

1 Introduction to system of Linear Algebra

1.1 Linear Algebra

Definition : A Linear equation in the variables X_1, \dots, X_n is an equation that can be written as

$$a_1X_1 + \dots + a_nX_n = b$$

Examples : which of the following equation are Linear

1. $4X_1 - 5X_2 + 2 = X_1$
2. $X_2 = 2(\sqrt{6} - X_1) + X_3$
3. $4X_1 - 6X_2 = X_1X_2$
4. $X_2 = 2\sqrt{X_1} - 7$

Linear System

Definition: A linear system is a collection of one or more linear equation involving the same set of variables X_1, \dots, X_n . A solution of a linear system is a list (s_1, \dots, s_n) are substituted for X_1, \dots, X_n respectively.

Examples:

(1)	(2)	(3)
$X_1 + X_2 = 1$	$X_1 - 2X_2 = -3$	$2X_1 + X_2 = 1$
$-X_1 + X_2 = 0$	$2X_1 - 4X_2 = 8$	$-4X_1 - 2X_2 = -2$

(1) Only one solution (2) No solution (3) Infinitely many solution

Theorem : A Linear system has either

- no solution
- one unique solution
- infinitely many solution

Definition : A system is consistent if a solution exists

1.2 How to solve a linear system

Strategy : Replace a system with an equivalent system which is easier to solve.

Definition : Linear systems are equivalent if they have the same set of solutions.

Example :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_1 + X_2 = 1 & \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + R_1} & X_1 + X_2 = 1 \\ -X_1 + X_2 = 0 & & 2X_2 = 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Augmented matrix:} \\ X_1 - 2X_2 = -1 \\ -X_1 + 3X_2 = 3 \end{array}$$

2 Solution of linear systems via row reduction

- Gaussian elimination : Row reduce to echelon form (**REF**)
- Gauss-Jordan elimination : Row reduce to reduced echelon form (**RREF**)

2.1 General solution in parametric form

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 6 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -8 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \end{array} \right]$$

$$X_1 - 6X_2 + 3X_4 = 0$$

$$X_3 + -8X_4 = 5$$

$$X_5 = 7$$

General Solution in parametric form:

$$X_1 = -6X_2 - 3X_4$$

$$X_2 = X_2 \quad (\text{free variable})$$

$$X_3 = 8X_4 + 5$$

$$X_4 = X_4 \quad (\text{free variable})$$

$$X_5 = 7$$

2.2 Questions of existence and awareness

Linear system is **consistent** if and only if an REF of the augmented matrix has no row of form

$$[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ \cdots \ 0 \mid b] \quad (b \neq 0)$$

If consistent,

One unique solution (*no free variable*)

Infinitely many solutions (*at least one free variables*)

Summary:

- Each linear systems corresponds to an augmented matrix
- From the Gaussian elimination , we can read off, whether the system has no, one, or infinitely many solutions
- We can further row reduce to reduced echelon form
 - General solution in parametric form
 - This form is unique
- The recipe to solve linear systems
 1. Augmented matrix
 2. Gauss-Jordan elimination
 3. Declare pivot & free variables, state the solutions in terms of free variables

x'

3 Linear system - Column picture

A vector equation

$$x_1 \vec{a}_1 + \cdots + x_m \vec{a}_m = \vec{b}$$

has the same solution set as the linear system with augmented matrix

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} \vec{a}_1 & \cdots & \vec{a}_m & \vec{b} \end{array} \right]$$

In particular, \vec{b} can be generated by a linear combination of $\vec{a}_1, \cdots, \vec{a}_m$ if and if only, linear system is consistent

3.1 The span of a set vectors

Definition : The span of vectors $\vec{v}_1, \cdots, \vec{v}_m$ is the set of all their linear combinations. We denote it by $span\{\vec{v}_1, \cdots, \vec{v}_m\}$

Example :

$$span \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

if a exists, span is line. However, a does not exists, so span is plane.

3.2 Matrix operations

3.2.1 Matrix times matrix

$$AB = [A] \begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \cdots & \vec{b}_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A\vec{b}_1 & \cdots & A\vec{b}_m \end{bmatrix}$$

Each column of AB is linear combination of the columns of A with weight given by the corresponding column of B

$$(AB)\vec{x} = A(B\vec{x})$$

- $A(BC) = (AB)C$
- $A(B + C) = AB + AC$
- $(A + B)C = AC + BC$

4 Transpose of a matrix

Definition : The transpose A^T of a matrix A is the matrix whose columns are formed from the corresponding row of A .

Example :

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \\ e & f \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} a & c & e \\ b & d & f \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem :

- $(A^T)^T = A$
- $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$
- $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$
- $(ABC)^T = C^T B^T A^T$

5 LU Decomposition

Definition : An elementary matrix is one that is obtained by performing a single elementary row operation on an identity matrix.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{[L]} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 \end{bmatrix}^{[U]}$$

$A = LU$ is known as the **LU** decomposition of A .
(**L**: lower triangular, **U**: upper triangular)

Remark

- Once we have $A = LU$, it is simple to solve $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$
- Not always factor every matrix A as $A = LU$

Definition: A permutation matrix is one that is obtained by performing row exchanges on an identity matrix.

Theorem: For any matrix A , there is a permutation matrix P such that $PA = LU$

6 The inverse of matrix

Definition: An $n \times n$ matrix A is invertible if there is a matrix B such that $AB = BA = I$. In that case, B is inverse of A , and we write $A^{-1} = B$

Theorem: Let A be invertible, Then the system $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has the unique solution $\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$

Remark

- If $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ does not have the unique solution, then A is not invertible.

6.1 Recipe for computing the inverse

1. Form the augmented matrix $[A|I]$
2. Compute the reduced echelon form (Gauss-Jordan elimination)
3. If A is invertible, the result is of form $[I|A^{-1}]$

Example:

Find the inverse of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3/2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 3/2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem : Suppose A and B are invertible,

- A^{-1} is invertible, $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$

- A^T is invertible, and $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$
- $(A^{-1})^T A^T = (AA^{-1})^T = I^T = I$
- $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$

Theorem : Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- A is invertible.
- A is row equivalent to I
- A has n pivots
- $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has a unique solution

* Matrices that are not invertible are often called singular.

6.2 LU decomposition vs. matrix inverse

- In many applications, we don't just solve $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ for a single \vec{b} , but for many different \vec{b} s.
- That is why LU decomposition saves us from repeating lots of computation in comparison with Gaussian elimination on $[A|\vec{b}]$
- Complexity of LU decomposition is $O(n)$. Complexity of inverse is $O(n^2)$.

7 Vector spaces and subspaces

7.1 Vector spaces

Definition: A vector space is a non-empty set V of vectors, which may be added and scaled.

- Axioms ($u, v, w \in V, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$).
 1. $u + v \in V$
 2. $u + v = v + u$
 3. $(u + v) + w = u + (v + w)$
 4. $\exists \mathbf{0} \in V$, s.t. $u + \mathbf{0} = u \ \forall u \in V$
 5. $\exists u \in V$, s.t. $u + (-u) = \mathbf{0}$
 6. $cu \in V$
 7. $c(u + v) = cu + cv$
 8. $(c + d)u = cu + du$
 9. $(cd)u = c(du)$
 10. $1 \cdot u = u$

7.2 Subspaces

Definition: A subset W of a vector space V is a subspace, if W is itself a vector space. Since the rules like associativity, commutativity, and distributivity still hold, we only need to check the followings.

$W \subseteq V$ is a subspace of V if

1. W contains the zero vector
2. W is closed under addition
3. W is closed under scaling

Theorem : If $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, then $Nul(A)$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n

- $\vec{0} \in Nul(A)$ since, $A\vec{0} = \vec{0}$
- $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in Nul(A) \rightarrow A\vec{x} = A\vec{y} = \vec{0}$
Then $\vec{x} + \vec{y} \in Nul(A)$ since $A(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) = A\vec{x} = A\vec{y} = \vec{0}$
- $\vec{x} \in Nul(A) \rightarrow \gamma\vec{x} \in Nul(A)$
since $\gamma A\vec{x} = \gamma\vec{0} = \vec{0}$

7.3 Linear independence of matrix columns

Each linear dependence relation of columns of A corresponds to a nontrivial solution to $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

Theorem : Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. The columns of A are linearly independent

- $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has only the solution $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$.
- $Nul(A) = \{\vec{0}\}$
- A has n pivots.

7.4 A basis of a vector space

Definition : A set of vectors $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ in V is a basis of V if

1. $V = span\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$
2. $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ are linearly independent

Theorem : If S is a basis of a vector space V , then every vector in V has exactly one representation as a linear combinations of elements of S .

Theorem : If V has a basis with n elements, then every set of m vectors which has more than n elements is linearly dependent. ($m > n$)

Theorem : If V has a basis with n elements, then every set of vectors with fewer than n elements does not span V

Theorem : If V has a basis with n elements, then all bases of V have the same number of elements.

Definition : The number of elements in a basis of a vectorspace is called dimension.

Theorem : Suppose that V has dimension d ,

1. A set of d vectors in V are a basis if they span V .
2. A set of d vectors in V are a basis if they are linearly independent.

7.5 The Four fundamental subspaces

Definition :

The row space of A is $Col(A^T)$.

The left nullspace of A is $Nul(A^T)$

Theorem : Fundamental theorem of linear algebra (FTLA)

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ of rank r .

- $dim Col(A) = r$
- $dim Col(A^T) = r$
- $dim Nul(A) = n - r$
- $dim Nul(A^T) = m - r$

8 Linear transforms

Definition : A map $T : V \mapsto W$ is a linear transform if

$$T(c\vec{x} + d\vec{y}) = cT(\vec{x}) + dT(\vec{y}), \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$$

8.1 Representing linear maps by matrices

Definition : Let $\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n$ be a basis for V , and $\vec{y}_1, \dots, \vec{y}_m$ be a basis for W . The matrix representing T with respect to these bases,

- has n column (one for each \vec{x}_j)
- the j -th column has m entries $a_{1j}, a_{2j}, \dots, a_{mj}$ determined by

$$T(\vec{x}_j) = a_{1j}\vec{y}_1 + a_{2j}\vec{y}_2 + \dots + a_{mj}\vec{y}_m$$

9 Orthogonality

Definition : The inner product of $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \vec{v}^T \vec{w} = v_1 w_1 + \dots + v_n w_n$$

Definition : The norm of a vector $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is

$$\|\vec{v}\| \triangleq \sqrt{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}}$$

The distance between \vec{v}, \vec{w} is

$$dist(\vec{v}, \vec{w}) \triangleq \|\vec{v} - \vec{w}\|$$

Definition : The $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are orthogonal if

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 0$$

Theorem: Suppose that $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ are non zero, and pairwise orthogonal. Then, they are independent.

Definition : Let W be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n and $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

- \vec{v} is orthogonal to W , if $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 0$ for all $\vec{w} \in W$
- Another subspace V is orthogonal to W , if every vector in V is orthogonal to W .
- The orthogonal complement of W^\perp of all vectors that are orthogonal to W

Theorem:

$Nul(A)$ is orthogonal to $Col(A^\perp)$

$Nul(A^\perp)$ is orthogonal to $Col(A)$

9.1 Orthogonal Bases

Definition : A basis $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ of vector space V is an orthogonal basis if the vectors are pairwise orthogonal.

9.2 Orthogonal Projection

Definition : The orthogonal projection of vector \vec{x} onto vector \vec{y} is

$$\hat{x} \triangleq \left(\frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{y}} \right) \vec{y}$$

9.3 Orthogonal Projection on subspaces

Theorem : Let W be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . Then, each $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ can be uniquely written as

$$\vec{x} = \hat{x} + \hat{x}^\perp$$

where $\hat{x} \in W$ and $\hat{x}^\perp \in W^\perp$

Definition : Let $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ be an orthogonal basis of $W \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then the projection map $\pi_w : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is given by

$$\vec{x} \mapsto \hat{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{v}_i}{\vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_i} \right) \vec{v}_i$$

and π_w is linear.

The matrix P representing π_w w.r.t the standard basis is the projection matrix.

9.4 Normal equation

Theorem : \hat{x} is a least square solution of $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$

$$A^T A \hat{x} = A^T \vec{b}$$

\hat{x} is a LS solution of $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$

- $(A\vec{x} - \vec{b})$ is as small as possible
- $(A\vec{x} - \vec{b}) \perp \text{Col}(A)$
- $(A\vec{x} - \vec{b}) \in \text{NUL}(A^T)$
- $A^T(A\vec{x} - \vec{b}) = 0$
- $A^T A \hat{x} = A^T \vec{b}$

10 QR decomposition

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix of rank n .
Then, the QR decomposition $A = QR$
where $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ with orthonormal columns,
 R is upper-triangular, $n \times n$, invertible.

$$\hat{x} \text{ is a LS solution of } A\vec{x} = \vec{b} \iff R\hat{x} = Q^T \vec{b}$$

11 Determinant

Definition : The determinant is characterized by

- the normalization $\det(I) = 1$
- and how it is affected by elementary row operations
 - (Replacement) Does not change the Det.
 - (Interchange) Reverse the sign of the Det.
 - (Scaling) Multiplies the Det with s .

12 Eigenvectors

Definition : An eigenvector of A is a nonzero \vec{x} such that $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$ for some scalar λ

Theorem : IF $\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n$ are eigenvectors of A corresponding to different eigenvalues, then they are independent.