

Linear Algebra

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1 Determinants

The **determinant** of $A = (a_{ij})$ is defined as $\det A = \sum_{j_1 \dots j_n} (-1)^{r(j_1 \dots j_n)} a_{1j_1} \dots a_{nj_n}$, where $r(j_1 \dots j_n)$ is the number of inverse pairs in the arrangement.

Theorem 1.1 (Laplace). *For chosen p rows i_1, \dots, i_p ,*

$$\det A = \sum_{1 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_p} \det A \begin{pmatrix} i_1 & \dots & i_p \\ j_1 & \dots & j_p \end{pmatrix} \det A \begin{pmatrix} i_{p+1} & \dots & i_n \\ j_{p+1} & \dots & j_n \end{pmatrix} (-1)^{i_1 + \dots + i_p + j_1 + \dots + j_p}$$

Theorem 1.2 (Cramer). *Suppose $\det A \neq 0$. Then the solution of $Ax = b$ is $x_j = |D_j| / |A|$, where*

$$D_j = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & b_1 & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & b_n & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

and b appears on the j -th column.

The **algebraic complementary minor** of the submatrix $A \begin{pmatrix} i_1 \cdots i_p \\ j_1 \cdots j_p \end{pmatrix}$ is

$$(-1)^{i_1+\cdots+i_p+j_1+\cdots+j_p} A \begin{pmatrix} i_{p+1} \cdots i_n \\ j_{p+1} \cdots j_n \end{pmatrix}$$

The **adjugate matrix** of A is

$$A^* = (A_{ji})$$

where A_{ji} is the algebraic complementary minor of a_{ji} .

Theorem 1.3. $AA^* = |A| I$.

Theorem 1.4 (Cauchy-Binet). *Let $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times s}$, $B = (b_{ij})_{s \times n}$.*

$$\det(AB) = \begin{cases} 0 & , \quad n > s \\ \det A \cdot \det B & , \quad n = s \\ \sum_{1 \leq k_1 < \cdots < k_n \leq s} \det A \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \cdots & n \\ k_1 & k_2 & \cdots & k_n \end{pmatrix} \det B \begin{pmatrix} k_1 & k_2 & \cdots & k_n \\ 1 & 2 & \cdots & n \end{pmatrix} & , \quad n < s \end{cases}$$

2 Equations of Matrices

Theorem 2.1 (Existence of solution). $Ax = b$ has a solution $\iff r(A) = r(A, b)$.

3 Matrix Operations

Two matrices are **equivalent** if they can be transformed to each other by elementary multiplications.

Theorem 3.1. A is equivalent to $\begin{pmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ where $r = r(A)$.

Theorem 3.2 (Sylvester). $r(A) + r(C) \leq r(AC) + n$.

Theorem 3.3 (Frobenius). $r(AB) + r(BC) \leq r(ABC) + r(B)$.

Theorem 3.4. $\dim(\text{Ker}(A)) + \dim(\text{Im}(A)) = n$, where $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}$.

Moore-Penrose inverse: **TBA**.

4 Linear Spaces

Theorem 4.1. For linear $\psi : V \rightarrow W$, $\text{Im}\psi \xrightarrow{\cong} V/\text{Ker}\psi$.

Theorem 4.2. $\frac{V+W}{W} \xrightarrow{\cong} \frac{V}{V \cap W}$.

Theorem 4.3. $\frac{V}{W} \xrightarrow{\cong} \frac{V/S}{W/S}$.

All else are omitted.

5 Decompositions

Theorem 5.1 (Cayley-Hamilton). *The characteristic polynomial of a matrix is also its annihilating polynomial.*

Theorem 5.2 (LU). *A has an LU-decomposition \iff all principle minors are nonzero. The decomposition can be obtained by Gaussian elimination and is unique if we require that the diagonal of L be all ones.*

Theorem 5.3 (Cholesky). *If A is symmetric and positive-definite, then there is a lower triangular matrix L , such that $A = LL^T$. This decomposition is unique if we require that the diagonal of L be all positive.*

Theorem 5.4 (Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization and QR decomposition). *For nonsingular A , we can find orthogonal Q and upper triangular R such that $A = QR$.*

Corollary 5.1 (Diagonalization of symmetric matrix). *If G is symmetric and positive-definite, then we can find T such that $T^TGT = I$.*

Theorem 5.5 (Maximal rank). *Let $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}$. If A has rank r , then $A = BC$ for $B = (b_{ij})_{m \times r}$ and $C = (c_{ij})_{r \times n}$ for some full-rank B and C .*

Theorem 5.6 (Spectral decomposition). *If A is normal ($A^T A = A A^T$), then there is an orthogonal O such that $O^T A O$ is pseudo-diagonal, which means on its diagonal there is either a 2×2 block representing a dilated rotation, or a real eigenvalue representing a dilation.*

Theorem 5.7 (Spectral decomposition). *If A is symmetric, then there is an orthogonal O such that $O^T A O$ is diagonal with the eigenvalues of A .*

For any A , its **singular values** are defined as the square roots of the nonzero eigenvalues of $A^T A$.

Theorem 5.8 (SVD). *For any A , we can find orthogonal U , V and diagonal Σ such that $A = U \Sigma V$.*

Proof. By the spectral decomposition theorem we can find an orthogonal O such that $O^T A O = \Sigma'$ is diagonal with the eigenvalues of A . By setting $A O = B$ we have $B^T B = \Sigma'$ is diagonal. Hence the columns of B are orthogonal. We then have $A = O^T \Sigma' B$ where B has orthogonal columns, and the last few columns must be 0. Then we can further rewrite B as $B = U \Sigma$. Then $A O = U \Sigma$ as desired. \square

Lemma 5.1 (Square root of positive-semidefinite matrix). *Let S be symmetric and positive-semidefinite. Then there exists a unique symmetric positive-semidefinite S' such that $(S')^2 = S$.*

Theorem 5.9 (Polar). *Any A can be written as $A = S \Omega = \Omega' S'$ where Ω, Ω' are orthogonal and S, S' are positive-semidefinite. Furthermore, S and S' are unique.*

6 Positive-definite Symmetric Matrices

Theorem 6.1 (Positive-definite symmetric matrices). *Let A be symmetric. TFAE.*

- (i) $S > 0$.
- (ii) All eigenvalues > 0 .
- (iii) $S = (S')^2$ for some symmetric positive-definite S' .
- (iv) S has the SVD $S = \Omega^T \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \Omega$, where Ω is orthogonal.
- (v) $S = P^T P$ for some invertible P .
- (vi) All principle minors are positive.
- (vii) The first n principle minors are all positive.
- (viii) The sums of the principle minors of the same order are positive.

Theorem 6.2 (Positive-semidefinite symmetric matrices). *Let A be symmetric. TFAE.*

- (i) $S \geq 0$.
- (ii) All eigenvalues ≥ 0 .
- (iii) $S = (S')^2$ for some symmetric positive-semidefinite S' .
- (iv) S has the SVD $S = \Omega^T \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r, 0, \dots, 0) \Omega$, where Ω is orthogonal.
- (v) $S = P^T P$ for some real P .
- (vi) All principle minors are positive.
- (vii) The first n principle minors are all nonnegative.
- (viii) The sums of the principle minors of the same order are nonnegative.

Remark 6.1. Note the counterexample $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$.