

# Fundamentals of Linear Algebra and Matrix Theory

# Vector space

$$+ : V \times V \rightarrow V, \quad \cdot : \mathbb{F} \times V \rightarrow V$$

$(V, +, \cdot)$  over  $\mathbb{F}$  : Nonempty set  $V$  s.t.  $\forall \underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \underline{v}_3 \in V$

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field

$$\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F},$$

①  $\underline{v}_1 + \underline{v}_2 = \underline{v}_2 + \underline{v}_1$

②  $\underline{v}_1 + (\underline{v}_2 + \underline{v}_3) = (\underline{v}_1 + \underline{v}_2) + \underline{v}_3$

③  $\exists \underline{0} \in V$  s.t.  $\underline{0} + \underline{v}_1 = \underline{v}_1$

④ For each  $\underline{v}_1 \in V$ ,  $\exists \underline{\bar{v}} \in V$  s.t.  $\underline{v}_1 + \underline{\bar{v}} = \underline{0}$

⑤  $(\alpha - \beta) \cdot \underline{v}_1 = \alpha \cdot \underline{v}_1 - \beta \cdot \underline{v}_1$

⑥  $1 \cdot \underline{v}_1 = \underline{v}_1$

⑦  $(\alpha + \beta) \cdot \underline{v}_1 = \alpha \cdot \underline{v}_1 + \beta \cdot \underline{v}_1$

$$\alpha(\underline{v}_1 + \underline{v}_2) = \alpha \underline{v}_1 + \alpha \underline{v}_2$$

You should be able to answer the following:

- What is a subspace of a vector space? Given a subset  $S$  of a vector space  $V$ , do you need to test whether all 7 properties are satisfied? Is there an easier test?

- How do you define linear combinations of vectors?

- What do you mean by linear independence?

$$\alpha_1 \underline{v_1} + \alpha_2 \underline{v_2} + \dots + \alpha_n \underline{v_n} = \underline{0} \iff \alpha_i = 0 \quad \forall i$$

- What do you mean by the span of vectors?

- What is a spanning set of a vector space?

- When are vectors said to be linearly independent?

- What is a basis of a vector space? Is it unique?
- What is the dimension of a vector space?
- What are the four fundamental subspaces associated with a matrix?
- What is the rank of a matrix, and what is its nullity?
- How do you compute the rank or nullity of a given matrix? What is the computational complexity of doing so?
- You should know what elementary row operations are, how to convert a matrix into the row reduced echelon form (RREF), and the QR decomposition of a matrix

Is the following a vector space? If yes, what is its dimension?

①  $\mathbb{F}^n$  over  $\mathbb{F}$  for any field  $\mathbb{F}$

② Set of all  $m \times n$  matrices with elements from  $\mathbb{R}$  (over  $\mathbb{R}$ )

$A^{(i,j)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  entry

③  $\mathbb{Q}^n$  — Not a VS

$\sqrt{2}v \notin \mathbb{Q}^n$  for any  $v \in \mathbb{Q}^n \setminus \{0\}$

④ Set of all polynomials of degree  $\leq 3$  & coefficients from  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$$a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$$

$$\{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$$

$$\dim = 4$$

⑤ Set of all polynomials with coefficients from  $\mathbb{R}$

$$\text{Yes: } \dim = \infty$$

⑥ Set of all continuous functions

$$\mathcal{F} = \{f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f \text{ continuous}\}$$

$$\mathcal{Q} = \{f(x) = 0 \\ \forall x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

②

$\mathbb{R}$

$$F = \mathbb{Q}$$

Yes,

$$\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5}, \sqrt{7}$$

# Vectors and matrices:

If  $V$  is finite dimensional V-S, can represent any vector as  $n \times 1$  matrix

$$\underline{v} = \alpha_1 \underline{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \underline{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \underline{v}_n$$

$$\underline{v} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix}$$

w.r.t basis  $\{\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \dots, \underline{v}_n\}$



\*  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is linear  $\checkmark$

$$f(\alpha \underline{v}_1 + \beta \underline{v}_2) = \alpha f(\underline{v}_1) + \beta f(\underline{v}_2)$$

\* A linear transformation can be represented by an  $m \times n$  matrix.

# Similarity

$$A: n \times n$$

$$B: n \times n$$

$A$  is similar to  $B$  if  $\exists$  an invertible  $P$  st

$$A = P B P^{-1}$$

$$A \underline{x} = P B \underbrace{(P^{-1} \underline{x})}$$

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rewritten  
to

old basis.

rep of  $\underline{x}$  in terms  
of cols of  $P$

$\{ \underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \dots, \underline{v}_n \}$   $\underline{w} \rightarrow$  Standard ord. basis

New basis

$$\underline{w} = \alpha_1 \underline{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \underline{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \underline{v}_n$$

$$\underline{\alpha} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$\rightarrow$  representation of  $\underline{w}$   
but in terms of new basis

$$\underline{w} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{v}_1 & \underline{v}_2 & \dots & \underline{v}_n \end{bmatrix} \underline{\alpha}$$

$$\underline{\alpha} = P^{-1} \underline{w}$$

# Determinant

Permutation of  $[n] = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$

$$\sigma : (1, 2, 3, 4) \mapsto (3, 1, 2, 4)$$

$$\sigma(1) = 3, \quad \sigma(2) = 1, \quad \sigma(3) = 2, \quad \sigma(4) = 4$$



Theorem: # of pairwise exchanges required to go from  $\sigma[n]$  to  $[n]$  is always either odd or even

Sign of  $\sigma$ : 
$$\text{sgn}(\sigma) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if even} \\ -1 & \text{if odd} \end{cases}$$

# Determinant

$$\begin{aligned}\det(A) &= \sum_{\sigma} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \cdot a_{1,\sigma(1)} a_{2,\sigma(2)} \cdots a_{n,\sigma(n)} \\ &= \sum_{\sigma} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n a_{i,\sigma(i)}\end{aligned}$$

# Examples

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{sgn}(1, 2) = +1$$

$$\text{sgn}(2, 1) = -1$$

$$\det(A) = \sum_{\sigma} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n a_{i, \sigma(i)}$$

$$= (+1) a_{11} a_{22} + (-1) a_{12} a_{21}$$

$$= a_{11} a_{22} - a_{12} a_{21}$$



## Another expression for the determinant

$$\det(A) = \sum_i a_{ij} \operatorname{cof}_{ij}(A) \quad \text{for any } j$$

$$= \sum_j a_{ij} \operatorname{cof}_{ij}(A) \quad \text{for any } i$$

# Computing the determinant

- Bring  $A$  to RREF  $A \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ 0 & & 1 & \\ & & & \ddots \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{B}$
- Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  be the row multipliers
- Let  $\beta$  be # of row exchanges

$$\det(A) = (-1)^\beta \frac{\det(B)}{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_n}$$

# Similarity

$$A \underline{x} = \lambda \underline{x}$$

→ eigenvalue  
→ eigenvector

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

$$(A - \lambda I) \underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

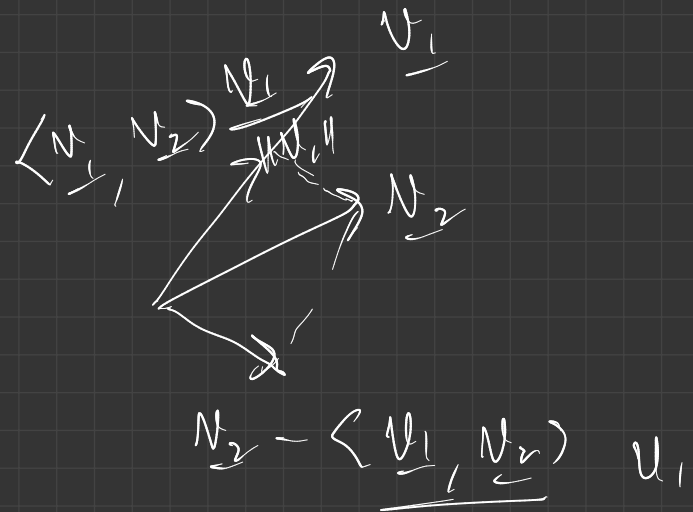
# Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization

$\underline{u}, \underline{v}$  are orthogonal if  $\underline{u}^T \underline{v} = 0$   
 orthonormal if  $\underline{u}^T \underline{v} = \delta_{ij}$  &  $\|\underline{u}\| = \|\underline{v}\| = 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Given basis  $\{\underline{u}_1, \dots, \underline{u}_n\}$

Take  $\underline{v}_1$  &  $\underline{u}_1 = \frac{\underline{v}_1}{\|\underline{v}_1\|}$



for  $i = 2, 3, 4, \dots, n$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \tilde{\underline{u}}_i = \underline{v}_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \langle \underline{v}_i, \underline{u}_j \rangle \underline{u}_j$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \underline{u}_i = \frac{\tilde{\underline{u}}_i}{\|\tilde{\underline{u}}_i\|}$$

$$A = \mathbb{Q} R$$

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full col. rank

# Eigenspace

$$A \underline{v} = \lambda \underline{v} \rightarrow \text{eigenvector}$$

$\downarrow$   
eigenvalue

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k \rightarrow \text{distinct eigenvalues}$$

$\lambda_i$  has Multiplicity  $\alpha_i$   
called algebraic / arithmetic multiplicity of  $\lambda_i$

# Algebraic multiplicity and geometric multiplicity, linear independence of eigenspaces

$$V_i = \{ \underline{v} : A\underline{v} = \lambda_i \underline{v} \}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A(\alpha \underline{v}_1 + \beta \underline{v}_2) &= \alpha A\underline{v}_1 + \beta A\underline{v}_2 \\ &= \alpha \lambda_i \underline{v}_1 + \beta \lambda_i \underline{v}_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\dim(V_i) = \text{Geometric multiplicity of } \lambda_i \quad \sim \quad \lambda_i (\alpha \underline{v}_1 + \beta \underline{v}_2)$$

$\uparrow$   
 $V_i$

If we can construct a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  out of  
eigenvectors  $\{ \underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_n \}$ , then  $A$   
wrt in terms of  $\downarrow$  is diagonal

$$A \approx P B P^{-1}$$

$\rightarrow$  cols of  $P$  are new basis vectors  
Similar transformation w.r.t  $P$ .

$$A \approx P \mathbb{D} P^{-1}$$

$A$  is diagonalizable iff

$$\textcircled{1} \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i = n$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{Geo m multip}(\lambda_i) = \alpha_i \quad \forall i$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 1$$

$$\alpha_1 = 2$$

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Geom multiplicity} &= \dim \mathcal{N}(A - \lambda I) \\ &= 1 \neq 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$1 \leq \text{Geom Mult} \leq \text{Arith Mult}$$

# Projection matrices and spectral decomposition

$$A = \lambda_1 E_1 + \lambda_2 E_2 + \dots + \lambda_k E_k$$



projection matrix

projects  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into the eigenspace  
corresp to  $\lambda_i$

$$E_i^2 = E_i E_i = E_i$$

# Symmetric matrices and their eigenvectors

$$A^T = A$$

$\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$        $u_1, u_2$  corresp to  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$

$$u_1^T A u_2 = \lambda_2 u_1^T u_2$$

$$(u_1^T A u_2)^T = \lambda_2 u_2^T u_1 = \lambda_2 u_1^T u_2$$

$$\stackrel{||}{=} u_2^T A^T u_1 = u_2^T A u_1 = \lambda_1 u_2^T u_1 = \lambda_1 u_1^T u_2$$

$$\Rightarrow u_1^T u_2 = 0$$

Eigenvectors corresp to distinct eigenvalues are orthogonal

## Spectral theorem

A real matrix  $A$  is symmetric if & only if it is orthogonally diagonalizable.

$$A \approx P D P^T \approx P D P^T$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } A \approx P D P^T, \text{ then } A^T &= (P D P^T)^T \\ &\approx P D^T P^T \\ &\approx P D P^T \end{aligned}$$

If  $A$  is symmetric -

If  $n = 1$ , trivial.

Suppose all symmetric  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrices are orthogonally diagonalizable.

$A \lambda, \underline{u}_1 \rightarrow$  unit norm eigenvector

$\{\underline{u}_1, \underline{u}_2, \dots, \underline{u}_n\} \rightarrow$  orthonormal basis

$$A \approx P \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \vdots & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ 0 & & & \end{bmatrix} P^T \approx \tilde{P} D \tilde{P}^T$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{B} \rightarrow$  symmetric

$$A(\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \dots + \alpha_n u_n)$$

$$B \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix} \approx \lambda \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\parallel$$
$$\alpha_1 A u_1 + \alpha_2 A u_2 + \dots + \alpha_n A u_n$$

$$A \underline{u} \approx A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Positive Semidefinite (PSD) and Positive Definite (PD) matrices

A real symmetric  $A$  is positive semidefinite if all eigen values are  $\geq 0$ .

$$A \succeq 0$$

$$A \succeq B \iff (A-B) \succeq 0$$

$A$  is positive definite if all eigen values  $> 0$

$$A \succ 0$$

$$A \succ B \iff (A-B) \succ 0$$

$$\underline{x}^T A \underline{x} \quad \underline{x} = \alpha_1 \underline{u}_1 + \alpha_2 \underline{u}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \underline{u}_n$$

$$\underline{x}^T (\alpha_1 \lambda_1 \underline{u}_1 + \alpha_2 \lambda_2 \underline{u}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \lambda_n \underline{u}_n)$$

$$= \alpha_1^2 \lambda_1 + \alpha_2^2 \lambda_2 + \alpha_3^2 \lambda_3 + \dots + \alpha_n^2 \lambda_n \geq 0$$

$$\lambda_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i$$

$$A \text{ ist PSD} \iff \underline{x}^T A \underline{x} \geq 0 \quad \forall \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$



# Square root of PSD matrix

$$A \approx P D P^T$$

$$D \approx \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{1/2} \approx P \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} & & & 0 \\ & \sqrt{\lambda_2} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \sqrt{\lambda_n} \end{bmatrix} P^T$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^{1/2} A^{1/2} &\approx P \Lambda^{1/2} P^T P \Lambda^{1/2} P^T \\ &\approx P \Lambda^{1/2} \Lambda^{1/2} P^T \approx P D P^T \approx A \end{aligned}$$

# Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

$$A : m \times n$$

$$\text{rank}(A) = t$$

$$A = U \Lambda V^T$$



$$m \times t$$

$$V : n \times t$$

$$t \times t$$

$$A^T A = V \Lambda^2 V^T$$



PSD

$$\underline{x}^T A^T A \underline{x} = \|A \underline{x}\|^2 \geq 0$$

Singular values :

Square root of  
eigenvalues of  $A^T A$

$$\begin{aligned} A^T A &\approx (U \Lambda V^T)^T U \Lambda V^T \\ &\approx V \Lambda U^T U \Lambda V^T \\ &\approx V \Lambda^2 V^T \end{aligned}$$

$$A A^T \approx U \Lambda^2 U^T$$

Goal: Solve minimization problems

## 1. Unconstrained minimization

- closed form solutions

- numerical methods