

Matrix Factorizations

$$1. \ A = LU = \begin{pmatrix} \text{lower triangular } L \\ \text{1s on the diagonal} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \text{upper triangular } U \\ \text{pivots on the diagonal} \end{pmatrix}$$

Requirements: No row exchanges as Gaussian elimination reduces A to U .

$$2. \ A = LDU = \begin{pmatrix} \text{lower triangular } L \\ \text{1s on the diagonal} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \text{pivot matrix} \\ D \text{ is diagonal} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \text{upper triangular } U \\ \text{1s on the diagonal} \end{pmatrix}$$

Requirements: No row exchanges. The pivots in D are divided out to leave 1s in U . If A is symmetric, then U is L^T and $A = LDL^T$.

$$3. \ PA = LU \quad (\text{permutation matrix } P \text{ to avoid zeros in the pivot positions}).$$

Requirements: A is invertible. Then P, L, U are invertible. P does the row exchanges in advance. Alternative: $A = L_1 P_1 U_1$.

$$4. \ EA = R \quad (m \times m \text{ invertible } E) \ (\text{any } A) = \text{rref}(A).$$

Requirements: None! *The reduced row echelon form* R has r pivot rows and pivot columns. The only nonzero in a pivot column is the unit pivot. The Last $m - r$ rows of E are a basis for the left nullspace of A . and the first r columns of E^{-1} are a basis for the column space of A .

$$5. \ A = CC^T = \begin{pmatrix} \text{lower triangular matrix } C \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \text{transpose is upper triangular} \end{pmatrix}$$

Requirements: A is symmetric and positive definite (all n pivots in D are positive). This *Cholesky factorization* has $C = L\sqrt{D}$.

$$6. \ A = QR = \begin{pmatrix} \text{orthonormal columns in } Q \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \text{upper triangular } R \end{pmatrix}$$

Requirements: A has independent columns. Those are *orthogonalized* in Q by the Gram-Schmidt process. If A is square, then $Q^{-1} = Q^T$.

$$7. \ A = S\Lambda S^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{eigenvectors in } S \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \text{eigenvalues in } \Lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \text{left eigenvectors in } S^{-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Requirements: A must have n linearly independent eigenvectors.

$$8. A = Q\Lambda Q^T = (\text{orthogonal matrix } Q) (\text{real eigenvalue matrix } \Lambda) (Q^T \text{ is } Q^{-1}).$$

Requirements: A is *symmetric*. This is the Spectral Theorem.

$$9. A = M J M^{-1} = (\text{generalized eigenvectors in } M) (\text{Jordan blocks in } J) (M^{-1}).$$

Requirements: A is any square matrix. *Jordan form* J has a block for each independent eigenvector of A . Each block has one eigenvalue.

$$10. A = U \Sigma V^T = \begin{pmatrix} \text{orthogonal} \\ U \text{ is } m \times m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m \times n \text{ matrix } \Sigma \\ \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r \text{ on diagonal} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \text{orthogonal} \\ V \text{ is } n \times n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Requirements: None. This *singular value decomposition* (SVD) has the eigenvectors of AA^T in U and of A^TA in V ; $\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i(A^TA)} = \sqrt{\lambda_i(AA^T)}$.



$$11. A^+ = V \Sigma^+ U^T = \begin{pmatrix} \text{orthogonal} \\ n \times n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \text{diagonal } n \times m \\ 1/\sigma_1, \dots, 1/\sigma_r \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \text{orthogonal} \\ m \times m \end{pmatrix}.$$

Requirements: None. The *pseudoinverse* has $A^+A = \text{projection onto row space of } A$ and $AA^+ = \text{projection onto column space}$. The shortest least-squares solution to $Ax = b$ is $\hat{x} = A^+b$. This solves $A^TA\hat{x} = A^Tb$.

$$12. A = QH = (\text{orthogonal matrix } Q) (\text{symmetric positive definite matrix } H).$$

Requirements: A is invertible. This *polar decomposition* has $H^2 = A^TA$. The factor H is semidefinite if A is singular. The reverse polar decomposition $A = KQ$ has $K^2 = AA^T$. Both have $Q = UV^T$ from the SVD.

$$13. A = U\Lambda U^{-1} = (\text{unitary } U) (\text{eigenvalue matrix } \Lambda) (U^{-1} = U^H = \bar{U}^T).$$

Requirements: A is *normal*: $A^H A = A A^H$. Its orthonormal (and possibly complex) eigenvectors are the columns of U . Complex λ 's unless $A = A^H$.

$$14. A = UTU^{-1} = (\text{unitary } U) (\text{triangular } T \text{ with } \lambda \text{'s on diagonal}) (U^{-1} = U^H).$$

Requirements: *Schur triangularization* of any square A . There is a matrix U with orthonormal columns that makes $U^{-1}AU$ triangular.

$$15. F_n = \begin{bmatrix} I & D \\ I & -D \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_{n/2} & \\ & F_{n/2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{even-odd} \\ \text{permutation} \end{bmatrix} = \text{one step of the FFT.}$$

Requirements: F_n = Fourier matrix with entries w^{jk} where $w^n = 1$, $w = e^{2\pi i/n}$. Then $F_n \bar{F}_n = nI$. D has $1, w, w^2, \dots$ on its diagonal. For $n = 2^\ell$ the *Fast Fourier Transform* has $\frac{1}{2}n\ell$ multiplications from ℓ stages of D 's.

Appendix D

Glossary: A Dictionary for Linear Algebra

Adjacency matrix of a graph Square matrix with $a_{ij} = 1$ when there is an edge from node i to node j ; otherwise $a_{ij} = 0$. $A = A^T$ for an undirected graph.

Affine transformation $T(v) = Av + v_0$ = linear transformation plus shift.

Associative Law $(AB)C = A(BC)$ Parentheses can be removed to leave ABC .

Augmented matrix $[A \ b]$ $Ax = b$ is solvable when b is in the column space of A ; then $[A \ b]$ has the same rank as A . Elimination on $[A \ b]$ keeps equations correct.

Back substitution Upper triangular systems are solved in reverse order x_n to x_1 .

Basis for V Independent vectors v_1, \dots, v_d whose linear combinations give every v in V . A vector space has many bases!

Big formula for n by n determinants $\det(A)$ is a sum of $n!$ terms, one term for each permutation P of the columns. That term is the product $a_{1\alpha} \cdots a_{n\omega}$ down the diagonal of the reordered matrix, times $\det(P) = \pm 1$.

Block matrix A matrix can be partitioned into matrix blocks, by cuts between rows and/or between columns.

Block multiplication of AB is allowed if the block shapes permit (the columns of A and rows of B must be in matching blocks).

Cayley-Hamilton Theorem $p(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I)$ has $p(A) = \text{zero matrix}$.

Change of basis matrix M The old basis vectors v_j are combinations $\sum m_{ij}w_i$ of the new basis vectors. The coordinates of $c_1v_1 + \cdots + c_nv_n = d_1w_1 + \cdots + d_nw_n$ are related by $d = Mc$. (For $n = 2$, set $v_1 = m_{11}w_1 + m_{21}w_2$, $v_2 = m_{12}w_1 + m_{22}w_2$.)

Characteristic equation $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ The n roots are the eigenvalues of A .

Cholesky factorization $A = CC^T = (L\sqrt{D})(L\sqrt{D})^T$ for positive definite A .

Circulant matrix C Constant diagonals wrap around as in cyclic shift S . Every circulant is $c_0I + c_1S + \dots + c_{n-1}S^{n-1}$. $Cx = \text{convolution } c * x$. Eigenvectors in F .

Cofactor C_{ij} Remove row i and column j ; multiply the determinant by $(-1)^{i+j}$.

Column picture of $Ax = b$ The vector b becomes a combination of the columns of A . The system is solvable only when b is in the column space $C(A)$.

Column space $C(A)$ Space of all combinations of the columns of A .

Commuting matrices $AB = BA$ If diagonalizable, they share n eigenvectors.

Companion matrix Put c_1, \dots, c_n in row n and put $n - 1$ 1s along diagonal 1. Then $\det(A - \lambda I) = \pm(c_1 + c_2\lambda + c_3\lambda^2 + \dots)$.

Complete solution $x = x_p + x_n$ to $Ax = b$ (Particular x_p) + (x_n in nullspace).

Complex conjugate $\bar{z} = a - ib$ for any complex number $z = a + ib$. Then $z\bar{z} = |z|^2$.

Condition number $\text{cond}(A) = \kappa(A) = \|A\| \|A^{-1}\| = \sigma_{\max}/\sigma_{\min}$ In $Ax = b$, the relative change $\|\delta x\|/\|x\|$ is less than $\text{cond}(A)$ times the relative change $\|\delta b\|/\|b\|$. Condition numbers measure the *sensitivity* of the output to change in the input.

Conjugate Gradient Method A sequence of steps to solve positive definite $Ax = b$ by minimizing $\frac{1}{2}x^T Ax - x^T b$ over growing Krylov subspaces.

Covariance matrix Σ When random variables x_i have mean = average value = 0, their covariances Σ_{ij} are the averages of $x_i x_j$. With means \bar{x}_i , the matrix $\Sigma = \text{mean of } (x - \bar{x})(x - \bar{x})^T$ is positive (semi)definite; it is diagonal if the x_i are independent.

Cramer's Rule for $Ax = b$ B_j has b replacing column j of A , and $x_j = |B_j|/|A|$.

Cross product $u \times v$ in \mathbf{R}^3 Vector perpendicular to u and v , length $\|u\| \|v\| |\sin \theta|$ = parallelogram area, computed as the “determinant” of $[i \ j \ k; \ u_1 \ u_2 \ u_3; \ v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3]$.

Cyclic shift S Permutation with $s_{21} = 1, s_{32} = 1, \dots$, finally $s_{1n} = 1$. Its eigenvalues are n th roots $e^{2\pi i k/n}$ of 1; eigenvectors are columns of the Fourier matrix F .

Determinant $|A| = \det(A)$ Defined by $\det I = 1$, sign reversal for row exchange, and linearity in each row. Then $|A| = 0$ when A is singular. Also $|AB| = |A||B|$, $|A^{-1}| = 1/|A|$, and $|A^T| = |A|$. The big formula for $\det(A)$ has a sum of $n!$ terms, the cofactor formula uses determinants of size $n - 1$, volume of box = $|\det(A)|$.

Diagonal matrix D $d_{ij} = 0$ if $i \neq j$. **Block-diagonal:** zero outside square blocks D_{ii} .

Diagonalizable matrix A Must have n independent eigenvectors (in the columns of S ; automatic with n different eigenvalues). Then $S^{-1}AS = \Lambda = \text{eigenvalue matrix}$.

Diagonalization $\Lambda = S^{-1}AS$ Λ = eigenvalue matrix and S = eigenvector matrix. A must have n independent eigenvectors to make S invertible. All $A^k = S\Lambda^kS^{-1}$.

Dimension of vector space $\dim(\mathbf{V})$ = number of vectors in any basis for \mathbf{V} .

Distributive Law $A(B+C) = AB+AC$ Add then multiply, or multiply then add.

Dot product $x^T y = x_1 y_1 + \cdots + x_n y_n$ Complex dot product is $\bar{x}^T y$. Perpendicular vectors have zero dot product. $(AB)_{ij} = (\text{row } i \text{ of } A) \cdot (\text{column } j \text{ of } B)$.

Echelon matrix U The first nonzero entry (the pivot) in each row comes after the pivot in the previous row. All zero rows come last.

Eigenvalue λ and eigenvector x $Ax = \lambda x$ with $x \neq 0$, so $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$.

Eigshow Graphical 2 by 2 eigenvalues and singular values (MATLAB or Java).

Elimination A sequence of row operations that reduces A to an upper triangular U or to the reduced form $R = \text{rref}(A)$. Then $A = LU$ with multipliers ℓ_{ij} in L , or $PA = LU$ with row exchanges in P , or $EA = R$ with an invertible E .

Elimination matrix = Elementary matrix E_{ij} The identity matrix with an extra $-\ell_{ij}$ in the i, j entry ($i \neq j$). Then $E_{ij}A$ subtracts ℓ_{ij} times row j of A from row i .

Ellipse (or ellipsoid) $x^T Ax = 1$ A must be positive definite; the axes of the ellipse are eigenvectors of A , with lengths $1/\sqrt{\lambda}$. (For $\|x\| = 1$ the vectors $y = Ax$ lie on the ellipse $\|A^{-1}y\|^2 = y^T(AA^T)^{-1}y = 1$ displayed by eigshow; axis lengths σ_i .)

Exponential $e^{At} = I + At + (At)^2/2! + \cdots$ has derivative Ae^{At} ; $e^{At}u(0)$ solves $u' = Au$.

Factorization $A = LU$ If elimination takes A to U without row exchanges, then the lower triangular L with multipliers ℓ_{ij} (and $\ell_{ii} = 1$) brings U back to A .

Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) A factorization of the Fourier matrix F_n into $\ell = \log_2 n$ matrices S_i times a permutation. Each S_i needs only $n/2$ multiplications, so $F_n x$ and $F_n^{-1}c$ can be computed with $n\ell/2$ multiplications. Revolutionary.

Fibonacci numbers 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, ... satisfy

$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} = (\lambda_1^n - \lambda_2^n)/(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)$. Growth rate $\lambda_1 = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$ the largest eigenvalue of the Fibonacci matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Four fundamental subspaces of A $C(A)$, $N(A)$, $C(A^T)$, $N(A^T)$.

Fourier matrix F Entries $F_{jk} = e^{2\pi i jk/n}$ give orthogonal columns $\bar{F}^T F = nI$. Then $y = Fc$ is the (inverse) Discrete Fourier Transform $y_j = \sum c_k e^{2\pi i jk/n}$.

Free columns of A Columns without pivots; combinations of earlier columns.

Free variable x_i Column i has no pivot in elimination. We can give the $n - r$ free variables any values, then $Ax = b$ determines the r pivot variables (if solvable!).

Full column rank $r = n$ Independent columns, $N(A) = \{0\}$, no free variables.

Full row rank $r = m$ Independent rows, at least one solution to $Ax = b$, column space is all of \mathbf{R}^m . *Full rank* means full column rank or full row rank.

Fundamental Theorem The nullspace $N(A)$ and row space $C(A^T)$ are orthogonal complements (perpendicular subspaces of \mathbf{R}^n with dimensions r and $n - r$) from $Ax = 0$. Applied to A^T , the column space $C(A)$ is the orthogonal complement of $N(A^T)$.

Gauss-Jordan method Invert A by row operations on $[A \ I]$ to reach $[I \ A^{-1}]$.

Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization $A = QR$ Independent columns in A , orthonormal columns in Q . Each column q_j of Q is a combination of the first j columns of A (and conversely, so R is upper triangular). Convention: $\text{diag}(R) > 0$.

Graph G Set of n nodes connected pairwise by m edges. A **complete graph** has all $n(n - 1)/2$ edges between nodes. A **tree** has only $n - 1$ edges and no closed loops. A **directed graph** has a direction arrow specified on each edge.

Hankel matrix H Constant along each antidiagonal; h_{ij} depends on $i + j$.

Hermitian matrix $A^H = \bar{A}^T = A$ Complex analog of a symmetric matrix: $\bar{a}_{ji} = a_{ij}$.

Hessenberg matrix H Triangular matrix with one extra nonzero adjacent diagonal.

Hilbert matrix $\text{hilb}(n)$ Entries $H_{ij} = 1/(i + j - 1) = \int_0^1 x^{i-1} x^{j-1} dx$. Positive definite but extremely small λ_{\min} and large condition number.

Hypercube matrix P_L^2 Row $n + 1$ counts corners, edges, faces, ..., of a cube in \mathbf{R}^n .

Identity matrix I (or I_n) Diagonal entries = 1, off-diagonal entries = 0.

Incidence matrix of a directed graph The m by n edge-node incidence matrix has a row for each edge (node i to node j), with entries -1 and 1 in columns i and j .

Indefinite matrix A symmetric matrix with eigenvalues of both signs (+ and -).

Independent vectors v_1, \dots, v_k No combination $c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k = \text{zero vector}$ unless all $c_i = 0$. If the v 's are the columns of A , the only solution to $Ax = 0$ is $x = 0$.

Inverse matrix A^{-1} Square matrix with $A^{-1}A = I$ and $AA^{-1} = I$. No inverse if $\det A = 0$ and $\text{rank}(A) < n$, and $Ax = 0$ for a nonzero vector x . The inverses of AB and A^T are $B^{-1}A^{-1}$ and $(A^{-1})^T$ Cofactor formula $(A^{-1})_{ij} = C_{ji}/\det A$.

Iterative method A sequence of steps intended to approach the desired solution.

Jordan form $J = M^{-1}AM$ If A has s independent eigenvectors, its “generalized” eigenvector matrix M gives $J = \text{diag}(J_1, \dots, J_s)$. The block J_k is $\lambda_k I_k + N_k$ where N_k has 1s on diagonal 1. Each block has one eigenvalue λ_k and one eigenvector $(1, 0, \dots, 0)$.

Kirchhoff's Laws *Current law:* net current (in minus out) is zero at each node.
Voltage law: Potential differences (voltage drops) add to zero around any closed loop.

Kronecker product (tensor product) $A \otimes B$ Blocks $a_{ij}B$, eigenvalues $\lambda_p(A)\lambda_q(B)$.

Krylov subspace $K_j(A, b)$ The subspace spanned by $b, Ab, \dots, A^{j-1}b$. Numerical methods approximate $A^{-1}b$ by x_j with residual $b - Ax_j$ in this subspace. A good basis for K_j requires only multiplication by A at each step.

Least-squares solution \hat{x} The vector \hat{x} that minimizes the error $\|e\|^2$ solves $A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b$. Then $e = b - A \hat{x}$ is orthogonal to all columns of A .

Left inverse A^+ If A has full column rank n , then $A^+ = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T$ has $A^+ A = I_n$.

Left nullspace $N(A^T)$ Nullspace of A^T = “left nullspace” of A because $y^T A = 0^T$.

Length $\|x\|$ Square root of $x^T x$ (Pythagoras in n dimensions).

Linear combination $cv + dw$ or $\sum c_j v_j$ Vector addition and scalar multiplication.

Linear transformation T Each vector v in the input space transforms to $T(v)$ in the output space, and linearity requires $T(cv + dw) = cT(v) + dT(w)$. Examples: Matrix multiplication Av , differentiation in function space.

Linearly dependent v_1, \dots, v_n A combination other than all $c_i = 0$ gives $\sum c_i v_i = 0$.

Lucas numbers $L = 2, 1, 3, 4, \dots$, satisfy $L_n = L_{n-1} + L_{n-2} = \lambda_1^n + \lambda_2^n$, with eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = (1 \pm \sqrt{5})/2$ of the Fibonacci matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Compare $L_0 = 2$ with Fibonacci.

Markov matrix M All $m_{ij} \geq 0$ and each column sum is 1. Largest eigenvalue $\lambda = 1$. If $m_{ij} > 0$, the columns of M^k approach the steady-state eigenvector $Ms = s > 0$.

Matrix multiplication AB The i, j entry of AB is (row i of A) \cdot (column j of B) $= \sum a_{ik} b_{kj}$. By columns: column j of $AB = A$ times column j of B . By rows: row i of A multiplies B . Columns times rows: $AB = \text{sum of (column } k)(\text{row } k)$. All these equivalent definitions come from the rule that AB times x equals A times Bx .

Minimal polynomial of A The lowest-degree polynomial with $m(A) = \text{zero matrix}$. The roots of m are eigenvalues, and $m(\lambda)$ divides $\det(A - \lambda I)$.

Multiplication $Ax = x_1(\text{column } 1) + \dots + x_n(\text{column } n) = \text{combination of columns.}$

Multiplicities AM and GM The algebraic multiplicity AM of an eigenvalue λ is the number of times λ appears as a root of $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$. The geometric multiplicity GM is the number of independent eigenvectors (= dimension of the eigenspace for λ).

Multiplier ℓ_{ij} The pivot row j is multiplied by ℓ_{ij} and subtracted from row i to eliminate the i, j entry: $\ell_{ij} = (\text{entry to eliminate}) / (\text{jth pivot})$.

Network A directed graph that has constants c_1, \dots, c_m associated with the edges.

Nilpotent matrix N Some power of N is the zero matrix, $N^k = 0$. The only eigenvalue is $\lambda = 0$ (repeated n times). Examples: triangular matrices with zero diagonal.

Norm $\|A\|$ of a matrix The “ ℓ^2 norm” is the maximum ratio $\|Ax\|/\|x\| = \sigma_{\max}$. Then $\|Ax\| \leq \|A\|\|x\|$, $\|AB\| \leq \|A\|\|B\|$, and $\|A+B\| \leq \|A\| + \|B\|$. **Frobenius norm** $\|A\|_F^2 = \sum \sum a_{ij}^2$; ℓ^1 and ℓ^∞ norms are largest column and row sums of $|a_{ij}|$.

Normal equation $A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b$ Gives the least-squares solution to $Ax = b$ if A has full rank n . The equation says that $(\text{columns of } A) \cdot (b - A\hat{x}) = 0$.

Normal matrix N $NN^T = N^T N$, leads to orthonormal (complex) eigenvectors.

Nullspace matrix N The columns of N are the $n - r$ special solutions to $As = 0$.

Nullspace $N(A)$ Solutions to $Ax = 0$. Dimension $n - r = (\# \text{ columns}) - \text{rank}$.

Orthogonal matrix Q Square matrix with orthonormal columns, so $Q^T Q = I$ implies $Q^T = Q^{-1}$. Preserves length and angles, $\|Qx\| = \|x\|$ and $(Qx)^T (Qy) = x^T y$. All $|\lambda| = 1$, with orthogonal eigenvectors. Examples: Rotation, reflection, permutation.

Orthogonal subspaces Every v in \mathbf{V} is orthogonal to every w in \mathbf{W} .

Orthonormal vectors q_1, \dots, q_n Dot products are $q_i^T q_j = 0$, if $i \neq j$ and $q_i^T q_j = 1$. The matrix Q with these orthonormal columns has $Q^T Q = I$. If $m = n$, then $Q^T = Q^{-1}$ and q_1, \dots, q_n is an **orthonormal basis** for \mathbf{R}^n : every $v = \sum (v^T q_j) q_j$.

Outer product is uv^T column times row = rank-1 matrix.

Partial pivoting In elimination, the j th pivot is chosen as the largest available entry (in absolute value) in column j . Then all multipliers have $|\ell_{ij}| \leq 1$. Roundoff error is controlled (depending on the *condition number* of A).

Particular solution x_p Any solution to $Ax = b$; often x_p has free variables = 0.

Pascal matrix $P_S = \text{pascal}(n)$ The symmetric matrix with binomial entries $\binom{i+j-2}{i-1}$. $P_S = P_L P_U$ all contain Pascal’s triangle with $\det = 1$ (see index for more properties).

Permutation matrix P There are $n!$ orders of $1, \dots, n$; the $n!$ P 's have the rows of I in those orders. PA puts the rows of A in the same order. P is a product of row exchanges P_{ij} ; P is *even* or *odd* ($\det P = 1$ or -1) based on the number of exchanges.

Pivot columns of A Columns that contain pivots after row reduction; not combinations of earlier columns. The pivot columns are a basis for the column space.

Pivot d The first nonzero entry when a row is used in elimination.

Plane (or hyperplane) in \mathbf{R}^n Solutions to $a^T x = 0$ give the plane (dimension $n - 1$) perpendicular to $a \neq 0$.

Polar decomposition $A = QH$ Orthogonal Q , positive (semi)definite H .

Positive definite matrix A Symmetric matrix with positive eigenvalues and positive pivots. Definition: $x^T A x > 0$ unless $x = 0$.

Projection matrix P onto subspace S Projection $p = Pb$ is the closest point to b in S , error $e = b - Pb$ is perpendicular to S . $P^2 = P = P^T$, eigenvalues are 1 or 0, eigenvectors are in S or S^\perp . If columns of A = basis for S , then $P = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$.

Projection $p = a(a^T b / a^T a)$ onto the line through a $P = aa^T / a^T a$ has rank 1.

Pseudoinverse A^+ (Moore-Penrose inverse) The n by m matrix that “inverts” A from column space back to row space, with $N(A^+) = N(A^T)$. $A^+ A$ and AA^+ are the projection matrices onto the row space and column space. $\text{rank}(A^+) = \text{rank}(A)$.

Random matrix $\text{rand}(n)$ or $\text{randn}(n)$ MATLAB creates a matrix with random entries, uniformly distributed on $[0, 1]$ for rand , and standard normal distribution for randn .

Rank 1 matrix $A = uv^T \neq 0$ Column and row spaces = lines cu and cv .

Rank $r(A)$ Equals number of pivots = dimension of column space = dimension of row space.

Rayleigh quotient $q(x) = x^T Ax / x^T x$ For $A = A^T$, $\lambda_{\min} \leq q(x) \leq \lambda_{\max}$. Those extremes are reached at the eigenvectors x for $\lambda_{\min}(A)$ and $\lambda_{\max}(A)$.

Reduced row echelon form $R = \text{rref}(A)$ Pivots = 1; zeros above and below pivots; r nonzero rows of R give a basis for the row space of A .

Reflection matrix $Q = I - 2uu^T$ The unit vector u is reflected to $Qu = -u$. All vectors x in the plane $u^T x = 0$ are unchanged because $Qx = x$. The “Householder matrix” has $Q^T = Q^{-1} = Q$.

Right inverse A^+ If A has full row rank m , then $A^+ = A^T (AA^T)^{-1}$ has $AA^+ = I_m$.

Rotation matrix $R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$ rotates the plane by θ , and $R^{-1} = R^T$ rotates back by $-\theta$. Orthogonal matrix, eigenvalues $e^{i\theta}$ and $e^{-i\theta}$, eigenvectors $(1, \pm i)$.

Row picture of $Ax = b$ Each equation gives a plane in \mathbf{R}^n planes intersect at x .

Row space $C(A^T)$ All combinations of rows of A . Column vectors by convention.

Saddle point of $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ A point where the first derivatives of f are zero and the second derivative matrix ($\partial^2 f / \partial x_i \partial x_j = \text{Hessian matrix}$) is indefinite.

Schur complement $S = D - CA^{-1}B$ Appears in block elimination on $\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$.

Schwarz inequality $|v \cdot w| \leq \|v\| \|w\|$ Then $|v^T A w|^2 \leq (v^T A v)(w^T A w)$ if $A = C^T C$.

Semidefinite matrix A (Positive) semidefinite means symmetric with $x^T A x \geq 0$ for all vectors x . Then all eigenvalues $\lambda \geq 0$; no negative pivots.

Similar matrices A and B $B = M^{-1}AM$ has the same eigenvalues as A .

Simplex method for linear programming The minimum cost vector x^* is found by moving from corner to lower-cost corner along the edges of the feasible set (where the constraints $Ax = b$ and $x \geq 0$ are satisfied). Minimum cost at a corner!

Singular matrix A A square matrix that has no inverse: $\det(A) = 0$.

Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) $A = U\Sigma V^T = (\text{orthogonal } U) \text{ times } (\text{diagonal } \Sigma) \text{ times } (\text{orthogonal } V^T)$ First r columns of U and V are orthonormal bases of $C(A)$ and $C(A^T)$, with $Av_i = \sigma_i u_i$ and singular value $\sigma_i > 0$. Last columns of U and V are orthonormal bases of the nullspaces of A^T and A .

Skew-symmetric matrix K The transpose is $-K$, since $K_{ij} = -K_{ji}$. Eigenvalues are pure imaginary, eigenvectors are orthogonal, e^{Kt} is an orthogonal matrix.

Solvable system $Ax = b$ The right side b is in the column space of A .

Spanning set v_1, \dots, v_m , for \mathbf{V} Every vector in \mathbf{V} is a combination of v_1, \dots, v_m .

Special solutions to $As = 0$ One free variable is $s_i = 1$, other free variables = 0.

Spectral theorem $A = Q\Lambda Q^T$ Real symmetric A has real λ_i and orthonormal q_i , with $Aq_i = \lambda_i q_i$. In mechanics, the q_i give the *principal axes*.

Spectrum of A The set of eigenvalues $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m\}$. **Spectral radius** = $|\lambda_{\max}|$.

Standard basis for \mathbf{R}^n Columns of n by n identity matrix (written i, j, k in \mathbf{R}^3).

Stiffness matrix K When x gives the movements of the nodes in a discrete structure, Kx gives the internal forces. Often $K = A^T C A$, where C contains spring constants from Hooke's Law and Ax = stretching (strains) from the movements x .

Subspace S of V Any vector space inside \mathbf{V} , including \mathbf{V} and $\mathbf{Z} = \{\text{zero vector}\}$.

Sum $\mathbf{V} + \mathbf{W}$ of subspaces Space of all $(v \text{ in } V) + (w \text{ in } W)$. **Direct sum:** $\dim(\mathbf{V} + \mathbf{W}) = \dim \mathbf{V} + \dim \mathbf{W}$, when \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{W} share only the zero vector.

Symmetric factorizations $A = LDL^T$ and $A = Q\Lambda Q^T$ The number of positive pivots in D and positive eigenvalues in Λ is the same.

Symmetric matrix A The transpose is $A^T = A$, and $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$. A^{-1} is also symmetric. All matrices of the form $R^T R$ and LDL^T and $Q\Lambda Q^T$ are symmetric. Symmetric matrices have real eigenvalues in Λ and orthonormal eigenvectors in Q .

Toeplitz matrix T Constant-diagonal matrix, so t_{ij} depends only on $j - i$. Toeplitz matrices represent linear time-invariant filters in signal processing.

Trace of A Sum of diagonal entries = sum of eigenvalues of A . $\text{Tr}AB = \text{Tr}BA$.

Transpose matrix A^T Entries $A_{ij}^T = A_{ji}$. A^T is n by m , $A^T A$ is square, symmetric, positive semidefinite. The transposes of AB and A^{-1} are $B^T A^T$ and $(A^T)^{-1}$.

Triangle inequality $\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$ For matrix norms, $\|A + B\| \leq \|A\| + \|B\|$.

Tridiagonal matrix T $t_{ij} = 0$ if $|i - j| > 1$. T^{-1} has rank 1 above and below diagonal.

Unitary matrix $U^H = \overline{U}^T = U^{-1}$ Orthonormal columns (complex analog of Q).

Vandermonde matrix V $Vc = b$ gives the polynomial $p(x) = c_0 + \dots + c_{n-1}x^{n-1}$ with $p(x_i) = b_i$ at n points. $V_{ij} = (x_i)^{j-1}$, and $\det V = \prod (x_k - x_i)$ for $k > i$.

Vector addition $v + w = (v_1 + w_1, \dots, v_n + w_n) = \text{diagonal of parallelogram}$.

Vector space V Set of vectors such that all combinations $cv + dw$ remain in \mathbf{V} . Eight required rules are given in Section 2.1 for $cv + dw$.

Vector v in \mathbf{R}^n Sequence of n real numbers $v = (v_1, \dots, v_n) = \text{point in } \mathbf{R}^n$.

Volume of box The rows (or columns) of A generate a box with volume $|\det(A)|$.

Wavelets $w_{jk}(t)$ or vectors w_{jk} Rescale and shift the time axis to create $w_{jk}(t) = w_{00}(2^j t - k)$. Vectors from $w_{00} = (1, 1, -1, -1)$ would be $(1, -1, 0, 0)$ and $(0, 0, 1, -1)$.

MATLAB Teaching Codes

cofactor	Compute the n by n matrix of cofactors.
cramer	Solve the system $Ax = b$ by Cramer's Rule.
deter	Matrix determinant computed from the pivots in $PA = LU$.
eigen2	Eigenvalues, eigenvectors, and $\det(A - \lambda I)$ for 2 by 2 matrices.
eigshow	Graphical demonstration of eigenvalues and singular values.
eigval	Eigenvalues and their multiplicity as roots of $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$.
eigvec	Compute as many linearly independent eigenvectors as possible.
elim	Reduction of A to row echelon form R by an invertible E .
findpiv	Find a pivot for Gaussian elimination (used by plu).
fourbase	Construct bases for all four fundamental subspaces.
grams	Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization of the columns of A .
house	2 by 12 matrix giving corner coordinates of a house.
inverse	Matrix inverse (if it exists) by Gauss-Jordan elimination.
leftnull	Compute a basis for the left nullspace.
linefit	Plot the least squares fit to m given points by a line.
lsq	Least-squares solution to $Ax = b$ from $A^T A = A^T b$.
normal	Eigenvalues and orthonormal eigenvectors when $A^T A = AA^T$.
nulbasis	Matrix of special solutions to $Ax = 0$ (basis for null space).
orthcomp	Find a basis for the orthogonal complement of a subspace.
partic	Particular solution of $Ax = b$, with all free variables zero.

plot2d	Two-dimensional plot for the house figures.
plu	Rectangular $PA = LU$ factorization with row exchanges.
poly2str	Express a polynomial as a string.
project	Project a vector b onto the column space of A .
projmat	Construct the projection matrix onto the column space of A .
randperm	Construct a random permutation.
rowbasis	Compute a basis for the row space from the pivot rows of R .
samespan	Test whether two matrices have the same column space.
signperm	Determinant of the permutation matrix with rows ordered by p .
slu	LU factorization of a square matrix using <i>no row exchanges</i> .
slv	Apply <code>slu</code> to solve the system $Ax = b$ allowing no row exchanges.
splu	Square $PA = LU$ factorization <i>with row exchanges</i> .
splv	The solution to a square, invertible system $Ax = b$.
symmeig	Compute the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a symmetric matrix.
tridiag	Construct a tridiagonal matrix with constant diagonals a, b, c .

These Teaching Codes are directly available from the Linear Algebra Home Page:

<http://web.mit.edu/18.06/www>.

They were written in MATLAB , and translated into Maple and Mathematica.

Linear Algebra in a Nutshell

(A is n by n)

Nonsingular	Singular
A is invertible.	A is not invertible.
The columns are independent.	The columns are dependent.
The rows are independent.	The rows are dependent.
The determinant is not zero.	The determinant is zero.
$Ax = 0$ has one solution $x = 0$.	$Ax = 0$ has infinitely many solutions.
$Ax = b$ has one solution $x = A^{-1}b$.	$Ax = b$ has no solution or infinitely many.
A has n (nonzero) pivots.	A has $r < n$ pivots.
A has full rank $r = n$.	A has rank $r < n$.
The reduced row echelon form is $R = I$.	R has at least one zero row.
The column space is all of \mathbf{R}^n .	The column space has dimension $r < n$.
The row space is all of \mathbf{R}^n .	The row space has dimension $r < n$.
All eigenvalues are nonzero.	Zero is an eigenvalue of A .
$A^T A$ is symmetric positive definite.	$A^T A$ is only semidefinite.
A has n (positive) singular values.	A has $r < n$ singular values.
Each line of the singular column can be made quantitative using r .	

Solutions to Selected Exercises

Problem Set 1.2

1. The lines intersect at $(x, y) = (3, 1)$. Then $3(\text{column 1}) + 1(\text{column 2}) = (4, 4)$.
3. These “planes” intersect in a line in four-dimensional space. The fourth plane normally intersects that line in a point. An inconsistent equation like $u + w = 5$ leaves no solution (no intersection).
5. The two points on the plane are $(1, 0, 0, 0)$ and $(0, 1, 0, 0)$.
7. Solvable for $(3, 5, 8)$ and $(1, 2, 3)$; not solvable for $b = (3, 5, 7)$ or $b = (1, 2, 2)$.
9. Column 3 = 2(column 2) – column 1. If $b = (0, 0, 0)$, then $(u, v, w) = (c, -2c, c)$
11. Both $a = 2$ and $a = -2$ give a line of solutions. All other a give $x = 0, y = 0$.
13. The row picture has two lines meeting at $(4, 2)$. The column picture has $4(1, 1) + 2(-2, 1) = 4(\text{column 1}) + 2(\text{column 2}) = \text{right-hand side } (0, 6)$.
15. The row picture shows four *lines*. The column picture is in *four*-dimensional space. No solution unless the right-hand side is a combination of *the two columns*.
17. If x, y, z satisfy the first two equations, they also satisfy the third equation. The line \mathbf{L} of solutions contains $v = (1, 1, 0)$, $w = (\frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{1}{2})$, and $u = \frac{1}{2}v + \frac{1}{2}w$, and all combinations $cv + dw$ with $c + d = 1$.
19. Column 3 = column 1; solutions $(x, y, z) = (1, 1, 0)$ or $(0, 1, 1)$ and you can add any multiple of $(-1, 0, 1)$; $b = (4, 6, c)$ needs $c = 10$ for solvability.
21. The second plane and row 2 of the matrix and all columns of the matrix are changed. The solution is not changed.
23. $u = 0, v = 0, w = 1$, because $1(\text{column 3}) = b$.

Problem Set 1.3

1. Multiply by $\ell = \frac{10}{2} = 5$, and subtract to find $2x + 3y = 1$ and $-6y = 6$. Pivots 2, -6.
3. Subtract $-\frac{1}{2}$ times equation 1 (or add $\frac{1}{2}$ times equation 1). The new second equation is $3y = 3$. Then $y = 1$ and $x = 5$. If the right-hand side changes sign, so does the solution: $(x, y) = (-5, -1)$.
5. $6x + 4y$ is 2 times $3x + 2y$. There is no solution unless the right-hand side is $2 \cdot 10 = 20$. Then all points on the line $3x + 2y = 10$ are solutions, including $(0, 5)$ and $(4, -1)$.
7. If $a = 2$, elimination must fail. The equations have no solution. If $a = 0$, elimination stops for a row exchange. Then $3y = -3$ gives $y = -1$ and $4x + 6y = 6$ gives $x = 3$.
9. $6x - 4y$ is 2 times $(3x - 2y)$. Therefore, we need $b_2 = 2b_1$. Then there will be infinitely many solutions. The columns $(3, 6)$ and $(-2, -4)$ are on the same line.