

1 9/5 Matrices, vectors, and their applications

Algebra: study of objects and operations on them.

Linear algebra: object: matrices and vectors. operations: addition, multiplication etc.

Algorithms/Geometric intuition/sets and maps

$m \times n$ matrix: numbers forming a rectangular grid, m rows and n columns. Motivation: coefficients of a system of linear equations. Data tables in statistics.

(i, j) -th entry of a matrix.

Vectors: matrices with one row/column. Motivation: coordinates in plane and space.

Operations: (1) Addition. (2) Scalar multiplication. (3) Matrix-vector multiplication. (4) Transpose.

Example: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Ax , $A(Ax)$.

Example: Averaging over columns. Covariance? Other statistical concepts?

Laws: The usual laws one may expect. e.g. $A(x + y) = Ax + Ay$, $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$, $(A^T)^T = A$.
Note: $A(Bx) \neq B(Ax)$!

Zero and one matrix. Standard vectors.

Example: Rotation by 60 degrees (or $\pi/3$).

Consequence: Matrix is completely determined by its action on the standard vectors! Matrix-matrix multiplication.

Example: 2×2 case.

The concept of linear combination. Relationship with matrix-vector multiplication.

Example: Rotation and Translation.

Example: Random walk on graphs.

2 9/8 Linear equations

Review:

- Matrix multiplications
- Transposes
- Standard vectors
- Identity Matrix
- Rotation matrix

- Stochastic matrix

Linear systems as matrix equations. *Coefficient matrix* and *augmented matrices*

Elementary row operations: swap, multiply, add. Property: reversible, and preserves solution set.

Row echelon form: The first non-zero entry (called pivot) of each row is to the right of the previous.

Reduced row echelon form: The first non-zero entry is 1 and is the only non-zero entry in that column. Uniqueness under row operations.

Algorithm (Gaussian elimination):

- Write augmented matrix.
- Use row operations, turn it into reduced echelon form.
- General solution from RREF (Example: $x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 3$, $x_1 + 3x_3 - x_4 = 8$).

		Pivot at last col.	No pivot at last col.
Structure of solutions:	All coefficient col. have pivot	None	Inf
	Some coeff. col. have no pivot	None	One
Examples of the 4 cases.			

True or false:

- A system of 3 linear equations with 6 variables can not have just one solution.
- A system of 3 linear equations with 6 variables must have infinitely many solutions.

Counting: number of arbitrary constants and the number of pivots. Rank and dimension.

Explicit algorithm from RREF to general solutions.

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3.1 Review

- Augmented matrix, row operations.
- RREF.
- Condition for no/one/infinitely many solutions.
- General solution: write *basic variables* in terms of *free variables*, or the *vector form*.

3.2 Gaussian elimination

Augment matrices to REF or RREF through finitely many elementary row operations.

For $r=1, 2, \dots, n$:

- Find the left-most non-zero entry among the $r, r+1, \dots, n$ rows. If there aren't any, terminate.
- Exchange rows to move this entry to the r -th row.

Multiply the r -th row and add it to the $r+1, \dots$ rows to eliminate all entries on the left-most non-zero column.

To Further turn it into a RREF (backward pass):

Multiply to each non-zero row to make the first entry 1.

For each non-zero row, multiply and add it to each of the rows above it to turn the entries on pivot columns 0.

Reason for distinguish forward/backward passes: forward pass is a permutation matrix with a lower triangular matrix with 1 on the diagonals, backward pass is a upper triangular matrix. Row pivoting.

Example: $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. RREF? General solution?

3.3 Uniqueness of RREF

Key idea: read the RREF from matrix using linear combinations of rows or columns!

Appendix E uses columns. One can also use rows as follows: Let R be the space of linear combination (span) of the row vectors. The last non-zero row in RREF is the one in R with the most number of 0 entries on the left and the first non-zero entry 1. Let the index of the first non-zero entry be c_1 . The preceding row in RREF is the one in R with c_1 -th entry 0, first non-zero entry 1, and the most possible number of 0 on the left, etc.

3.4 Rank and nullity

Rank of A : num. of pivots in A =num. of non-zero rows in REF of A =num of basic variables in $Ax = b$

Nullity of A : num of non-pivot columns in A =num. of columns of A -rank of A =num of free variables in $Ax = b$

True or false:

- The rank of $[A \ B]$ must be no smaller than the sum of the ranks of A and B .
- The nullity of $[A \ B]$ must be no smaller than the sum of the ranks of A and B .
- The RREF of a square matrix of no nullity must be the identity matrix
- The nullity of A is non-zero iff some row of A is a linear combination of the others.
- $[A \ B]$ has the same rank as B iff the columns of A are linear combinations of the columns of B .

Structure of the general solution in terms of rank or nullity:

If $rank(A) < rank([A, b])$:

No solution.

Else:

If $nullity(A) = 0$:

One solution.

Else:

Infinitely many solutions.

Example: $\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ e & f & g \end{pmatrix}$.

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Review:

- Augmented matrix and row operations
- REF, RREF, pivot
- free and basic variables
- Rank and Nullity

Linear combination: S is a set of matrices of the same size, v is called a linear combination of S iff there exist finitely many matrices $A_1 \dots A_n$ in S , and scalars a_1, \dots, a_n , so that $v = \sum_k a_k A_k$.

Span: The span of a set is the set of all linear combinations of that set. S is called a generating set of the set $\text{Span}(S)$.

Example: span of the standard vectors.

Span closed under addition and scalar multiplication.

Transitivity.

b is in the span of columns of A iff $Ax = b$ has a solution.

\mathcal{R}^n : all vectors of n entries. Span is \mathcal{R}^n iff matrix is *full rank* iff ...

Example: use linear equation to detect spans.

Implication on the rank of the matrices while adding columns.

Algorithm for minimal generating set. Example.

True or false:

Row operation changes the span of the column vectors.

A matrix is in REF, then the span of the columns are the span of some standard vectors.

5 9/18 Linear dependency

5.1 Review

Notation: when A and B has the same number of rows, by $[A \ B]$ we mean a larger matrix formed by stacking them together horizontally.

relationship between matrices, system of equations $Ax = b$, and the column vectors:

The followings are equivalent:

- $Ax = b$ has a solution (is **consistent**).
- b lies in the **span** of the columns vectors of A .

- The **span** of the columns of A is the same as the span of the columns of A and b .
- $\text{rank}([A \ b]) = \text{rank}(A)$.
- $\text{Nullity}([A \ b]) = \text{Nullity}(A) + 1$.
- In the **RREF** of $[A \ b]$, the last column does not contain a **pivot**.

Examples.

The followings are equivalent:

- $Ax = b$ has a solution (is **consistent**) for all b .
- The **span** of the columns vectors of A is \mathcal{R}^m .
- $\text{rank}(A) = m$.
- $\text{Nullity}(A) = n - m$.
- In the **RREF** of A , every row contain a **pivot**.
- The **RREF** of A does not contain zero rows.

Examples.

5.2 Linear dependence/independence

A set S is called **linearly independent**, if for any sequence of distinct elements $x_1, \dots, x_k \in S$, $c_1x_1 + \dots + c_kx_k = 0$ implies that $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = 0$. If a set is not linearly independent it is linearly dependent.

$a_1 \dots a_n$ are linearly dependent if and only if $[a_1 \dots a_n]x = 0$ (the **homogeneous eq.**) has one (hence infinitely many) non-zero solutions. (hence $[a_1 \dots a_n]x = b$ has infinitely many solutions for some b , hence has free variables, hence the nullity of A is non-zero).

Example: 1 or 2 vectors.

Linear dependency in standard vectors.

Linear dependency in RREF.

Linear dependency in vector form of the general solution.

5.3 Number of rows and columns

$m > n$: column vectors may or may not be linearly dependent, but can never span \mathcal{R}^m .

$m < n$: column vectors may or may not span \mathcal{R}^m , but can never be linearly independent.

$m = n$: column vectors span \mathcal{R}^m iff they are linearly independent.

5.4 Adding and removing vectors

If S is linearly independent, any subset of S is linearly independent and has a smaller span, $S \cap \{v\}$ is linearly independent iff v is in the span of S .

If S is linearly dependent, so is any set larger than S .

Examples.

*****Optional*****

Row vectors under row operation.

Rank=num. of linearly independent column vectors.

Vertical stacks of matrices.

Relationship between homogeneous and non-homogeneous equations.

6 9/22 Review of Chapter 1, more on matrix multiplication

Important concepts to remember:

- Matrix
- Identity matrix
- Zero matrix
- Vector
- Standard vectors
- \mathcal{R}^n
- Scalar multiplication
- Addition
- Multiplication
- Transpose
- Symmetric matrix
- System of linear equation
- Homogeneous equation
- Augmented matrix
- Coefficient matrix
- Row operation
- REF

- RREF
- Pivot
- Rank
- Nullity
- Free variable
- Basic variable
- General solution
- General solution in vector form
- Linear combination
- Span
- Linear independence

True or false:

A set of 3 vectors in \mathcal{R}^2 can not be linearly independent.

A set of 3 vectors in \mathcal{R}^3 is either linearly dependent or spans \mathcal{R}^3 .

The identity matrix is in RREF.

3 linear equations with 4 variables can not have finitely many solutions.

If the nullity of A is greater than 0, then $Ax = 0$ has infinitely many solutions.