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Problem Set I.3

- Show that the nullspace of AB contains the nullspace of B. If Bx = 0 then...
- Find a square matrix with rank (A^2) < rank (A). Confirm that rank (A^TA) = rank (A).
- How is the nullspace of C related to the nullspaces of A and B, if $C = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix}$?
- 4 If row space of A = column space of A, and also $N(A) = N(A^T)$, is A symmetric?
- Four possibilities for the rank r and size m, n match four possibilities for Ax = b. Find four matrices A_1 to A_4 that show those possibilities:

- 6 (Important) Show that $A^{\mathrm{T}}A$ has the same nullspace as A. Here is one approach: First, if Ax equals zero then $A^{\mathrm{T}}Ax$ equals _____. This proves $\mathbf{N}(A) \subset \mathbf{N}(A^{\mathrm{T}}A)$. Second, if $A^{\mathrm{T}}Ax = 0$ then $x^{\mathrm{T}}A^{\mathrm{T}}Ax = ||Ax||^2 = 0$. Deduce $\mathbf{N}(A^{\mathrm{T}}A) = \mathbf{N}(A)$.
- 7 Do A^2 and A always have the same nullspace? A is a square matrix.
- Find the column space C(A) and the nullspace N(A) of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Remember that those are vector spaces, not just single vectors. This is an unusual example with C(A) = N(A). It could not happen that $C(A) = N(A^T)$ because those two subspaces are orthogonal.
- Draw a square and connect its corners to the center point: 5 nodes and 8 edges. Find the 8 by 5 incidence matrix A of this graph (rank r = 5 1 = 4). Find a vector x in N(A) and 8 4 independent vectors y in $N(A^T)$.
- If N(A) is the zero vector, what vectors are in the nullspace of $B = [A \ A \ A]$?
- For subspaces S and T of R¹⁰ with dimensions 2 and 7, what are all the possible dimensions of
 - (i) $S \cap T = \{\text{all vectors that are in both subspaces}\}\$
 - (ii) $S + T = \{ \text{all sums } s + t \text{ with } s \text{ in } S \text{ and } t \text{ in } T \}$
 - (iii) $S^{\perp} = \{\text{all vectors in } \mathbf{R}^{10} \text{ that are perpendicular to every vector in } \mathbf{S}\}.$

I.4 Elimination and A = LU

The first and most fundamental problem of linear algebra is to solve Ax = b. We are given the n by n matrix A and the n by 1 column vector b. We look for the solution vector x. Its components x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n are the n unknowns and we have n equations. Usually a square matrix A means only one solution to Ax = b (but not always). We can find x by geometry or by algebra.

This section begins with the row and column pictures of Ax = b. Then we solve the equations by simplifying them—eliminate x_1 from n-1 equations to get a smaller system $A_2x_2 = b_2$ of size n-1. Eventually we reach the 1 by 1 system $A_nx_n = b_n$ and we know $x_n = b_n/A_n$. Working backwards produces x_{n-1} and eventually we know x_2 and x_1 .

The point of this section is to see those elimination steps in terms of rank 1 matrices. Every step (from A to A_2 and eventually to A_n) removes a matrix ℓu^* . Then the original A is the sum of those rank one matrices. This sum is exactly the great factorization A = LU into lower and upper triangular matrices L and U—as we will see.

A=L times U is the matrix description of elimination without row exchanges. That will be the algebra. Start with geometry for this 2 by 2 example.

2 equations and 2 unknowns
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x - 2y &= 1 \\ 2x + 3y &= 9 \end{aligned}$$
 (1)

Notice! I multiplied Ax using inner products (dot products). Each row of the matrix A multiplied the vector x. That produced the two equations for x and y, and the two straight lines in Figure I.4. They meet at the solution x=3,y=1. Here is the **row picture**.

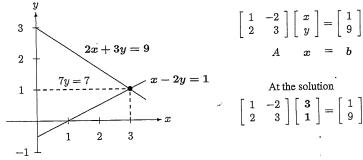


Figure I.4: The row picture of Ax = b: Two lines meet at the solution x = 3, y = 1.

Figure I.4 also includes the horizontal line 7y=7. I subtracted 2 (equation 1) from (equation 2). The unknown x has been eliminated from 7y=7. This is the algebra:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{array}\right] \left[\begin{array}{c} x \\ y \end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 9 \end{array}\right] \qquad \text{becomes} \qquad \left[\begin{array}{cc} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 7 \end{array}\right] \left[\begin{array}{c} x \\ y \end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 7 \end{array}\right] \qquad \begin{array}{c} x = 3 \\ y = 1 \end{array}$$

Orthogonal Basis = Orthogonal Axes in \mathbb{R}^n

Suppose the n by n orthogonal matrix Q has columns q_1, \ldots, q_n . Those unit vectors are a basis for n-dimensional space \mathbf{R}^n . Every vector v can be written as a combination of the basis vectors (the q's):

$$v = c_1 q_1 + \dots + c_n q_n \tag{13}$$

Those c_1q_1 and c_2q_2 and c_nq_n are the components of v along the axes. They are the projections of v onto the axes! There is a simple formula for each number c_1 to c_n :

Coefficients in an orthonormal basis

$$c_1 = q_1^{\mathrm{T}} v \qquad c_2 = q_2^{\mathrm{T}} v \quad \cdots \quad c_n = q_n^{\mathrm{T}} v$$
 (14)

I will give a vector proof and a matrix proof. Take dot products with q_1 in equation (13):

$$q_1^{\mathrm{T}} v = c_1 q_1^{\mathrm{T}} q_1 + \dots + c_n q_1^{\mathrm{T}} q_n = c_1$$
 (15)

All terms are zero except $c_1q_1^{\mathrm{T}}q_1=c_1$. So $q_1^{\mathrm{T}}v=c_1$ and every $q_k^{\mathrm{T}}v=c_k$.

If we write (13) as a matrix equation v = Qc, multiply by Q^{T} to see (14):

$$Q^{\mathrm{T}}v = Q^{\mathrm{T}}Qc = c$$
 gives all the coefficients $c_k = q_k^{\mathrm{T}}v$ at once.

This is the key application of orthogonal bases (for example the basis for Fourier series). When basis vectors are orthonormal, each coefficient c_1 to c_n can be found separately!

Householder Reflections

Here are neat examples of **reflection matrices** $Q = H_n$. Start with the identity matrix. Choose a unit vector u. Subtract the rank one symmetric matrix $2uu^T$. Then $I - 2uu^T$ is a "Householder matrix". For example, choose $u = (1, 1, \dots, 1)/\sqrt{n}$.

Householder example

$$H_n = I - 2uu^{\mathrm{T}} = I - \frac{2}{n} \text{ ones } (n, n).$$
 (16)

With uu^T , H_n is surely symmetric. Two reflections give $H^2 = I$ because $u^Tu = 1$:

$$H^{T}H = H^{2} = (I - 2uu^{T})(I - 2uu^{T}) = I - 4uu^{T} + 4uu^{T}uu^{T} = I.$$
 (17)

The 3 by 3 and 4 by 4 examples are easy to remember, and \mathcal{H}_4 is like a Hadamard matrix :

Householder's n by n reflection matrix has $H_n u = (I - 2uu^T)u = u - 2u = -u$. And $H_n w = +w$ whenever w is perpendicular to u. The "eigenvalues" of H are -1 (once) and +1 (n-1 times). All reflection matrices have eigenvalues -1 and 1.

Problem Set I.5

- If u and v are orthogonal unit vectors, show that u + v is orthogonal to u v. What are the lengths of those vectors?
- Draw unit vectors u and v that are *not* orthogonal. Show that $w = v u(u^{T}v)$ is orthogonal to u (and add w to your picture).
- Oraw any two vectors u and v out from the origin (0,0). Complete two more sides to make a parallelogram with diagonals w = u + v and z = u v. Show that $w^{\mathrm{T}}w + z^{\mathrm{T}}z$ is equal to $2u^{\mathrm{T}}u + 2v^{\mathrm{T}}v$.
- Key property of every orthogonal matrix: $||Qx||^2 = ||x||^2$ for every vector x. More than this, show that $(Qx)^T(Qy) = x^Ty$ for every vector x and y. So lengths and angles are not changed by Q. Computations with Q never overflow!
- If Q is orthogonal, how do you know that Q is invertible and Q^{-1} is also orthogonal? If $Q_1^T = Q_1^{-1}$ and $Q_2^T = Q_2^{-1}$, show that Q_1Q_2 is also an orthogonal matrix.
- A permutation matrix has the same columns as the identity matrix (in some order).

 Explain why this permutation matrix and every permutation matrix is orthogonal:

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ has orthonormal columns so } P^{T}P = \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \text{ and } P^{-1} = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}.$$

When a matrix is symmetric or orthogonal, it will have orthogonal eigenvectors. This is the most important source of orthogonal vectors in applied mathematics.

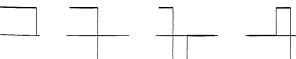
Four eigenvectors of that matrix P are $x_1 = (1, 1, 1, 1), x_2 = (1, i, i^2, i^3),$ $x_3 = (1, i^2, i^4, i^6),$ and $x_4 = (1, i^3, i^6, i^9).$ Multiply P times each vector to find $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4$. The eigenvectors are the columns of the 4 by 4 Fourier matrix F.

Show that
$$Q = \frac{F}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & i & -1 & -i \\ 1 & i^2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & i^3 & -1 & i \end{bmatrix}$$
 has orthonormal columns : $\overline{Q}^T Q = I$

8 Haar wavelets are orthogonal vectors (columns of W) using only 1, -1, and 0.

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find $W^{\mathrm{T}}W$ and W^{-1} and the eight Haar wavelets for n=8.



I.6. Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Nondiagonalizable Matrices (Optional)

Suppose λ is an eigenvalue of A. We discover that fact in two ways:

- 1. Eigenvectors (geometric) There are nonzero solutions to $Ax = \lambda x$.
- 2. Eigenvalues (algebraic) The determinant of $A \lambda I$ is zero.

The number λ may be a simple eigenvalue or a multiple eigenvalue, and we want to know its *multiplicity*. Most eigenvalues have multiplicity M=1 (simple eigenvalues). Then there is a single line of eigenvectors, and $\det(A-\lambda I)$ does not have a double factor.

For exceptional matrices, an eigenvalue can be *repeated*. Then there are two different ways to count its multiplicity. Always $GM \leq AM$ for each λ :

- 1. (Geometric Multiplicity = GM) Count the independent eigenvectors for λ . Look at the dimension of the nullspace of $A \lambda I$.
- 2. (Algebraic Multiplicity = AM) Count the repetitions of λ among the eigenvalues. Look at the roots of $\det(A \lambda I) = 0$.

If A has $\lambda = 4, 4, 4$, then that eigenvalue has AM = 3 and GM = 1 or 2 or 3.

The following matrix A is the standard example of trouble. Its eigenvalue $\lambda=0$ is repeated. It is a double eigenvalue (AM=2) with only one eigenvector (GM=1).

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{AM} = \mathbf{2} \\ \mathbf{GM} = \mathbf{1} \end{array} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{has} \quad \det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2. \quad \quad \begin{array}{ll} \lambda = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0} \text{ but} \\ \mathbf{1} \text{ eigenvector} \end{array}$$

There "should" be two eigenvectors, because $\lambda^2=0$ has a double root. The double factor λ^2 makes AM=2. But there is only one eigenvector $\boldsymbol{x}=(1,0)$. So GM=1. This shortage of eigenvectors when GM<AM means that A is not diagonalizable. There is no invertible eigenvector matrix. The formula $A=X\Lambda X^{-1}$ fails.

These three matrices all have the same shortage of eigenvectors. Their repeated eigenvalue is $\lambda=5$. Traces are 10 and determinants are 25:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

Those all have $\det(A - \lambda I) = (\lambda - 5)^2$. The algebraic multiplicity is AM = 2. But each A - 5I has rank r = 1. The geometric multiplicity is GM = 1. There is only one line of eigenvectors for $\lambda = 5$, and these matrices are not diagonalizable.

Problem Set I.6

1 The rotation $Q = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$ has complex eigenvalues $\lambda = \cos \theta \pm i \sin \theta$:

$$Q\left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ -i \end{array}\right] = (\cos\theta + i\sin\theta) \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ -i \end{array}\right] \text{ and } Q\left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ i \end{array}\right] = (\cos\theta - i\sin\theta) \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ i \end{array}\right].$$

Check that $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2$ equals the trace of Q (sum $Q_{11} + Q_{22}$ down the diagonal). Check that $(\lambda_1)(\lambda_2)$ equals the determinant. Check that those complex eigenvectors are orthogonal, using the complex dot product $\overline{x}_1 \cdot x_2$ (not just $x_1 \cdot x_2$!).

What is Q^{-1} and what are its eigenvalues?

Compute the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of A and A^{-1} . Check the trace!

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & 1 \\ 1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

 A^{-1} has the _____ eigenvectors as A. When A has eigenvalues λ_1 and λ_2 , its inverse has eigenvalues _____.

Find the eigenvalues of A and B (easy for triangular matrices) and A + B:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$.

Eigenvalues of A + B (are equal to)(are not equal to) eigenvalues of A plus eigenvalues of B.

Find the eigenvalues of A and B and AB and BA:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $BA = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

- (a) Are the eigenvalues of AB equal to eigenvalues of A times eigenvalues of B?
- (b) Are the eigenvalues of AB equal to the eigenvalues of BA?
- (a) If you know that x is an eigenvector, the way to find λ is to _____.
 - (b) If you know that λ is an eigenvalue, the way to find x is to _____.
- Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors for both of these Markov matrices A and A^{∞} .

 Explain from those answers why A^{100} is close to A^{∞} :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} .6 & .2 \\ .4 & .8 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $A^{\infty} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & 1/3 \\ 2/3 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$.

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The determinant of A equals the product $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \cdots \lambda_n$. Start with the polynomial $\det(A - \lambda I)$ separated into its n factors (always possible). Then set $\lambda = 0$:

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = (\lambda_1 - \lambda)(\lambda_2 - \lambda) \cdots (\lambda_n - \lambda)$$
 so $\det A = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$.

Check this rule in Example 1 where the Markov matrix has $\lambda = 1$ and $\frac{1}{3}$.

8 The sum of the diagonal entries (the trace) equals the sum of the eigenvalues:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{has} \quad \det(A - \lambda I) = \lambda^2 - (a + d)\lambda + ad - bc = 0.$$

The quadratic formula gives the eigenvalues $\lambda=(a+d+\sqrt{})/2$ and $\lambda=\underline{}$. Their sum is $\underline{}$. If A has $\lambda_1=3$ and $\lambda_2=4$ then $\det(A-\lambda I)=\underline{}$.

- 9 If A has $\lambda_1 = 4$ and $\lambda_2 = 5$ then $\det(A \lambda I) = (\lambda 4)(\lambda 5) = \lambda^2 9\lambda + 20$. Find three matrices that have trace a + d = 9 and determinant 20 and $\lambda = 4.5$.
- 10 Choose the last rows of A and C to give eigenvalues 4, 7 and 1, 2, 3:

Companion matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ * & * \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ * & * & * \end{bmatrix}.$$

- The eigenvalues of A equal the eigenvalues of A^{T} . This is because $\det(A \lambda I)$ equals $\det(A^{T} \lambda I)$. That is true because _____. Show by an example that the eigenvectors of A and A^{T} are not the same.
- 12 This matrix is singular with rank one. Find three λ 's and three eigenvectors:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 13 Suppose A and B have the same eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n$ with the same independent eigenvectors x_1, \ldots, x_n . Then A = B. Reason: Any vector x is a combination $c_1x_1 + \cdots + c_nx_n$. What is Ax? What is Bx?
- 14 Suppose A has eigenvalues 0, 3, 5 with independent eigenvectors u, v, w.
 - (a) Give a basis for the nullspace and a basis for the column space.
 - (b) Find a particular solution to Ax = v + w. Find all solutions.
 - (c) Ax = u has no solution. If it did then ____ would be in the column space.
- 15 (a) Factor these two matrices into $A = X \Lambda X^{-1}$:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

(b) If
$$A = X\Lambda X^{-1}$$
 then $A^3 = (\)(\)(\)$ and $A^{-1} = (\)(\)(\)$.

- Suppose $A = X\Lambda X^{-1}$. What is the eigenvalue matrix for A + 2I? What is the eigenvector matrix? Check that $A + 2I = (\)(\)^{-1}$.
- 17 True or false: If the columns of X (eigenvectors of A) are linearly independent, then
 - (a) A is invertible (b) A is diagonalizable

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- (c) X is invertible (d) X is diagonalizable.
- Write down the most general matrix that has eigenvectors $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$.
- 19 True or false: If the eigenvalues of A are 2, 2, 5 then the matrix is certainly
 - (a) invertible (b) diagonalizable (c) not diagonalizable.
- True or false: If the only eigenvectors of A are multiples of (1,4) then A has
 - (a) no inverse (b) a repeated eigenvalue (c) no diagonalization $X\Lambda X^{-1}$.
- 21 $A^k = X\Lambda^k X^{-1}$ approaches the zero matrix as $k \to \infty$ if and only if every λ has absolute value less than _____. Which of these matrices has $A^k \to 0$?

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} .6 & .9 \\ .4 & .1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} .6 & .9 \\ .1 & .6 \end{bmatrix}$.

22 Diagonalize A and compute $X\Lambda^kX^{-1}$ to prove this formula for A^k :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{has} \quad A^k = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1+3^k & 1-3^k \\ 1-3^k & 1+3^k \end{bmatrix}.$$

23 The eigenvalues of A are 1 and 9, and the eigenvalues of B are -1 and 9:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$.

Find a matrix square root of A from $R = X\sqrt{\Lambda}X^{-1}$. Why is there no real matrix square root of B?

- Suppose the same X diagonalizes both A and B. They have the same eigenvectors in $A = X\Lambda_1 X^{-1}$ and $B = X\Lambda_2 X^{-1}$. Prove that AB = BA.
- The transpose of $A = X\Lambda X^{-1}$ is $A^{\rm T} = (X^{-1})^{\rm T}\Lambda X^{\rm T}$. The eigenvectors in $A^{\rm T}y = \lambda y$ are the columns of that matrix $(X^{-1})^{\rm T}$. They are often called *left eigenvectors of* A, because $y^{\rm T}A = \lambda y^{\rm T}$. How do you multiply matrices to find this formula for A?

Sum of rank-1 matrices
$$A = X\Lambda X^{-1} = \lambda_1 x_1 y_1^{\mathrm{T}} + \cdots + \lambda_n x_n y_n^{\mathrm{T}}$$
.

When is a matrix A similar to its eigenvalue matrix Λ ?

A and Λ always have the same eigenvalues. But similarity requires a matrix B with $A=B\Lambda B^{-1}$. Then B is the _____ matrix and A must have n independent _____.