

Volumes, Matrix calculus

1. Geometric meaning of the determinate of a linear transformation A .

Volume of parallelepiped generated by columns of A .

2. Matrix calculation: Given a function $f(x, y, z)$, write df in a matrix multiplication form.

$$df = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right) \begin{pmatrix} dx \\ dy \\ dz \end{pmatrix}$$

3. Given a $n \times n$ matrix A , trace $tr(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$

Eigenvalues

1. Suppose A is a $n \times n$ matrix, λ is an **eigenvalue** of A if

$$\exists u \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad Au = \lambda u$$

u is an **eigenvector** of A .

2. If A is diagonalizable, then

$$P^{-1}AP = \Sigma,$$

where $\Sigma = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$, $P = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$, and u_i is the eigenvector for the eigenvalue λ_i .

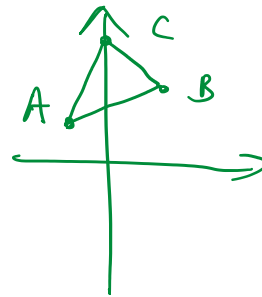
Problems

1. What is area of the triangle whose vertices are $(-1, 1)$, $(1, 2)$, $(0, 3)$?

$$\vec{AB} = (2, 1)$$

$$\vec{AC} = (1, 2)$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{3}{2}$$



2. Suppose A is a 2×2 matrix with eigenvalues being 2, 1 and the corresponding eigenvectors being u and v .

- (a) What is $(2A + I)u$?

$$Au = 2u, \quad (2A + I)u = 2Au + u = 2 \cdot 2u + u = 5u.$$

- (b) Is $2A + I$ diagonalizable? If yes, what are the eigenvalues of $2A + I$?

$$\text{Yes, } (2A + I)v = 2Av + v = 2v + v = 3v$$

So the eigenvalues of $2A + I$ are 5 and 3.

3. Suppose A, B are $n \times n$ matrices.

- (a) Is $tr(AB) = tr(A)tr(B)$? Is $tr(A^T) = tr(A)$? Yes
 No. Example $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = B$. $tr(A) = 0 = tr(B)$ but $tr(AB) = tr \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 2$.

- (b) If A is diagonalizable, is A^2 also diagonalizable?

$$\text{Yes } P^{-1}AP = \Sigma \Leftrightarrow A = P\Sigma P^{-1}$$

$$A^2 = P\Sigma P^{-1}P\Sigma P^{-1} = P\Sigma^2 P^{-1}$$

So $P^{-1}A^2P = \Sigma^2$ is diagonalizable.

- (c) ~~Are eigenvectors of A always linearly independent?~~

- (d) If the eigenvector matrix of A is the identity matrix, what can you say about A ?

$$A \cdot I = I \Sigma$$

So $A = \Sigma$ is diagonalizable.