
Math 54 Study Guide

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I. Linear Algebra

A. Basic Definitions and Properties

Definition. Give a definition for each of the following: Linear Transformation, Linearly Independence/ Dependence, Injective, Surjective, Bijective, Invertible.

Exercises

1. Label each of the following true or false. If true, prove it. If false, prove why or provide a counter-example.
 - Let A, B be $n \times n$ matrices. If the columns of B are linearly dependent then so are the columns of AB .
 - Let $S : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ and $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be one-to-one, linear transformations. Then the composition of T and S , $T(S(\vec{x}))$, sometimes written $(T \circ S)$, is also one-to-one.
2. Compute the inverse of the following matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & -3 & 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. If the linear transformation defined by A is injective, what can we say about the sizes of n and m ? What if A is instead surjective? Bijective? Justify your answers using a pivot argument (Rank theorem argument in section I,C).

B. Determinants

Exercises

1. Label each of the following true or false. If true, prove it. If false, prove why or provide a counter-example.
 - If two rows of a square matrix A are identical, then $\det(A) = 0$.
 - If A is an $n \times n$ matrix then $\det(A^T) = (-1)^n \det(A)$.
2. A matrix $Q \in M_{n \times n}$ is called orthogonal if $QQ^T = I_n$, where I_n is the $n \times n$ identity matrix. If Q is orthogonal, what are the possible values of $\det(Q)$? [*Hint*: take the determinate of both sides of the equality]
3. Let $A \in M_{n \times n}$. Show that $\det(kA) = k^n \det(A)$.
4. List as many conditions as you can think of that show a square matrix is invertible (Ex: "its columns are linearly independent").

5. What is the volume of the parallel-piped determined by the vectors $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ in \mathbb{R}^3 ?

C. Vector Spaces and Subspaces

Definition. Give a definition for each of the following: vector space, subspace, span, basis, null-space/kernel, image/range, rank/nullity. State the Rank-Nullity Theorem.

Exercises

1. Label each of the following true or false. If true, prove it. If false, prove why or provide a counter-example.
 - Let $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be the subset of \mathbb{R}^n containing all vectors whose entries sum to zero. W is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .
 - Let \mathbb{P}^n be the vector space of polynomials with real coefficients of degree less than or equal to n . Let U be the set of all functions f in \mathbb{P}^n such that the coefficient of x^n in f is non-zero. That is, $f(x) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + \dots + c_nx^n$ is in U if and only if $c_n \neq 0$. Then U is a subspace of \mathbb{P}^n .
2. Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. If the linear transformation defined by A is injective, what can we say about the sizes of n and m ? What if A is instead surjective? Bijective? Justify your answers by appealing to the Rank Theorem.
3. Let $M_{n \times n}$ be the vector space of all $n \times n$ matrices, and define $T : M_{n \times n} \rightarrow M_{n \times n}$ by $T(A) = A + A^T$.
4. Let \mathbb{P}^n be the vector space of polynomials of degree less than or equal to n . Let $T : \mathbb{P}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$ be defined by $T(f) = (x + x^2)\frac{df}{dx}$. Find the matrix of T with respect to the basis $\{1, x, x^2\}$.
 - Part a. Show that T is a linear transformation.
 - Part b. Let B be a symmetric $n \times n$ matrix, so that $B = B^T$. Find an $A \in M_{n \times n}$ such that $T(A) = B$.
 - Part c. Find the dimension of the kernel of T .
 - Part d. Show that the range of T is the set of symmetric matrices, that is all B in $M_{n \times n}$ with the property that $B = B^T$.

II. Linear Algebra Continued

A. Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

Definition. Give a definition for each of the following: eigenvector, eigenvalue, eigenspace, characteristic equation, similar, diagonalizable.

Exercises

1. Label each of the following true or false. If true, prove it. If false, prove why or provide a counter-example.
 - Let \vec{x}, \vec{y} be eigenvectors of a matrix A such that \vec{x} and \vec{y} correspond to the distinct (different) eigenvalues λ_1 and λ_2 , respectively. Then \vec{x}, \vec{y} are linearly independent.
 - If A is an $n \times n$ diagonalizable matrix, then A is invertible.
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- If λ is eigenvalue of an $n \times n$ matrix A , then the linear transformation defined by the matrix $(A - \lambda I)$ is not injective.
- If λ_0 is a eigenvalue of a matrix A , then the multiplicity of λ_0 as the root of the characteristic polynomial of A is the equal to the dimension of the eigenspace corresponding to λ_0 .

2. Compute $A^{10}\vec{x}$ for $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 4 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

B. Inner Product Spaces

Definition. Give a definition for each of the following: inner-product space (and list the axioms), orthogonal, orthogonal projection, least squares solution.

Exercises

1. Label each of the following true or false. If true, prove it. If false, prove why or provide a counter-example.
 - Let \cdot denote the dot-product. Then for A an $n \times n$ matrix and $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $A\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = \vec{x} \cdot A\vec{y}$.
 - Let \mathbb{P}^2 be the vectors space of polynomials of degree less than or equal to 2. Then the formula $\langle f, g \rangle = f(1)g(1)$, is an inner-product on \mathbb{P}^2 .
 - Suppose \vec{y} is orthogonal to the vectors \vec{u} and \vec{v} . Then \vec{y} is also orthogonal to every vector in $\text{Span}\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\}$.
 - Let W be a subspace of the inner product space \mathbb{R}^n . Then the mapping, $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ defined by $T(\vec{y}) = \text{proj}_W(\vec{y})$ is a linear transformation.
2. Let $W = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^4 | x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 + 4x_4 = 0\}$. Find a basis for W^\perp .
3. Let $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ be vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 .
 - Part a. Find an **orthonormal** basis $\beta = \{\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2\}$ for the plane spanned by \vec{v}_1 and \vec{v}_2 .
 - Part b. Let $\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Using whichever method you prefer, find the least square solution(s) to the inconsistent system $A\vec{x} = \vec{y}$, where A is the matrix with columns \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 .
 - Part c. Finally, find a third vector \vec{b}_3 such that the matrix B with columns $\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \vec{b}_3$ is orthogonal.

C. Symmetric Matrices, Quadratic forms, and SVD

Definition. Give a definition for each of the following: symmetric matrix, quadratic form, singular value.

Exercises

1. Label each of the following true or false. If true, prove it. If false, prove why or provide a counter-example.

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- Let A be an $n \times n$ orthogonally diagonalizable matrix. If A is invertible, then $A^{-1} = A^T$.
 - If a matrix is symmetric, then it is orthogonally diagonalizable.
 - The quadratic form on R^2 given by $Q(\vec{x}) = x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + 2018x_2^2$ is positive definite.
2. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.
- *Part a.* Find the singular values of A .
 - *Part b.* Hence, what is the maximum value of the quadratic form $Q(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}^T A^T A \vec{x}$ subject to the constraint that \vec{x} is a unit vector?
 - *Part c.* By which vector(s) is this maximum achieved?
 - *Part d.* Find the SVD of A .

III. Differential Equations

A. Second Order ODE's

Exercises

- Find solutions to the following homogeneous differential equations satisfying the given conditions.
 - $y'' - 10y' + 25y = 0$, with initial conditions $y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 6$.
 - $y'' + 4y' + 5y = 0$, with boundary values $y(0) = 2, y(\pi/2) = 0$.
- Find general solutions to following inhomogeneous differential equations. You may use the method of variation of parameters or the method of undetermined coefficients as you deem appropriate.
 - $y'' - 2y' + y = e^t/t$
 - $y'' - 3y' + 2y = e^t \sin(t)$
 - $y'' + 2y' + 5y = t + \cos(2t)$

B. Systems of First Order ODE's

Exercises

- Find general solutions to the following homogeneous systems of first order equations.
 - $x'(\vec{t}) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} x(\vec{t})$.
 - $x'(\vec{t}) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} x(\vec{t})$.
- Consider the differential equation: $y''' + 2y'' - y' - 2y = 0$. Find a general solution by setting $x_1 = y, x_2 = y', x_3 = y''$ and solving the associated system of first order differential equations.
- Find a general solution of $x'(\vec{t}) = Ax(\vec{t}) + t\vec{g}$ where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{g} = \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 0 \\ -18 \end{bmatrix}$$

C. Fourier Series

Exercises

1. State sufficient conditions on a function f defined on a symmetric interval so that the Fourier series of f converges to f at “almost” every point. At which point(s) might the Fourier series not converge to $f(x)$? What does the series converge to in these cases?
2. Let $f(x) = |x|$ for $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$. Compute the Fourier series of f on $[-\pi, \pi]$.
3. Let $f(x) = \sin(x)$ where $0 \leq x \leq \pi$. Show that

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx)$$

where $a_n = 0$ when n is odd and $a_n = \frac{-4}{\pi(n^2-1)}$ when n is even. *Hint: It will be helpful to recall that $\cos(A)\sin(B) = \frac{1}{2}[\sin(A+B) - \sin(A-B)]$.*

D. The Heat Equation

Exercises

1. Consider the heat equation problem:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 5 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

with boundary conditions $u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = 0$ and initial conditions $u(x, 0) = -5\sin(2x) + \sin(3x)$. Solve for $u(x, t)$.

2. Consider the heat equation problem:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 3 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

with boundary conditions $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0, t) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(\pi, t) = 0$ and initial conditions $u(x, 0) = x^2$ for $0 < x < \pi$. Solve for $u(x, t)$.