

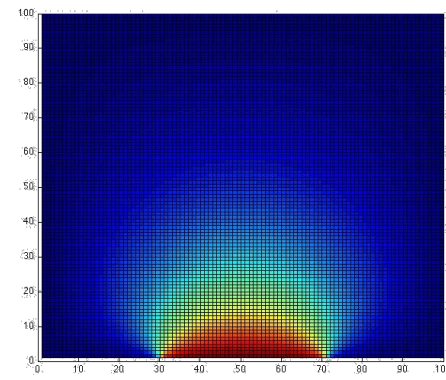
Lecture 05:

Eigenvalues & Eigenvectors

Cholesky's Method

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Administrative

- Old homework to turn in!
- New homework to begin!
- Reminder: Quiz 2 on Wednesday

Eigenvalues!

*Eigenvalues and eigenvectors have a wide range of applications, for example in **computer graphics**, **facial recognition**, and **matrix diagonalization**.*

Consider: \mathbf{A} is a matrix, \mathbf{x} is a vector

When $\mathbf{Ax} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$, where λ is a scalar,

We call λ an eigenvalue of \mathbf{A} (there can be more than 1 of these)

and the vector \mathbf{x} is an eigenvector of \mathbf{A} (there can be as many of these as λ s)

Also means: the \mathbf{Ax} vector is parallel to \mathbf{x} and “stretched” by a factor of λ

Properties of Eigenvalues (that can help you calculate λ)

1. Sum of all λ equals the sum of all the *diagonal values in \mathbf{A}* – this is a.k.a. $\text{trace}(\mathbf{A})$
2. Product of all λ equals $\det(\mathbf{A})$
3. $\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0$

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

With $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x}$ We call λ the **eigenvalue** and \mathbf{x} is the **eigenvector**
and $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{C}$

Related theorem 1:

- \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{A}^T have the same **eigenvalues**, but usually different **eigenvectors**
- And by the way... Didja know that?
 - Given *any* matrix \mathbf{A} , $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^T$ is always symmetrical!!?! Can we prove this?
 - This is a great way to construct a symmetrical matrix from scratch!

Related theorem 2:

- If matrix \mathbf{A} is real (that is all values $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$) and it's symmetrical, then all its **eigenvalues** $\in \mathbb{R}$ *too*

Example

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

So, **trace(A)** = sum of all λ , so it's = $1 + 2 = 3$

And, **det(A)** = product of all λ , so it's = $1 \times 2 = 2$

So what are the values λ ?

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 3$$

$$\lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 = 2$$

$$\rightarrow \lambda_1 = 3 - \lambda_2$$

$$\rightarrow (3 - \lambda_2) \cdot \lambda_2 = 2$$

$$\rightarrow \lambda_2^2 - 3\lambda_2 + 2 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow (\lambda_2 - 1)(\lambda_2 - 2) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \lambda = (1, 2)$$

Class Exercise

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 5 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find the values of λ

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

- `numpy.linalg.eig(A)` returns 2 vectors **d** and **V**:
 - **d** = vector with all of A's eigenvalues
 - **V** = the eigenvectors presented as a matrix
- `numpy.linalg.eigh(A)` does the same thing *only faster*
 - Uses a different algorithm than `.eig()`
 - BUT should **only** be used if you know **A** is symmetrical
 - FYI: the **h** is for “Hermitian”

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

- For a n -by- n square matrix: $(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = 0$ is *always true*
- It implies that $(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I})$ is **singular** meaning that: $\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) = 0$
 - We're ignoring the case when \mathbf{x} is a zero vector – trivial issue.
- This is mainly how we solve for λ and \mathbf{x}
- SO: Let's consider the matrix $\mathbf{\Lambda}$:
 n -by- n diagonal matrix with eigenvalues λ_j as elements
- ..and also consider the matrix \mathbf{X} :
 n -by- n set of corresponding eigenvectors \mathbf{x}_j for each λ_j

$$\mathbf{\Lambda} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 & \dots \\ \dots & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ X_0 & X_1 & X_2 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ X_0 & X_1 & X_2 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Continued...

- Therefore: Since $\mathbf{Ax} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$ then you can show that: $\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{X}\Lambda$
- If we multiply both sides by \mathbf{X}^{-1} (if and only if it exists!), then:

$$\mathbf{AXX}^{-1} = \mathbf{X}\Lambda\mathbf{X}^{-1} \quad \dots\text{or}\dots$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{X}\Lambda\mathbf{X}^{-1}$$

- This is called the “**eigendecomposition of a matrix**” (another factorization technique)
 - We will relate this to another technique later in the course (called SVD)

Symmetrical Positive Definite (SPD) Matrices

SPD = Symmetrical Positive Definite

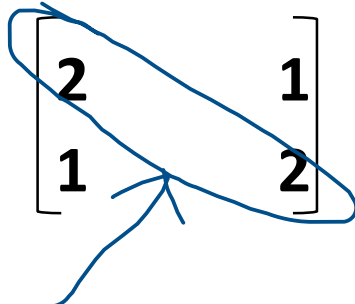
- **SPD Matrices** have similar properties as “positive numbers” in scalar math
 - When you multiply an SPD Matrix with any vector, its direction stays “similar” to the vector
- **SPDs** show up a lot in physical world measurements that go into statistical models, control system designs, heat conductivity designs, etc...
- There are many good algorithms (**fast**, **numerically stable**) that work better for an **SPD** matrix, such as **Cholesky factorization**.
 - Instead of using LU factorization

Characteristics of SPD Matrices

If matrix A is SPD, then that means...

- $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} > 0$ for every non-zero \mathbf{x}
 - You can only use this in a proof-by-induction, so it's not always handy
- Mathematically also means that **all** its eigenvalues are > 0
 - Easier to calculate than that first rule
- A is symmetrical, i.e. $A = A^T$

Exercise: What are the Eigenvalues of...

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$


$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \text{sum}(\text{diagonals}) = 2 + 2 = 4 \text{ (again, we call this the “trace” of matrix A)}$$

$$\lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 = \det(A) = 2 \times 2 - 1 \times 1 = 3$$

$$\text{So, } \lambda_1 = 4 - \lambda_2 \text{ and } (4 - \lambda_2) \cdot \lambda_2 = 3$$

$$\text{And after some math (quadratics!! yay!!)...} \quad \underline{\lambda_1 = 1} \quad \& \quad \underline{\lambda_2 = 3}$$

Is A an SPD matrix?

**Python
Demonstration**



Cholesky Factorization

- For certain cases, we might have a matrix **A** that is a:
 - Symmetric square matrix
 - and is *positive definite* (again, meaning: all the **eigenvalues** of **A** are positive)
- André-Louis Cholesky was an artillery officer in the French army who came up with this technique to help calculate bomb trajectories!
 - See how SPD matrices come up a lot in real physical models?...
- It turns out that, for an SPD **A** matrix, we can factor **A** into **RR^T**
- It means that you only need to calculate one factor matrix here: **R**

Cholesky Factorization

- Cholesky factorization is a particular form where **R** is a **lower triangular with positive diagonals**

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{00} & A_{01} & A_{02} \\ A_{10} & A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{20} & A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L_{00} & 0 & 0 \\ L_{10} & L_{11} & 0 \\ L_{20} & L_{21} & L_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} L_{00} & L_{10} & L_{20} \\ 0 & L_{11} & L_{21} \\ 0 & 0 & L_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

Lower Triangular L

Transpose of L

*Easier
(almost 2x faster) to
calculate than
A = LU factorization*

Easy Cholesky Calculation Example

- Factor matrix $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{R}^T$ (that, is find matrix \mathbf{R})

- Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a^2 & ab \\ ab & b^2+c^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

So:

$$a^2 = 4 \quad \rightarrow \quad a = 2$$

$$ab = -1 \quad \rightarrow \quad b = -0.5$$

$$b^2+c^2 = 3 \quad \rightarrow \quad c = \text{sqrt}(2.75) = 1.658$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -0.5 & 1.658 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Cholesky Example Continued...

- Factor matrix $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{R}^T$ (that, is find \mathbf{R})

- So:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -0.5 & 1.658 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -0.5 \\ 0 & 1.658 \end{bmatrix}$$

\mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}^T

Check work?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -1 & \underbrace{-0.5^2 + 1.658^2}_{2.99999} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Python
Demonstration**

`R = np.linalg.cholesky(A)`

Your TO DOs!

- Turn in your homework by today
- Quiz#2 Wednesday
- Lab Thursday!

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