

Group theory (and some applications in Computer Science)

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Chapter 3. Some classes of Groups

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- 2 $SL_n(\mathbb{R}) = \{A \in GL_n(\mathbb{R}) : |A| = 1\}$ is called special linear groups.

3.2. Some special matrices

Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$.

- 1 A is called *symmetric* if $A^t = A$. Here A^t is the transpose of A .
- 2 A is called *orthogonal* if $A^{-1} = A^t$, that is, $AA^t = I_n$.

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Symmetries in neural networks: a linear group action approach

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Abstract. Neural networks storing Hadamard patterns have been completely classified with respect to permutation symmetry. The symmetry group of the Hadamard patterns is found to be isomorphic to $GL(n, \mathbb{F}_2)$, and the symmetry groups of the networks are explicitly constructed for the most important classes. The volumes of different equivalence classes have been calculated.

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$$\mathbb{Z}_p^* = \{\overline{1}, \dots, \overline{p-1}\}.$$

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$(\mathbb{Z}_p, +)$ and (\mathbb{Z}_p^*, \cdot) are abelian groups.

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Example

Find the number of matrices in $GL_3(\mathbb{Z}_2)$, $GL_2(\mathbb{Z}_3)$, $GL_3(\mathbb{Z}_3)$, $SL_4(\mathbb{Z}_3)$.

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For convenience, in this course, all matrices we want to focus of **singular value decompositions of symmetric matrices over \mathbb{R}** . However, many results work on any case.

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Notation

In this lecture,

- 1 Matrices are square matrices of degree n whose entries are in \mathbb{R} .
- 2 The Vector space \mathbb{R}^n is $\mathbb{R}^n = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) : x_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$. The zero vector is denoted by $0 = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$.

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Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$. Show that 3 is an eigenvalue of A and find E_3 .

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Example. Find the diagonal matrix in the SVD of

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- 2 Moreover, if $\{u_{i1}, u_{i2}, \dots, u_{in_i}\}$ is a basis of E_{λ_i} for every $1 \leq i \leq r$, and

$$P = (u_{11}^t u_{12}^t \cdots u_{1n_1}^t \cdots u_{r1}^t u_{r2}^t \cdots u_{rn_r}^t),$$

then $A = PDP^{-1}$.

Algorithm to find invertible matrix P and diagonal matrix D such that $A = PDP^{-1}$

- 1 Find the characteristic polynomial $p_A(t) = |tI_n - A|$.
- 2 Find eigenvalues λ_i of A .
- 3 Find the basis of the eigenspace E_{λ_i} .
- 4 The matrix P is the matrix whose columns are from the previous step.

Example

- ① Find an invertible matrix P and diagonal matrix D such that

$$A = PDP^{-1}, A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4 & 6 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ -4 & -4 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- ② Find the formula of Fibonacci sequence: 1,1,2,3,5,8,....

- ③ Find SVD of $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ and apply to find A^n for every $n \geq 1$.

Exercises

Scalar product

In this lecture, for two vectors $u = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$ and $v = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$ in \mathbb{R}^n , we consider the scalar product of u and v as follows:

$$uv = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + \dots + u_nv_n.$$

3.15. Remarks and definitions

- 1 The product $u^2 = uu = u_1^2 + u_2^2 + \dots + u_n^2 \geq 0$. The product $u^2 = 0$ if and only if $u = 0$. Put $\|u\| = \sqrt{u^2}$ and we call it the *length* or *norm* of the vector u . A vector u is called an unit if $\|u\| = 1$.
- 2 $\| \|u\| - \|v\| \| \leq \|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|.$

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The existence of orthonormal bases

Every subspace W of \mathbb{R}^n contains an orthonormal basis.

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Then, $B = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m\}$ is an orthonormal basis of W .

Examples

Find an orthonormal basis of the subspace W of \mathbb{R}^4 with basis $A = \{u_1 = (1, 1, 0, 0), u_2 = (1, 0, -1, 1), u_3 = (0, 1, 1, 1)\}$.
See the whiteboard.

Orthonormal bases of eigenspaces

3.19. Theorem

Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$. Assume that A has $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r$ eigenvalues. If B_i is the orthonormal basis of eigenspace of E_{λ_i} , then $B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_r$ are an orthonormal set.

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The matrix Q is the matrix whose columns are from the vectors from B_1, B_2, \dots, B_r .

Example

Find the SVD of A .

① $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & -3 \end{pmatrix}.$

② $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$

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

Exercises

Find an orthogonal matrix Q and diagonal matrix D such that $A = QDQ^t$ with

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

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③ $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & -1 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$

④ $A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}.$