

## Definitions

**Dimension of a set:** The number of linearly independent vectors.

**Rank of a matrix:** The dimension of column space.

# CHAPTER 4 Vector Spaces

## 4.1 Coordinate systems and mapping

Consider a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  living in a vector space  $V$ . The vector  $\mathbf{x}$  is an abstract concept, living in some abstract space  $V$ . It may have some physical or gemoetric meaning or whatnot.

We now enforce a *basis* onto  $V$ , called  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$ . This makes  $V$  behave like  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , in the sense that each vector  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $V$  is mapped onto a vector  $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . This is called a *coordinate mapping*  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  "onto" the basis  $\mathcal{B}$ . The vector space  $V$  might be foreign to us, and it can be important to create a mapping onto a more familiar vector space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , which we know how behaves. This transformation is "one-to-one", mapping each point in  $V$  onto a point in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and vice versa. This relation is called an **isomorphism**, and makes any vector space  $V$  with a basis of  $n$  vectors indistinguishable from  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Usually, when a vector is written plainly as  $\mathbf{x}$ , we consider it to be written in a *standard basis*  $\mathcal{E} = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2\} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , meaning that  $\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}}$ .

The relation between  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  is given by a **change-of-basis matrix**  $P_{\mathcal{B}}$ , which consists of the basis-vectors of  $\mathcal{B}$ , written in the basis of  $\mathcal{E}$ :

$$\mathbf{x} = P_{\mathcal{B}}[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} \quad P_{\mathcal{B}} = [\mathbf{b}_1 \ \mathbf{b}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{b}_n]$$

## 4.2 Change of basis

This change of basis is just a special case of a more general change of basis between two bases  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$  and  $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n\}$ , both spanning the same vector space  $V$ . The general change of basis is then

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{C}} = {}_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}^P [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} \quad {}_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}^P = \begin{bmatrix} [\mathbf{b}_1]_{\mathcal{C}} & [\mathbf{b}_2]_{\mathcal{C}} & \dots & [\mathbf{b}_n]_{\mathcal{C}} \end{bmatrix}$$

The change-of-basis matrix from  $\mathcal{C}$  to  $\mathcal{B}$  is simply the inverse:  ${}_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{C}}^P = \left( {}_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}^P \right)^{-1}$

The change of basis of a linear transformation is

$$[T]_{\mathcal{C}} = P [T]_{\mathcal{B}} P^{-1}$$

where  $P$  is the change-of-basis matrix  ${}_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}^P$

## 4.3 Linear transformations (mappings) between vector spaces

Any linear transformation is solely defined by how it acts on the unit vectors.

Consider two vector spaces  $V$  and  $W$ , with bases  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$  and  $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_m\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , respectively. We introduce a *linear transformation*  $T: V \mapsto W$  such that  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ . This is all well and good, but we might only have the vector  $\mathbf{x}$  represented in the basis  $\mathcal{B}$ , and usually want it written in the basis  $\mathcal{C}$  after the transformation, as  $[T(\mathbf{x})]_{\mathcal{C}}$ .

What we want is some matrix  $M$  that carries us straight from  $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  to  $[T(\mathbf{x})]_{\mathcal{C}}$ . If we combine the change of basis with  $T$ , we get

$$[T(\mathbf{x})]_{\mathcal{C}} = M[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

where

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} [T(\mathbf{b}_1)]_{\mathcal{C}} & \dots & [T(\mathbf{b}_n)]_{\mathcal{C}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} [A\mathbf{b}_1]_{\mathcal{C}} & \dots & [A\mathbf{b}_n]_{\mathcal{C}} \end{bmatrix}$$

This matrix is called the **matrix for T relative to the bases B and C**.

If  $M$  is invertible, there exists an inverse linear transform  $T^{-1}$  with matrix representation  $M^{-1}$ , mapping every point in  $\mathcal{B}$  to a point in  $\mathcal{C}$ . This makes  $T$  an **isomorphism** (one-to-one mapping).

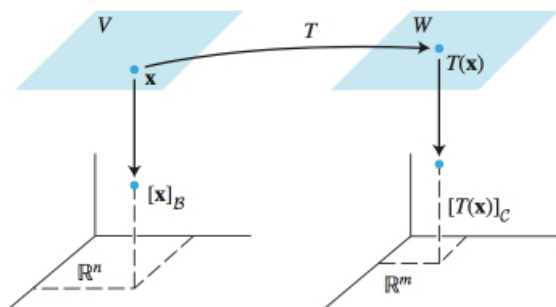


FIGURE 1 A linear transformation from  $V$  to  $W$ .

# CHAPTER 5 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

If  $A$  has  $n$  independent eigenvalues, the eigenvectors of  $A$  are linearly independent. If not, we don't know if they are linearly independent or not.

## 5.1 Diagonalization

If  $A$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix with  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ , with distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ , then  $A$  is diagonalizable.

We can then write

$$A = PDP^{-1}$$

where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix and  $P$  is an invertible matrix such that

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} \quad P = (\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \mathbf{v}_2 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{v}_n)$$

## 5.2 Discrete dynamical systems

Consider a difference equation on the form

$$\mathbf{x}_{i+1} = A\mathbf{x}_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{x}_k = A^k \mathbf{x}_0$$

where  $\{\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1, \dots\}$  is a vector sequence describing the properties of some system, and  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  invertible matrix, giving it  $n$  discrete eigenvalues, with  $n$  orthogonal eigenvectors spanning  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . This means any vector  $\mathbf{x}_i$  can be written as a linear combination of these:

$$\mathbf{x}_i = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + c_n \mathbf{v}_n$$

such that the matrix-vector multiplication  $A^k \mathbf{x}_0$  can be rewritten as

$$\mathbf{x}_k = A^k \mathbf{x}_0 = A^k (c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + c_n \mathbf{v}_n) = (\lambda_1)^k c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + (\lambda_n)^k c_n \mathbf{v}_n$$

In short, any such dynamical system can be decomposed into the eigenvectors of  $A$ , where the eigenvalues decide how the system behaves over time.

The coefficients are usually found as

$$\mathbf{c} = P^{-1} \mathbf{x}$$

### 5.2.1 Attractors

We see that if all eigenvalues of  $A$  are less than 1, the system will tend towards  $\mathbf{0}$ , and we say that  $\mathbf{0}$  is an **attractor** for the system.

# CHAPTER 6 Orthogonality and least squares

## 6.1 Projections

### 6.1.1 Projection of vector onto vector

The projection of a vector  $\mathbf{y}$  onto another vector  $\mathbf{x}$  is

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \mathbf{x}$$

### 6.1.2 Projection of vector onto subspace

Let  $W$  be subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with an orthogonal basis  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  be any vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then the projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto  $W$  is simply the projection onto each basis-vector:

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_p}{\mathbf{u}_p \cdot \mathbf{u}_p} \mathbf{u}_p$$

If you have an *orthonormal* basis, the dot products reduces to 1, and this can be written.

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_p = U U^T \mathbf{y}$$

### 6.1.3 The Gram-Schmidt process of orthogonal factorization

The Gram-Schmidt process takes any basis of vectors  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_p\}$  spanning a subspace in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and creates a new *orthogonal* basis of the same space,  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ .

The idea is to create one and one new vector  $\mathbf{v}_i$  from the corresponding  $\mathbf{x}_i$ , *but* subtract the projection of  $\mathbf{x}_i$  onto each of the former vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{i-1}$ , such that the new vector is orthogonal to all formerly created vectors.

- $\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{x}_1$
- $\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{x}_2 - \frac{\mathbf{x}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \mathbf{v}_1$
- $\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{x}_3 - \frac{\mathbf{x}_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \mathbf{v}_1 - \frac{\mathbf{x}_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2}{\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2} \mathbf{v}_2$
- ...

Remember to normalize afterwards if you need an *orthonormal* basis.

## 6.2 Least-square problems

Let  $W$  be the column space of some matrix  $A$ :  $W = \text{span}\{\text{col}(A)\}$ .

Sometimes, the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has no solutions, because  $\mathbf{b}$  is not in  $W$ . We then often wish to find the solutions  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  which places the solutions  $A\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \hat{\mathbf{b}}$  as close to the actual solution  $\mathbf{b}$  as possible.

This "closest solution" is the projection of  $\mathbf{b}$  onto  $W$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{b}} = \text{proj}_W \mathbf{b}$ .

The least-square solution to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is then:

$$A\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \hat{\mathbf{b}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \hat{\mathbf{x}} = A^{-1}\hat{\mathbf{b}} \quad (= A^{-1}AA^T\mathbf{b})$$

# CHAPTER 7 Symmetric Matrices and Quadratic Forms

## 7.1 Diagonalization of symmetric Matrices

## 7.2 Quadratic Forms

Consider a function  $Q : \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  given by  $Q(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$  called a **quadratic form**, defined by a symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ .

The result will then be a second order polynomial

$$c_{00} x_1^2 + c_{11} x_2^2 + c_{12} x_1 x_2 + \dots$$

The matrix will then be a form

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} c_{00} & \frac{1}{2}c_{12} & \frac{1}{2}c_{13} & \cdots \\ \frac{1}{2}c_{12} & c_{11} & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ & & & c_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

The non-diagonals are halved, because they "share" the coefficients due to the symmetry.

If the eigenvalues of  $A$  are

- All positive,  $Q(\mathbf{x})$  takes only positive values in  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- All negative,  $Q(\mathbf{x})$  takes only negative values in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

## 7.3 Constraint optimization

We often wish to solve for the  $\mathbf{x}$  that gives the maximum or minimum  $Q(\mathbf{x})$  under some constraint  $\|\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{x}^2\| = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} = 1$ .

- The maximum value of  $Q(\mathbf{x})$  is the largest eigenvalue of  $A$ . The  $\mathbf{x}$  giving this value is the corresponding eigenvector.
- The minimum value of  $Q(\mathbf{x})$  is the smallest eigenvalue of  $A$ . The  $\mathbf{x}$  giving this value is the corresponding eigenvector.

## 7.4 Singular Value Decomposition

We know the  $A = PDP^{-1}$  diagonalization of  $A$  can only be applied to  $n \times n$ , diagonalizable matrices  $A$ .

However, the **singular value decomposition**  $A = U\Sigma V$  can be applied to *any* matrix  $A$ . It reduces to  $PDP^{-1}$  factorization if  $A$  is diagonalizable.

- The **singular values** of  $A$  are the squareroots of the eigenvalues of  $A^T A$ , in decreasing order:

$$\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$$

- The **singular vectors** of  $A$  are the normalized eigenvectors of  $A^T A$ , ordered by descending eigenvalues.

Let  $A$  be some  $m \times n$  matrix with rank  $r$ . Then  $A$  can be factorized into  $A = U\Sigma V$  where

- $\Sigma$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix (same shape as  $A$ ), where the diagonal values are all the singular values of  $A$ , with trailing zeros.

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $V$  is an orthogonal  $n \times n$  matrix, consisting of the singular vectors of  $A$ :

$$V = (\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \mathbf{v}_2 \quad \mathbf{v}_3)$$

- $U$  is an orthogonal  $m \times m$  matrix where the columns are the normalized  $Av_i$  vectors:

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{A\mathbf{v}_1}{\sigma_1} & \frac{A\mathbf{v}_2}{\sigma_2} & \frac{A\mathbf{v}_3}{\sigma_3} \end{pmatrix}$$

If there aren't  $m$  non-zero vectors to use, construct the rest of  $U$  as orthonormal vectors from Gram-Schmidt.

## **Poly(A)**

Returns the negative of the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ .

Ex:

INPUT: `poly(A)`

OUTPUT: `1 -4 3 0`

$$\Rightarrow -(\lambda^3 - 4\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 0) = 0$$