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## BASIC CONCEPTS

$m \times n$  matrix,  $1 \times n$  row vector,  $m \times 1$  column vector:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \quad a = [a_1 \quad \dots \quad a_n] \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T = [a_{ji}] \quad (\text{n by m matrix})$$

Symmetric:  $A^T = A$       Skew-Symmetric:  $A^T = -A$

## Matrix Addition, Scalar Multiplication

$C = A + B$       all matrices are  $m$  by  $n$  and  $c_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij}$

$D = kA$       all matrices are  $m$  by  $n$  and  $d_{ij} = ka_{ij}$

## Matrix Multiplication

$C = A \times B$        $A$  is  $m$  by  $n$ ,  $B$  is  $n$  by  $p$ ,  $C = m$  by  $p$  and  $c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj}$

## Gauss Elimination

$$a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

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$$a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

is equivalent to  $Ax = b$

The augmented matrix is row reduced from  $[A \mid b]$  to  $[U \mid bN]$  by elementary row operations:

- (A) interchange two rows
- (B) multiplication of a row by a nonzero constant
- (C) addition of a constant multiple of one row to another row

## Linear Independence, Rank of Matrix

$$c_1 \vec{a}_{(1)} + c_2 \vec{a}_{(2)} + \dots + c_n \vec{a}_{(n)} = \vec{0}$$

If the  $n$  vector linear combination is equal to the zero vector only when all the  $c$ 's are zero then this is a set of linearly independent vectors.

The rank of matrix  $A$  equals the maximum number of linearly independent columns (or rows) of the matrix  $A$ . Use row or column reductions.

## Linear Systems: General Properties of Solutions

$Ax = 0$  always has the trivial solution  $x_1 = \dots = x_n = 0$   
nontrivial solution exists if  $\text{rank}(A) = r < n$

$Ax = b$  if  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A | b) = n$ , then there is a unique solution  
if  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A | b) < n$ , then there infinitely many solution  
if  $\text{rank}(A) < \text{rank}(A | b)$  then there are no solutions

## Inverse of a Matrix

$AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I_n$  if  $A$  is  $n$  by  $n$  and  $I_n = n$  by  $n$  identity matrix (1's on diagonal and zero elsewhere)

Find  $A^{-1}$  by Gauss Elimination starting with  $[A | I]$  and ending with  $[I | A^{-1}]$

## Determinants

$\det(A) = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$  if  $A$  is 2 by 2

$D = \det(A) = a_{1k}C_{1k} + a_{2k}C_{2k} + \dots + a_{nk}C_{nk}$  expansion  $k^{\text{th}}$  column

where  $C_{jk} = (-1)^{j+k} M_{jk}$  and  $M_{jk}$  = determinant of order  $n - 1$  obtained by eliminating the  $j^{\text{th}}$  row and  $k^{\text{th}}$  column of  $A$ .  $M_{jk}$  is called the minor of  $a_{jk}$  and  $C_{jk}$  is called the cofactor of  $a_{jk}$  in  $D$ .

Note: (a) interchanging rows (or columns) multiplies the determinant by -1  
(b) adding a constant multiple of one row (or column) to another does not change the value of the determinant

## Cramer's Rule

If  $\text{rank}(A) < n$ , then  $\det(A) = 0$

If  $\det(A) \neq 0$ , then  $x_i = D_i/D$   
where  $D = \det(A)$  and  $D_i = \det(A$  with the  $i^{\text{th}}$  column replaced by  $b$ )

$A^{-1} = [A_{jk}]^T / \det(A)$  where  $A_{jk}$  = the cofactor of  $a_{jk}$  in  $A$

## Eigenvalues, Eigenvectors

$Ax = \lambda x$  always has the trivial solution  $x = 0$

non-trivial solution are found by setting  $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$  and finding all eigenvalues first by solving the characteristic polynomial:

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

then solve  $(A - \lambda_i I)x_i = 0$  for particular eigenvectors

## Special Matrices:

Symmetric	$A^T = A$	
Skew-symmetric	$A^T = -A$	
Orthogonal	$A^T = A^{-1}$	all eigenvalues have $ \lambda_i  = 1$
Hermitian	$\overline{A}^T = A$	have real eigenvalues
Skew-Hermitian	$\overline{A}^T = -A$	have imaginary eigenvalues or zero
Unitary	$\overline{A}^T = A^{-1}$	all eigenvalues have $ \lambda_i  = 1$
Similar Matrices	$B = T^{-1}AT$	B has same eigenvalues as A

## Diagonalization

$D = X^{-1}AX$  where X is a matrix with each of its columns another eigenvector  
 $A = XDX^{-1}$

$$D^m = X^{-1}A^mX$$

$$f(A) = X^{-1}f(D)X$$

$P_n(A) = 0$  characteristic polynomial of matrix yields the zero matrix

$Q = x^T Ax$  is a quadratic form

Set  $X^T x = y$ .

Then  $Q = x^T XDX^T x = y^T Dy$  reduces to principal axes.

## Single Value Decomposition

$A = UDV^T$  where U and V are orthogonal matrices ( $U^T U = V^T V = I$ )

A is m by n with  $m \geq n$ , U is m by m, V is n by n, D is m by n

D given by  $\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \sigma_n & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  where  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n \geq 0$  are the singular values

main use - least square curve fitting -  $A^T A$  has eigenvalues