

Linear Algebra cheat sheet

Vectors

dot product: $u \cdot v = \|u\| \cdot \|v\| \cdot \cos(\phi) = u_x v_x + u_y v_y$

cross product: $u \times v = \begin{pmatrix} u_y v_z - u_z v_y \\ u_z v_x - u_x v_z \\ u_x v_y - u_y v_x \end{pmatrix}$

norms:

$$\|x\|_p := \sqrt[p]{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p}$$
$$\|x\|_1 := \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| \quad \|x\|_\infty = \max_i |x_i|$$

enclosed angle:

$$\cos \phi = \frac{u \cdot v}{\|u\| \cdot \|v\|}$$
$$\|u\| \cdot \|v\| = \sqrt{(u_x^2 + u_y^2)(v_x^2 + v_y^2)}$$

Matrices

basic operations

transpose: $[A^T]_{ij} = [A]_{ji}$: "mirror over main diagonal"

conjugate transpose / adjugate: $A^* = (\overline{A})^T = \overline{A^T}$

"transpose and complex conjugate all entries"

(same as transpose for real matrices)

multiply: $A_{N \times M} \cdot B_{M \times K} = C_{N \times K}$

invert: $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$

norm:

$\|A\|_p = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|_p}{\|x\|_p}$, induced by vector p-norm

$$\|A\|_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(A^T A)}$$

$$\|A\|_1 = \max_j \sum_{i=1}^m |a_{ij}|,$$

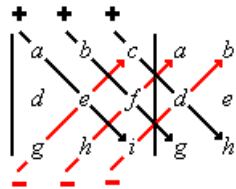
$$\|A\|_\infty = \max_i \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|,$$

condition: $\text{cond}(A) = \|A\| \cdot \|A^{-1}\|$

determinants

$\det(A) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n A_{i, \sigma_i}$

For 3x3 matrices (Sarrus rule):



arithmetic rules:

$$\det(A \cdot B) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$$

$$\det(A^{-1}) = \det(A)^{-1}$$

$$\det(rA) = r^n \det A, \text{ for all } A^{n \times n} \text{ and scalars } r$$

eigenvalues, eigenvectors, eigenspace

1. Calculate **eigenvalues** by solving $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

2. Any vector x that satisfies $(A - \lambda_i I)x = 0$ is **eigenvector** for λ_i .

3. $\text{Eig}_A(\lambda_i) = \{x \in \mathbb{C}^n : (A - \lambda_i)x = 0\}$ is **eigenspace** for λ_i .

definiteness

defined on $n \times n$ square matrices:

$\forall \lambda \in \sigma(A)$.

$\lambda > 0 \iff$ positive-definite

$\lambda \geq 0 \iff$ positive-semidefinite

$\lambda < 0 \iff$ negative-definite

$\lambda \leq 0 \iff$ negative-semidefinite

if none true (positive and negative λ exist): indefinite

equivalent: eg. $x^T A x > 0 \iff$ positive-definite

rank

Let A be a matrix and $f(x) = Ax$.

$\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(f) = \dim(\text{im}(f))$

= number of linearly independent column vectors of A

= number of non-zero rows in A after applying Gauss

kernel

$\text{kern}(A) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Ax = 0\}$ (the set of vectors mapping to 0)

For nonsingular A this has one element and $\dim(\text{kern}(A)) = 0$ (?)

trace

defined on $n \times n$ square matrices: $\text{tr}(A) = a_{11} + a_{22} + \dots + a_{nn}$

(sum of the elements on the main diagonal)

span

Let v_1, \dots, v_r be the column vectors of A . Then:

$\text{span}(A) = \{\lambda_1 v_1 + \dots + \lambda_r v_r \mid \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r \in \mathbb{R}\}$

spectrum

$\sigma(A) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda \text{ is eigenvalue of } A\}$

properties

square: $N \times N$

symmetric: $A = A^T$

diagonal: 0 except a_{kk}

\Rightarrow implies triangular (eigenvalues on main diagonale)

orthogonal

$A^T = A^{-1} \Rightarrow$ normal and diagonalizable

unitary

Complex analogy to orthogonal: A complex square matrix is unitary

if all column vectors are orthonormal

\Rightarrow diagonalizable

$\Rightarrow \text{cond}_2(A) = 1$

$\Rightarrow |\det(A)| = 1$

nonsingular

$A^{n \times n}$ is nonsingular = invertible = regular iff:

There is a matrix $B := A^{-1}$ such that $AB = I = BA$

$\det(A) \neq 0$

$Ax = b$ has exactly one solution for each b

The column vectors of A are linearly independent

$\text{rank}(A) = n$

$f(x) = Ax$ is bijective (?)

$\Rightarrow \det(A)^{-1} = \det(A^{-1})$

$\Rightarrow (A^{-1})^{-1} = A$

$\Rightarrow (A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$

diagonalizable

$A^{n \times n}$ can be diagonalized iff:

it has n linear independent eigenvectors

all eigenvalues are real and distinct

there is an invertible T , such that:

$$D := T^{-1}AT = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = T^{-1}DT \quad \text{and} \quad AT = TD$$

$\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ are the eigenvalues of A !

T can be created with eigenvectors of A and is nonsingular!

diagonally dominant matrix

$\forall i. |a_{ii}| \geq \sum_{j \neq i} |a_{ij}|$

\Rightarrow nonsingular

Hermitian

A square matrix A where $A^* = A$ (equal to its adjugate)

A real matrix is Hermitian iff symmetric

$\Rightarrow \Im(\det(A)) = 0$ (determinante is real)

triangular

A square matrix is right triangular (wlog $n = 3$):

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

\Rightarrow Eigenvalues on main diagonale

idempotent

A square matrix A for which $AA = A$.

block matrices

Let B, C be submatrices, and A, D square submatrices. Then:

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix} = \det(A) \det(D)$$

minors

A matrix A has minors $M_{i,j} :=$ remove row i and column j from A

principle minors: $\{\det(\text{upper left } i \times i \text{ matrix of } A) : i..n\}$

Sylvester's criterion for hermitian A :

$\Rightarrow A$ is positiv-definite iff all principle minors are positive