

Selected Solutions of Numerical Linear Algebra

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Part I

Fundamental

Lecture 1. Matrix Vector Multiplication

1.1 Prerequisite

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1.2 Solutions

1.3 *Proof.* We denote a non-singular matrix \mathbf{R} as

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & \cdots & r_{1m} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & r_{mm} \end{pmatrix},$$

it is clear that $r_{ii} \neq 0$, otherwise \mathbf{R} is singular. Since \mathbf{R} is non-singular, we assume that

$$\mathbf{I} = (\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_m) = (\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_m) \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & \cdots & r_{1m} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & r_{mm} \end{pmatrix}$$

where $(\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_m) = \mathbf{R}^{-1}$. To show \mathbf{R}^{-1} is upper-triangular, we work by induction. To begin with, we have $\mathbf{e}_1 = r_{11}\mathbf{a}_1$ and hence $\mathbf{a}_1 = r_{11}^{-1}\mathbf{e}_1$ has *zero entries* except the first one. For convenience, we denote by \mathbb{C}_k^m the column space

$$\mathbb{C}_k^m = \{\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_k, 0, \dots, 0)^T, v_i \neq 0 \ (1 \leq i \leq k)\},$$

Then

$$\mathbb{C}_1^m \subset \mathbb{C}_2^m \cdots \mathbb{C}_m^m = \mathbb{C}^m.$$

We have shown that $\mathbf{a}_1 \in \mathbb{C}_1^m$, assume that for any $k \leq s$, we have that $\mathbf{a}_k \in \mathbb{C}_k^m$. Then by equation *Page 8, (1.8)*, we have

$$\mathbf{e}_{s+1} = \sum_{k=1}^m \mathbf{a}_k r_{k,s+1}.$$

Note that $r_{k,s+1} = 0, \forall k > s+1$, then

$$\sum_{k=1}^m \mathbf{a}_k r_{k,s+1} = \sum_{k=1}^s \mathbf{a}_k r_{k,s+1} + \mathbf{a}_{s+1} r_{s+1,s+1} = \mathbf{e}_{s+1},$$

Therefore

$$\mathbf{a}_{s+1} = r_{s+1,s+1}^{-1}(\mathbf{e}_{s+1} - \sum_{k=1}^s \mathbf{a}_k r_{k,s+1}) \in \mathbb{C}_{s+1}^m$$

By induction, we have proved that $\mathbf{a}_k \in \mathbb{C}_k^m$ for $1 \leq k \leq m$, which is equivalent to the fact that \mathbf{R}^{-1} is upper-triangular. \square

- 1.4(a) *Proof.* Denote the column vectors $(c_1, \dots, c_n)^T$, $(d_1, \dots, d_n)^T$ by notations \mathbf{c} and \mathbf{d} , let \mathbf{F} be the matrix whose (i, j) entry is $f_j(i)$. Then, the given condition can be rephrased as: ForAll $\mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{C}^8$, there must exist a vector \mathbf{c} such that $\mathbf{F}\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{d}$. This means that

$$\text{range}\{\mathbf{F}\} = \mathbb{C}^8,$$

which implies that \mathbf{F} has full rank by *theorem 1.3*. Furthermore, \mathbf{F} is non-singular. Therefore

$$\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{F}^{-1}\mathbf{d}$$

and hence \mathbf{d} determines \mathbf{c} uniquely. □

- 1.4(b) The given condition can be reformatted as

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{c}.$$

Note that $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{F}^{-1}\mathbf{d}$, then

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{F}^{-1}\mathbf{d},$$

then we have

$$(\mathbf{F}\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I})\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{0},$$

note that this equation above is true for any $\mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{C}^8$, then $\mathbf{F}\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I}$ must be *zero matrix*, which is $\mathbf{F}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$. Hence the i, j entry of \mathbf{A}^{-1} is the i, j entry of \mathbf{F} we defined in (a).

Lecture 2. Orthogonal Vectors and Matrices

2.1 Prerequisite

Before giving the solutions, I would like to prove some basic conclusions about this lecture

Lemma 2.1. *Given an non-singular matrix \mathbf{A} , then \mathbf{A}^{-1} is unique*

Proof. Suppose that we have two inverse matrices \mathbf{C} and \mathbf{B} w.r.t \mathbf{A} . By the definition of inverse.

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{C}) = (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{A})\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{I}\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C},$$

and hence we can conclude that $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{C}$. □

Lemma 2.2. *Given an non-singular matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$, its hermitian conjugate \mathbf{A}^* is also non-singular.*

Proof.

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{I},$$

We can apply the hermitian conjugate to both sides of the equation above:

$$\mathbf{A}^*(\mathbf{A}^{-1})^* = (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^*\mathbf{A}^* = \mathbf{I}$$

Hence we can get that \mathbf{A}^* is non-singular. □

Lemma 2.3. *Give a non-singular matrix \mathbf{A} and its hermitian conjugate \mathbf{A}^* , we have*

$$(\mathbf{A}^*)^{-1} = (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^*$$

Proof. By lemma 2.2, \mathbf{A}^* is non-singular and it's clear that the inverse is $(\mathbf{A}^{-1})^*$. However, we can get that $(\mathbf{A}^*)^{-1}$ is also the inverse of \mathbf{A}^* by definition. Further, by lemma 2.1, we have

$$(\mathbf{A}^*)^{-1} = (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^*$$

which is exactly what we need to prove. □

Lemma 2.4. *Given two pure imaginary number di, bi , then*

$$(1 - di)(1 - bi) \neq 0.$$

Proof. LHS equals

$$1 - bd - (b + d)i, \tag{*}$$

if $(*) = 0$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - bd &= 0 \\ b + d &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

which means that

$$-b^2 = 1,$$

since $b \in \mathbb{R}$, the equation above cannot be true, and hence $(1 - di)(1 - bi) \neq 0$. □

2.2 Solutions

2.1 *Proof.* Without loss of generality, we assume that \mathbf{A} is upper-triangular. By the *ex. 1.3*, we can conclude that \mathbf{A}^{-1} is also upper-triangular. It is clear that $\mathbf{A}^* = \mathbf{A}^{-1}$ since \mathbf{A} is unitary. Then \mathbf{A}^* is also an upper-triangular matrix, which is

$$\mathbf{A}_{i,j}^* = \bar{a}_{ji} = a_{ij} = 0, \quad (\forall i > j),$$

Hence, the matrix \mathbf{A} is diagonal. The same follows if \mathbf{A} is lower-triangular. \square

2.3 (a) Let \mathbf{x} be an eigenvector of matrix \mathbf{A} w.r.t. the eigenvalue λ , then

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x},$$

multiplying both sides by \mathbf{x}^* , we get that

$$\mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{x} = \lambda \|\mathbf{x}\|^2, \quad (\spadesuit)$$

then

$$\lambda = \frac{\mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2} = \frac{\mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2} = \frac{(\mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x})^*}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2} = \bar{\lambda},$$

which means that λ is real.

2.3 (b) Let $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2$ be two eigenvectors of the hermitian matrix \mathbf{A} . Denote λ_k the eigenvalue w.r.t \mathbf{x}_k ($k = 1, 2$), where $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$, then

$$\lambda_2 \mathbf{x}_1^* \mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{x}_1^* \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}_2,$$

$$\lambda_1 \mathbf{x}_2^* \mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{x}_2^* \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}_1.$$

Note that \mathbf{A} is hermitian, we can get that

$$\lambda_2 \mathbf{x}_1^* \mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{x}_1^* \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{x}_1^* \mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{x}_2 = (\mathbf{x}_2^* \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}_1)^* = \lambda_1^* \mathbf{x}_1^* \mathbf{x}_2,$$

then

$$(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1^*) \mathbf{x}_1^* \mathbf{x}_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_1^* \mathbf{x}_2 = 0,$$

which is exactly what we need to prove.

2.4 Let λ be an eigenvalue of \mathbf{A} , and \mathbf{x} be the eigenvector w.r.t λ , then we have $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$ and $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \|\lambda\mathbf{x}\|$, which is

$$\mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^* \|\lambda\| \lambda \mathbf{x}.$$

Since \mathbf{A} is unitary, then

$$\mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{I} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^* \|\lambda\|_2^2 \mathbf{x}.$$

Furthermore,

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \cdots + x_n^2 = \|\lambda\|_2^2 (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \cdots + x_n^2),$$

it follows that $\|\lambda\|_2^2 = 1$ since \mathbf{x} is non-zero vector.

2.5(a) Let \mathbf{x} be an eigenvector of matrix \mathbf{S} w.r.t. the eigenvalue λ , then

$$\mathbf{S}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}.$$

By the equation *ex. 2.3(♠)*, we have

$$\lambda = \frac{\mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{S} \mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2} = \frac{\mathbf{x}^* (-\mathbf{S}^*) \mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2} = \frac{-(\mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{S} \mathbf{x})^*}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2} = -\bar{\lambda},$$

then we can get that $\lambda + \bar{\lambda} = 0$, which means that λ is purely imaginary.

2.5(b) Assume that λ is the eigenvalue of \mathbf{S} , it follows that $1 - \lambda$ is the eigenvalue of $1 - \mathbf{S}$. Since λ is purely imaginary number, then by *Lemma 2.1.4*, we have

$$\det(1 - \mathbf{S}) = \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \lambda_i) \neq 0,$$

where $\lambda_i, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ are eigenvalues of \mathbf{S} . Hence we can conclude that $1 - \mathbf{S}$ is non-singular.

2.5(c) Assume that $\mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{S})^{-1}(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{S})$, then we have

$$\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{Q}^* = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{S})^{-1}(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{S})(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{S}^*)((\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{S})^{-1})^*,$$

by *Lemma 2.1.3*, we can get that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{Q}^* &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{S})^{-1}(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{S})(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{S})((\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{S})^{-1})^* \\ &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{S})^{-1}(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{S})(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{S})(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{S})^{-1} \\ &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{S})^{-1}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{S})(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{S})(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{S})^{-1} \\ &= \mathbf{I}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we can conclude that $(1 - \mathbf{S})^{-1}(1 - \mathbf{S})$ is unitary.

2.6 *Proof.* If \mathbf{A} is singular, there exists a vector $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ such that

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^*\mathbf{x} = 0,$$

then $\mathbf{x} = -\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^*\mathbf{x})$ where $\mathbf{v}^*\mathbf{u}$ is scalar. Let $\mathbf{x} = t\mathbf{u}(t \in \mathbb{R})$, then we can get that

$$t\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^*t\mathbf{u}) = t\mathbf{u}(1 + \mathbf{v}^*\mathbf{u}) = 0,$$

It follows that $\mathbf{v}^*\mathbf{u} = -1$ since $\mathbf{x} = t\mathbf{u} \neq 0$. Assume that $\alpha = -1/(1 + \mathbf{v}^*\mathbf{u})$, then

$$(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^*)(\mathbf{I} + \alpha\mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^*) = \mathbf{I}.$$

Note that we have shown that $\mathbf{v}^*\mathbf{u} = -1$ is a necessary condition of \mathbf{A} is singular. For sufficiency, we assume that $\mathbf{v}^*\mathbf{u} = -1$. Then for any $t \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$, we have

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = t\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^*t\mathbf{u} = t\mathbf{u} + t\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^*\mathbf{u}) = 0,$$

which implies that \mathbf{A} is singular. Combined, we conclude that \mathbf{A} is singular iff. $\mathbf{v}^* \mathbf{u} = -1$. In this case,

$$\text{null}(\mathbf{A}) = \{t\mathbf{u}, t \in \mathbb{R}\},$$

the linear subspace spanned by \mathbf{u} . □

2.7 *Proof.* We can verify that \mathbf{H}_{k+1} is Hadamard matrix directly,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}_{k+1}^T \mathbf{H}_{k+1} &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{H}_k^T & \mathbf{H}_k^T \\ \mathbf{H}_k^T & -\mathbf{H}_k^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{H}_k & \mathbf{H}_k \\ \mathbf{H}_k & -\mathbf{H}_k \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{H}_k^T \mathbf{H}_k + \mathbf{H}_k^T \mathbf{H}_k & \mathbf{H}_k^T \mathbf{H}_k - \mathbf{H}_k^T \mathbf{H}_k \\ \mathbf{H}_k^T \mathbf{H}_k - \mathbf{H}_k^T \mathbf{H}_k & \mathbf{H}_k^T \mathbf{H}_k + \mathbf{H}_k^T \mathbf{H}_k \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2\mathbf{H}_k^T \mathbf{H}_k & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & 2\mathbf{H}_k^T \mathbf{H}_k \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2\mathbf{I}_k & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & 2\mathbf{I}_k \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 2c \cdot \mathbf{I}_{2k}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we can get that $\mathbf{H}_{k+1}^T = 2c\mathbf{H}_{k+1}^{-1}$. Note that the entries of \mathbf{H}_{k+1} are also all ± 1 by the recursion formula. Hence \mathbf{H}_{k+1} is also a Hadamard matrix. □

Lecture 3. Norms

3.1 Prerequisite

Definition 3.1 (Vector Norm). *A norm is a function $\|\cdot\| : \mathbb{C}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that assigns a real-valued length to each vector. In order to conform to a reasonable notion of length, a norm must satisfy the following three conditions. For all vectors x and y and for all scalars $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$,*

$$(1) \|x\| \geq 0 \text{ and } \|x\| = 0 \text{ only if } x = 0,$$

$$(2) \|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|,$$

$$(3) \|\alpha x\| = |\alpha| \|x\|.$$

Lemma 3.1. *Given a permutation matrix $\mathbf{P} \in \mathcal{M}_{m \times n}$, and a vector $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n$, then*

$$\|\mathbf{P}\mathbf{x}\|_p = \|\mathbf{x}\|_p.$$

Proof. By the definition of vector norm, we can get that

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_p = \begin{cases} \left(\sum_{i=1}^m |x_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, & 1 \leq p < \infty; \\ \max_i \{x_i\}, & p = \infty. \end{cases}$$

It is clear that $\|\mathbf{x}\|_p$ won't be changed after permutation of entries. Therefore, for any permutation matrix \mathbf{P} ,

$$\|\mathbf{P}\mathbf{x}\|_p = \|\mathbf{x}\|_p,$$

which is what we need to prove. \square

Corollary 3.1. *Given matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{M}_{m \times n}$ and two permutation matrix $\mathbf{P} \in \mathcal{M}_{m \times m}$, $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times n}$. Then,*

$$\|\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}\|_p = \|\mathbf{A}\|_p.$$

Proof. By the definition of induced norm, we can get that the LHS equals

$$LHS = \|\mathbf{A}\|_p = \sup_x \frac{\|\mathbf{A}x\|_p}{\|x\|_p} = \sup_x \frac{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}x\|_p}{\|\mathbf{Q}x\|_p} = \sup_x \frac{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}x\|_p}{\|x\|_p} = \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}\|_p,$$

Futhermore, the RHS equals

$$RHS = \|\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}\|_p = \sup_x \frac{\|\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}x\|_p}{\|x\|_p} = \sup_x \frac{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}x\|_p}{\|x\|_p} = \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}\|_p = LHS,$$

which is we need to prove. \square

3.2 Solutions

3.1 By equation (3.3), we can get that

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_{\mathbf{W}} = \|\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}\|,$$

where $\|\cdot\|$ is a vector norm. It is clear that $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbf{W}}$ meets (2), (3) of the vector norm's definition. Furthermore, we assume that

$$\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}. \quad (\star)$$

Since \mathbf{W} is non-singular, (\star) is true iff. $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. Then $\|\mathbf{x}\|_{\mathbf{W}} = \|\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}\| \geq 0$, and $\|\mathbf{x}\| = 0$ iff. $\|\mathbf{x}\| = 0$, which meets condition (1) of vector norm's definition. Hence, we can conclude that $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbf{W}}$ is a vector norm.

3.2 Let λ be the eigenvalue of \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{x} be the eigenvector w.r.t. λ , then

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}, \quad (\star)$$

where $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$. We can concentrate m's \mathbf{x} as a matrix \mathbf{X} with m columns, which is

$$(x, x, \dots, x) = \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

By (\star) , we can get that

$$\mathbf{A}(x, x, \dots, x) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} = \lambda\mathbf{X}, \quad (\spadesuit)$$

Implement the norm on both sides of (\spadesuit) , then

$$\|\lambda\mathbf{X}\| = |\lambda|\|\mathbf{X}\| = \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|\|\mathbf{X}\|,$$

Note that $\mathbf{X} \neq \mathbf{0}$ and hence $|\lambda| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|$ for any eigenvalue λ of \mathbf{A} . Therefore

$$\rho(\mathbf{A}) = \max\{\lambda\} \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|.$$

which is exactly we want to prove.