Chapter 1

Matrix Analysis

1.1 Introduction

1.2 Review of Matrix Algebra

1.2.1 Definition

(a) An array of real numbers $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$ is called $m \times n$ matrix. The a_{ij} is referred

to as the i, j-th element and denotes the element in the i-th row and j-th column. If m = n then A is called a *square matrix of order n*. If the matrix has one column or one row then it is called a *column vector* or a *row vector* respectively.

- (b) In a square matrix A of order n the diagonal containing the elements $a_{11}, a_{22}, \ldots, a_{nn}$ is called the principal or *leading diagonal*. The sum of the elements in this diagonal is called the *trace of A*, that is $\operatorname{trace} A = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{ii}$.
- (c) A diagonal matrix is a square matrix that has its only non-zero elements along the leading diagonal. A special case of a diagonal matrix is the *unit* or *identity matrix* I for which $a_{11} = a_{22} = \cdots = a_{nn} = 1$.
- (d) A zero or null matrix 0 is a matrix with every element zero.
- (e) The *transposed matrix* A^T is the matrix A with rows and columns interchanged, its i, j-th element being a_{ji} .
- (f) A square matrix A is called a symmetric matrix if $A^T = A$. It is called skew symmetric if $A^T = -A$.

1.2.2 Basic Operations on Matrices

Equality

The matrices A and B are equal, that is A = B, if they are of the same order $m \times n$ and $a_{ij} = b_{ij}$, $1 \le i \le m$, $1 \le j \le n$.

Mutiplication by A Scalar

If λ is a scalar then the matrix λA has elements λa_{ij} .

Addition

We can only add an $m \times n$ matrix A to another $m \times n$ matrix B and the elements of the sum A + B are $a_{ij} + b_{ij}$, $1 \le i \le m$, $1 \le j \le n$.

Properties of Addition

- (i) commutative law: A + B = B + A
- (ii) associative law: (A + B) + C = A + (B + C)
- (iii) distributive law: $\lambda(A + B) = \lambda A + \lambda B$, λ scalar.

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Matrix multiplication

If *A* is an $m \times p$ matrix and *B* a $p \times n$ matrix then we define the product C = AB as the $m \times n$ matrix with elements

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{p} a_{ik} b_{kj}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m; \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Properties of multiplication

- (i) The commutative law is not satisfied in general; that is, in general $AB \neq BA$. Order matters and we distinguish between AB and BA by the terminology: pre-multiplication of B by A to form AB and post-multiplication of B by A to form BA.
- (ii) Associative law: A(BC) = (AB)C If λ is a scalar then $(\lambda A)B = A(\lambda B) = \lambda AB$
- (iii) Distributive law over addition: (A + B)C = AC + BCA(B + C) = AB + AC

Note the importance of maintaining order of multiplication.

(iv) If A is an $m \times n$ matrix and if I_m and I_n are the unit matrices of order m and n respectively then $I_m A = AI_n = A$.

Properties of the Transpose

If A^T is the transposed matrix of A then

(i)
$$(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$$

(ii)
$$(A^T)^T = A$$

(iii)
$$(AB)^T = B^T A^T$$

1.2.3 Determinants

The determinant of a square $n \times n$ matrix A is denoted by $\det A$ or |A|. If we take a determinant and delete row i and column j then the determinant remaining is called the minor M_{ij} of the i, j-th element. In general we can take any row i (or column) and evaluate an $n \times n$ determinant |A| as $|A| = \sum_{j=1}^{n} (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} M_{ij}$. A minor multiplied by the appropriate sign is called the *cofactor* A_{ij} of the i, j-th element so $A_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$ and thus $|A| = \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{ij} A_{ij}$.

Some useful properties

- (i) $|A^T| = |A|$
- (ii) |AB| = |A||B|
- (iii) A square matrix A is said to be non-singular if $|A| \neq 0$ and singular if |A| = 0.

1.2.4 Adjoint and inverse matrices

Adjoint matrix

The *adjoint* of a square matrix A is the transpose of the matrix of cofactors, so for a 3×3 matrix A

$$\operatorname{adj} A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} \end{bmatrix}^{T}$$

Properties

- (i) If A is non-singular then $|A| \neq 0$ and $A^{-1} = (\operatorname{adj} A)/|A|$.
- (ii) If A is singular then |A| = 0 and A^{-1} does not exist.
- (iii) $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$.

Matlab Practice

Do matrix operations in *Matlab*.

1.2.5 Linear aligns

In this section we reiterate some definitive statements about the solution of the *system of simultaneous linear aligns*

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a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1
a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_1
\vdots
a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n = b_1
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or, in matrix notation,

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

that is,

$$Ax = b$$

where A is the matrix of coefficients and x is the vector of unknowns. If b = 0 the aligns are called *homogeneous*, while if $b \neq 0$ they are called *nonhomogeneous* (or inhomogeneous). Considering individual cases:

Case (i) If $b \neq 0$ and $|A| \neq 0$ then we have a unique solution $x = A^{-1}b$.

Case (ii) If b = 0 and $|A| \neq 0$ we have the trivial solution x = 0.

Case (iii) If $b \neq 0$ and |A| = 0 then we have two possibilities: either the aligns are inconsistent and we have no solution or we have infinitely many solutions.

Case (iv) If b = 0 and |A| = 0 then we have infinitely many solutions.

Case (iv) is one of the most important, since from it we can deduce the important result that the homogeneous align Ax = 0 has a non-trivial solution if and only if |A| = 0.

Matlab Practice

Solve system of simultaneous linear equations.

1.2.6 Rank of a Matrix

If A and (A:b) have different rank then we have no solution to Ax + b. If the two matrices have the same rank then a solution exists, and furthermore the solution will contain a number of free parameters equal to $(n - \operatorname{rank} A)$.

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1.3 Vector Spaces

1.3.1 Definition

A real vector space V is a set of objects called vectors together with rules for addition and multiplication by real numbers. For any three vectors a, b and c in V and any real numbers α and β the sum a + b and the product α a also belong to V and satisfy the following axioms:

- (a) a + b = b + a
- (b) a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c
- (c) there exists a zero vector 0 such that a + 0 = a
- (d) or each a in V there is an element -a in V such that a + (-a) = 0
- (e) $\alpha(a+b) = \alpha a + \alpha b$
- (f) $(\alpha + \beta)a = \alpha a + \beta a$

1.3.2 Linear independence

The idea of linear dependence is a general one for any vector space. The vector x is said to be *linearly dependent* on x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m if it can be written as $x = \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha_m x_m$ for some scalars $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$. The set of vectors y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m is said to be *linearly independent* if and only if $\beta_1 y_1 + \beta_2 y_2 + \dots + \beta_m y_m = 0$.

Example. Show that $e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ form a linearly independent set and describe $S(e_1, e_2)$ geometrically.

If we can find a set B of linearly independent vectors x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n in V such that $S(x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n) = V$ then B is called a *basis* of the vector space V. Such a basis forms a crucial part of the theory, since every vector x in V can be written uniquely as $x = \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \cdots + \alpha_n x_n$. The definition of B implies that x must take this form. To establish uniqueness, let us assume that we can also write x as $x = \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \cdots + \beta_n x_n$. Then, on subtracting, $0 = (\alpha_1 - \beta_1)x_1 + \cdots + (\alpha_n - \beta_n)x_n$ and since x_1, \cdots, x_n are linearly independent, the only solution is $\alpha_1 = \beta_1, \alpha_2 = \beta_2, \cdots$; hence the two expressions for x are the same. It can also be shown that any other basis for x must also contain x vectors and that any x vectors must be linearly dependent. Such a vector space is said to have dimension x (or infinite dimension if no finite x can be found). In a three-dimensional x can be found). In a

$$e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad e_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

form an obvious basis, and

$$d_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad d_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad d_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is also a perfectly good basis.

1.3.3 Transformations between bases

Since any basis of a particular space contains the same number of vectors, we can look at transformations from one basis to another. We shall consider a three-dimensional space, but the results are equally valid in any number of dimensions. Let e_1 , e_2 , e_3 and e_1' , e_2' , e_3' be two bases of a space. From the definition of a basis, the vectors e_1' , e_2' and e_3' can be written in terms of e_1 , e_2 and e_3 as

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} e_1' = a_{11}e_1 + a_{21}e_2 + a_{31}e_3 \\ e_2' = a_{12}e_1 + a_{22}e_2 + a_{32}e_3 \\ e_3' = a_{13}e_1 + a_{23}e_2 + a_{33}e_3 \end{array} \right\}$$

Taking a typical vector x in V, which can be written both as

$$x = x_1e_1 + x_2e_2 + x_3e_3$$

and as

$$x = x_1'e_1' + x_2'e_2' + x_3'e_3'$$

we can use the transformation to give

$$x = x'_1(a_{11}e_1 + a_{21}e_2 + a_{31}e_3) + x'_2(a_{12}e_1 + a_{22}e_2 + a_{32}e_3) + x'_3(a_{13}e_1 + a_{23}e_2 + a_{33}e_3)$$

= $(x'_1a_{11} + x'_2a_{12} + x'_3a_{13})e_1 + (x'_1a_{21} + x'_2a_{22} + x'_3a_{23})e_2 + (x'_1a_{31} + x'_2a_{32} + x'_3a_{33})e_3$

Then

$$x_1 = a_{11}x'_1 + a_{12}x'_2 + a_{13}x'_3$$

$$x_2 = a_{21}x'_1 + a_{22}x'_2 + a_{23}x'_3$$

$$x_3 = a_{31}x'_1 + a_{32}x'_2 + a_{33}x'_3$$

or x = Ax'.

Thus changing from one basis to another is equivalent to transforming the coordinates by multiplication by a matrix, and we thus have another interpretation of matrices. Successive transformations to a third basis will just give x' = Bx'', and hence the composite transformation is x = (AB)x'' and is obtained through the standard matrix rules.

For convenience of working it is usual to take mutually orthogonal vectors as a basis, so that $e_i^T e_j = \delta_{ij}$ and $e_i'^T e_j' = \delta_{ij}$, where δ_{ij} is the *Kronecker delta*

$$d_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if} \quad i = j \\ 0 & \text{if} \quad i \neq j \end{cases}$$

Multiplying out these orthogonality relations, we have

$$e_{1}'^{T}e_{j}' = \sum_{k} a_{ki}e_{k}^{T} \sum_{p} a_{pj}e_{p} = \sum_{k} \sum_{p} a_{ki}a_{pj}e_{k}^{T}e_{p} = \sum_{k} \sum_{p} a_{ki}a_{pj}\delta_{kp} = \sum_{k} a_{ki}a_{kj}$$

Hence

$$\sum_{k} a_{ki} a_{kj} = \delta_{ij}$$

or in matrix form

$$A^T A = I$$

It should be noted that such a matrix A with $A^{-1} = A^{T}$ is called an *orthogonal matrix*.

Exercises

1. To be written!

1.4 The Eigenvalue Problem

A problem that leads to a concept of crucial importance in many branches of mathematics and its applications is that of seeking non-trivial solutions $x \neq 0$ to the matrix equation

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

This is referred to as the eigenvalue problem; values of the scalar λ for which nontrivial solutions exist are called *eigenvalues* and the corresponding solutions $x \neq 0$ are called the *eigenvectors*.

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1.4.1 The characteristic equation

The set of simultaneous equations

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

where *A* is an $n \times n$ matrix and $x = [x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n]^T$ is an $n \times 1$ column vector can be written in the form

$$(\lambda I - A)x = 0$$

where *I* is the identity matrix. We know that a non-trivial solution exists if

$$c(\lambda) = |\lambda I - A| = 0$$

Here $c(\lambda)$ is the expansion of the determinant and is a polynomial of degree n in λ , called the *characteristic polynomial* of A. Thus

$$c(\lambda) = \lambda^n + c_{n-1}x^{n-1} + c_{n-2}x^{n-2} + \dots + c_1\lambda + c_0$$

The values of λ are precisely the values that satisfy the characteristic equation, and are called the eigenvalues of A.

Example. Find the characteristic equation for the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

The method of Faddeev

If the characteristic polynomial of an $n \times n$ matrix A is written as

$$\lambda^n - p_1 \lambda^{n-1} - \dots - p_{n-1} \lambda - p_n$$

then the coefficients p_1, p_2, \cdots, p_n can be computed using

$$p_r = \operatorname{trace} A, \quad (r = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

where

$$A_r = \begin{cases} A & (r=1) \\ AB_{r-1} & (r=2, 3, \dots, n) \end{cases}$$

and

$$B_r = A_r - p_r I$$
, where *I* is the $n \times n$ identity matrix

The calculations may be checked using the result that

$$B_n = A_n - p_n I$$
 must be the zero matrix

1.4.2 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Example. Determine the eigenvalues and eigenvectors for the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

1.4.3 Exercises

1. To be written!

1.4.4 Repeated Eigenvalues

Example. Determine the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 & 2 \\ -1 & 5 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution.
$$\lambda_1 = 4$$
, $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 2$

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