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Review of Linear Algebra

Vectors

We will next give a brief review of some concepts from **Linear Algebra** that will help in the understanding of **Matrix Representations of Graphs** and also in the discussion of **Dynamical Systems** later in the course.

Definition 1

An n -dimensional vector is a column array of real numbers

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} \quad v_i \in R, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

To save space we often write this as a row vector

$$v = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]^T$$

Definition 2

An $n \times m$ **matrix** A is an array with n **rows** and m **columns**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1m} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nm} \end{bmatrix}$$

We write $A = (a_{ij})$ with a_{ij} meaning the element in **row** i and **column** j
 $[a_{i1}, a_{i2}, \dots, a_{im}]$ **is the i -th row vector**

$$[a_{1j}, a_{2j}, \dots, a_{nj}]^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1j} \\ a_{2j} \\ \vdots \\ a_{nj} \end{bmatrix} \text{ is the } j\text{-th column vector}$$

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Matrices

Example 1

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

is a 3×4 matrix.

$[5, 6, 7, 8]$ *is the second row vector or* **row two**

$[1, 5, 9]^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$ *is* **column one**.

The **transpose matrix** A^T *is the 4×3 matrix*

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 9 \\ 2 & 6 & 10 \\ 3 & 7 & 11 \\ 4 & 8 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Matrices

Definition 3

Given vectors $x = [x_1, \dots, x_n]^T$ and $y = [y_1, \dots, y_n]^T$, the **inner product** or **dot product**, or **scalar product** denoted by

$$\langle x, y \rangle \text{ or } x \cdot y \text{ or } x^T y$$

is a **scalar (number)**

$$x^T y = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_n y_n = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Example 2

Let $x = [1, 2, 3]^T$ and $y = [4, 5, 6]^T$ be two vectors in R^3 . Then

Definition 4

The **norm** or **length** of a vector $x = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]^T$ is given by

$$||x|| = \sqrt{x^T x} = (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots x_n^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

The norm, as defined above, is the n -dimensional version of the **Pythagorean Theorem**.

Some facts you may recall from basic vector calculus

- $x \cdot y = ||x|| \cdot ||y|| \cos(\theta)$ where θ is the angle between the vectors x and y .
- Consequently, $|x^T y| \leq ||x|| \cdot ||y||$ **Cauchy-Schwartz Inequality**
- Also, $x \cdot y = 0$ if and only if x and y are **mutually perpendicular (orthogonal)**.

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Matrix Multiplication

If A is an $n \times m$ matrix and B is a $p \times q$ matrix, then the **Matrix Product** AB exists provided $m = p$.

The result is an $n \times q$ matrix $C = (c_{ij})$ where $c_{ij} = A_i^T B_j$ where A_i is the i -th row of A and B_j is the j -th column of B .

Example 3

Suppose

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} ; \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

then

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 7 & 1 \\ -14 & 5 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Some additional definitions and properties of matrix algebra:

- A matrix A is **Symmetric** if $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$. In other words, $A^T = A$, i.e, the i -th row and j -th column of A are the same.

Example 4

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then it is easy to see that $A^T = A$, so A is a symmetric matrix.

Some additional properties of matrices are:

- If A and B have the same dimensions $n \times m$, then $C = A + B$ is defined by $c_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij}$.
- $(AB)C = A(BC)$ provided the matrix products are defined.
- $A(B + C) = AB + AC$ provided the matrix products are defined.
- $(A + B)C = AC + BC$ provided the matrix products are defined.
- $(A^T)^T = A$
- $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$
- $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$

If A and B are $n \times n$ (**square matrices**), then in general AB is not equal to BA .

If $AB = BA$ then A and B are said to **commute**.

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Matrix Inverse

Definition 5

The matrix

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the $n \times n$ **Identity Matrix**

Definition 6

The **Inverse** of an $n \times n$ matrix A is an $n \times n$ matrix B satisfying

$$AB = BA = I$$

where I is the $n \times n$ identity matrix.

We denote the inverse B of A as A^{-1} .

Matrices are used to represent **Systems of Linear Equations**

Example 5

The system of m equations in n unknowns

$$\begin{aligned}a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n &= b_1 \\a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n &= b_2 \\&\vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{mn}x_n &= b_n\end{aligned}$$

can be written as

$$Ax = b$$

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Systems of Linear Equations

with

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1m} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nm} \end{bmatrix} ; \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{bmatrix} ; \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

Consider the homogeneous linear equations

$$ax + by = 0$$

$$cx + dy = 0$$

Eliminating x and y from these equations gives

$$ad - bc = 0$$

This quantity is called the **Determinant** of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$.

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Determinant and Inverse

We denote the determinant of a matrix A by $\det(A)$ or $|A|$.

The determinant of a 3×3 matrix can be computed as

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} &= a \begin{vmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{vmatrix} - b \begin{vmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{vmatrix} + c \begin{vmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{vmatrix} \\ &= a(ei - fh) - b(di - fg) + c(dh - ge) \\ &= aei + bfg + cdh - ceg - bdi - afh \end{aligned}$$

The 2×2 determinants $\begin{vmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{vmatrix}$, $-\begin{vmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{vmatrix}$, $\begin{vmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{vmatrix}$ are called **Cofactors** of the elements a, b, c , respectively.

Definition 7

The **Cofactor** c_{ij} of an element a_{ij} in an $n \times n$ matrix A is ± 1 times the determinant of the $(n-1) \times (n-1)$ matrix formed by deleting the i -th row and j -th column of A . The **sign** in front of each cofactor alternates according to the pattern

$$\begin{bmatrix} + & - & + & - \\ - & + & - & + \\ + & - & + & - \\ - & + & - & + \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{sign pattern for the } 4 \times 4 \text{ case.}$$

The **Determinant** of any $n \times n$ matrix A can then be calculated by taking **any row** or **column** and multiplying each element of the row or column by its respective cofactor. The determinant is then the **sum** of these **products**.

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Determinant

Example 6

Back to the previous 3×3 matrix

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix}$$

we can take any row or column, for example, column two, and compute the determinant as

$$\begin{aligned} &= -b \begin{vmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{vmatrix} + e \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ g & i \end{vmatrix} - h \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ d & f \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -b(di - fg) + e(ai - gc) - h(af - dc) \\ &= -bdi + bfg + eai - egc - haf + hdc \end{aligned}$$

One can check that this is the same expression as computed previously.

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Determinant and Inverse

The determinant is a scalar function defined for square matrices and satisfies the following properties.

- $|AB| = |A| \cdot |B|$
- $|A^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|A|} = |A|^{-1}$
- $|A^T| = |A|$

Note that it is generally **not true** that $|A + B| = |A| + |B|$.

Definition 8

A matrix A is **Singular** if $\det(A) = 0$. Otherwise, A is said to be **Nonsingular** or **Invertible**.

Theorem 9

*The inverse of an $n \times n$ matrix exists if and only if the **Determinant**, $\det(A)$, is not equal to zero.*

If A and B are invertible, then the product AB is invertible and $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$.

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Determinant and Inverse

If the $n \times n$ matrix A is nonsingular, the linear system

$$Ax = b$$

has the unique solution

$$x = A^{-1}b$$

Otherwise, there may be no solution or infinitely many solutions.

Example 7

Consider the linear system

$$\begin{aligned} 3x - y &= 4 \\ 6x - 2y &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

The coefficient matrix A is singular in this case and any point on the line $y = 3x - 4$ is a solution.

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Determinant and Inverse

Example 8

On the other hand, the linear system

$$3x - y = 4$$

$$6x - 2y = 2$$

has no solution.

Example 9

The linear system

$$3x - y = 4$$

$$6x + 2y = 2$$

has the unique solution $x = 5/6$, $y = -3/2$.

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Matrix Inverse

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$

Then a direct calculation shows

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ad - bc & 0 \\ 0 & ad - bc \end{bmatrix}$$

A similar calculation shows that $BA = AB$.

Therefore, it follows that

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{|A|} A^+$$

which is well defined provided $|A| \neq 0$.

The matrix $A^+ = \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$ is called the **Adjoint of A** .

The inverse of a nonsingular $n \times n$ matrix A is $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|}A^+$.

The **Adjoint** of a general $n \times n$ matrix A is given as $A^+ = C^T$ where C is the **Cofactor Matrix**, consisting of elements that are cofactors of the elements of A as defined previously.

Example 10

Find the adjoint of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

First, compute the cofactor of each element of A

Example 11

The cofactors of the given matrix are

$$c_{11} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 24 \quad c_{12} = - \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 5 \quad c_{13} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -4$$

$$c_{21} = - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = -12 \quad c_{22} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \quad c_{23} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 2$$

$$c_{31} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -2 \quad c_{32} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -5 \quad c_{33} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 4$$

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Example

Example 12

Therefore, the **Cofactor Matrix** is

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 24 & 5 & -4 \\ -12 & 3 & 2 \\ -2 & -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Finally, the **Adjoint of A** is the transpose of the Cofactor Matrix

$$A^+ = \begin{bmatrix} 24 & -12 & -2 \\ 5 & 3 & -5 \\ -4 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the determinant of A is $|A| = 22$, it follows that

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{22} \begin{bmatrix} 24 & -12 & -2 \\ 5 & 3 & -5 \\ -4 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Definition 10

Given an $n \times n$ matrix A , the **Trace** of the matrix is

$$\text{Tr}(A) = a_{11} + a_{22} + \cdots + a_{nn} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$$

In other words, the Trace is the **sum of the diagonal entries of the matrix**.

The Trace operation satisfies the following:

- $\text{Tr}(A + B) = \text{Tr}(A) + \text{Tr}(B)$
- $\text{Tr}(cA) = c\text{Tr}(A)$ where c is a constant.
- $\text{Tr}(AB) = \text{Tr}(BA)$
- $\text{Tr}(A^T) = \text{Tr}(A)$

Definition 11

Suppose we find a scalar λ and a vector x satisfying the equation

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

Then λ is called an **Eigenvalue** of the matrix A and x is called an **Eigenvector** for λ .

Example 13

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

Therefore $\lambda = 4$ is an eigenvalue for the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector for λ .

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Finding Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Note that the equation $Ax = \lambda x$ can be written as

$$(A - \lambda I)x = 0$$

where I is the **identity matrix** defined previously.

Therefore, there will be a nonzero vector x satisfying this equation provided that

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

Computing $\det(A - \lambda I)$ results in a polynomial of degree n for an $n \times n$ matrix, called the **Characteristic Polynomial of A** .

The n roots of the characteristic polynomial, which may be **real** or **complex**, are therefore the n eigenvalues of A .

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Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Theorem 12

If A is a real, symmetric matrix then the eigenvalues of A are real.

Example 14

Back to the previous matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 - \lambda & -1 \\ -1 & 3 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}\right) = \lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 8 = (\lambda - 4)(\lambda - 2)$$

Therefore the eigenvalues are $\lambda = 4$ and $\lambda = 2$.

To find eigenvectors for each λ we need to solve the equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 - \lambda & -1 \\ -1 & 3 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example 15

For $\lambda = 4$, the system of equations become

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, $x_2 = -x_1$ and so $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector for $\lambda = 4$.

For $\lambda = 2$, the system of equations become

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, $x_2 = +x_1$ and so $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector for $\lambda = 2$.

Definition 13

Vectors v_1 and v_2 are said to be **Linearly Dependent** if and only if there are constants α_1 and α_2 such that

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 = 0$$

Otherwise, v_1 and v_2 are **Linearly Independent**.

If v_1 and v_2 are linearly independent, then the matrix $T = [v_1 \ v_2]$ is invertible, where v_1 and v_2 are the column vectors of T .

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Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Suppose v_1 and v_2 are two linearly independent eigenvectors for eigenvalues λ_1 and λ_2 , respectively.

Then, since $Av_i = \lambda_i v_i$ for $i = 1, 2$ we can write

$$A[v_1 \ v_2] = [\lambda_1 v_1 \ \lambda_2 v_2]$$

which can be written

$$AT = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} T$$

and so

$$T^{-1}AT = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} = \bar{A}$$

a diagonal matrix with the eigenvalues on the diagonal.

The above transformation $T^{-1}AT$ is called a **Similarity Transformation** and the matrices A and \bar{A} are said to be **Similar**.

Example 16

In the previous example, with

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} ; \quad \text{and} \quad T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

a straightforward calculation shows that

$$T^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$T^{-1}AT = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Remark 1

1) The **determinant** of a square matrix A is the **product** of the eigenvalues, i.e.,

$$|A| = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \cdots \lambda_n = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$$

2) The **trace** of a square matrix A is the **sum** of the eigenvalues, i.e.,

$$\text{Tr}(A) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \cdots + \lambda_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$$

These properties are **invariant** under **similarity transformation**.

This is because the determinant and trace satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} |T^{-1}AT| &= |A| \\ \text{Tr}(T^{-1}AT) &= \text{Tr}(A) \end{aligned}$$

We will have occasion to consider so-called **Quadratic Forms**.

Definition 14

A **Quadratic Form** V is a function from $R^n \rightarrow R$ of the form

$$V(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n p_{ij} x_i x_j = p_{11} x_1^2 + p_{12} x_1 x_2 + \cdots + p_{nn} x_n^2$$

We assume $p_{ij} = p_{ji}$.

Such a quadratic form can be represented as

$$V(x) = x^T P x$$

where $P = (p_{ij})$ is a symmetric $n \times n$ matrix and $x^T = [x_1, \dots, x_n]$.

Example 17

The quadratic form

$$V(x) = p_{11}x_1^2 + p_{12}x_1x_2 + p_{21}x_2x_1 + p_{22}x_2^2$$

can be written as

$$V(x) = x^T Px$$

where

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

The simplest example of such a quadratic form is the **norm**

$$V(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 = x^T I x$$

where I is the identity matrix.

Note that the equation

$$V(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 = r^2$$

defines a **circle of radius r** .

In general, the equation

$$V(x) = x^T P x = c$$

defines an **ellipse** provided the matrix P is **Positive Definite**.

Definition 15

An $n \times n$ matrix $P = (p_{ij})$ is **Positive Definite** if

$$x^T P x > 0 \quad \text{for all } x \neq 0$$

P is **Positive Semi-Definite** or **Nonnegative Definite** if

$$x^T P x \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } x \neq 0$$

Theorem 16

A matrix P is **Positive Definite** if and only if all eigenvalues of P are positive.

A matrix P is **Positive Semi-Definite** if and only if all eigenvalues of P are non-negative.

Another characterization of a positive definite matrix is

Theorem 17

A matrix P is **Positive Definite** if and only if all **Principal Minors** or **Principal Minor Determinants** of P are positive.

Definition 18

Let

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & \cdots & p_{1n} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & \cdots & p_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ p_{n1} & p_{n2} & \cdots & p_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

be an $n \times n$ matrix.

The **Principal Minors of P** are

$$M_1 = p_{11} ; \quad M_2 = \begin{vmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} \end{vmatrix} ; \quad M_3 = \begin{vmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{13} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} \\ p_{31} & p_{23} & P_{33} \end{vmatrix} \\ \dots ; \quad M_n = |P|$$

Remark 2

*If the matrix P can be written as $P = C^T C$ for some matrix C , then P is **Positive Semi-Definite**.*

To see this, note that a simple calculation shows that

$$x^T P x = x^T C^T C x = y^T y \geq 0 \quad \text{with } y = Cx$$

y is not strictly positive since there will generally be **nonzero vectors** x such that $Cx = 0$.

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