

# Math 283 Linear Algebra Review

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## 1 Matrix Multiplication

Let  $A$  be an  $m$ -by- $n$  matrix and  $B$  be an  $n$ -by- $p$  matrix. Then the product of  $A$  and  $B$  is given by

$$(AB)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}b_{kj}$$

### Example 1

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} g \\ h \\ i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ag + bh + ci \\ dg + eh + fi \end{bmatrix}$$

**Problem 1** *Do the following matrix multiplication*

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} =$$

## 2 Determinant

The determinant of a 2-by-2 matrix is given by

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc$$

The determinant of a 3-by-3 matrix is given by

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = aei + bfg + cdh - afh - bdi - ceg$$

### Example 2

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \cdot 4 - 2 \cdot 3 = -2$$

*In matlab:*

```
det([1 2; 3 4])  
ans =  
    -2
```

*In R:*

```
det(array(c(1,3,2,4), c(2,2)))  
[1] -2
```

**Problem 2** Calculate the following determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} =$$

### 3 Matrix Inversion

A matrix is *invertible* if and only if its determinant is non-zero. The inverse matrix  $A^{-1}$  of the  $n$ -by- $n$  matrix  $A$  is a unique  $n$ -by- $n$  which satisfies

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

where  $I_n$  is the  $n$ -by- $n$  identity matrix.

#### Example 3

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \cong \\ \cong \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 3R_1 \\ R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + R_2 \\ R_2 \leftarrow -\frac{1}{2}R_2 \end{array}$$

In matlab:

```
>> inv([1 2; 3 4])
ans =
-2.0000    1.0000
 1.5000   -0.5000
```

In R:

```
> solve(array(c(1,3,2,4), c(2,2)))
[,1] [,2]
[1,] -2.0  1.0
[2,]  1.5 -0.5
```

**Problem 3** Find the inverse of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

## 4 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

The vector  $\vec{x}$  is an *eigenvector* for  $A$  if there exist a scalar  $\lambda$  such that  $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$ .  $\lambda$  is the *eigenvalue* corresponding to  $\vec{x}$ . It can be shown that  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  if and only if  $\det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0$ .

**Example 4** We want to find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - \lambda I_n) &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (2 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) \end{aligned}$$

The roots of  $(2 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda)$  are 1 and 2. These are the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

Now we want to solve  $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$ .

$$A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2x_1 + x_2 = \lambda x_1 \\ x_2 = \lambda x_2 \end{cases}$$

For  $\lambda_1 = 1$ ,  $x_2 = -x_1$  so the eigenvectors have the form  $\begin{bmatrix} c \\ -c \end{bmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda_2 = 2$ ,  $x_2 = 0$  so the eigenvectors have the form  $\begin{bmatrix} c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

In matlab,

```
>> [V,D] = eig([2 1; 0 1])
V =
    1.0000   -0.7071
         0    0.7071
D =
     2     0
     0     1
```

In R:

```
> eig = eigen(array(c(2,0,1,1), c(2,2)))
> eig
$values
[1] 2 1
$vectors
      [,1]      [,2]
[1,] 1 -0.7071068
[2,] 0  0.7071068
```

Note that matlab and R will normalize the eigenvectors.

**Problem 4** Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .



## 5 Matrix Diagonalization

A square matrix  $A$  is *diagonalizable* if there exists an invertible matrix  $V$  such that  $A = VDV^{-1}$  is a diagonal matrix. Matrix diagonalization is the process of finding  $V$  and  $D$ . One can form  $D$  by putting the eigenvalues along the diagonal of a matrix, and  $V$  by having the corresponding eigenvectors in each column.

**Example 5** *Let's look at the previous example. We had  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 2$ . Therefore, we find*

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

*We found the corresponding eigenvectors to be of the forms  $\begin{bmatrix} c \\ -c \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  respectively, so*

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

*Now, we can show that*

$$V^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

*and*

$$VDV^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = A$$

**Problem 5** *Diagonalize  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .*

*Hint: Use previous problem.*

## 6 Spectral Decomposition

We can obtain the  $n^{\text{th}}$  power of a matrix by multiplying it with itself  $n$  times. So  $A^n = A \cdot A \cdot \dots \cdot A$ . Now, if  $A$  is diagonalizable then we can find  $V$  and  $D$  such that  $D = V^{-1}AV \Rightarrow A = VDV^{-1}$ . Thus we can write the following expansion:

$$A^n = VDV^{-1} \cdot VDV^{-1} \dots VDV^{-1} = VD^nV^{-1}.$$

Now, we have  $V = [\vec{r}_1 \ \vec{r}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{r}_m]$  where  $\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \dots, \vec{r}_m$  are the columns of  $V$  so the right eigenvectors of  $A$ . We have  $V^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{l}_1' \\ \vdots \\ \vec{l}_m' \end{bmatrix}$  where  $\vec{l}_1', \vec{l}_2', \dots, \vec{l}_m'$  are the rows of  $V^{-1}$  so the transposes of the left eigenvectors of  $A$  (solution to  $\lambda\vec{x} = A^T\vec{x}$ ). Then,

$$\begin{aligned} VD^nV^{-1} &= V \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^n & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^n & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_m^n \end{bmatrix} V^{-1} \\ &= V \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^n & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^{-1} + \dots + V \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_m^n \end{bmatrix} V^{-1} \\ &= r_1^{\vec{}} \lambda_1^n l_1^{\vec{}} + r_2^{\vec{}} \lambda_2^n l_2^{\vec{}} + \dots + r_m^{\vec{}} \lambda_m^n l_m^{\vec{}} \\ &= \lambda_1^n r_1^{\vec{}} l_1^{\vec{}} + \lambda_2^n r_2^{\vec{}} l_2^{\vec{}} + \dots + \lambda_m^n r_m^{\vec{}} l_m^{\vec{}}. \end{aligned}$$

This is the spectral decomposition of  $A^n$ .

**Example 6** *Let's continue the previous example. We have*

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad V = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad V^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We can calculate

$$A^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

If we use the spectral decomposition, we get

$$\begin{aligned} A^3 &= 1^3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} [0 \ -1] + 2^3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} [1 \ 1] \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 6** Calculate  $A^3$  for  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  using both basic matrix multiplication and spectral decomposition.