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LINEAR ALGEBRA

Final Study Guide

Basics

Vectors & Matrices

The main building blocks of linear algebra are Vectors and Matrices...

Vector $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$
dot product $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = x_1y_1 + \dots + x_ny_n$
if $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = 0$, then \perp

Matrix $\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \end{bmatrix}$
(can be seen as a collection of vectors)

Some matrix operations...

o Sum \rightarrow sum each entry indiv.
o Scalar multiplication \rightarrow multiply each entry by the scalar
o Matrix multiplication \rightarrow to get the ij th entry of the product take the dot product of i th row of A and j th column of B ...

$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & b_{31} & b_{32} & b_{33} \end{bmatrix} = C$
 $C_{22} = a_{21}b_{12} + a_{22}b_{22} + a_{23}b_{32}$
 \uparrow to multiply must be...
 $A_{m \times n} B_{n \times k}$ match
 \uparrow NOT COMMUTATIVE! $AB \neq BA$

Another matrix operation is Inversion. Sort of like Matrix Division.

$A\vec{x} = \vec{b} \Rightarrow \vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$

We find the inverse by...
 $\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
 \uparrow augmented w/ identity matrix

Row Reduce $A \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} = A^{-1}$

A can only be inverted if it's square...

Independence

A set of vectors is linearly independent if no linear combo of the vectors $= 0$. (other than 0 times everything)

A Matrix is linearly indep. if it's vectors are indep. aka if...
every column has a pivot position
there are no free variables

Free Variables \rightarrow a variable in \vec{x} whose corresponding column is not a pivot column!
means there is ∞ solutions

Determinants

A function of a square matrix that produces a real #.

We use rules about row operations to find the determinant (or QR factorization)

Rules...

o row replacement doesn't change $\det(A)$
o scaling a row scales $\det(A)$ by c ($c \cdot \det(A)$)
o swapping 2 rows changes $\det(A) \rightarrow -1 \cdot \det(A)$
o the \det of identity matrix is 1.

Properties

o a square matrix is invertible if & only if $\det(A) \neq 0$
o if A and B same size then $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$
o $\det(A) = \det(A^T)$

Now we'll look at 4 ways to break down Matrices and their uses...

$$A = LU$$

Gauss Elimination & RREF

We need a way to solve linear equations like $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$...

We can solve w/ Row Reduction...

1 create an augmented matrix w/ A and \vec{b} ...

$$[A | \vec{b}] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

2 Use scale, swap and replacement to convert A to REF.

swap 2 rows ex. $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$
multiply a row by a nonzero ex. $2R_1$
add a multiple of 1 row to another ex. $R_3 - 2R_1$

3 Continue until in RREF

To make Elimination a non destructive process we use $A = LU$

U = REF of A
 L \rightarrow Since we know L and A we can solve backward for \vec{x} .

Solutions

to find solutions to $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ we can turn a RREF back into a parametric form...

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & | & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x+z=2 \\ y+2z=3 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x=2-z \\ y=3-2z \\ z=z \end{cases}$$

The form of the RREF tells us something about the # of solutions...

1 if \vec{b} column is a pivot column...

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow 0=1 \dots \text{no solution}$$

2 some columns (not \vec{b}) are not pivot columns...

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{free variables} \dots \infty \text{ solutions}$$

3 every column except \vec{b} is pivot column...

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \dots \text{unique solutions}$$

only this one is linearly independent

Subspaces

a subspace is a subset satisfying...

- non-emptiness
- closure under addition
- closure under multiplication

Our favorite Subspaces are the Column Space and the Null Space for matrix A .

Column Space \rightarrow spanned by the columns of A . Find by...

1 find RREF of A .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -8 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

2 take pivot col. of the RREF and find corresponding col. in A . Those make up col space of A .

$$\text{Col}(A) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Null Space \rightarrow spanned by solutions of $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$. Find by...

1 find RREF of A .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -8 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

2 find parametric form of solutions.

$$\begin{cases} x-8z=7 \\ y=0 \\ 0=0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x=7+8z \\ y=0 \\ z=z \end{cases}$$

3 the vectors attached to free variables make up the $\text{Nul}(A)$.

$$\text{Nul}(A) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Dimension \rightarrow the # of vectors in a subspace

Rank \rightarrow dimension of the column space

Nullity \rightarrow dimension of the null space

if A has n columns then $\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A) = n$

$$A = QR$$

Orthogonality

Two vectors are orthogonal when $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = 0$

We can use orthogonality for various applications such as minimizing distance, but first need some definitions...

Distance $\rightarrow \|\vec{y} - \vec{x}\| = \sqrt{(y_1-x_1)^2 + (y_2-x_2)^2}$

Orthogonal Complement $\rightarrow W^\perp$, a subspace where all vectors are orthogonal to all vectors in W . Find by...

1 find $\text{col}(A) = W$

2 $W^\perp = \text{Nul}(A^T)$

Orthogonal Projection $\rightarrow \vec{x}_w$ or \vec{b}_w , the closest vector in W to a vector \vec{x} . It will be orthogonal to \vec{x}_w^\perp . Find by...

1 $W = \text{Col}(A)$, \vec{x} is a given vector, define $\vec{x}_w = A\vec{c}$ for any solution \vec{c} .

2 guess... $A^T A \vec{c} = A^T \vec{x}$

3 solve... $\vec{x}_w = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{x}$

Orthogonal Basis \rightarrow a basis where every vector is orthogonal to every other vector

Orthonormal Basis \rightarrow an orthogonal basis where every vector is also normal (unit distance).

Projection Formula

We can also use a formula to find \vec{x}_w ...

W is a subspace, $\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_m$ is an orthogonal basis for W . The orthogonal projection of \vec{x} is...

$$\vec{x}_w = \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{e}_1}{\vec{e}_1 \cdot \vec{e}_1} \vec{e}_1 + \dots + \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{e}_m}{\vec{e}_m \cdot \vec{e}_m} \vec{e}_m$$

But how do we find an orthogonal basis for W ?

Gram Schmidt

The Gram Schmidt allows us to find an orthogonal basis for any subspace...

Let $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_m$ be a basis for W , define...

1 $\vec{u}_1 = \vec{v}_1$

2 $\vec{u}_2 = \vec{v}_2 - \frac{\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{u}_1}{\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_1} \vec{u}_1$

3 $\vec{u}_3 = \vec{v}_3 - \frac{\vec{v}_3 \cdot \vec{u}_1}{\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_1} \vec{u}_1 - \frac{\vec{v}_3 \cdot \vec{u}_2}{\vec{u}_2 \cdot \vec{u}_2} \vec{u}_2$

and so on till \vec{u}_m

We can find an orthonormal basis...

$$\vec{e}_1 = \frac{\vec{u}_1}{\|\vec{u}_1\|}, \vec{e}_2 = \frac{\vec{u}_2}{\|\vec{u}_2\|}, \dots, \vec{e}_m = \frac{\vec{u}_m}{\|\vec{u}_m\|}$$

Most of this info can be found in the QR decomposition...

$$A = QR$$

$\text{Col}(A) = W$

orthonormal matrix... $[\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_m]$

upper triangular matrix... $R = Q^T A$

Applications

The QR decomp. can be used to find the $\det(A)$, since $\det(A) = \det(Q) \det(R)$.

We can use orthogonal projections to find the closest point in a plane to a vector in \mathbb{R}^3 .

We can also minimize the distance between \vec{b} and $A\vec{x}$ in $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ by solving...

$$A^T A \vec{x} = A^T \vec{b} \dots \text{for } \vec{x}.$$

But the most common application is the best fit line...

1 we have n points that are not linear but we want to find the best $y = mx + b$ line to model them.

2 we make a system of n linear equations, one for each point.

3 we put the linear equations into matrix form $A\vec{z} = \vec{b}$ w/ $\vec{z} = \begin{bmatrix} m \\ b \end{bmatrix}$, solve for \vec{z} and plug back into $y = mx + b$ for a best fit line!

$$A = S \Sigma S^{-1}$$

Eigenvalues

We want to find eigenvectors and eigenvalues so we can find a way to make diagonal matrices that are easier to use in application.

Eigenvector \rightarrow A nonzero vector \vec{v} such that a square A matrix will have $A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$ for some scalar λ .

Eigenvalue \rightarrow The scalar λ that makes $A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$.

Notes:

o eigenvectors that don't share eigenvalues are linearly indep.

o there can be at most n indep. eigenvectors of an $n \times n$ matrix.

o 0 is an eigenvalue of A if and only if A is not invertible.

Trace \rightarrow sum of the diagonal of a matrix

Finding all Eigenvectors of A ...

1 find all possible eigenvalues by solving

$$f(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I_n) \text{ aka } \dots$$

$$f(\lambda) = (-1)^n \lambda^n + (-1)^{n-1} \text{Tr}(A) \lambda^{n-1} + \dots + \det(A)$$

2 find the nontrivial solutions to $\text{Nul}(A - \lambda I_n)$.

Algebraic Multiplicity \rightarrow a # defining λ , the # of times λ shows up as a root of the characteristic polynomial.

Geometric Multiplicity \rightarrow of a λ is the dimension of the λ -eigenspace.

Diagonalization

Now to get our diagonal matrix and eigen decomposition...

$$A = S \Sigma S^{-1}$$

A matrix made up of linearly indep. eigenvectors of A .

A Diagonal Matrix w/ eigenvalues on its diagonal.

eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors have to be listed in same order

An $n \times n$ matrix can only be diagonalized if it has n eigenvectors.

Matrix A is diagonalizable if and only if...

o sum of geometric multiplicities of all eigenvalues of A is n .

o sum of algebraic multiplicities of all eigenvalues of A is n .

o for each eigen value a multiplicity $=$ g multiplicity.

Jordan Form

For matrices that aren't diagonalizable we can put them in Jordan form, which is like a diagonal matrix but there are 1's above repeated λ 's.

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

Applications

Most common application is Difference Equations.

Diff. Eq. \rightarrow an equation of form...

$$\vec{v}_{t+1} = A \vec{v}_t$$

A is a change of state matrix.

To make solving these equations easier when we have something like \vec{v}_0 we can change A into a diagonal matrix... $A = S \Sigma S^{-1}$

Then we need a new starting vector \vec{w}_0 . Let's guess it's... $\vec{w}_0 = S^{-1} \vec{v}_0$

Now raise Σ to the power of t to find any iteration in the future...

$$\vec{w}_t = \Sigma^t \vec{w}_0$$

$$A = U \Sigma V^T$$

Singular Value Decomp.

often used for compression.

Breaks A into...

$$A = U \Sigma V^T$$

columns are singular vectors

diagonal is singular value

How to find singular values...

1 A is an $m \times n$ matrix. We find $A^T A$ to get an $n \times n$ matrix

2 Find eigenvalues of $A^T A$.

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \sqrt{\lambda_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

3 Find eigenvectors of $A^T A$. V will be the eigenvectors of $A^T A$. Trans. it to get V^T .

4 Solve backwards to get U .

Invertible Matrix Theorem

all of the following are equivalent. If 1 is true, all are true for $A_{n \times n}$...

1 A is invertible

2 The linear system $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has a unique solution

3 rref of $A = I_n$

4 $\text{rank } A = n$

5 $\dim A = \mathbb{R}^n$

6 $\ker(A) = \{\vec{0}\}$

7 column vectors of A form a basis of \mathbb{R}^n .

8 column vectors of A span \mathbb{R}^n .

9 column vectors of A are lin. indep.

10 $\det(A) \neq 0$

11 0 is not an eigenvalue of A .

