

Homework Week #5

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Section P

P4.1

Consider linear operator $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ with $f(v_1) = v_1 + 2v_2$ and $f(v_2) = 2v_1 + v_2$ (1). Verify that $f(v_1 + v_2) = 3(v_1 + v_2)$ and $f(v_1 - v_2) = -(v_1 - v_2)$ (2)

1. f stretches vectors in the $v_1 + v_2$ direction by a factor of 3.
2. f negates vectors in the $v_1 - v_2$ direction.

Express f using basis $B_v = \{v_1, v_2\}$, then $B_e = \{e_1 = v_1 + v_2, e_2 = v_1 - v_2\}$:

1. $f(av_1 + bv_2) = (a + 2b)v_1 + (2a + b)v_2$: coefficients a & b are "mixed up".
2. $f(ae_1 + be_2) = 3ae_1 - be_2$: coefficients a and b are simply scaled.

Clearly, Eq (2) is a better representation than Eq (1) to understand the geometry of f . What is the matrix representation of f in B_v ? in B_e ?

1. Verify that $f(v_1 + v_2) = 3(v_1 + v_2)$ and $f(v_1 - v_2) = -(v_1 - v_2)$

Using the linearity of the operator, we have the following:

$$f(v_1 + v_2) = f(v_1) + f(v_2) = v_1 + 2v_2 + 2v_1 + v_2 = 3(v_1 + v_2)$$

and

$$f(v_1 - v_2) = f(v_1) - f(v_2) = v_1 + 2v_2 - 2v_1 - v_2 = -(v_1 - v_2)$$

P4.2

A is a Markov matrix, i.e., each column \mathbf{a}_i is a probability vector. Show that if p_0 is a probability n -vector then Ap_0 is also a probability vector.

Suppose that A is a $m \times n$ matrix. We have that:

$$Ap_0 = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & \dots & A_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ \vdots \\ p_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 a_{11} + \dots + p_n a_{1n} \\ \vdots \\ p_1 a_{m1} + \dots + p_n a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Taking the sum of the resulting matrix, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & p_1 a_{11} + \dots + p_n a_{1n} + \dots + p_1 a_{m1} + \dots + p_n a_{mn} \\ &= p_1(a_{11} + \dots + a_{m1}) + \dots + p_n(a_{1n} + \dots + a_{mn}) \end{aligned}$$

As each column \mathbf{a}_n is a probability vector $\Leftrightarrow a_{1n} + \dots + a_{mn} = 1$ and p_0 is a probability matrix, we then continue the above equation:

$$\begin{aligned} &= p_1 + \dots + p_n \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus making Ap_0 also a probability matrix.

P4.4

Prove again if $\beta = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ is an eigenbasis of $A_{n \times n}$ with eigenvalues λ_i 's, then A is diagonalizable: $A = QDQ^{-1}$ with $D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ and Q a square matrix composed of v_i 's as columns.

As β is an eigenbasis of A , then we have:

$$Av_j = \lambda_j v_j$$

which means:

$$\begin{aligned}
A \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & \dots & v_j \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 v_1 & \dots & \lambda_n v_n \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & \dots & v_n \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & \dots & v_n \end{bmatrix} \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \\
\Leftrightarrow A &= \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & \dots & v_n \end{bmatrix} \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & \dots & v_n \end{bmatrix}^{-1}
\end{aligned}$$

Replacing $\begin{bmatrix} v_1 & \dots & v_n \end{bmatrix} = Q$ and $D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$, we have:

$$A = QDQ^{-1}$$

as desired.

P3.4

Polarization identity: $\langle v, w \rangle = \frac{1}{2}(\|v + w\|^2 - \|v\|^2 - \|w\|^2)$

We have the right-hand side of the equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2}(\|v + w\|^2 - \|v\|^2 - \|w\|^2) &= \frac{1}{2}(\langle v + w, v + w \rangle - \langle v, v \rangle - \langle w, w \rangle) \\
&= \frac{1}{2}(\langle v, v \rangle + \langle v, w \rangle + \langle w, v \rangle + \langle w, w \rangle - \langle v, v \rangle - \langle w, w \rangle) \\
&= \frac{1}{2}(\langle v, w \rangle + \langle w, v \rangle) \\
&= \frac{1}{2}(\|v\|\|w\|\cos(v, w) + \|w\|\|v\|\cos(w, v)) \\
&= \frac{1}{2}(2\|w\|\|v\|\cos(v, w)) \\
&= \langle v, w \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

which is equal to the left-hand side. We thus prove the Polarization identity.

P4.5

Summarize the *problem description* and *solution* to find F_n in Fibonacci's rabbits $F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1, \dots, F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$.

Distance from the point w to the plane H_n is:

$$D(w, H_n) = \frac{aw_x + bw_y + cw_z - (ax_0 + by_0 + cz_0)}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

Assume for contradiction that there exists a point $w_{p1} \in H_n$ beside w_p (the orthogonal projection of w on H_n) whose length $ww_{p1} < ww_p$. According to the Pythagorean theorem, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} ww_{p1}^2 &= ww_p^2 + w_{p1}w_p^2 \\ \Rightarrow ww_{p1} &> ww_p \end{aligned}$$

which contradicts the previous statement. Thus, ww_p is the smallest distance to any point in H_n .

P4.6

Show that λ is an eigenvalue of a square $n \times n$ matrix A iff $\det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0$.

We have λ is an eigenvalue of a $A_{n \times n}$ when, for any eigenvector v :

$$\begin{aligned} Av &= \lambda v \\ \Leftrightarrow Av - \lambda Iv &= 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow (A - \lambda I)v &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Geometrically, this transformation transforms v into a 0 vector, and this is only possible when $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$. We thus have as desired.

P4.7-4.9

Given a *symmetric* positive definite matrix $A > 0$, i.e., $x^\top Ax > 0 \forall x \neq 0_n$.

P4.7

Show that all its eigenvalues are positive, $\lambda_i > 0 \forall i$.

Suppose that v is an eigenvector of $A_{n \times n}$ with eigenvalue λ , then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} Av &= \lambda v \\ \Leftrightarrow v^\top Av &= v^\top \lambda v \\ \Rightarrow v^\top \lambda v &> 0 \\ \Rightarrow \lambda(v_1^2 + \dots + v_n^2) &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

and as $(v_1^2 + \dots + v_n^2) > 0, \forall v_j \in R^n$,

$$\Rightarrow \lambda > 0$$

P3.8

Show that the generalized dot product $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle_M = \mathbf{x}^\top M \mathbf{y}$ with $M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ a symmetric positive definite matrix satisfies all 3 requirements of a proper inner product.

Let $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$ and $M = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1 \\ \mathbf{m}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{m}_n \end{bmatrix}$ with \mathbf{m}_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, having n

elements. For any \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' in the same inner product space, $c \in R$, we have the following 3 requirements of an inner product:

1. $\langle \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y} \rangle$ and $\langle c\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = c\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$

We have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y} \rangle &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x'_1 & x_2 + x'_2 & \dots & x_n + x'_n \end{bmatrix} M \mathbf{y} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} M \mathbf{y} + \begin{bmatrix} x'_1 \\ x'_2 \\ \vdots \\ x'_n \end{bmatrix} M \mathbf{y} \\ &= \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle c\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle &= \begin{bmatrix} cx_1 \\ cx_2 \\ \vdots \\ cx_n \end{bmatrix} M \mathbf{y} \\ &= c \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} M \mathbf{y} \\ &= c\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

2. $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1 \\ \mathbf{m}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{m}_n \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\
&= x_1 \mathbf{m}_1 \mathbf{y} + x_2 \mathbf{m}_2 \mathbf{y} + \dots + x_n \mathbf{m}_n \mathbf{y} \\
&= y_1 \mathbf{m}_1 \mathbf{x} + y_2 \mathbf{m}_2 \mathbf{x} + \dots + y_n \mathbf{m}_n \mathbf{x} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & \dots & y_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1 \\ \mathbf{m}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{m}_n \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\
&= \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

3. $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle > 0$

Since M is a positive definite matrix, it is obvious that:

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle = \mathbf{x}^T M \mathbf{x} > 0$$

With the 3 requirements proved, we have the above.

P3.9

Prove that the null space and the row space of a matrix are orthogonal, i.e. every vector in null space is orthogonal to every vector in row space (zero dot product).

Assume we have a matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$, its null space $N(A)$ which contains

vectors x satisfying $Ax = 0$, and its row space $R = \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$. We have $Ax = 0 \Leftrightarrow v_1 x = 0, \dots, v_n x = 0$. Therefore, for $r \in R$, we have the following:

$$rx = \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n)x = a_1 v_1 x + \dots + a_n v_n x = 0$$

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P3.10

Section E

E4.1

Show that $\forall i : |\lambda_i| \leq 1$ & A always has an eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = 1$ (single one if A is positive definite

Suppose that A is a $n \times n$ matrix, then we have that:

$$\begin{aligned} Av &= \lambda v \\ \Rightarrow A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} &= \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} &= \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} + \dots + a_{1n} \\ \dots \\ a_{n1} + \dots + a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Then $\exists \lambda = 1$.

E4.3

Prove again the **spectral theorem for matrix representation of linear operator T in basis β : $[T]_{\beta}^{\beta} = \mathbf{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \Leftrightarrow \beta$ is an eigenbasis of T with eigenvalues λ_i 's.**

We first prove that β is an eigenbasis of T with eigenvalues λ_i 's $\Rightarrow \beta$: $[T]_{\beta}^{\beta} = \mathbf{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$. Suppose that $\beta = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ with eigenvalues

$\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$. We have that $Tv_j = \lambda_j v_j$, so the coordinate matrix $[Tv_j]_{\beta}^{\beta}$ is $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_j \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

with λ_j at the j th-index. Putting all the $[Tv_j]_{\beta}^{\beta}$ together, we have $[Tv_j]_{\beta}^{\beta}$ is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n).$$

We now prove that β : $[T]_{\beta}^{\beta} = \mathbf{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \Rightarrow \beta$ is an eigenbasis of T with eigenvalues λ_i 's. Similarly, for each j th column in $[T]_{\beta}^{\beta} = [Tv_j]_{\beta}^{\beta}$, we have

the coordinate matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_j \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, which corresponds to the vector $\lambda_j v_j$. We thus

have $[Tv_j]_{\beta}^{\beta} = [\lambda_j v_j]_{\beta}^{\beta} \Leftrightarrow Tv_j = \lambda_j v_j$, making each v_j an eigenvector, and $\beta = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ an eigenbasis.

P4.4

Show that if $A_{n \times n}$ has n distinct eigenvalues $\Rightarrow A$ is diagonalizable.

Suppose that A has n distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ which corresponds to the eigenvectors v_1, \dots, v_n . As $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ are all distinct, v_1, \dots, v_n are linearly independent (as proven in Terence Tao's note), and they thus form an eigenbasis of A . We can thus express A as a diagonal matrix $\text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ corresponding to $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \Rightarrow A$ is diagonalizable.

P4.7

Prove that translation does not change volume.

Suppose that we have a translation matrix T in 3D $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Then the

determinant of this matrix is

$$\det(T) = 1 \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_y \\ 0 & 1 & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + t_x \det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \cdot 1 + 0 = 1$$

Using the induction hypothesis, for a translation matrix T in n -dimension,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & t_1 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & t_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ its determinant is}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(T) &= 1(1(\dots(1 \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_y \\ 0 & 1 & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + t_{n-2} \det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix})) + t_{n-3}(0 + t_{n-2} \det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}) \dots) \dots) \\ &\quad + t_1(0 + t_2(\dots(0 + t_{n-2} \det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & t_{n-1} \\ 0 & 0 & t_n \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}))) \\ &= 1 \times 1 \times \dots \times (((1 + 0) + 0) + 0) \dots + t_1 \times t_2 \times \dots \times t_{n-2} \times 0 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

With the determinant $= 1$, by definition the volume does not change after the translation.