
BIM488 Introduction to Pattern Recognition

Review of Matrices and Vectors

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- Definitions
- Basic Matrix Operations
- Vector and Vector Spaces
- Vector Norms
- Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Some Definitions

An $m \times n$ (read "m by n") **matrix**, denoted by \mathbf{A} , is a rectangular array of entries or elements (numbers, or symbols representing numbers) enclosed typically by square brackets, where m is the number of rows and n the number of columns.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Definitions (con't)

- \mathbf{A} is *square* if $m = n$.
- \mathbf{A} is *diagonal* if all off-diagonal elements are 0, and not all diagonal elements are 0.
- \mathbf{A} is the *identity matrix* (\mathbf{I}) if it is diagonal and all diagonal elements are 1.
- \mathbf{A} is the *zero* or *null matrix* ($\mathbf{0}$) if all its elements are 0.
- The *trace* of \mathbf{A} equals the sum of the elements along its main diagonal.
- Two matrices \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are *equal* iff they have the same number of rows and columns, and $a_{ij} = b_{ij}$.

Definitions (con't)

- The **transpose** \mathbf{A}^T of an $m \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} is an $n \times m$ matrix obtained by interchanging the rows and columns of \mathbf{A} .
- A square matrix for which $\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A}$ is said to be **symmetric**.
- Any matrix \mathbf{X} for which $\mathbf{XA} = \mathbf{I}$ and $\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{I}$ is called the **inverse** of \mathbf{A} .
- Let c be a real or complex number (called a **scalar**). The **scalar multiple** of c and matrix \mathbf{A} , denoted $c\mathbf{A}$, is obtained by multiplying every elements of \mathbf{A} by c . If $c = -1$, the scalar multiple is called the **negative** of \mathbf{A} .

Definitions (con't)

A **column vector** is an $m \times 1$ matrix:

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_m \end{bmatrix}$$

A **row vector** is a $1 \times n$ matrix:

$$\mathbf{b} = [b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n]$$

A column vector can be expressed as a row vector by using the transpose:

$$\mathbf{a}^T = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m]$$

Some Basic Matrix Operations

- The **sum** of two matrices **A** and **B** (of equal dimension), denoted **A** + **B**, is the matrix with elements $a_{ij} + b_{ij}$.
- The **difference** of two matrices, **A** − **B**, has elements $a_{ij} - b_{ij}$.
- The **product**, **AB**, of $m \times n$ matrix **A** and $p \times q$ matrix **B**, is an $m \times q$ matrix **C** whose (i,j) -th element is formed by multiplying the entries across the i th row of **A** times the entries down the j th column of **B**; that is,

$$c_{ij} = a_{i1}b_{1j} + a_{i2}b_{2j} + \cdots + a_{in}b_{pj}$$

Some Basic Matrix Operations (con't)

The **inner product** (also called **dot product**) of two vectors

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_m \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} &= \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{a} = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \cdots + a_m b_m \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m a_i b_i. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the inner product is a scalar.

Vectors and Vector Spaces

Example

The vector space with which we are most familiar is the two-dimensional real vector space \mathbb{R}^2 , in which we make frequent use of graphical representations for operations such as vector addition, subtraction, and multiplication by a scalar. For instance, consider the two vectors

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

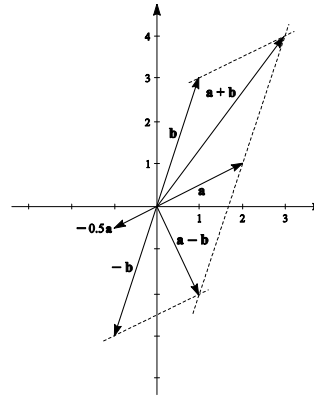
Using the rules of matrix addition and subtraction we have

$$\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Vectors and Vector Spaces (con't)

Example (Con't)

The following figure shows the familiar graphical representation of the preceding vector operations, as well as multiplication of vector \mathbf{a} by scalar $c = -0.5$.



Vectors and Vector Spaces (con't)

Consider two real vector spaces V_0 and V such that:

- Each element of V_0 is also an element of V (i.e., V_0 is a *subset* of V).
- Operations on elements of V_0 are the same as on elements of V . Under these conditions, V_0 is said to be a *subspace* of V .

A *linear combination* of $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ is an expression of the form

$$\alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{v}_n$$

where the α 's are scalars.

Vectors and Vector Spaces (con't)

A vector \mathbf{v} is said to be **linearly dependent** on a set, S , of vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ if and only if \mathbf{v} can be written as a linear combination of these vectors. Otherwise, \mathbf{v} is **linearly independent** of the set of vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$.

Vectors and Vector Spaces (con't)

A set S of vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ in V is said to **span** some subspace V_0 of V if and only if S is a subset of V_0 and every vector \mathbf{v}_0 in V_0 is linearly dependent on the vectors in S . The set S is said to be a **spanning set** for V_0 . A **basis** for a vector space V is a linearly independent spanning set for V . The number of vectors in the basis for a vector space is called the **dimension** of the vector space. If, for example, the number of vectors in the basis is n , we say that the vector space is n -dimensional.

Vectors and Vector Spaces (con't)

An important aspect of the concepts just discussed lies in the representation of any vector in \Re^m as a **linear combination** of the basis vectors. For example, any vector

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

in \Re^3 can be represented as a linear combination of the basis vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Vector Norms

A **vector norm** on a vector space V is a function that assigns to each vector \mathbf{v} in V a nonnegative real number, called the **norm** of \mathbf{v} , denoted by $\|\mathbf{v}\|$. By definition, the norm satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) $\|\mathbf{v}\| > 0$ for $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$; $\|\mathbf{0}\| = 0$,
- (2) $\|c\mathbf{v}\| = |c|\|\mathbf{v}\|$ for all scalars c and vectors \mathbf{v} , and
- (3) $\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\| \leq \|\mathbf{u}\| + \|\mathbf{v}\|$.

Vector Norms (con't)

There are numerous norms that are used in practice. In our work, the norm most often used is the so-called **2-norm**, which, for a vector \mathbf{x} in real \mathbb{R}^m , space is defined as

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| = [x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_m^2]^{1/2}$$

which is recognized as the *Euclidean distance* from the origin to point \mathbf{x} ; this gives the expression the familiar name **Euclidean norm**. The expression also is recognized as the length of a vector \mathbf{x} , with origin at point $\mathbf{0}$. From earlier discussions, the norm also can be written as

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| = [\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}]^{1/2}$$

Vector Norms (con't)

The **Cauchy-Schwartz** inequality states that

$$|\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|$$

Another well-known result used in the book is the expression

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|}$$

where θ is the angle between vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} . From these expressions it follows that the inner product of two vectors can be written as

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} = \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\| \cos \theta$$

Thus, the inner product can be expressed as a function of the norms of the vectors and the angle between the vectors.

Vector Norms (con't)

From the preceding results, two vectors in \Re^m are **orthogonal** if and only if their inner product is zero. Two vectors are **orthonormal** if, in addition to being orthogonal, the length of each vector is 1.

From the concepts just discussed, we see that an arbitrary vector \mathbf{a} is turned into a vector \mathbf{a}_n of unit length by performing the operation $\mathbf{a}_n = \mathbf{a}/\|\mathbf{a}\|$. Clearly, then, $\|\mathbf{a}_n\| = 1$.

A **set of vectors** is said to be an **orthogonal** set if every two vectors in the set are orthogonal. A **set of vectors** is **orthonormal** if every two vectors in the set are orthonormal.

Eigenvalues & Eigenvectors

Definition: The *eigenvalues* of a real matrix \mathbf{M} are the real numbers λ for which there is a nonzero vector \mathbf{e} such that

$$\mathbf{M}\mathbf{e} = \lambda \mathbf{e}.$$

The *eigenvectors* of \mathbf{M} are the nonzero vectors \mathbf{e} for which there is a real number λ such that $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{e} = \lambda \mathbf{e}$.

Eigenvalues are obtained by solving the equation below

$$\det(\mathbf{M} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0$$

Eigenvectors constitute an orthogonal (orthonormal) set.

Eigenvalues & Eigenvectors (con't)

Example: Consider the matrix

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

It is easy to verify that $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{e}_1 = \lambda_1\mathbf{e}_1$ and $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{e}_2 = \lambda_2\mathbf{e}_2$ for $\lambda_1 = 1$, $\lambda_2 = 2$ and

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

In other words, \mathbf{e}_1 is an eigenvector of \mathbf{M} with associated eigenvalue λ_1 , and similarly for \mathbf{e}_2 and λ_2 .

Eigenvalues & Eigenvectors (con't)

Example 2: Consider the matrix

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

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

$$\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3 = 0, \quad \lambda = 1 \text{ and } \lambda = 3.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = ? \quad \mathbf{e}_2 = ?$$

Summary

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