# julia and linear algebra

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## 1 Julia & Linear Algebra Tutorial

#### 1.1 Installation Instructions

#### 1.1.1 Install Julia

- 1. Download Julia from julialang.org/downloads
- 2. Add Julia to PATH during installation
- 3. Verify installation in terminal:

julia --version

#### 1.1.2 Install VS Code

- 1. Download from code.visualstudio.com
- 2. Install the Julia Language Support extension from VS Code Marketplace

#### 1.1.3 Add some packages

In VS Code's Julia REPL:

using Pkg
Pkg.add("LinearAlgebra")
Pkg.add("Plots")
Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Find its eigenvalues/vectors and verify

$$A\mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{v}$$

#### 1.2 QR Decomposition & Gram-Schmidt Connection

2. The QR decomposition factorises a matrix A = QR, where Q is an orthogonal matrix, and R and upper triangular. This can do the Gram-Schmidt decomposition.

For matrix

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

- (a) Compute the QR decomposition
- (b) Verify orthogonality of Q

#### 1.3 Covariance

3. Compute covariance of

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

and find its eigenvalues.

#### 1.4 SVD

4. Approximate

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

using a rank-1 SVD.

## 1.5 Least Squares Approximation

We can solve overdetermined systems using the least squares method, namely minimising the residual  $||Ax - b||_2$ 

5. Given points (1,2),(2,3),(3,5) find the best-fit line

$$y = mx + c$$

#### 1.6 Nullspace

The nullspace or kernel of a matrix A is  $\{x : Ax = 0\}$ .

6. Find the kernel of matrix A where:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & -3 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

and test that a vector generated that way is in the kernel of A.

## 1.7 Pseudoinverse

The pseudoinverse P of a matrix A is given by

$$P = A(A^*A)^{-1}A^*.$$

We're going to be using this later in the course.

7. Using the pseudoinverse, project vector B onto the column space of matrix A where:

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

and use the Plots package to visualize this projection.

## 1.8 Square-root of a matrix?

8. Find the square root of matrix A where:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 1.9 Solving linear equations

9. Solve the following system of linear equations using Julia:

$$2x + 3y - z = 5$$
$$4x - y + 5z = 6$$
$$-2x + y + 3z = -4$$

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