

Linear Algebra Notes Gilbert Strang

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Chapter-6 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

- An eigenvector x lies along the same line as Ax : $Ax = \lambda x$.
The eigenvalue is λ
- If $Ax = \lambda x$ then $A^2x = \lambda^2x$ and $A^{-1}x = \lambda^{-1}x$ and
 $(A + cI)x = (\lambda + c)x$: the same x
- If $Ax = \lambda x$ then $(A - \lambda I)$ is singular and $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$. : n eigenvalues
- Check λ 's by $\det(A) = (\lambda_1)(\lambda_2)\dots(\lambda_n)$ and diagonal sum or trace $a_{11} + a_{22}\dots a_{nn} = \text{sum of } \lambda$'s
- Projections have $\lambda = 1$ and 0 . Reflections have 1 and -1 .
Rotations have $e^{i\theta}$ and $e^{-i\theta}$: complex!

Diagonalizing matrix

- The columns of $AX = X\Lambda$ are $Ax_k = \lambda_k x_k$. The eigenvalue matrix Λ is diagonal
- n independent eigenvectors in X diagonalize A
 $A = X\Lambda X^{-1}$ and $\Lambda = X^{-1}AX$
- The eigenvector matrix X also diagonalizes all powers of A^k :
 $A^k = X\Lambda^k X^{-1}$
- Solve $u_{k+1} = Au_k$ by $u_k = A^k u_0 = X\Lambda^k X^{-1}u_0 = c_1(\lambda_1)^k x_1 + \dots + c_n(\lambda_n)^k x_n$
- No equal eigenvalues $\implies X$ is invertible and diagonalizable
Equal eigenvalues $\implies A$ might have too few independent eigenvectors. Then X^{-1} fails
- Every matrix $C = B^{-1}AB$ has the same eigenvalues of A .
Then C is similar to A

Symmetric Matrices

- A symmetric matrix S has n real eigenvalues λ_i and n orthonormal eigenvectors $q_1 \dots q_n$
- Every real symmetric matrix S can be diagonalized:
$$S = Q\Lambda Q^{-1} = Q\Lambda Q^T$$
- The number of positive eigenvalues of S equals the number of positive pivots
- Antisymmetric matrices $A = -A^T$ have imaginary λ 's and orthonormal q 's

Positive Definite Matrices

- Symmetric S : all eigenvalues $> 0 \iff$ all pivots $> 0 \iff$ all upper left determinants > 0
- The matrix S is then positive definite. Then energy test $x^T S x > 0$ for all vectors $x \neq 0$
- One more test for positive definiteness is $S = A^T A$ with independent columns of A
- Positive Semi definiteness S allows $\lambda = 0$ pivot=0 and determinant=0 and energy $x^T S x = 0$
- The equations $x^T S x = 1$ gives an ellipse in R^n when S is symmetric positive definite.

Chapter-5 Determinants

- The determinant of $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ is $ad - bc$
- Row exchange reverse signs $\det PA = bc - ad = -\det(A)$
- Elimination $\det EA = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d - \frac{c}{a}b \end{bmatrix}$ = product of pivots = $\det A$
- $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$ and $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$
- Minor is the determinant of sub matrix produced by closing i th row and j th column M_{ij}
- Cofactor of $a_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$ and $\det A = a_{i1} C_{i1} + \dots + a_{in} C_{in}$

- $A^{-1} = C^T / \det A$ $(A^{-1})_{ij} = \text{cofactor } C_{ji} \text{ divided by } \det A$
- Cramer's rule computes $x = A^{-1}b$ from $x_j = \det(A \text{ with column } j \text{ changed to } b) / \det A$
- Area of parallelogram $= |ad - bc|$ if four corners are $(0,0), (a,b), (c,d)$ and $(a+b, c+d)$

- The cross product $w = u * v$ is $\det \begin{bmatrix} i & j & k \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{bmatrix}$

Chapter-4 Orthogonality

- Orthogonal vectors have $v^T w = 0$. Then
$$\|v\|^2 + \|w\|^2 = \|v + w\|^2 = \|v - w\|^2$$
- Subspaces V and W are orthogonal when $v^T w = 0$ for every v in V and every w in W
- The row space of A is orthogonal to nullspace. The column space is orthogonal to $N(A^T)$
- One pair of dimensions add to $r + (n-r) = n$. The other pair $r + (m-r) = m$
- Row space and nullspace are orthogonal complements. Every x in R^n splits into $x_{row} + x_{null}$
- Suppose a space S has dimension d . Then every basis for S consists of d vectors
- If d vectors in S are independent, they span S . If d vectors span S , they are independent

Projections

- The projection of a vector b onto the line through a is the closest point $p = a(a^T b / a^T a)$
- The error $e = b - p$ is perpendicular to a . Right triangle bpe has $\|p\|^2 + \|e\|^2 = \|b\|^2$
- The projection of b onto a subspace S is the closest vector p in S ; $b-p$ orthogonal to S
- $A^T A$ is invertible (and symmetric) only if A has independent columns $N(A^T A) = N(A)$
- Then the projection of b onto the column space of A is the vector $p = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$
- The projection matrix onto $C(A)$ is $P = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$. It has $p = Pb$ and $P^2 = P = P^T$

Least Squares Approximations

- Solve $A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b$ gives the projection $p = A \hat{x}$ of b onto the column space of A
- When $Ax = b$ has no solution, \hat{x} is the "least squares solution": $\|b - A\hat{x}\|^2 = \text{minimum}$
- Setting partial derivatives of $E = \|Ax - b\|^2$ to zero $\frac{\partial E}{\partial x_i} = 0$ also produces $A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b$
- To fit points $(t_1, b_1), \dots, (t_m, b_m)$ by a straight line, A has columns $(1, \dots, 1)$ and (t_1, \dots, t_m)
- In that case $A^T A$ is the 2 by 2 matrix $\begin{bmatrix} m & \sum t_i \\ \sum t_i & \sum t_i^2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $A^T b$ is the vector $\begin{bmatrix} \sum b_i \\ \sum t_i b_i \end{bmatrix}$

Orthonormal Bases and Gram-Schmidt

- The columns q_1, \dots, q_n are orthonormal if

$$q_i^T q_j = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } i \neq j \\ 1 & \text{for } i = j \end{cases}$$

- If Q is also square, then $QQ^T = I$ and $Q^T = Q^{-1}$. Q is an "orthonormal matrix"
- The least squares solution to $Qx = b$ is $\hat{x} = Q^T b$. Projection of b : $p = QQ^T b = Pb$
- The Gram-Schmidt process takes independent a_i to orthonormal q_i . Start with $q_1 = a_1 / \|a_1\|$
- $q_i = (a_i - \text{projection } p_i) / \|a_i - p_i\|$; projection $p_i = (a_i^T q_1)q_1 + \dots + (a_i^T q_{i-1})q_{i-1}$
- Each a_i will be a combination of q_1 to q_i . Then $A = QR$; orthogonal Q and triangular R

Chapter-3 Vector spaces and subspaces

- The standard n -dimensional space R^n contains all real column vectors with n components
- If v and w are in a vector space S , every combination $cv + dw$ must be in S
- The "vectors" in S can be matrices or functions of x . The 1-point space Z consists of $x=0$
- A subspace of R^n is a vector space inside R^n

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The line $y=3x$ inside R^2

- The column space of A contains all combinations of the columns of A : a subspace of R^m
- The column space contains all the vectors Ax . So $Ax = b$ is solvable when b is in $C(A)$

Nullspace

- The nullspace $N(A)$ in R^n contains all solutions x to $Ax=0$. This includes $x=0$
- Elimination (from A to U to R) does not change the nullspace; $N(A) = N(U) = N(R)$
- The reduced row echelon form $R = \text{rref}(A)$ has all pivots=1, with zeros above and below
- If column j of R is free (no pivot), there is a "special solution" to $Ax=0$ with $x_j = 1$
- Number of pivots = number of nonzero rows in $R = \text{rank } r$. There are $n-r$ free columns
- Every matrix with $m < n$ has nonzero solutions to $Ax=0$ in its nullspace

Solution to $Ax=b$

- Complete solution to $Ax=b$: $x = (\text{one particular solution } x_p) + (\text{any } x_n \text{ in the nullspace})$
- $Ax=b$ and $Rx=d$ are solvable only when all zero rows of R have zeros in d
- When $Rx=d$ is solvable, only very particular solution to x_p has all free variables equal to zero
- A has full column rank $r=n$ when its nullspace $N(A) = \text{zero vector}$: no free variables
- A has full row rank $r= m$ when its column space $C(A)$ is R^m : $Ax=b$ is always solvable

$r = m = n$	Square, Invertible	1	Perfect
$r = m < n$	Short and Wide	∞	More variable
$r = n < m$	Tall and Thin	0 or 1	More equation
$r < \min(m, n)$	Not full rank	0 or ∞	2 same eq $b_1=b_2$ or

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Independence

- Independent columns of A : The only solution to $Ax=0$ is $x=0$. The nullspace is $\{0\}$
- Independent vectors: The only zero combination $c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k$ has all c 's $=0$
- A matrix with $m < n$ has dependent columns; At least $n-m$ free variable /special columns
- The vectors v_1, \dots, v_k span the space S if $S =$ all combinations of the v 's
- The vectors v_1, \dots, v_k are basis for S if they are independent and they span S
- The dimension of a space S is the number of vectors in every basis for S
- If A is 4 by 4 and invertible, its columns are basis for \mathbb{R}^4 . The dimension of \mathbb{R}^4 is 4

Dimensions of Four Subspaces

- The column space $C(A)$ and the row space $C(A^T)$ both have dimension r (rank of A)
- The nullspace $N(A)$ has dimension of $n-r$. The left nullspace $N(A^T)$ has dimension $m-r$, left mean $A^T y = 0$
- Elimination produces bases for the row space and nullspace of A . They are same as for R
- Elimination often changes the column space and left nullspace (but dimensions don't change)
- Rank one matrices $A = uv^T = \text{column} \times \text{row}$; $C(A)$ has basis u and $C(A^T)$ has basis v

Chapter-2 Solving Linear Equations

- The column picture of $Ax=b$: a combination of n columns of A produces the vector b
- This is a vector equation $Ax = x_1a_1 + \dots + x_na_n = b$: the columns of A are a_1, \dots, a_n
- $(AB)C = A(BC)$, $A^{-1}A = AA^{-1} = I$, A must have n (non zero pivots)
- $Ax=0 \rightarrow x=0$ is the only solution then A is invertible, $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$, Gauss Jordan $[A \ I]$ to $[I \ A^{-1}]$
- $A = LU$ factorization (lower triangular)(upper triangular)
- $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$, the dot product $x \cdot y = x^T y$, the outer product xy^T
- The idea behind A^T is that $Ax \cdot y = (Ax)^T y = x^T A^T y = x^T (A^T y) = x \cdot (A^T y)$
- A symmetric matrix has $S^T = S$ (and the product $A^T A$ is always symmetric)
- A orthogonal matrix has $Q^T = Q^{-1}$. The columns of Q are orthonormal unit vectors

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