

Linear algebra for AI and ML

Given a matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}^p$
find $x \in \mathbb{R}^q$ such that

$$Ax = b$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_q \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_q \end{bmatrix}$$

Existence: If $b \in \text{span}\{a_1, \dots, a_q\}$

Uniqueness: Existence and columns of A are linearly independent.

$$\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}[A : b]$$

$$3x = 2$$

Left inverse: Let A be a given matrix. Then a matrix X is called as a left inverse of A if

$$XA = I$$

$$\begin{array}{l} A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times q} \\ X \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times n} \end{array}$$

Ex: $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$ s.t. $A \neq 0$.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ \vdots \\ A_n \end{bmatrix}; \quad \text{let } A_i \neq 0$$

consider

$$X = \frac{1}{A_i} e_i^T$$

In particular,

$$A = e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex: $\begin{bmatrix} e_1 & e_2 & \dots & e_{p-1} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times (p-1)}$

Fact: Let A be a matrix such that left inverse of A exists. Then columns of A are linearly independent.

Consider a linear combination of columns of A

$$Ax = 0$$

Then we want to prove $x = 0$.

$$\underset{\uparrow}{0} = \underset{\uparrow}{C} 0 = C(Ax) = \underset{\uparrow}{(CA)} x = Ix = x$$