

Chapter 3 Transformations

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Linear Transformations

Definition (linear transformations)

A function $\mathcal{L} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is called a linear transformation if:

- ① $\mathcal{L}(ax) = a\mathcal{L}(x)$ for every $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $a \in \mathbb{R}$.
- ② $\mathcal{L}(x + y) = \mathcal{L}(x) + \mathcal{L}(y)$ for every $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Definition (matrix representation)

Suppose that $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and x' is the representation of x with respect to the given basis for \mathbb{R}^n . If $y = \mathcal{L}(x)$, and y' is the representation of y with respect to the given basis for \mathbb{R}^m , then $y' = Ax'$. A is called the matrix representation of \mathcal{L} with respect to the given bases for \mathbb{R}^n and \mathbb{R}^m .

- ★ Particularly, for the natural bases for \mathbb{R}^n and \mathbb{R}^m , the matrix representation A satisfies $\mathcal{L}(x) = Ax$.

Linear Transformations

Definition (transformation matrix)

Let $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$ and $\{e'_1, e'_2, \dots, e'_n\}$ be two bases for \mathbb{R}^n . Define the matrix $T = [e'_1, e'_2, \dots, e'_n]^{-1}[e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n]$, or equivalently

$$[e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n] = [e'_1, e'_2, \dots, e'_n]T,$$

T is called the transformation matrix.

Example

For any $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$, let x (resp. x') be the coordinates of u with respect to $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$ (resp. $\{e'_1, e'_2, \dots, e'_n\}$). Then, $x' = Tx$.

Similarity: A linear transformation $\mathcal{L} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$.

Let A (resp. B) be its representation of $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$ (resp. $\{e'_1, e'_2, \dots, e'_n\}$).

Let $y = Ax$ and $y' = Bx'$.

$\therefore y' = Ty = TAx = Bx' = BTx$,

hence, $TA = BT$, or $A = T^{-1}BT$.

Eigenvalue and Eigenvector

Definition (eigenvalue and eigenvector)

Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$. A scalar $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ and a vector $\mathbf{v} \neq 0$ satisfying $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$ are said to be an eigenvalue and an eigenvector of \mathbf{A} .

★ Calculation of eigenvalues/spectrum of $\mathbf{A} \iff$
 $\det[\lambda\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}] = \lambda^n + a_{n-1}\lambda^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1\lambda + a_0 = 0$. (characteristic equation)

Corollary

If $\det[\lambda\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}] = 0$ has n distinct roots $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^n$. Then, there exist n linearly independent vectors $\{\mathbf{v}_i\}_{i=1}^n$ such that $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_i = \lambda_i\mathbf{v}_i$, $i = 1, \dots, n$.

Theorem (let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be a square matrix)

- \mathbf{A} is similar to diagonal matrix $\iff \mathbf{A}$ has n linearly independent eigenvectors $\{\mathbf{v}_i\}_{i=1}^n$.
- \mathbf{A} is similar to diagonal matrix $\Leftarrow \mathbf{A}$ has n distinct eigenvalues $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^n$.

Eigenvalue and Eigenvector

procedures for diagonalizing a matrix

- 1 calculate the eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} , i.e., $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^n$;
- 2 calculate the eigenvectors of \mathbf{A} , i.e., $\{\mathbf{v}_i\}_{i=1}^n$;
- 3 let $\mathbf{T} = [\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n]$, $\mathbf{\Lambda} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$, then $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{T}^{-1}$.

Theorem (symmetric matrix: $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ satisfying $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^\top$)

- All eigenvalues of a real symmetric matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ are real.
- Any real symmetric matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ has a n mutually orthogonal eigenvectors. (proof on blackboard)

Definition (orthogonal matrix)

A matrix whose transpose is its inverse is said to be an orthogonal matrix, i.e., $\mathbf{T}^{-1} = \mathbf{T}^\top$.

Eigenvalue and Eigenvector

Theorem (diagonalize symmetric matrix)

Any real symmetric matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ has a diagonal form $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{T}^\top$ with \mathbf{T} as orthogonal matrix and $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ as diagonal matrix.

Procedures for diagonalizing a real symmetry matrix

- 1 calculate the eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} , i.e., $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^n$;
- 2 calculate the eigenvectors of \mathbf{A} , i.e., $\{\mathbf{v}_i\}_{i=1}^n$;
- 3 normalize individually the eigenvectors of λ_i , $\mathbf{T} = [\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n]$
- 4 let $\mathbf{T} = [\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n]$, $\mathbf{\Lambda} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$, then $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{T}^{-1} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{T}^\top$.

Orthogonal Projections

Definition (subspace)

A set $\mathcal{V} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ a subspace if $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \in \mathcal{V} \implies \alpha\mathbf{x}_1 + \beta\mathbf{x}_2 \in \mathcal{V}, \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$. The dimension of \mathcal{V} , denoted by $\dim \mathcal{V}$, is the maximum number of linearly independent vectors in \mathcal{V} .

Definition (orthogonal complement)

If $\mathcal{V} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ a subspace, then the orthogonal complement of \mathcal{V} , denoted by \mathcal{V}^\perp , consists of all vectors that are orthogonal to every vector in \mathcal{V} , i.e., $\mathcal{V}^\perp = \{\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{x} = 0, \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{V}\}$.

- ★ \mathcal{V}^\perp is also a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . \mathcal{V} and \mathcal{V}^\perp span \mathbb{R}^n (or \mathbb{R}^n is the direct sum of \mathcal{V} and \mathcal{V}^\perp), i.e., $\mathbb{R}^n = \mathcal{V} \oplus \mathcal{V}^\perp$. Concisely, every $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ can be represented uniquely as

[orthogonal decomposition] $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2$, where $\mathbf{x}_1 \in \mathcal{V}, \mathbf{x}_2 \in \mathcal{V}^\perp$.

- ★ \mathbf{x}_1 (resp. \mathbf{x}_2) is orthogonal projections of \mathbf{x} onto \mathcal{V} (resp. \mathcal{V}^\perp).

Orthogonal Projections

Definition (orthogonal projections)

A linear transformation \mathbf{P} is an orthogonal projector onto \mathcal{V} if for all $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{V}$ and $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{V}^\perp$.

Definition (range and null space of matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$)

- The range (or image) of \mathbf{A} : $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}) = \{\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$;
- The nullspace (or kernel) of \mathbf{A} : $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}$.

★ Both $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$ and $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ are subspaces.

Lemma

For matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})^\perp = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$ and $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})^\perp = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$. (proof on blackboard)

Orthogonal Projections

Theorem (property of projection)

A matrix $P \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is an orthogonal projector onto the subspace $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{R}(P)$
 $\iff P^2 = P = P^\top$. (proof on blackboard)

Definition (quadratic form)

$f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a quadratic form $\iff f(x) = x^\top Qx$ with $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.

★ w.l.o.g, Q is assumed to be symmetric. If Q is asymmetric, how?

Quadratic Form

A quadratic form $x^\top Qx$ is said to be

- positive definite $\iff x^\top Qx > 0, \forall x \neq 0 \iff Q \succ 0$;
- positive semidefinite $\iff x^\top Qx \geq 0, \forall x \neq 0 \iff Q \succeq 0$;
- negative definite $\iff x^\top Qx < 0, \forall x \neq 0 \iff Q \prec 0$;
- negative semidefinite $\iff x^\top Qx \leq 0, \forall x \neq 0 \iff Q \preceq 0$.

$$\text{Let } Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \text{ and } Q_p = \begin{bmatrix} q_{i_1 j_1} & q_{i_1 j_2} & \cdots & q_{i_1 j_p} \\ q_{i_2 j_1} & q_{i_2 j_2} & \cdots & q_{i_2 j_p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ q_{i_p j_1} & q_{i_p j_2} & \cdots & q_{i_p j_p} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{matrix} 1 \leq i_1 \leq \cdots \leq i_p \leq n, \\ 1 \leq j_1 \leq \cdots \leq j_p \leq n. \end{matrix}$$

Definition (minor, principal minor, leading principal minor)

- p -order minor of Q : $\det Q_p$.
- p -order principal minor of Q : $\det Q_p$ with $i_k = j_k$ for all $k = 1, \dots, p$.
- p -order leading principal minors of Q : $\det Q_p$ with $i_k = j_k = k$ for $k = 1, \dots, p$.

Quadratic Form

How to check a symmetric matrix Q is positive definite?

- ① $Q \succ 0 \iff$ all eigenvalues of Q are positive (i.e., $\{\lambda_i > 0\}_{i=1}^n$).
- ② $Q \succ 0 \iff$ all leading principal minors of Q are positive. (Sylvester rule)
hint of proof: by denoting Δ_i the i -order leading principal minors of Q , there exists invertible matrix V such that

$$\mathbf{x}^\top Q \mathbf{x} \stackrel{\mathbf{x} = V \tilde{\mathbf{x}}}{=} \frac{\Delta_0}{\Delta_1} \tilde{x}_1^2 + \frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta_2} \tilde{x}_2^2 + \cdots + \frac{\Delta_{n-1}}{\Delta_n} \tilde{x}_n^2.$$

★ if Q is asymmetric, Sylvester rule cannot be used.

Example (counterexample)

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

Although $\Delta_1 = 1 > 0$ and $\Delta_2 = \det Q = 1 > 0$, $Q \not\succ 0$
($\because \mathbf{x} = [1, 1]^\top \implies \mathbf{x}^\top Q \mathbf{x} = -2 < 0$).

Inner Products and Norms

Theorem

$Q \succeq 0 \implies$ all leading principal minors of Q are nonnegative.

★ The above Theorem is not a sufficient condition.

Example (counterexample)

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

Although $\Delta_1 = 2$, $\Delta_2 = 0$, $\Delta_3 = 0$, $Q \not\succeq 0$.
($\because x = [1, 1, -2]^\top \Leftrightarrow x^\top Q x < 0$).

Theorem (positive semidefinite)

- $Q \succeq 0 \iff$ all principal minors of Q are nonnegative.
- $Q \succeq 0 \iff$ all eigenvalues of Q are nonnegative.

proof in linear algebra textbook.

Matrix Norms

Definition (matrix norm)

The norm of a matrix \mathbf{A} is a function satisfying the following conditions:

- ① $\|\mathbf{A}\| > 0$ if $\mathbf{A} \neq 0$, and $\|0\| = 0$, where 0 is a zero matrix.
- ② $\|c\mathbf{A}\| = |c|\|\mathbf{A}\|$, $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}$.
- ③ $\|\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\| + \|\mathbf{B}\|$ and $\|\mathbf{AB}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|\|\mathbf{B}\|$.

★ e.g., Frobenius norm (i.e., F -norm): $\|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}^2 \right)^{1/2}$.

induced matrix norms

Let $\|\cdot\|_{(n)}$ and $\|\cdot\|_{(m)}$ be vector norms on \mathbb{R}^n and \mathbb{R}^m . The induced matrix norm satisfies: $\|\mathbf{Ax}\|_{(m)} \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|\|\mathbf{x}\|_{(n)}$ for all $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, i.e.,

$$\|\mathbf{A}\| = \max_{\mathbf{x} \neq 0} \frac{\|\mathbf{Ax}\|_{(m)}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_{(n)}} = \max_{\|\mathbf{x}\|_{(n)}=1} \|\mathbf{Ax}\|_{(m)}.$$

Matrix Norms

Definition (Rayleigh's inequality)

Let $\lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{Q})$ and $\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{Q})$ be the maximal and minimal eigenvalues of symmetric matrix $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$. Then, $\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{Q})\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_{\mathbf{Q}}^2 \leq \lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{Q})\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$ for all $\mathbf{x} \neq 0$.
(proof: quadratic form in linear algebra.)

Example (spectral norm: i.e., by setting $\|\cdot\|_{(n)}$ and $\|\cdot\|_{(m)}$ as 2-norm)

$\|\mathbf{A}\| = \sqrt{\lambda_1}$, where λ_1 is the largest eigenvalue of $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$.

proof. $\because \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$ is symmetric and positive semidefinite.

Let $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n \geq 0$ be its eigenvalues,
 $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$ be the corresponding orthonormal eigenvectors.

For any $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = 1$, it follows by Rayleigh's inequality that

$$\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|^2 = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \rangle \leq \lambda_1 \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \lambda_1.$$

For a unit eigenvector \mathbf{x} of $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$ corresponding to the eigenvalue λ_1 ,

$$\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|^2 = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \rangle = \lambda_1 \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle = \lambda_1.$$

Example (compute the spectral norm of \mathbf{A})

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \|\mathbf{A}\| = ?$$

hint: $|\lambda I_2 - \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}| = \lambda^2 - 10\lambda + 9 = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 9) = 0$,
 $\therefore \lambda_1 = 9, \therefore \|\mathbf{A}\| = \sqrt{\lambda_1} = 3$.

★ spectral radius and spectral norm.

- spectral radius: $\rho(\mathbf{A}) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\lambda_i(\mathbf{A})|$. square matrix
- spectral norm: $\|\mathbf{A}\| = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sqrt{\lambda_i(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})}$. all matrices.

★ Typically, $\rho(\mathbf{A}) \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|$. “=” holds if \mathbf{A} is symmetric. e.g.,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies \lambda_1(\mathbf{A}) = 0 \text{ and } \lambda_1(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}) = 1.$$

Matrix Norms

Other induced matrix norms:

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_1 = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \sum_{i=1}^m |a_{ij}|, \quad \|\mathbf{A}\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|.$$

Example (some operator norms $\|\cdot\|_{a,b}$ for matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$)

	$a = 1$	$a = 2$	$a = \infty$
$b = 1$	$\max_{j=1,\dots,n} \ \mathbf{A}_{:,j}\ _1$	$\max_{j=1,\dots,n} \ \mathbf{A}_{:,j}\ _2$	$\max_{j=1,\dots,n} \ \mathbf{A}_{:,j}\ _\infty$
$b = 2$	NP-hard	$(\lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}))^{1/2}$	$\max_{i=1,\dots,m} \ \mathbf{A}_{i,:}\ _2$
$b = \infty$	NP-hard	NP-hard	$\max_{i=1,\dots,m} \ \mathbf{A}_{i,:}\ _1$

★ Other norms (but not the induced matrix norm) for an $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$:

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_* = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i, \quad \|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2}, \quad \text{where } \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^\top \text{ is SVD.}$$

Homework (Exercise in text book): 3.17, 3.21, 3.22