

### 1 Matrices and Systems of Linear Equations

Up until this point we've been solving systems of linear equations through finding with them (solving for different variables, etc.) until we get an answer. Using matrices we can solve them a lot more effectively. Not only that, but any process we use will turn the matrix into an equivalent system of equations, i.e., one that has the same solutions.

We can have systems of linear equations represented in matrices, and if all equations are equal to zero, the system is homogeneous. The solution is defined as the point in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  whose coordinates solve the system of equations. We have a couple of methods to solve systems of linear equations when they are in matrix form, but first we need to define a couple different terms and operations.

#### 1.1 Augmented Matrix

An augmented matrix is where two different matrices are combined to form a new matrix.

$$[A|b] = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1n} & b_1 \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & A_{m2} & \dots & A_{mn} & b_m \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

This is usually used to show the coefficients of the variables in a system of equations as well as the constants they are equal to.

#### 1.2 Elementary Row Operations

We have a couple of different options to manipulate augmented matrices which are as follows.

- Interchange row  $i$  and  $j$

$$R_i \leftrightarrow R_j, R_i = R_i$$

- Multiply row  $i$  by a constant.

$$R_i = cR_i$$

- Leaving  $j$  untouched, add to  $i$  a constant times  $j$ .

$$R_i = R_i + cR_j$$

These are handy when dealing with matrices and trying to obtain Reduced Row Echelon Form (RREF).

#### 1.3 Gaussian Elimination

Our first method for solving matrices is to use Gaussian Elimination. Our end goal with this strategy is to get to an triangular matrix or triangular form, which is easy to solve through back substitution.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & | & 12 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & | & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The corresponding linear system has vector form

$$Ux = c$$

The coefficient matrix  $U$  is upper triangular. The method of using solely Elementary Row Operation 1 is called regular Gaussian Elimination. A square matrix  $A$  is called regular if the algorithm successfully reduces it to upper triangular form  $U$  with all non-zero pivots.

#### 1.4 Pivoting and Permutations

Besides the above Elementary Row Operations, we also have pivoting at our disposal (which if you'll notice, is the same as Elementary Row Operation 1).

##### 1.4.1 Pivoting

**Definition 1.** A square matrix is called nonsingular if it can be reduced to upper triangular form with all non-zero elements on the diagonal, the pivots, by elementary row operations.

A singular square matrix cannot be reduced by such operations. **Theorem 1.** A linear system  $Ax = b$  has a unique solution for every choice of right hand side  $b$  if and only if its coefficient matrix  $A$  is square and nonsingular.

### 1.4.2 Permutations

**Definition 1.** A Permutation Matrix is a matrix obtained from the identity matrix by any combination of row interchanges.

Essentially just a method to change matrices. There are six different  $3 \times 3$  permutation matrices:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

#### 1.4.3 Permuted LU Factorization

Because we are also allowed pivoting in Gaussian Elimination, we can get the permuted LU Factorization formula:

$$PA = LDL^T$$

**Theorem 2.** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- $A$  is non-singular.
- $A$  has  $n$  non-zero pivots.
- $A$  admits a permuted LU factorization:  $PA = LU$ .

#### 1.4.4 Factorization of Symmetric Matrices

**Definition 3.** A square matrix is called symmetric if it equals its own transpose.  $A = A^T$ . Any symmetric matrix  $A$  is regular if and only if it can be factored as

$$A = LDL^T$$

#### 1.4.5 Pivoting Strategies

There are a couple strategies we can use to ensure that both our solutions are good, and that our relative error is minimal.

Partial Pivoting says that at each stage we should use the largest (in absolute value) element as the pivot, even if the diagonal element is nonzero. This helps suppress round-off errors.

### Definition 5. A square matrix of size $n \times n$ is nonsingular if and only if its rank is equal to $n$ .

**Theorem 6.** A homogeneous linear system  $Ax = 0$  of  $m$  equations in  $n$  unknowns has a non-trivial solution  $x \neq 0$  if and only if the rank of  $A$  is  $r < n$ . If  $m < n$ , the system always has a nontrivial solution. If  $m = n$  the system has a nontrivial solution if and only if  $A$  is singular.

#### 1.10 Inverse of a Matrix

When given a system of equations like:

$$\begin{cases} 2x + y = 1 \\ 4x + 3y = 6 \end{cases}$$

we can rewrite it in the form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

For this sort of matrix, we can find the inverse which is defined as the matrix that, when multiplied with the original, equals an Identity Matrix. In other words:

$$A^{-1}A = AA^{-1} = I$$

##### 1.10.1 Properties

- $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$
- $A$  and  $B$  are invertible matrices of the same order if  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$
- If  $A$  is invertible, then so is  $A^T$  and  $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$

##### 1.10.2 Inverse Matrix by RREF

For an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , the following procedure either produces  $A^{-1}$ , or proves that it's impossible.

- Form the  $n \times 2n$  matrix  $M = [A|I]$
- Transform  $M$  into its RREF.
- If the first  $n$  columns produce an Identity Matrix, then the last  $n$  are its inverse. Otherwise  $A$  is not invertible.

- The zero subspace  $\{(0, 0)\}$ .
- Lines passing through the origin.
- $\mathbb{R}^2$  itself.

We can call the zero and the set  $V$  themselves trivial subspaces, calling the subspace of lines passing through the origin the only non-trivial subspace in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We can classify  $\mathbb{R}^3$  similarly:

- Trivial:
  - Zero subspace
  - $\mathbb{R}^3$
- Non-Trivial
  - Lines that contain the origin.
  - Planes that contain the origin.

##### 2.3.1 Examples

- The set of all even functions.
- The set of all solutions to  $ym'' - ym' + y = 0$ .
- $\{P \in \mathcal{P}_2; P(2) = P(3)\}$

### 3 Span, Basis and Dimension

Given one or more vectors in a vector space, we can create more vectors through addition and scalar multiplication. These vectors that result from this process are called linear combinations.

#### 3.1 Span

The span of a set  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  of vectors in a vector space  $V$ , denoted  $\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is the set of all linear combinations of the vectors.

##### 3.1.1 Example

$$\text{For example, if } u = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } v = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ then we can write their span as}$$

$$au + bv = a \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3a \\ 2a + 2b \\ 2b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3a \\ 2a + 2b \\ 2b \end{bmatrix}$$

#### 3.2 Spanning Sets in $\mathbb{R}^n$

A vector  $b$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is in  $\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  where  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  are vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , provided that there is at least one solution of the matrix-vector equation  $Ax = b$ , where  $A$  is the matrix whose column vectors are  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ .

#### 3.3 Span Theorem

For a set of vectors  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  in vector space  $V$ ,  $\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

#### 3.4 Column Space

For any  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , the column space, denoted  $\text{Col } A$ , is the span of the column vectors of  $A$ , and is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

#### 3.5 Linear Independence

A set  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  of vectors in vector space  $V$  is linearly independent if no vector of the set can be written as a linear combination of the others. Otherwise it is linearly dependent.

This notion of linear independence also carries over to function spaces. A set of vector functions  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  in a vector space  $V$  is linearly independent on an interval  $I$  if for all  $t$  in  $I$  the only solution of

$$c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + \dots + c_nv_n = 0$$

for  $\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is  $c_i = 0$  for all  $i$ . If for any value  $t_0$  of  $t$  there is any solution with  $c_i \neq 0$ , the vector functions are linearly dependent.

### 1.12.3 Recursive Method of an $n \times n$ matrix $A$

We can now determine a recursive method for any  $n \times n$  matrix. Using the definitions declared above, we use the recursive method that follows.

$$|A| = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}C_{ij} \quad (5)$$

Find  $j$  and then finish with the rules for the  $2 \times 2$  matrix defined above in (1.12.1).

#### 1.12.4 Row Operations and Determinants

Let  $A$  be square.

- If two rows of  $A$  are exchanged to get  $B$ , then  $|B| = -|A|$ .
- If one row of  $A$  is multiplied by a constant  $c$ , then added to another row to get  $B$ , then  $|A| = |B|$ .
- If one row of  $A$  is multiplied by a constant  $c$ , then  $|B| = c|A|$ .
- If  $|A| = 0$ ,  $A$  is called singular.

For an  $n \times n$   $A$  and  $B$ , the determinant  $|AB|$  is given by  $|A||B|$ .

#### 1.12.5 Properties of Determinants

- If two rows of  $A$  are interchanged to equal  $B$ , then  $|B| = -|A|$ .
- If one row of  $A$  is multiplied by a constant  $k$ , then added to another row to produce matrix  $B$ , then  $|B| = |A|$ .
- If one row of  $A$  is multiplied by  $k$  to produce matrix  $B$ , then  $|B| = k|A|$ .
- If  $|AB| = 0$ , then either  $|A|$  or  $|B|$  must be zero.

### Example 1. The vectors

$$v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

are linearly dependent because

$$v_1 - 2v_2 + v_3 = 0$$

however the first two vectors are linearly independent because the only solution

$$c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 = 0$$

is  $c_1 = c_2 = 0$ .

#### 3.5.1 Testing for Linear Independence

- (a) Put the system in matrix-vector form:
 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

(b) Analyze Matrix: The column vectors of  $A$  are linearly independent if and only if the solution  $x = 0$  is unique, which means  $c_i = 0$  for all  $i$ . Any of the following also satisfy this condition for a unique solution:

- $A$  is invertible.
- $A$  has  $n$  pivot columns.
- $|A| \neq 0$

2. Suppose we have a set of vectors  $v$ .  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \dim(V) = n$  Then the set  $v$  is linearly dependent if  $n > m$  where  $n$  is the number of elements in  $v$ . Note, this cannot prove the opposite. It only goes one way.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 7 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is dependent}$$

Full Pivoting lets us also exchange columns so that the greatest values are close to the upper left.

### 1.5 Elementary Matrices

**Definition 4.** The elementary matrix  $E$  associated with an elementary row operation for  $n$  moved matrices is the matrix obtained by applying the row operation to the  $n \times n$  identity matrix  $I_n$ .

In other words, if we were to (for example), take our Identity Matrix  $I$ , add two times the first row to the second, and then multiply it by our original matrix, it's the same as the elementary row operation by itself. These are very important for LU decomposition.

#### 1.5.1 LU Decomposition

**Theorem 3.** A matrix  $A$  is regular if and only if it can be factored

$$A = LU$$

where  $L$  is a special lower triangular, having all ones on the diagonal, and  $U$  is an upper triangular matrix with nonzero diagonal entries.

In general to find the LU decomposition, apply the regular Gaussian Elimination to reduce  $A$  to its upper triangular form, and fill in the identity matrix with values used (elementary matrix). These two matrices are the Upper and Lower matrices.

#### 1.5.2 Forward and Back Substitution

Once we have LU decomposition, we can solve the system.

- Solve the Lower system:  $Lc = b$

with Forward Substitution.

- Solve the resulting Upper system:

$$Ux = c$$

with Back Substitution.

### 1.6 Reduced Row Echelon Form

When dealing with systems of linear equations in augmented matrix form, we need to get it to a solution, which can be found in Reduced Row Echelon Form (RREF). This form looks similar to the

$$[A|b] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

This can be characterized by the following:

- 0 rows are at the bottom.
  - Leftmost non-zero entry is 1, also called the pivot.
  - Each pivot is further to the right than the one above.
  - Each pivot is the only non-zero entry in its column.
- A less complete process gives us row echelon form where zero entries are allowed above the pivot.

### 1.7 Gauss Jordan Reduction

This procedure will let us solve any given matrix/linear system as follows.

- Given a system  $Ax = b$
- Form augmented matrix  $[A|b]$
- Transform to RREF (1.6) using elementary row operations.
  - The linear matrix formed by this process has the initial system, however it is much easier to solve.

#### 1.7.1 LDV Factorization

This sophisticated version of Gauss-Jordan elimination is a detailed version of the LU factorization. Let  $D$  be a diagonal matrix having the same diagonal entries as  $U$ . Let  $V$  be the triangular matrix obtained from  $U$  by dividing each row

- Scalars:  $cx$  where  $c$  is a constant.

that satisfy the following properties:

- $x + y \in V$
- $cx \in V$

which can be condensed into a single equation:

$$cx + dy \in V$$

which is called closure under linear combinations.

### 2.1 Properties

We have the properties from before, as well as new ones:

- $x + y \in V$  + Addition
- $cx + y \in V$  + Scalar Multiplication
- $x + 0 = x + \text{Zero Element}$
- $x + (-x) = (-x) + x = 0$  + Additive Inverse
- $(x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$  + Associative Property
- $x + y = y + x$  + Commutativity
- $1 \cdot x = x$  + Identity
- $c(x + y) = cx + cy$  + Distributive Property
- $(c + d)x = cx + dx$  + Distributive Property
- $c(dx) = (cd)x$  + Associativity

#### 2.2 Vector Function Space

A vector function space is just a unique vector space of the space are functions.

Note, the solutions to linear and homogeneous differential equations are vector spaces.

- Columns of  $A$  are linearly independent if and only if  $Ax = 0$  has only the trivial solutions of  $x$ .

#### 3.5.2 Linear Independence of Functions

One way to check a set of functions is to consider them as a one dimensional vector.

$$v_i(t) = f_i(t)$$

Another method is the Wronskian:

To find the Wronskian of functions  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  on  $I$ :

$$W[f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n] = \begin{vmatrix} f_1 & f_2 & \dots & f_n \\ f_1' & f_2' &amp$$

- The system  $Ax = b$  has a unique solution for each  $b \in \text{rng} A$ . If  $A$  is a square,  $n \times n$  matrix, then the following conditions are equivalent:
  - $A$  is nonsingular
  - $\text{rank} A = n$
  - $\ker A = \{0\}$
  - $\text{rng} A = \mathbb{R}^n$

**3.8.4 The Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra**

$$\dim \text{col} \text{rng} A = \dim \text{row} A = \text{rank} A = \text{rank} A^T = \text{dim} \ker A = n - r$$

$$\dim \ker A = n - r$$

$$\dim \text{col} \ker A = n - r$$

**4 Inner Products and Norms**

The most basic example of an inner product is the familiar dot product

$$(v, w) = v \cdot w = v_1 w_1 + v_2 w_2 + \dots + v_n w_n$$

It's important to note here that this dot product is equal to the matrix product of  $v^T$  and  $w$ .

Any vector, when dotted with itself yields the sum of the squares of its entries, which leads us to the Euclidean Norm, or the length of the vector, which is the square root.

$$\|v\| = \sqrt{v \cdot v}$$

**Theorem 9.** An inner product on the real vector space  $V$  is a pairing that takes two vectors  $v, w \in V$  and produces a real number  $(v, w) \in \mathbb{R}$ . The inner product is required to satisfy the following three axioms for all  $u, v, w \in V$  and scalars  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$

**• Linearity**

$$(cu + dv, w) = c(v, w) + d(v, w)$$

$$(u, cv + dw) = c(v, u) + d(w, u)$$

**• Symmetry**

$$(v, w) = (w, v)$$

**• Positivity**

$$(v, v) > 0 \text{ whenever } v \neq 0 \text{ while } (0, 0) = 0$$

Given an inner product, the associated norm of a vector  $v \in V$  is defined as the positive square root of the inner product of the vector with itself.

**Theorem 11.** A basis  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  of  $V$  is called orthogonal if  $(u_i, u_j) = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$ . The basis is called orthonormal if, in addition, each vector has unit length:  $\|u_i\| = 1$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

Also, if  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  is an orthogonal basis of a vector space  $V$ , then the normalized vectors  $v_i = u_i / \|u_i\|$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , form an orthonormal basis. Associated with this theorem, if  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$  are nonzero, mutually orthogonal elements, so  $v_i \cdot v_j = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$ , then they are linearly independent.

**Theorem 12.** Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$  are nonzero, mutually orthogonal elements of an inner product space  $V$ . Then  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  form an orthogonal basis for their span  $W = \text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \subset V$ , which is therefore a subspace of dimension  $n = \dim W$ . In particular, if  $\dim V = n$ , then  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  form an orthogonal basis for  $V$ .

**5.1.1 Computations in Orthogonal Bases**

The advantages of an orthogonal or orthonormal basis is that we can express other elements as linear combinations of the base elements, in other words, find their coordinates.

**Theorem 13.** Let  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  be an orthonormal basis for an inner product space  $V$ . Then one can write any element  $v \in V$  as a linear combination in which its coordinates

$$c_i = (v, u_i) \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

are explicitly given as inner products. Moreover, its norm is the square root of the sum of the squares of its orthonormal basis coordinates.

It also can be said that if  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  form an orthogonal basis, then the corresponding coordinates of a vector are given by

$$a_i = \frac{(v, v_i)}{\|v_i\|^2}$$

**5.2 The Gram-Schmidt Process**

Now we know that orthogonal and orthonormal bases are useful, we need to determine how to construct them.

Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional inner product space. We will construct the basis elements one by one, since there are no conditions on the first element we can choose the first element of  $V$ ,  $v_1$  is any.

The second basis vector must be orthogonal to the first, which we attempt to ensure by setting  $v_2 = w_2 - cv_1$ , where  $c$  is a scalar to be determined. We can expand this process to all vectors in the space, giving us the general Gram-Schmidt formula.

$$v_k = w_k - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{(w_k, v_j)}{\|v_j\|^2} v_j, \quad k = 1, \dots, n$$

We also can say that every non-zero finite-dimensional inner product space has an orthonormal basis. In fact, if the dimension is greater than 1, there are infinitely many.

**5.2.1 Modifications of the Gram-Schmidt Process**

We can modify the Gram-Schmidt process a little to gain additional benefit. First step is to replace each orthogonal basis vector with its normalized version:  $u_i = v_i / \|v_i\|$ . This allows us to compute

$$r_{ij} = (v_j, u_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, j - 1$$

we obtain the next orthogonal basis vector with

$$r_{ij} = \sqrt{\|v_j\|^2 - r_{1j}^2 - \dots - r_{j-1,j}^2}$$

$$u_j = \frac{v_j - r_{1j}u_1 - \dots - r_{j-1,j}u_{j-1}}{r_{jj}}$$

**5.3 Orthogonal Matrices**

A square matrix  $Q$  is called an orthogonal matrix if it satisfies

$$Q^T Q = I$$

This also implies that

$$Q^{-1} = Q^T$$

A matrix is orthogonal if its columns form an orthonormal basis with respect to the Euclidean dot product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

An orthogonal matrix has determinant  $\det Q = \pm 1$  and the product of two orthogonal matrices is also orthogonal.

**6.1 Least Squares**

A least squares solution to a linear system of equations  $Ax = b$  is a vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  that minimizes the Euclidean norm  $\|Ax - b\|$ .

If the system has a solution, then it is automatically the least squares solution, therefore the concept of a least squares solution is only new when the system doesn't have a solution.

The least squares solution is unique if  $\ker A = \{0\}$ , or if the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent ( $\text{rank} A = n$ ). Assume  $\ker A = \{0\}$ . Set  $K = A^T A$  and  $f = A^T b$ . Then the least squares solution to the linear system  $Ax = b$  is the unique solution  $x$  to the so called normal equations

$$Kx = f = (A^T A)x = A^T b$$

namely

$$x = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$

and the least squares error is

$$\|Ax - b\|^2 = \|b\|^2 - f^T x = \|b\|^2 - b^T A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$

**7 Linear Functions**

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be real vector spaces. A function  $L: V \rightarrow W$  is called linear if it obeys two basic rules:

$$1. L(v + w) = L(v) + L(w)$$

$$2. L(cv) = cL(v)$$

for all  $v, w \in V$  and all scalars  $c$ .

Every linear function  $L: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is given by matrix multiplication:  $L(v) = Av$  where  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix.

**7.1 The Space of Linear Functions**

Given the vector spaces  $V, W$ , we use  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$  to denote the set of all linear functions:  $L: V \rightarrow W$ .

The dual space to a vector space  $V$  is defined as the vector space  $V^* = \mathcal{L}(V, \mathbb{R})$  consisting of all real-valued linear functions:  $L: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

are equal to the identity function, then we call  $M$  the inverse of  $L$  and write  $M = L^{-1}$ .

If it exists, the inverse of a linear function is also a linear function.

**8 Linear Transformations**

If we consider a linear function that maps  $n$  dimensional space to itself, we can also consider that the function maps a point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  to its image point  $L(x) = Ax$ , where  $A$  is its  $n \times n$  representative. This can be referred to as a linear transformation.

Most of the important classes of linear transformations already appear in the two dimensional case. Every linear function  $L: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  has the form

$$L \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax + by \\ cx + dy \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where } A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

is an arbitrary  $2 \times 2$  matrix.

**4.1 Inequalities**

**4.1.1 The Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality**

Any Euclidean dot product between two vectors can be expressed geometrically as

$$v \cdot w = \|v\| \|w\| \cos \theta$$

Therefore, the absolute value of the dot product is bounded by the product of the lengths of the vectors

$$|v \cdot w| \leq \|v\| \|w\|$$

Every inner product satisfies the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality. Two elements  $v, w \in V$  of an inner product space are called orthogonal if their inner product vanishes:  $(v, w) = 0$

**4.1.2 The Triangle Inequality**

The norm associated with an inner product satisfies the triangle inequality

$$\|v + w\| \leq \|v\| + \|w\| \text{ for all } v, w \in V$$

Equality holds iff  $v, w$  are parallel.

**4.2 Norms**

**Theorem 10.** A norm on the vector space  $V$  assigns a real number  $\|v\|$  to each vector  $v \in V$  subject to the following axioms for every  $v, w \in V$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$

**• Positivity**

$$\|v\| \geq 0, (\|v\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow v = 0)$$

**• Homogeneity**

$$\|cv\| = |c| \|v\|$$

**• Triangle Inequality**

$$\|v + w\| \leq \|v\| + \|w\|$$

**4.2.1 Unit Vectors**

In any vector space  $V$ , the elements  $u \in V$  where  $\|u\| = 1$  are very important and are referred to as unit vectors.

If  $v \neq 0$  is any nonzero vector, then the vector  $u = v / \|v\|$  obtained by dividing  $v$  by its norm is a unit vector parallel to  $v$ .

**4.2.2 Equivalence of Norms**

Even though there are many different types of norms, in a finite dimensional vector space they are all more or less equivalent.

Let  $\| \cdot \|_1$  and  $\| \cdot \|_2$  be any two norms on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then there exist positive constants  $c, C > 0$  such that

$$c \|v\|_1 \leq \|v\|_2 \leq C \|v\|_1, \forall v \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

**4.3 Positive Definite Matrices**

An  $n \times n$  matrix  $K$  is called positive definite if it is symmetric,  $K^T = K$  and satisfies the positivity condition

$$x^T K x > 0 \text{ for all } 0 \neq x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

This is sometimes denoted as  $K > 0$ . Any positive definite matrix is nonsingular.

Every inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is given by

$$(x, y) = x^T K y \text{ for } x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Where  $K$  is a positive definite matrix as is defined above.

Given any symmetric matrix  $K$ , the homogeneous quadratic polynomial

$$q(x) = x^T K x = \sum_{i,j=1}^n k_{ij} x_i x_j$$

is known as a quadratic form on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The quadratic form is called the positive definite if

$$q(x) > 0 \text{ for all } 0 \neq x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

thus a quadratic form is positive definite if its coefficient matrix is.

**5.3.1 The QR Factorization**

Any nonsingular matrix  $A$  can be factored,  $A = QR$ , into the product of an orthogonal matrix  $Q$  and an upper triangular matrix  $R$ . The factorization is unique if all the diagonal entries of  $R$  are assumed to be positive.

This strategy can be employed as an alternative to traditional Gaussian elimination

$$Ax = b \Leftrightarrow QRx = b \Leftrightarrow Rx = Q^T b$$

We also can say that if we let  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\|v\| = \|w\|$ . Set  $u = (v - w) / \|v - w\|$  and let  $H = I - 2uu^T$  be the corresponding elementary reflection matrix. Then  $Hv = w$  and  $Hw = v$ .

In other words, what we're doing is applying the Gram-Schmidt process to each column vector of the original matrix, and then creating the upper triangle matrix as an upper triangular Gram matrix.

**5.5 Orthogonal Projections and Least Squares**

An Orthogonal Projection of a point onto a subspace is finding the nearest distance between that point and the subspace.

A vector  $z \in V$  is said to be orthogonal to the subspace  $W \subset V$  if it is orthogonal to every vector in  $W$ , so  $(z, w) = 0$  for all  $w \in W$ .

The orthogonal projection of a vector  $v$  onto the subspace  $W$  is the element  $w \in W$  that makes the difference  $z = v - w$  orthogonal to  $W$ .

Let  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  be an orthonormal basis for the subspace  $W \subset V$ . Then the orthogonal projection of a vector  $v \in V$  onto  $W$  is

$$w = c_1 u_1 + \dots + c_n u_n \text{ where } c_i = \frac{(v, u_i)}{\|u_i\|}, i = 1, \dots, n$$

**5.5.1 Orthogonal Least Squares**

The orthogonal projection of a vector onto a subspace is also the least squares vector, the closest point in the subspace.

Classical Legendre Polynomials are those that are certain scalar multiples, namely

$$P_k(t) = \frac{1}{2^k k!} P_k^{(1)}(t), k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

and so also define a system of orthogonal polynomials. The multiple is fixed by the requirement that

$$P_k(t) = 1$$

**8.1 Change of Basis**

Let  $L: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear function. Suppose  $V$  has basis  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  and  $W$  has basis  $w_1, \dots, w_m$ . We can write

$$v = z_1 v_1 + \dots + z_n v_n \in V, w = y_1 w_1 + \dots + y_m w_m \in W$$

**9 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors**

Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. A scalar,  $\lambda$  is called an eigenvalue of  $A$  if there is a non-zero vector  $v \neq 0$ , called an eigenvector, such that

$$Av = \lambda v$$

In other words, the matrix  $A$  stretches the vector  $v$  by a certain value,  $\lambda$ .

To find these values and vectors, we construct the equation:

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

Note, the scalar  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of the matrix  $A$  iff  $A - \lambda I$  is singular ( $\text{rank} < n$ ). The corresponding eigenvectors are the nonzero solutions to the eigenvalue question.

Also, a scalar  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of the matrix  $A$  iff  $\lambda$  is a solution to the characteristic equation

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

If  $A$  is a real matrix with a complex eigenvalue and corresponding complex eigenvector, then the complex conjugate is also an eigenvector.

**9.1 Basic Properties of Eigenvalues**

If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, then its characteristic polynomial is

$$p_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I) = c_n \lambda^n + c_{n-1} \lambda^{n-1} + \dots + c_1 \lambda + c_0$$

An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  has at least one, and at most  $n$  distinct complex eigenvalues.

The sum of the eigenvalues of a matrix equals its trace, while the product equals its determinant.

**9.2 Eigenvector Bases**

If  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  are distinct eigenvalues of the same matrix  $A$ , then the corresponding eigenvectors  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent.

And if  $A$  is a real matrix  $A$  has a distinct real eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ , then the corresponding real eigenvectors form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . If  $A$  (which may now be either a real or a complex matrix) has  $n$  distinct complex eigenvalues, then the corresponding eigenvectors form a basis of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

An eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of a matrix  $A$  is called simple if the corresponding eigenspace  $V_\lambda = \ker(A - \lambda I)$  has the same dimension as its multiplicity. The matrix  $A$  is simple if all its eigenvalues are.

An  $n \times n$  real complex matrix  $A$  is complete iff its eigenvectors span  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . In particular, any  $n \times n$  matrix that has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues is complete.

**9.3 Diagonalization**

A square matrix is called diagonalizable if there exists a nonsingular matrix  $S$  and a diagonal matrix  $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$  such that

$$S^{-1}AS = \Lambda = A \text{ or } SAS^{-1}$$

A matrix is complex diagonalizable if it is complete. A matrix is real diagonalizable if it is complete and has all real eigenvalues.

**9.4 Eigenvalues of Symmetric Matrices**

Let  $A$  be a complex Hermitian or a real symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix. Then

1. All the eigenvalues of  $A$  are real.

2. Eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are orthogonal.

There is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  consisting of  $n$  eigenvectors of  $A$ .

In particular, all symmetric matrices are complete.

A symmetric matrix  $K = K^T$  is positive definite iff all its eigenvalues are strictly positive.

An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is called Hermitian if it is complete. Let  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  be an orthogonal eigenvector basis such that  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  correspond to nonzero eigenvalues, while  $v_{n+1}, \dots, v_n$  are null eigenvectors corresponding to the zero eigenvalue (if any). Then  $r = \text{rank}(A)$  is the non-null eigenvectors form

**4.3.1 Gram Matrices**

Let  $V$  be an inner product space, and let