

Matrix theory and linear algebra

Matrix Theory and Linear Algebra

- Matrices can be used to represent samples with multiple attributes in a compact form
- Matrices can also be used to represent linear equations in a compact and simple fashion
- Linear algebra provides tools to understand and manipulate matrices to derive useful knowledge from data



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Matrices for data science: Data representation

- Usually matrices are used to store and represent the data on machines
- · Matrix is a very natural approach for organizing data
- In general, data is organized in the following fashion
 - · Rows represent samples
 - · Columns represent the values of the variables (or attributes)
 - It is also possible to use rows for variables and columns for samples
 - However, we will stick to rows as samples and columns as variables in all of the material that will be presented



Data representation: Examples

- A real life example
 - ° Consider a reactor which needs to be controlled using multiple attributes from various sensors like Pressure (Pa), Temperature (K), Density (gm/m^3) etc.
 - o Independently, the sensors have generated 1,000 data points
 - This complete set of information is contained in

	P	T	ρ
1	[300	300	1000
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1000	L500	1000	5000



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Data representation: Examples

• Example 2:

$$X = [1,2,3]^T$$

 $Y = [2,4,6]^T$

- X and Y are vectors pertaining to some attributes
- We define the A matrix using a column bind of X and Y thus representing data in a matrix format (the code for the same is attached)

R Code
x=c(1,2,3)
y=c(2,4,6)
A=cbind(x,y)
print(A)

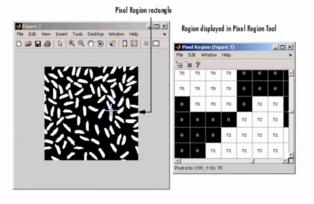
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$





Data representation: Examples

 The simplicity in representation will become apparent when the image below is considered





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Data representation: Examples

- Storing
 - The image is stored in the machine as a large matrix of pixel values across the image.
 - Thus, storing the pixel value matrix is equivalent to storing the image for the machine

Identification

- Several machine learning algorithms are deployed in order to "teach" the machine how to identify a particular image.
- Linear algebra and matrix operations are at the heart of these machine learning algorithms.

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Further analysis

- Now that we can represent the data into a matrix format, we ask the following questions
 - · Are all the attributes in the data matrix relevant/ important?
 - Is there any method which can identify if some attributes are related to the other attributes?
 - · If yes, how do we identify the linear relationship?
 - · Can we use this to reduce the size of the data matrix?



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Identification of independent attributes: Example

- Consider the ideal reactor example with multiple (say, 4) attributes like Pressure, Temperature, Density, Viscosity, etc. with 500 samples.
- Thus we have a 500 X 4 matrix such that

$$A = [P T D \eta]$$

- P, T, D and η are vectors of 500 samples from the pressure, temperature, density and viscosity sensors.
- How does one identify the number of independent attributes?

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Identification of independent attributes: Example

Domain knowledge

$$D \sim f(P,T)$$

- Thus, in some sense **D** is a function of **P** and **T**
- Implying that at least one attribute is dependent on the others
- This variable can be calculated as a linear combination of the other variables
- The physics of the problem helps us identify the relationship in the data matrix
- We now ask if the data itself will help us identify these relationships

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Number of independent attributes: Rank of a matrix

- Let us assume that we have many more samples than attributes for now
- Is there any approach which can be used to identify the number of linear relationships between the attributes purely using data?
- This is addressed by the concept of the rank of the matrix.
- Rank of a matrix refers to the number of linearly independent rows or columns of the matrix
- The rank of a matrix can be found using the rank command: rank(A)

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Rank of a matrix: Example 2

· Consider another example

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

- · We observe that
 - ∘ (Col. 2)=2 x (Col. 1)
 - o (Col. 3) is independent
- Thus, the rank of this matrix is 2

R Code

A=matrix(c(1,2,3,2,4,6,1,0,0),ncol=3,byrow=F) library(pracma) Rank(A)

Output

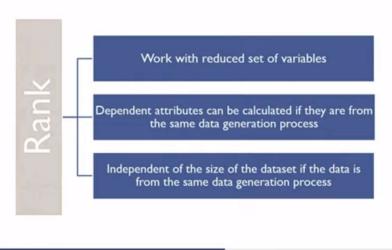
> Rank(A) [1] 2



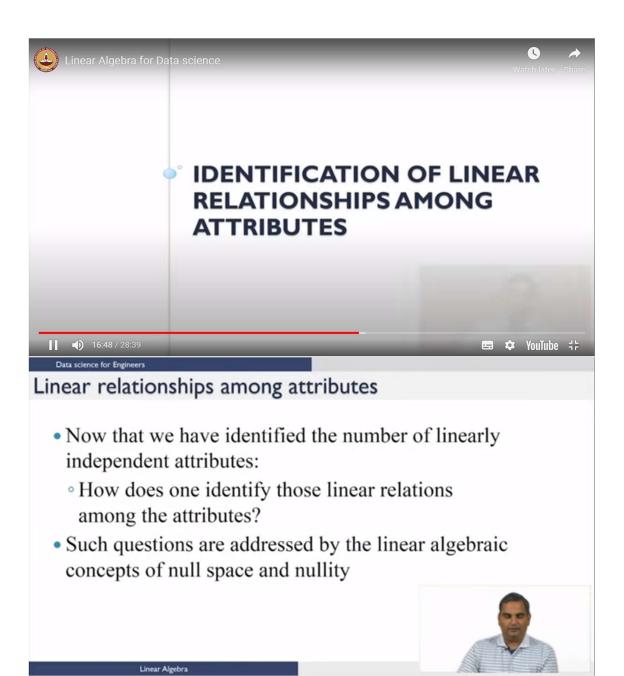
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Rank: Advantages and summary



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Null space for data science

- The null space of a matrix **A** consists of all vectors $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ such that $\boldsymbol{A}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{0}$ and $\boldsymbol{\beta} \neq \mathbf{0}$
- Nullity of a matrix is the number of vectors in the null space of the given matrix
- The size of the null space of a matrix provides us with the number of linear relations among the attributes
- And the null space vectors β are useful to identify these linear relationships



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Null space: general description

- Let us suppose
- $A = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & \cdots & x_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{m1} & \cdots & x_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$ is a data matrix and there is one vector in the null space of A, i.e, $\beta = [\beta_1 \dots \beta_n]^T$, then as per the definition, β satisfies all the equations given below
- $x_{11}\beta_1 + x_{12}\beta_2 + \cdots + x_{1n}\beta_n = 0$
- $\bullet \ x_{m1}\beta_1 + x_{m2}\beta_2 + \cdots x_{mn}\beta_n = 0$



Null space: The idea

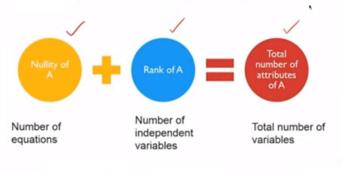
- Notice that if $A\beta = 0$, every row of A when multiplied by β goes to zero
- This implies that variable values in each sample (represented by a row) behave the same
- This helps in identifying the linear relationships in the attributes
- Every null space vector corresponds to one linear relationship
- This idea is demonstrated further using examples

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Rank nullity theorem

- Consider the data matrix A with the null space and nullity as defined before
- The rank- nullity theorem helps us to relate the nullity of the data matrix to the rank and the number of attributes in the data
- · According to the rank-nullity theorem





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Summary till now

Data Matrix

- · The available data is expressed in the form of a data matrix
- · This data matrix is further used to do the necessary operations

Null Space

- Defined as a collection of vectors satisfying $A\beta=0$
- Helps in identifying the linear relationships between the attributes directly

Nullity

- · Nullity is the size of the null space of the data matrix
- · Useful to identify the number of linear relationships in the attributes
- · Rank- Nullity theorem

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Null space: An Example

• Consider the matrix A with attributes $\{x_1, x_2\}$

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

Number of columns in A =2

Rank of A = 2

Thus, nullity =0

- This implies that the null space of the matrix A does not contain any vectors
- · Thus we can claim that all the attributes are linearly independent

R Code

A=matrix(c(1,3,5,2,4,6),ncol=2, byrow=F)
columns=ncol(A)
library(pracma)
rank=Rank(A)
nullity=columns-rank

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Console output

[,1] [,2] [1,] 1 2 [2,] 3 4

Console output

>print(columns)
[1] 2
> print(rank)
[1] 2
> print(nullity)
[1] 0

Null space: Further Example

$$A\beta = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

· Thus we obtain,

$$b_1 + 2b_2 = 0 \\ b_3 = 0$$

- The null vector is $\mathbf{B} = [b_1 \ b_2 \ b_3]^T = [-2b_2 \ b_2 \ 0]^T = k[-2 \ 1 \ 0]^T$
- We see that we obtain a direct linear relationship between the attributes of A
 using null space and rank-nullity theorem
- · The same concept can be extended for bigger data set



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Overall summary

Matrix

- Represent data in a matrix form with rows and columns representing samples and attributes respectively
- · Represent coefficients in several equations in a matrix form

Rank

· Number of independent variables or samples

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· Identifies the number of linear relationships (if any)

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· Null space vectors provide the linear relationhips



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