matrices as well,  $\|\mathbf{AB}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{B}\|$ .
- Special cases of interest are:
  - 1 The 1-norm or **column sum norm**,  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_1 = \max_j \sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ij}|$
  - 2 The  $\infty$ -norm or **row sum norm**,  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_\infty = \max_i \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|$
  - 3 The 2-norm or **spectral norm**,  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_2 = \sigma_1$  (largest singular value)
  - 4 The Euclidian or **Frobenius norm**,  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} |a_{ij}|^2}$   
(note this is not an induced norm)

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# Conditioning

- Consider a function  $\mathbf{f} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ , and perturb  $\mathbf{x}$  to the **absolute condition number**

$$\text{Cond}_{\mathbf{x}}(f) = \sup_{\delta \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}} \frac{\|\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x} + \delta \mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})\|}{\|\delta \mathbf{x}\|}$$

where  $\|\delta \mathbf{x}\| \ll \|\mathbf{x}\|$  is a small perturbation (assume  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ ).

- This measures how **sensitive** the value of the function is to small errors in the input (e.g., roundoff or measurement).
- For differentiable scalar functions  $f(x \in \mathbb{R}) \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\text{Cond}_x(f) = |f'(x)|.$$

- More commonly used is the **relative condition number**

$$\text{cond}_{\mathbf{x}}(f) = \sup_{\delta \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}} \frac{\|\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x} + \delta \mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})\| / \|\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})\|}{\|\delta \mathbf{x}\| / \|\mathbf{x}\|}$$

which measures the maximum relative change in the output for a given small relative change in the input.

# Conditioning number

- Consider a linear mapping  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ . What is the relative conditioning number?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{cond}_{\mathbf{x}}(f) &= \sup_{\delta \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}} \frac{\|\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x} + \delta \mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\| / \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|}{\|\delta \mathbf{x}\| / \|\mathbf{x}\|} \\ &= \frac{\|\mathbf{x}\|}{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|} \sup_{\delta \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}} \frac{\|\mathbf{A}\delta \mathbf{x}\|}{\|\delta \mathbf{x}\|} = \\ &= \frac{\|\mathbf{x}\|}{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|} \|\mathbf{A}\| \geq 1.\end{aligned}$$

- To get an upper bound, consider an invertible square  $\mathbf{A}$ ,

$$\text{cond}_{\mathbf{x}}(f) = \frac{\|\mathbf{A}^{-1}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x})\|}{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|} \|\mathbf{A}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\| \frac{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|}{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|} \|\mathbf{A}\|$$

which leads us to define a **matrix condition number**

$$\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\| \|\mathbf{A}\| > 1.$$

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# Eigenvalue Decomposition

- For a square matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ , there exists at least one  $\lambda$  such that

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x} \quad \Rightarrow \quad (\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

- Putting the **eigenvectors**  $\mathbf{x}_j$  as columns in a matrix  $\mathbf{X}$ , and the **eigenvalues**  $\lambda_j$  on the diagonal of a diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ , we get

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{\Lambda}.$$

- A matrix is **non-defective** or **diagonalizable** if there exist  $n$  **linearly independent eigenvectors**, i.e., if the matrix  $\mathbf{X}$  is invertible:

$$\mathbf{X}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{\Lambda}$$

leading to the **eigen-decomposition** of the matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{X}^{-1}.$$

# Unitarily Diagonalizable Matrices

- A **unitary** (complex) or **orthogonal** (real) matrix  $\mathbf{U}$  has orthogonal columns each of which has unit  $L_2$  norm:

$$\mathbf{U}^{-1} = \mathbf{U}^*.$$

Recall that star denotes **adjoint** (conjugate transpose).

- A matrix is **unitarily diagonalizable** if there exist  $n$  linearly independent **orthogonal eigenvectors**,  $\mathbf{X} \equiv \mathbf{U}$ ,

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}^*.$$

There is a **geometric interpretation** of this (sphere- $\rightarrow$ ellipsoid).

- Theorem: **Hermitian matrices**,  $\mathbf{A}^* = \mathbf{A}$ , are unitarily diagonalizable and have **real eigenvalues**.

For real matrices we use the term **symmetric**.



# Non-diagonalizable Matrices

- For matrices that are not diagonalizable, one can use **Jordan form factorizations**, or, more relevant to numerical mathematics, the **Schur factorization** (decomposition):

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{U}^*,$$

where **T** is **upper-triangular** (unlike **Jordan form** where only nonzeros are on super-diagonal).

- The eigenvalues are on the diagonal of **T**, and in fact if **A** is unitarily diagonalizable then  $\mathbf{T} \equiv \mathbf{\Lambda}$ .
- The Schur decomposition is **not unique** but it is the best generalization of the eigenvalue (spectral) decomposition to general matrices.

# Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

Every matrix has a **singular value decomposition (SVD)**

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^* = \sum_{i=1}^p \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^*$$

$$[m \times n] = [m \times m] [m \times n] [n \times n],$$

where  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  are **unitary matrices** whose columns are the left,  $\mathbf{u}_i$ , and the right,  $\mathbf{v}_i$ , **singular vectors**, and

$$\mathbf{\Sigma} = \text{Diag} \{ \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_p \}$$

is a **diagonal matrix** with real positive diagonal entries called **singular values** of the matrix

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_p \geq 0,$$

and  $p = \min(m, n)$  is the maximum possible rank of the matrix.

# Comparison to eigenvalue decomposition

- Recall the eigenvector decomposition for diagonalizable matrices

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{\Lambda}.$$

- The singular value decomposition can be written similarly to the eigenvector one

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

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

and they both **diagonalize**  $\mathbf{A}$ , but there are some important **differences**:

- 1 The SVD exists for any matrix, not just diagonalizable ones.
- 2 The SVD uses different vectors on the left and the right (different basis for the domain and image of the linear mapping represented by  $\mathbf{A}$ ).
- 3 The SVD always uses orthonormal basis (unitary matrices), not just for unitarily diagonalizable matrices.

# Relation to Eigenvalues

- For **Hermitian (symmetric) matrices**, there is **no fundamental difference** between the SVD and eigenvalue decompositions (and also the Schur decomposition).
- The squared singular values are **eigenvalues of the normal matrix**:

$$\sigma_i(\mathbf{A}) = \sqrt{\lambda_i(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^*)} = \sqrt{\lambda_i(\mathbf{A}^*\mathbf{A})}$$

since

$$\mathbf{A}^*\mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{U}^*)(\mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^*) = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Sigma}^2\mathbf{V}^*$$

- Similarly, the singular vectors are eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}^*\mathbf{A}$  or  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^*$ .

# Matrix norms

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- Unitary matrices are important because they are **always well-conditioned**,  $\kappa_2(\mathbf{U}) = 1$ .