

Elements of Mathematics  
Sheet 01

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**A matrix as a Linear Function**

Let  $A \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$  be a matrix. Then consider the mapping  $f_A: \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^m, x \mapsto Ax$ .

1. Show that

$$f_A(\lambda x + y) = \lambda f_A(x) + f_A(y),$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{F}^n$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ .

*Hint:* A vector is a matrix with just one column, so you can make use of the computation rules for matrices given in the lecture notes.

*Remark:* Functions satisfying this property are called **linear**.

2. Use this fact to show the following equivalence:

$$\ker(A) := \{x \in \mathbb{F}^n : Ax = 0\} = \{0\} \Leftrightarrow f_A(x) = f_A(y) \text{ implies } x = y, \\ \text{(i.e., } f_A \text{ is an injective mapping).}$$

*Hint:* Split up the equality  $\Leftrightarrow$  into  $\Rightarrow$  and  $\Leftarrow$  and prove each of them separately.

**Solution:**

1. Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{F}^n$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ . Then

$$f_A(\lambda x + y) = A(\lambda x + y) = A(\lambda x) + Ay = \lambda Ax + Ay = \lambda f_A(x) + f_A(y).$$

2. " $\Rightarrow$ " Let  $\ker(A) = \{0\}$

(To show:  $f_A$  is an injective mapping, i.e.,  $f_A(x) = f_A(y)$  implies  $x = y$ .)

Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{F}^n$  with  $f_A(x) = f_A(y)$ , which implies by definition  $Ax = Ay$  and thus by linearity  $A(x - y) = 0$ .

Thus, since  $\ker(A) = \{0\}$ , we conclude  $x - y = 0$ .

" $\Leftarrow$ " Let  $f_A$  be an injective mapping, i.e.,  $f_A(x) = f_A(y)$  implies  $x = y$ .

(To show:  $Ax = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$  (here " $\Leftarrow$ " is obvious).)

Let  $Ax = 0$ , then we find

$$f_A(0) = A0 = 0 = Ax = f_A(x).$$

Thus, since  $f_A$  is assumed to be injective,  $x = 0$  (take " $y = 0$ ").

**The Subspaces Kernel and Image**

- Let  $A \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$ . Show that  $\ker(A)$  and  $\text{Im}(A)$  are subspaces of  $\mathbb{F}^n$  and  $\mathbb{F}^m$ , respectively.
- Construct two example matrices and consider their kernel and image.

**Solution:**

1. a) To show:  $\ker(A) \subset \mathbb{F}^n$  subspace

Proof:

i.  $A \cdot 0 = 0$ , so that  $0 \in \ker(A)$ , thus  $\ker(A) \neq \emptyset$ .

ii. For  $i = 1, 2$  let  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $v_i \in \ker(A)$ , then by linearity  $A(\lambda_1 v_1 + \lambda_2 v_2) = \lambda_1 \underbrace{Av_1}_{=0} + \lambda_2 \underbrace{Av_2}_{=0} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 v_1 + \lambda_2 v_2 \in \ker(A)$$

- b) To show:  $\text{Im}(A) \subset \mathbb{F}^m$  subspace

Proof:

i.  $A \cdot 0 = 0 \in \text{Im}(A)$ , thus nonempty.

ii. For  $i = 1, 2$  let  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $w_i \in \text{Im}(A)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \exists v_1, v_2 \in \mathbb{F}^n : w_1 = Av_1, w_2 = Av_2 \\ \Rightarrow & \lambda_1 w_1 + \lambda_2 w_2 = \lambda_1 Av_1 + \lambda_2 Av_2 = A(\lambda_1 v_1 + \lambda_2 v_2) \\ \Rightarrow & \lambda_1 w_1 + \lambda_2 w_2 \in \text{Im}(A) \end{aligned}$$

2. Examples:

a) Consider the matrix composed of ones from the previous exercise.

b) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $Ax = 0$  implies  $x = 0$ , so that  $\ker(A) = \{0\}$ . In particular, the columns are linearly independent, so that they form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , with other words:  $\mathbb{R}^2 = \text{span}(a_1, a_2) = \text{Im}(A)$ .

### Rank/Image and Nullity/Kernel

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

the column vector  $\mathbf{1} := \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  (i.e., a  $(3 \times 1)$  matrix) and the row vector  $\tilde{\mathbf{1}} := (1 \ 1 \ 1)$  (i.e., a  $(1 \times 3)$  matrix).

1. Show that  $A = \mathbf{1}\tilde{\mathbf{1}}$ .
2. Find two distinct nonzero vectors  $x$  and  $y$ , so that  $Ax = 0$  and  $Ay = 0$ .
3. How does the image  $\text{Im}(A)$  look like? First draw a picture. Then find a basis of  $\text{Im}(A)$  to determine the rank of the matrix.
4. How does the kernel  $\ker(A)$  look like? First draw a picture. Then find a basis of  $\ker(A)$  to determine the nullity of the matrix.

*Remark:* You have to prove that your vectors are a basis.

### Solution:

1. By applying the matrix-matrix product definition we multiply the matrix  $\mathbf{1}$  with each column in  $\tilde{\mathbf{1}}$  (here, a column is just the number 1). We obtain

$$\mathbf{1}\tilde{\mathbf{1}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot (1 \ 1 \ 1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} & 1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} & 1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = A.$$

2. Since  $a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = \mathbf{1}$ , we have

$$0 = Ax = a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + a_3x_3 = a_1(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) \Leftrightarrow x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0.$$

Choose, e.g.,  $x = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $y = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

3. By definition of the image we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Im}(A) &= \text{span}(a_1, a_2, a_3) \\ &= \{\lambda_1 \mathbf{1} + \lambda_2 \mathbf{1} + \lambda_3 \mathbf{1} : \lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ &= \{\lambda \mathbf{1} : \lambda \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ &= \text{span}(\mathbf{1}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mathbf{1} \neq 0$ , we have that  $\{\mathbf{1}\}$  is a basis of length 1 for  $\text{Im}(A)$ . In particular we find

$$\text{rank}(A) := \dim \text{Im}(A) = 1.$$

(Note that two equal vectors  $x = y$  are linearly dependent and that a single nonzero vector  $x \neq 0$  is linearly independent.)

4. From 2. we already know

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ker(A) &:= \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : Ax = 0\} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0\} \\
 &= \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x_1 = -(x_2 + x_3)\} \\
 &= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -x_2 - x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} : x_2, x_3 \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \\
 &= \left\{ x_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} : x_2, x_3 \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \\
 &= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $b_1 := \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $b_2 := \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  are linearly independent (in fact, one can show  $[b_1, b_2]x = 0$  implies  $x = 0$ ), they form a basis of  $\ker(A)$  and thus we have  $\dim(\ker(A)) = 2$ .

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#### The Matrix-Vector Product

Implement a function that takes as input a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and a vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and then returns the matrix-vector product  $Ax$ .

1. Implement the following four ways:

a) **Dense:** Input expected as `numpy.ndarray`:

Assume that the matrix and the vector are delivered to your function as `numpy.ndarray`.

- Implement the matrix-vector product “by hand” using for loops, i.e., *without* using numpy functions/methods.
- Implement the matrix-vector product using `A.dot(x)`, `A@x`, `numpy.matmul(A,x)` or `numpy.dot(A,x)`.

b) **Sparse:** Matrix expected in **CSR format**:

Assume that the matrix is delivered to your function as `scipy.sparse.csr_matrix` object. The vector  $x$  can either be expected as `numpy.ndarray` or simply as a Python list.

- Access the three CSR lists via `A.data`, `A.indptr`, `A.indices` and implement the matrix-vector product “by hand” using for loops.
- Implement the matrix-vector product using `A.dot(x)` or `A@x`.

2. **Test** your four different routines from above on the following matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with constant diagonals given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

and the input vector

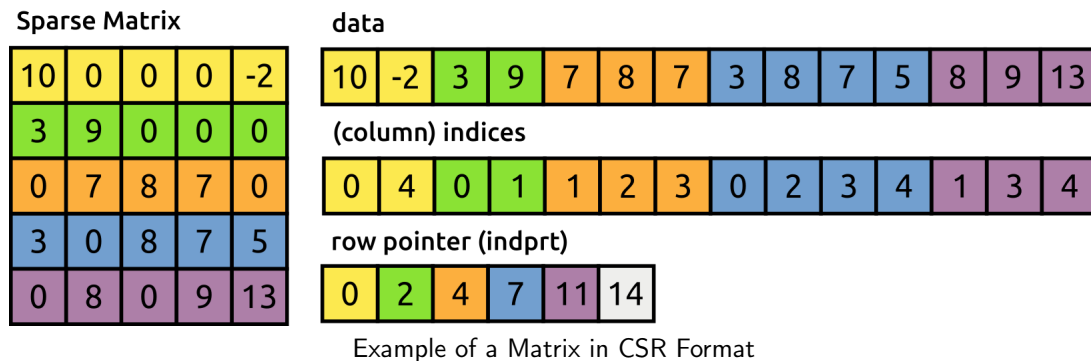
$$x = (1, \dots, 1)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad (\text{you can use: } x = \text{numpy.ones}(n)).$$

- Determine how  $b := A \cdot x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  looks like in this example in order to facilitate a test.
- Test whether your four routines compute the matrix-vector product correctly by checking  $A \cdot x = b$ .
- Use different values for the dimension  $n$  (especially large  $n \geq 10^5$  – note that you may exceed your hardware capacities for the dense computations).

*Remark:* The matrix has “2” on the main diagonal and “−1” on the first off-diagonals.

3. For all cases:

- a) **Memory:** What is the number of Gbytes needed to store an  $m \times n$  array of floats? Print the number of Gbytes which are needed to store the matrix in all cases.  
*Hint:* A number implemented as float in Python implements double precision and therefore needs 64 Bits of storage. For a numpy.ndarray you can type `A.nbytes` and for the `scipy.sparse.csr_matrix` you can type `A.data.nbytes + A.indptr.nbytes + A.indices.nbytes`.
- b) **Computation times:** Measure the time which is needed in each case to compute the matrix-vector product for a random input vector `x = numpy.random.rand(n)`.  
*Hint:* In the IPython shell you can simply use the *magic function* `%timeit` to measure the time for a certain operation. For example, you can type `%timeit pythonfunction(x)`. Alternatively you can use the package `timeit`.



### Solution:

```
import numpy as np
import scipy.sparse as scs
import timeit

def matvec_dense(A, x, byhand=0):
    """
    computes the matrix vector product based on numpy.ndarray

    Parameters
    -----
    A : (m,n) numpy.ndarray
        matrix
    x : (n, ) numpy.ndarray
        vector
    byhand : int
        switch between for loop and @ operator

    Returns
    -----
    A*x: matrix-vector product
    """
    if byhand:
        # read the dimensions of the input objects
        m, n = np.shape(A)
        nx = len(x)

        # raise an error if the dimensions do not match
        if n != nx:
            raise Exception('dimension of A and x must match. The dimension \
for A and x were: {}'.format(str(np.shape(A))
                                + " " + str(len(x))))

        # if dimensions match, start computing the matrix-vector product:
    else:
        # initialize the output vector
        b = np.zeros(m)
        # a loop over row indices to compute each entry of b
        for i in range(m):
            # a loop over column indices to compute the inner product
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        for j in range(n):
            b[i] += A[i, j] * x[j]
    else:
        b = A.dot(x) # np.dot(A,x), A@x
    return b

# we could implement our own csr-class in python:
# class csr_matrix:
#     def __init__(self, data, indices, indptr):
#         self.data = data
#         self.indices = indices
#         self.indptr = indptr

def matvec_sparse(A, x, byhand=0):
    """computes the matrix vector product based on csr matrix

    Parameters
    -----
    A: (m,n) matrix stored in CSR, i.e., in terms of three lists; here:
        class with attributes data, indices, indptr
    x: (n, ) numpy.ndarray or list of length n (= number of cols) numbers
        vector
    byhand : int
        switch between for loop and @ operator

    Returns
    -----
    """
    A*x: matrix-vector product
    """
    if byhand:
        # dimension check?
        # can we get the column dimension from sparse csr class? > depends
        b = [0] * (len(A.indptr) - 1)
        for i, pair in enumerate(zip(A.indptr[0:-1], A.indptr[1:])):
            for a_ij, j in zip(A.data[pair[0]:pair[1]],
                               A.indices[pair[0]:pair[1]]):
                b[i] += a_ij * x[j]
    else:
        # make sure A and x have the correct format for the dot method
        A = scs.csr_matrix(A)
        x = np.array(x)
        # compute matrix-vector product
        b = A.dot(x)
    return np.array(b)

print("\nIn order to get the docstring of our function we can type \
\n\n      help(functionName)\n\nFor example: ")
print(help(matvec_dense))

if __name__ == "__main__":
    # Note: the following part is only executed if the current script is
    #       run directly, but not if it is imported into another script
    # -----#
    #     EXPERIMENT
    # -----#
    # the experiment
    n = int(1e3) # matrix column dimension
    m = n # matrix row dimension
    runs = 50 # how many runs for time measurement
    x = np.random.rand(n) # random vector x

    # test arrays for which we know the result
    xtest = np.ones(n) # test input x
    btest = np.zeros(m) # known test output b
    btest[[0, -1]] = 1

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# just some strings for printing commands
expstr = ["Time dot:      ", "Time hand:      "]
teststr = ["Test dot:      ", "Test by hand: "]

# -----#
#   NUMPY DENSE
# -----#
print("\n---- Numpy Dense ----")
A = 2 * np.eye(n) - np.eye(n, k=1) - np.eye(n, k=-1)
print("Memory:", np.round(A.nbytes * 10 ** -9, decimals=4), "Gbytes\n")
for byhand in [0, 1]:
    print(teststr[byhand], np.allclose(btest,
                                       matvec_dense(A, xtest, byhand=byhand)))

def dense():
    return matvec_dense(A, x, byhand=byhand)

print(expstr[byhand], timeit.timeit("dense()",
                                     setup="from __main__ import dense", number=runs),
      "\n")

# -----#
#   SCIPY SPARSE
# -----#
print("\n---- Scipy Sparse ----")
A = 2 * scs.eye(n) - scs.eye(n, k=1) - scs.eye(n, k=-1)
print("Memory:", np.round((A.data.nbytes + A.indptr.nbytes +
                          A.indices.nbytes) * 10 ** -9, decimals=4),
      "Gbytes\n")
for byhand in [0, 1]:
    print(teststr[byhand],
          np.allclose(btest, matvec_sparse(A, xtest, byhand=byhand)))

def sparse():
    return matvec_sparse(A, x, byhand=byhand)

print(expstr[byhand], timeit.timeit("sparse()",
                                     setup="from __main__ import sparse", number=runs),
      "\n")

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