

## Problem Set I.3

- 1 Show that the nullspace of  $AB$  contains the nullspace of  $B$ . If  $Bx = 0$  then...
- 2 Find a square matrix with  $\text{rank}(A^2) < \text{rank}(A)$ . Confirm that  $\text{rank}(A^T A) = \text{rank}(A)$ .
- 3 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?
- 5 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:

$r = m = n$	$A_1 x = b$ has 1 solution for every $b$
$r = m < n$	$A_2 x = b$ has 1 or $\infty$ solutions
$r = n < m$	$A_3 x = b$ has 0 or 1 solution
$r < m, r < n$	$A_4 x = b$ has 0 or $\infty$ solutions

- 6 (Important) Show that  $A^T A$  has the same nullspace as  $A$ . Here is one approach: First, if  $Ax$  equals zero then  $A^T Ax$  equals \_\_\_\_\_. This proves  $N(A) \subset N(A^T A)$ . Second, if  $A^T Ax = 0$  then  $x^T A^T Ax = \|Ax\|^2 = 0$ . Deduce  $N(A^T A) = N(A)$ .
- 7 Do  $A^2$  and  $A$  always have the same nullspace?  $A$  is a square matrix.
- 8 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.
- 9 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  $N(A^T)$ .
- 10 If  $N(A)$  is the zero vector, what vectors are in the nullspace of  $B = [A \ A \ A]$ ?
- 11 For subspaces  $S$  and  $T$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{10}$  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)  $S^\perp = \{\text{all vectors in } \mathbb{R}^{10} \text{ that are perpendicular to every vector in } S\}$ .

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  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  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  $A_2 x_2 = b_2$  of size  $n - 1$ . Eventually we reach the 1 by 1 system  $A_n x_n = b_n$  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.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{2 equations and 2 unknowns} \\ \text{2 by 2 matrix in } Ax = b \end{array} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} x - 2y = 1 \\ 2x + 3y = 9 \end{array} \quad (1)$$

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.

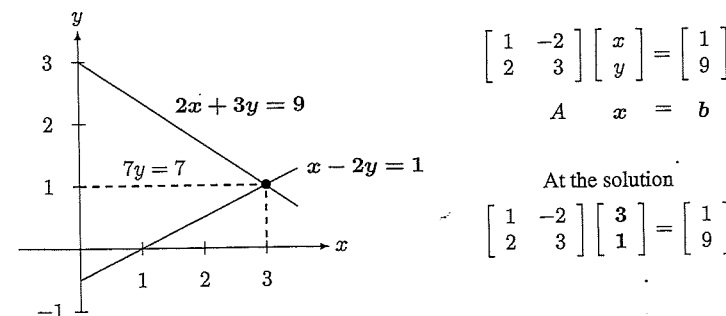


Figure I.4: The row picture of  $Ax = b$ : Two lines meet at the solution  $x = 3, y = 1$ .

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:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{becomes} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} x = 3 \\ y = 1 \end{array}$$

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

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

$$v = c_1 q_1 + \dots + c_n q_n \quad (13)$$

Those  $c_1 q_1$  and  $c_2 q_2$  and  $c_n q_n$  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

$$c_1 = q_1^T v \quad c_2 = q_2^T v \quad \dots \quad c_n = q_n^T v \quad (14)$$

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

$$q_1^T v = c_1 q_1^T q_1 + \dots + c_n q_1^T q_n = c_1 \quad (15)$$

All terms are zero except  $c_1 q_1^T q_1 = c_1$ . So  $q_1^T v = c_1$  and every  $q_k^T v = c_k$ .

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

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

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

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

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

$$H^T H = H^2 = (I - 2uu^T)(I - 2uu^T) = I - 4uu^T + 4uu^T uu^T = I. \quad (17)$$

The 3 by 3 and 4 by 4 examples are easy to remember, and  $H_4$  is like a Hadamard matrix:

$$H_3 = I - \frac{2}{3} \text{ones} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad H_4 = I - \frac{2}{4} \text{ones} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

- 1 If  $u$  and  $v$  are orthogonal unit vectors, show that  $u + v$  is orthogonal to  $u - v$ . What are the lengths of those vectors?
- 2 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).
- 3 Draw 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  $w^T w + z^T z$  is equal to  $2u^T u + 2v^T v$ .
- 4 Key property of every orthogonal matrix:  $\|Qx\|^2 = \|x\|^2$  for every vector  $x$ . More than this, show that  $(Qx)^T(Qy) = x^T y$  for every vector  $x$  and  $y$ . So *lengths and angles are not changed by  $Q$* . **Computations with  $Q$  never overflow!**
- 5 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  $Q_1 Q_2$  is also an orthogonal matrix.
- 6 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:

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

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

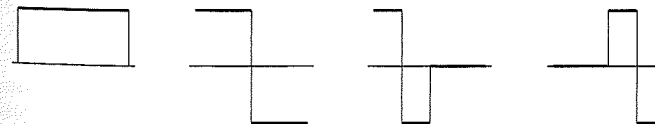
- 7 Four eigenvectors of that matrix  $P$  are  $x_1 = (1, 1, 1, 1)$ ,  $x_2 = (1, i, i^2, i^3)$ ,  $x_3 = (1, i^2, i^4, i^6)$ , and  $x_4 = (1, i^3, i^6, i^9)$ . Multiply  $P$  times each vector to find  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4$ . The eigenvectors are the columns of the 4 by 4 Fourier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

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

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

$$n = 4 \quad W = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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







- 7 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  $\lambda = 0$ :

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = (\lambda_1 - \lambda)(\lambda_2 - \lambda) \cdots (\lambda_n - \lambda) \quad \text{so} \quad \det A = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \cdots \lambda_n.$$

Check this rule in Example 1 where the Markov matrix has  $\lambda = 1$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

- 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  $\lambda = (a+d \pm \sqrt{(a+d)^2 - 4(ad-bc)})/2$  and  $\lambda = \dots$ . Their sum is  $a+d$ . If  $A$  has  $\lambda_1 = 3$  and  $\lambda_2 = 4$  then  $\det(A - \lambda I) = \dots$ .

- 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

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

- 11 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  $\det(A) = \det(A^T)$ . 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  $\lambda$ '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  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  with the same independent eigenvectors  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . Then  $A = B$ . Reason: Any vector  $x$  is a combination  $c_1 x_1 + \dots + c_n x_n$ . What is  $Ax$ ? What is  $Bx$ ?
- 14 Suppose  $A$  has eigenvalues 0, 3, 5 with independent eigenvectors  $u, v, w$ .
- Give a basis for the nullspace and a basis for the column space.
  - Find a particular solution to  $Ax = v + w$ . Find all solutions.
  - $Ax = u$  has no solution. If it did then  $u$  would be in the column space.
- 15 (a) Factor these two matrices into  $A = X\Lambda X^{-1}$ :

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

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

- 16 Suppose  $A = X\Lambda X^{-1}$ . What is the eigenvalue matrix for  $A + 2I$ ? What is the eigenvector matrix? Check that  $A + 2I = (X\Lambda X^{-1} + 2I)(X)^{-1}$ .

- 17 True or false: If the columns of  $X$  (eigenvectors of  $A$ ) are linearly independent, then

- $A$  is invertible
- $A$  is diagonalizable
- $X$  is invertible
- $X$  is diagonalizable.

- 18 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

- invertible
- diagonalizable
- not diagonalizable.

- 20 True or false: If the only eigenvectors of  $A$  are multiples of  $(1, 4)$  then  $A$  has

- no inverse
- a repeated eigenvalue
- no diagonalization  $X\Lambda X^{-1}$ .

- 21  $A^k = X\Lambda^k X^{-1}$  approaches the zero matrix as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  if and only if every  $\lambda$  has absolute value less than 1. Which of these matrices has  $A^k \rightarrow 0$ ?

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

- 22 Diagonalize  $A$  and compute  $X\Lambda^k X^{-1}$  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:

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

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

- 24 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  $AB = BA$ .

- 25 The transpose of  $A = X\Lambda X^{-1}$  is  $A^T = (X^{-1})^T \Lambda X^T$ . The eigenvectors in  $A^T y = \lambda y$  are the columns of that matrix  $(X^{-1})^T$ . They are often called *left eigenvectors* of  $A$ , because  $y^T A = \lambda y^T$ . How do you multiply matrices to find this formula for  $A$ ?

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

- 26 When is a matrix  $A$  similar to its eigenvalue matrix  $\Lambda$ ?

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