

# Homework 1: Matrix Algebra

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## Introduction

This section shows how to perform some matrix operations in R.

### Creating a Matrix

In R, the basic data structure is a vector. A matrix is basically a vector with a dimension attribute, `dim()`. To create a matrix, we use the `matrix()` function. This function has the following arguments:

```
args(matrix)
```

```
## function (data = NA, nrow = 1, ncol = 1, byrow = FALSE, dimnames = NULL)
## NULL
```

```
# fill matrix by column (default)
```

Here we populate the matrix with a vector

```
v <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)
v
```

```
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6
```

```
M <- matrix(v , nrow = 2, ncol = 3)
M
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]    1    3    5
## [2,]    2    4    6
```

## Matrix operations

1. Matrix transpose  $\mathbf{M}^T$

```
Mt <- t(M)
Mt
```

```
##      [,1] [,2]
## [1,]    1    2
## [2,]    3    4
## [3,]    5    6
```

2. Matrix multiplication  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^T$

```
MMt <- M %*% Mt
MMt
```

```
##      [,1] [,2]
## [1,]   35   44
## [2,]   44   56
```

3. Matrix addition  $\mathbf{M} + \mathbf{M}$

```
dM <- M + M
dM
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]    2    6   10
## [2,]    4    8   12
```

4. Matrix inverse  $(\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^T)^{-1}$

```
MMt_inverse <- solve(MMt)
MMt_inverse
```

```
##      [,1] [,2]
## [1,]  2.3 -1.8
## [2,] -1.8  1.5
```

## Questions

Consider the simple regression model

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \epsilon_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

In matrix form, the regression model can be represented as

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \vdots \\ \epsilon_n \end{bmatrix}$$

or more concisely as

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

It can be shown that the estimated parameters are

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$$

and the fitted values are

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$$

The next three question involves working with the following data:

```
x <- c(10, 8, 13, 9, 11, 14, 6, 4, 12, 7, 5)
y <- c(8.04, 6.95, 7.58, 8.81, 8.33, 9.96, 7.24, 4.26, 10.84, 4.82, 5.68)
```

### Question 1:

Compute the vector of estimated parameters  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$  for the simple regression problem given the data provided above.

#### Solution:

First we need to the column vector of ones. The cbind function binds the two vectors into a matrix.

```
X <- cbind(1, x)
Xt <- t(X)
beta_hat <- solve(Xt %*% X) %*% Xt %*% y
beta_hat
```

```
##      [,1]
##      3.0
## x      0.5
```

Let's compare our solution with the built-in linear model fit function. The results are identical.

```
model_fit <- lm.fit(X, y)
cbind(beta_hat, lmfit = model_fit$coefficients)
```

```
##      lmfit
##      3.0   3.0
## x 0.5   0.5
```

### Question 2:

Obtain the fitted values, the vector  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ , by using matrix multiplication

#### Solution:

```
y_hat <- X %*% beta_hat
y_hat
```

```
##      [,1]
## [1,]  8.0
## [2,]  7.0
## [3,]  9.5
## [4,]  7.5
## [5,]  8.5
## [6,] 10.0
## [7,]  6.0
## [8,]  5.0
## [9,]  9.0
## [10,] 6.5
## [11,] 5.5
```

let's compare

```
cbind(y_hat, lmfit = model_fit$fitted.values)
```

```
##      lmfit
## [1,]  8.0  8.0
## [2,]  7.0  7.0
## [3,]  9.5  9.5
## [4,]  7.5  7.5
## [5,]  8.5  8.5
## [6,] 10.0 10.0
## [7,]  6.0  6.0
## [8,]  5.0  5.0
## [9,]  9.0  9.0
## [10,] 6.5  6.5
## [11,] 5.5  5.5
```

### Question 3:

Obtain the vector of residuals  $\hat{\epsilon}$ . Note that the vector of residuals has a hat on it, whereas the vector of errors  $\epsilon$  doesn't. Now you know the difference!

**Solution:**

```
epsilon_hat <- y - y_hat
epsilon_hat
```

```
##      [,1]
## [1,] 0.039
## [2,] -0.051
## [3,] -1.921
## [4,]  1.309
## [5,] -0.171
## [6,] -0.041
```

```
## [7,] 1.239
## [8,] -0.740
## [9,] 1.839
## [10,] -1.681
## [11,] 0.179
```

let's compare

```
cbind(epsilon_hat, lmfit = model_fit$residuals)
```

```
##           lmfit
## [1,] 0.039 0.039
## [2,] -0.051 -0.051
## [3,] -1.921 -1.921
## [4,] 1.309 1.309
## [5,] -0.171 -0.171
## [6,] -0.041 -0.041
## [7,] 1.239 1.239
## [8,] -0.740 -0.740
## [9,] 1.839 1.839
## [10,] -1.681 -1.681
## [11,] 0.179 0.179
```

Note: MSE (mean squared error) is just

```
mean(epsilon_hat ^ 2)
```

```
## [1] 1.3
```

#### Question 4:

When you ever see a matrix, think *transformation*! In the equation for obtaining the fitted values above, we see that  $\mathbf{y}$  gets multiplied (transformed) by several matrices to give us  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ . Let's denote the result of these multiplications by

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top$$

Obtain  $\mathbf{H}$  for the data given above.

**Solution:**

```
H <- X %*% solve(Xt %*% X) %*% Xt
H
```

```
##           [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6] [,7] [,8] [,9]
## [1,] 0.100 0.082 0.127 0.091 1.1e-01 1.4e-01 0.0636 0.045 0.1182
## [2,] 0.082 0.100 0.055 0.091 7.3e-02 4.5e-02 0.1182 0.136 0.0636
## [3,] 0.127 0.055 0.236 0.091 1.6e-01 2.7e-01 -0.0182 -0.091 0.2000
## [4,] 0.091 0.091 0.091 0.091 9.1e-02 9.1e-02 0.0909 0.091 0.0909
## [5,] 0.109 0.073 0.164 0.091 1.3e-01 1.8e-01 0.0364 0.000 0.1455
```

```

## [6,] 0.136 0.045 0.273 0.091 1.8e-01 3.2e-01 -0.0455 -0.136 0.2273
## [7,] 0.064 0.118 -0.018 0.091 3.6e-02 -4.5e-02 0.1727 0.227 0.0091
## [8,] 0.045 0.136 -0.091 0.091 -5.6e-17 -1.4e-01 0.2273 0.318 -0.0455
## [9,] 0.118 0.064 0.200 0.091 1.5e-01 2.3e-01 0.0091 -0.045 0.1727
## [10,] 0.073 0.109 0.018 0.091 5.5e-02 -1.1e-16 0.1455 0.182 0.0364
## [11,] 0.055 0.127 -0.055 0.091 1.8e-02 -9.1e-02 0.2000 0.273 -0.0182
##      [,10] [,11]
## [1,] 0.073 0.055
## [2,] 0.109 0.127
## [3,] 0.018 -0.055
## [4,] 0.091 0.091
## [5,] 0.055 0.018
## [6,] 0.000 -0.091
## [7,] 0.145 0.200
## [8,] 0.182 0.273
## [9,] 0.036 -0.018
## [10,] 0.127 0.164
## [11,] 0.164 0.236

```

Now play with the interactive visualization here and try to figure out what kind of transformation  $\hat{\mathbf{H}}$  accomplished. The answer is one word only. Think about the dimension of  $\mathbf{H}$  in relation with the dimension of the data vector  $\mathbf{y}$

### Solution:

$\mathbf{H}$  is a projection matrix with dimensions 11 by 11, which is also the number of observations we have. The matrix projects the data into points residing on a two-dimensional plane “determined” (spanned by the columns) of  $\mathbf{X}$

By the way, the data is taken from Anscombe’s quartet.