


Lecture 20: Inverse matrices overview and orthogonality

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18.5 Invertible Matrix Theorem

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. Then, the following statements are equivalent:

- 1) **A is invertible**
- 2) $\text{rank}(A) = n$ (there are n leading ones; for every column in the REF there's a leading 1)
- 3) $Ax = 0$ has only the trivial solution ($x = 0$)
- 4) $Ax = b$ is consistent for every $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- 5) $Ax = b$ has a unique solution for every $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- 6) The RREF of A is I (the identity matrix)
- 7) $\text{Null}(A) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = 0\} = \{0\}$
- 8) $\text{Col}(A) = \{Ax \mid x \in \mathbb{R}^n\} = \mathbb{R}^n$
- 9) $\text{Row}(A) = \mathbb{R}^n$
- 10) $\text{rank}(A^T) = n$

 understand what's behind these equivalences

proof:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{rank}(A) &= \dim(\text{Row}(A)) \\ &= \dim(\text{Col}(A)) \\ &= \dim(\text{Row}(A^T)) \\ &= \text{rank}(A^T)\end{aligned}$$

- 11) The columns of A are linearly independent.
- 12) The rows of A are linearly independent.
- 13) The columns of A span \mathbb{R}^n
- 14) The rows of A span \mathbb{R}^n
- 15) The columns of A are a basis of \mathbb{R}^n
- 16) The rows of A are a basis of \mathbb{R}^n
- 17) A^T is invertible.

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19 Orthogonality

Recall

$$u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$u \perp v$ (u and v are orthogonal)

$$\Leftrightarrow u \cdot v = 0$$

Properties of the dot product:

- i) $u \cdot u \geq 0$ and $u \cdot u = 0 \Leftrightarrow u = 0$
- ii) $u \cdot v = v \cdot u \rightarrow$ "symmetric"
- iii) $\left. \begin{aligned} (au + bv) \cdot w &= au \cdot w + bv \cdot w \\ u \cdot (av + bw) &= au \cdot v + bu \cdot w \end{aligned} \right\}$ "bilinear"

Example

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \perp \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}?$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 0 = 0$$

they are \perp

Observation

$$e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, e_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

are pairwise orthogonal and a basis of \mathbb{R}^3

Let $v \in \mathbb{R}^3$

$$v = a \cdot e_1 + b \cdot e_2 + c \cdot e_3 \quad (*)$$

If we want to know what a is:

Take $(*)$ and take the dot product of with e_1 on both sides:

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 \cdot v &= e_1 \cdot (ae_1 + be_2 + ce_3) \\ \Leftrightarrow e_1 \cdot v &= \underbrace{ae_1 \cdot e_1}_1 + \underbrace{be_1 \cdot e_2}_0 + \underbrace{ce_1 \cdot e_3}_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow e_1 \cdot v = a$$

We only have to compute $e_1 \cdot v$ to get a , similarly:

$$b = e_2 \cdot v$$

$$c = e_3 \cdot v$$

19.2 Orthogonal sets of vectors

Definition

A set of vectors $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is called orthogonal if:

- (1) $v_i \cdot v_j = 0$ for $1 \leq i < j \leq m$
- (2) $v_i \neq 0$ for $1 \leq i \leq m$

Example

$$e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, e_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

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|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| $e_1 \cdot e_2 = 0$ ✓ | $e_1 \neq 0$ ✓ | yes' orthogonal |
| $e_1 \cdot e_3 = 0$ ✓ | $e_2 \neq 0$ ✓ | |
| $e_2 \cdot e_3 = 0$ ✓ | $e_3 \neq 0$ ✓ | |

Moreover, the set is called **orthonormal** if, in addition to (1) and (2):

$$(3) v_i \cdot v_i = \|v_i\|^2 = 1 \quad \text{for all } 1 \leq i \leq m$$

NOTE:

If $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$ is orthogonal, then

$$\left\{ \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|}, \dots, \frac{v_m}{\|v_m\|} \right\} \text{ is orthonormal}$$

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Theorem

Orthogonal sets are linearly independent.