Linear Algebra Primer

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https://see.stanford.edu/Course/EE263
Outline

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• **Matrix rank**
• **Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)**
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Vectors and matrices are just collections of ordered numbers that represent something: movements in space, scaling factors, pixel brightness, etc. We’ll define some common uses and standard operations on them.
Vector

• A column vector $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$ where

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix}
v_1 \\
v_2 \\
\vdots \\
v_n
\end{bmatrix}$$

• A row vector $\mathbf{v}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$ where

$$\mathbf{v}^T = \begin{bmatrix}
v_1 & v_2 & \ldots & v_n
\end{bmatrix}$$

$T$ denotes the transpose operation
Vector

• We’ll default to column vectors in this class

\[ \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} \]

• You’ll want to keep track of the orientation of your vectors when programming in MATLAB

• You can transpose a vector \( V \) in MATLAB by writing \( V' \). (But in class materials, we will always use \( V^T \) to indicate transpose, and we will use \( V' \) to mean “V prime”)
Vectors have two main uses

- Vectors can represent an offset in 2D or 3D space
- Points are just vectors from the origin
- Data (pixels, gradients at an image keypoint, etc) can also be treated as a vector
- Such vectors don’t have a geometric interpretation, but calculations like “distance” can still have value
Matrix

• A matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is an array of numbers with size $m \times n$, i.e. $m$ rows and $n$ columns.

\[
A = \begin{bmatrix}
a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \ldots & a_{1n} \\
a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \ldots & a_{2n} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \ldots & a_{mn}
\end{bmatrix}
\]

• If $m = n$, we say that $A$ is square.
Images

• MATLAB represents an image as a matrix of pixel brightnesses

• Note that matrix coordinates are NOT Cartesian coordinates. The upper left corner is \([y,x] = (1,1)\)
Color Images

• Grayscale images have one number per pixel, and are stored as an $m \times n$ matrix.
• Color images have 3 numbers per pixel – red, green, and blue brightnesses (RGB)
• Stored as an $m \times n \times 3$ matrix
Basic Matrix Operations

• We will discuss:
  – Addition
  – Scaling
  – Dot product
  – Multiplication
  – Transpose
  – Inverse / pseudoinverse
  – Determinant / trace
Matrix Operations

- **Addition**
  \[
  \begin{bmatrix}
  a & b \\
  c & d
  \end{bmatrix}
  +
  \begin{bmatrix}
  1 & 2 \\
  3 & 4
  \end{bmatrix}
  =
  \begin{bmatrix}
  a + 1 & b + 2 \\
  c + 3 & d + 4
  \end{bmatrix}
  \]
  - Can only add a matrix with matching dimensions, or a scalar.

- **Scaling**
  \[
  \begin{bmatrix}
  a & b \\
  c & d
  \end{bmatrix}
  \times 3
  =
  \begin{bmatrix}
  3a & 3b \\
  3c & 3d
  \end{bmatrix}
  \]
Matrix Operations

• Inner product (dot product) of vectors
  – Multiply corresponding entries of two vectors and add up the result
  – $x \cdot y$ is also $|x| |y| \cos(\text{the angle between } x \text{ and } y)$

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \ldots & x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i y_i \quad \text{(scalar)}$$
Matrix Operations

• Inner product (dot product) of vectors
  – If B is a unit vector, then $A \cdot B$ gives the length of $A$ which lies in the direction of $B$
Matrix Operations

• Multiplication

• The product AB is:

  - Each entry in the result is (that row of A) dot product with (that column of B)
  - Many uses, which will be covered later
Matrix Operations

- **Multiplication example:**

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
0 & 2 \\
4 & 6
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 3 \\
5 & 7
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
0 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 7 = 14
\end{pmatrix}
\]

- Each entry of the matrix product is made by taking the dot product of the corresponding row in the left matrix, with the corresponding column in the right one.
Matrix Operations

• Powers
  – By convention, we can refer to the matrix product $AA$ as $A^2$, and $AAA$ as $A^3$, etc.
  – Obviously only square matrices can be multiplied that way
Matrix Operations

• Transpose – flip matrix, so row 1 becomes column 1

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
0 & 1 & \ldots \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
0 & 1 \\
2 & 3 \\
4 & 5
\end{bmatrix}^T =
\begin{bmatrix}
0 & 2 & 4 \\
1 & 3 & 5
\end{bmatrix}
\]

• A useful identity:

\[
(ABC)^T = C^T B^T A^T
\]
Matrix Operations

- Determinant
  - $\det(A)$ returns a scalar
  - Represents area (or volume) of the parallelogram described by the vectors in the rows of the matrix
  - For $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$, $\det(A) = ad - bc$
  - Properties:
    - $\det(AB) = \det(BA)$
    - $\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}$
    - $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$
    - $\det(A) = 0 \Leftrightarrow A$ is singular
Matrix Operations

• **Trace**

\[ \text{tr}(A) = \text{sum of diagonal elements} \]

\[ \text{tr}\left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 1 + 7 = 8 \]

– Invariant to a lot of transformations, so it’s used sometimes in proofs. (Rarely in this class though.)

– Properties:

\[ \text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA) \]

\[ \text{tr}(A + B) = \text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(B) \]
Special Matrices

• **Identity matrix** $\mathbf{I}$
  - Square matrix, 1’s along diagonal, 0’s elsewhere
  - $\mathbf{I} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \ldots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \ldots \end{bmatrix}$

• **Diagonal matrix**
  - Square matrix with numbers along diagonal, 0’s elsewhere
  - A diagonal $\cdot \begin{bmatrix} \ldots \end{bmatrix}$ scales the rows of that matrix

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
3 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 7 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 2.5
\end{bmatrix}
\]
Special Matrices

• Symmetric matrix
  \[ A^T = A \]

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 2 & 5 \\
2 & 1 & 7 \\
5 & 7 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
\]

• Skew-symmetric matrix
  \[ A^T = -A \]

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
0 & -2 & -5 \\
2 & 0 & -7 \\
5 & 7 & 0
\end{bmatrix}
\]
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Matrix multiplication can be used to transform vectors. A matrix used in this way is called a transformation matrix.
Transformation

• Matrices can be used to transform vectors in useful ways, through multiplication: $x' = Ax$

• Simplest is scaling:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
  s_x & 0 \\
  0 & s_y
\end{bmatrix}
\times
\begin{bmatrix}
  x \\
  y
\end{bmatrix}
=
\begin{bmatrix}
  s_x x \\
  s_y y
\end{bmatrix}
\]

(Verify to yourself that the matrix multiplication works out this way)
Rotation

• How can you convert a vector represented in frame “0” to a new, rotated coordinate frame “1”?
• Remember what a vector is:
  \[
  \begin{bmatrix}
  \text{component in direction of the frame’s x axis, component in direction of y axis}
  \end{bmatrix}
  \]
Rotation

• So to rotate it we must produce this vector:
  \([\text{component in direction of new x axis, component in direction of new y axis}]\)
• We can do this easily with dot products!
• New x coordinate is [original vector] \(\text{dot} \) [the new x axis]
• New y coordinate is [original vector] \(\text{dot} \) [the new y axis]
Rotation

• Insight: this is what happens in a matrix*vector multiplication
  – Result x coordinate is:
    
    [original vector] dot [matrix row 1]
  
  – So matrix multiplication can rotate a vector p:

\[
\begin{align*}
R \times p &= \text{rotated } p' \\
\begin{pmatrix}
px \\
py
\end{pmatrix}
\end{align*}
\]

\[
R = \begin{pmatrix}
.707 & .707 \\
-.707 & .707
\end{pmatrix}
\]
Rotation

• Suppose we express a point in the new coordinate system which is rotated left

• If we plot the result in the original coordinate system, we have rotated the point right

— Thus, rotation matrices can be used to rotate vectors. We’ll usually think of them in that sense-- as operators to rotate vectors
2D Rotation Matrix Formula

Counter-clockwise rotation by an angle $\theta$

$$x' = \cos \theta \, x - \sin \theta \, y$$
$$y' = \cos \theta \, y + \sin \theta \, x$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P' = R \, P$$
Transformation Matrices

• Multiple transformation matrices can be used to transform a point:
  \[ p' = R_2 R_1 S \ p \]

• The effect of this is to apply their transformations one after the other, from **right to left**.

• In the example above, the result is
  \[ (R_2 (R_1 (S \ p))) \]

• The result is exactly the same if we multiply the matrices first, to form a single transformation matrix:
  \[ p' = (R_2 R_1 S) \ p \]
Homogeneous system

• In general, a matrix multiplication lets us linearly combine components of a vector

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
    a & b \\
    c & d
\end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix}
    x \\
    y
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
    ax + by \\
    cx + dy
\end{bmatrix}
\]

— This is sufficient for scale, rotate, skew transformations.
— But notice, we can’t add a constant! 😞
Homogeneous system

– The (somewhat hacky) solution? Stick a “1” at the end of every vector:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
a & b & c \\
d & e & f \\
0 & 0 & 1 \\
\end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix}
x \\
y \\
1 \\
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
ax + by + c \\
dx + ey + f \\
1 \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]

– Now we can rotate, scale, and skew like before, AND translate (note how the multiplication works out, above)

– This is called “homogeneous coordinates”
Homogeneous system

– In homogeneous coordinates, the multiplication works out so the rightmost column of the matrix is a vector that gets added.

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
  a & b & c \\
  d & e & f \\
  0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix}
  x \\
  y \\
  1
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
  ax + by + c \\
  dx + ey + f \\
  1
\end{bmatrix}
\]

– Generally, a homogeneous transformation matrix will have a bottom row of \([0 \ 0 \ 1]\), so that the result has a “1” at the bottom too.
Homogeneous system

• One more thing we might want: to divide the result by something
  – For example, we may want to divide by a coordinate, to make things scale down as they get farther away in a camera image
  – Matrix multiplication can’t actually divide
  – So, by convention, in homogeneous coordinates, we’ll divide the result by its last coordinate after doing a matrix multiplication

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
  x \\
  y \\
  7
\end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix}
  x/7 \\
  y/7 \\
  1
\end{bmatrix}
\]
2D Translation

P → P'
2D Translation using Homogeneous Coordinates

Let $P = (x, y)$ be a 2D point and $t = (t_x, t_y)$ be a translation vector. In homogeneous coordinates, $P$ is represented as $P = (x, y, 1)$ and $t$ as $t = (t_x, t_y, 1)$.

The translation of $P$ is given by:

$$P' = P + t = \begin{pmatrix} x + t_x \\ y + t_y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot P = T \cdot P$$

where $I$ is the identity matrix and $T$ is the translation matrix.

$$P' = (x + t_x, y + t_y, 1)$$
Scaling
Scaling Equation

\[ \mathbf{P} = (x, y) \rightarrow \mathbf{P}' = (s_x x, s_y y) \]

\[ \mathbf{P} = (x, y) \rightarrow (x, y, 1) \]

\[ \mathbf{P}' = (s_x x, s_y y) \rightarrow (s_x x, s_y y, 1) \]

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
  s_x x \\
  s_y y \\
  1
\end{bmatrix} =
\begin{bmatrix}
  s_x & 0 & 0 \\
  0 & s_y & 0 \\
  0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
  x \\
  y \\
  1
\end{bmatrix} =
\begin{bmatrix}
  S' \\
  0 \\
  1
\end{bmatrix}
\cdot
\begin{bmatrix}
  \mathbf{P} = S \cdot \mathbf{P}
\end{bmatrix}
\]
Scaling & Translating

\[ P'' = S \cdot P \]
\[ P''' = T \cdot P' \]

\[ P''' = T \cdot P' = T \cdot (S \cdot P) = T \cdot S \cdot P = A \cdot P \]
Scaling & Translating

$P'' = T \cdot S \cdot P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & s_y & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$
Translating & Scaling

\[ P'''' = T \cdot S \cdot P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & s_y & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_x x + t_x \\ s_y y + t_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \]

\[ P'''' = S \cdot T \cdot P = \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & s_x t_x \\ 0 & s_y & s_y t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_x x + s_x t_x \\ s_y y + s_y t_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \]
Rotation

P

P'
Rotation Equations

Counter-clockwise rotation by an angle $\theta$

$x' = \cos \theta \, x - \sin \theta \, y$

$y' = \cos \theta \, y + \sin \theta \, x$

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
  x' \\
  y'
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
  \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\
  \sin \theta & \cos \theta
\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
  x \\
  y
\end{bmatrix}
\]

$P' = R \, P$
Rotation Matrix Properties

• Transpose of a rotation matrix produces a rotation in the opposite direction

\[ R \cdot R^T = R^T \cdot R = I \]
\[ \det(R) = 1 \]

• The rows of a rotation matrix are always mutually perpendicular (a.k.a. orthogonal) unit vectors
  – (and so are its columns)
Properties

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
x' \\
y'
\end{bmatrix}
= 
\begin{bmatrix}
\cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\
\sin \theta & \cos \theta
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
x \\
y
\end{bmatrix}
\]

A 2D rotation matrix is 2x2

Note: R belongs to the category of normal matrices and satisfies many interesting properties:

\[
R \cdot R^T = R^T \cdot R = I
\]

\[
\det(R) = 1
\]
Scaling + Rotation + Translation

\[ P' = (T \ R \ S) \ P \]

\[
P' = T \cdot R \cdot S \cdot P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \]

\[
= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & t_x \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \]

\[
= \begin{bmatrix} R & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R \ S & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \]

This is the form of the general-purpose transformation matrix.
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The inverse of a transformation matrix reverses its effect.
Inverse

- Given a matrix $A$, its inverse $A^{-1}$ is a matrix such that $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I$

- E.g. $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$

- Inverse does not always exist. If $A^{-1}$ exists, $A$ is invertible or non-singular. Otherwise, it’s singular.

- Useful identities, for matrices that are invertible:

  \((A^{-1})^{-1} = A\)
  
  \((AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}\)
  
  \(A^{-T} \triangleq (A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T\)
Matrix Operations

• Pseudoinverse
  – Say you have the matrix equation $AX=B$, where $A$ and $B$ are known, and you want to solve for $X$
  – You could use MATLAB to calculate the inverse and premultiply by it: $A^{-1}AX=A^{-1}B \rightarrow X=A^{-1}B$
  – MATLAB command would be $\text{inv}(A) \ast B$
  – But calculating the inverse for large matrices often brings problems with computer floating-point resolution (because it involves working with very small and very large numbers together).
  – Or, your matrix might not even have an inverse.
Matrix Operations

• Pseudoinverse
  – Fortunately, there are workarounds to solve AX=B in these situations. And MATLAB can do them!
  – Instead of taking an inverse, directly ask MATLAB to solve for X in AX=B, by typing \textbf{A}\textbackslash\textbf{B}
  – MATLAB will try several appropriate numerical methods (including the pseudoinverse if the inverse doesn’t exist)
  – MATLAB will return the value of X which solves the equation
    • If there is no exact solution, it will return the closest one
    • If there are many solutions, it will return the smallest one
Matrix Operations

• MATLAB example:

\[ AX = B \]

\[
A = \begin{bmatrix}
2 & 2 \\
3 & 4 \\
\end{bmatrix},
B = \begin{bmatrix}
1 \\
1 \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
>> x = A\backslash B
\]

\[
x =
\]

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
1.0000 \\
-0.5000 \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]
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The rank of a transformation matrix tells you how many dimensions it transforms a vector to.
Linear independence

• Suppose we have a set of vectors $v_1, \ldots, v_n$
• If we can express $v_1$ as a linear combination of the other vectors $v_2 \ldots v_n$, then $v_1$ is linearly dependent on the other vectors.
  – The direction $v_1$ can be expressed as a combination of the directions $v_2 \ldots v_n$. (E.g. $v_1 = .7 \; v_2 - .7 \; v_4$)
• If no vector is linearly dependent on the rest of the set, the set is linearly independent.
  – Common case: a set of vectors $v_1, \ldots, v_n$ is always linearly independent if each vector is perpendicular to every other vector (and non-zero)
Linear independence

Linearly independent set    Not linearly independent
Matrix rank

• Column/row rank

\[ \text{col-rank}(A) = \text{the maximum number of linearly independent column vectors of } A \]
\[ \text{row-rank}(A) = \text{the maximum number of linearly independent row vectors of } A \]

— Column rank always equals row rank

• Matrix rank

\[ \text{rank}(A) \triangleq \text{col-rank}(A) = \text{row-rank}(A) \]
Matrix rank

- For transformation matrices, the rank tells you the dimensions of the output.
- E.g. if rank of $A$ is 1, then the transformation $p'=Ap$ maps points onto a line.
- Here’s a matrix with rank 1:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x + y \\ 2x + 2y \end{bmatrix}$$

All points get mapped to the line $y=2x$. 
Matrix rank

• If an \( m \times m \) matrix is rank \( m \), we say it’s “full rank”
  – Maps an \( m \times 1 \) vector uniquely to another \( m \times 1 \) vector
  – An inverse matrix can be found
• If rank < \( m \), we say it’s “singular”
  – At least one dimension is getting collapsed. No way to look at the result and tell what the input was
  – Inverse does not exist
• Inverse also doesn’t exist for non-square matrices
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SVD is an algorithm that represents any matrix as the product of 3 matrices. It is used to discover interesting structure in a matrix.
Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

• There are several computer algorithms that can “factorize” a matrix, representing it as the product of some other matrices.

• The most useful of these is the Singular Value Decomposition.

• Represents any matrix $A$ as a product of three matrices: $U\Sigma V^T$

• MATLAB command: $[U,S,V]=\text{svd}(A)$
Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

\[ U \Sigma V^T = A \]

• Where \( U \) and \( V \) are rotation matrices, and \( \Sigma \) is a scaling matrix. For example:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
-0.40 & 0.916 \\
0.916 & 0.40 \\
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
5.39 & 0 \\
0 & 3.154 \\
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
-0.05 & 0.999 \\
0.999 & 0.05 \\
\end{bmatrix}
= \begin{bmatrix}
3 & -2 \\
1 & 5 \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]
Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

• Beyond 2D:
  – In general, if \( A \) is \( m \times n \), then \( U \) will be \( m \times m \), \( \Sigma \) will be \( m \times n \), and \( V^T \) will be \( n \times n \).
  – (Note the dimensions work out to produce \( m \times n \) after multiplication)

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
-0.39 & -0.92 \\
-0.92 & 0.39 \\
\end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix}
9.51 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0.77 & 0 \\
\end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix}
-0.42 & -0.57 & -0.70 \\
0.81 & 0.11 & -0.58 \\
0.41 & -0.82 & 0.41 \\
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
1 \\
2 \\
3 \\
4 \\
5 \\
6 \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]
Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

• **U** and **V** are always rotation matrices.
  
  – Geometric rotation may not be an applicable concept, depending on the matrix. So we call them “unitary” matrices – each column is a unit vector.

• **Σ** is a diagonal matrix
  
  – The number of nonzero entries = rank of **A**
  
  – The algorithm always sorts the entries high to low

\[
U = \begin{bmatrix} -.39 & -.92 \\ -.92 & .39 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 9.51 & \Sigma & 0 \\ 0 & .77 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} -.42 & -.57 & -.70 \\ .81 & .11 & -.58 \\ .41 & -.82 & .41 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}
\]
SVD Applications

• We’ve discussed SVD in terms of geometric transformation matrices
• But SVD of an image matrix can also be very useful
• To understand this, we’ll look at a less geometric interpretation of what SVD is doing
SVD Applications

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
-0.39 & -0.92 \\
-0.92 & 0.39 \\
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
9.51 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0.77 & 0 \\
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
-0.42 & -0.57 & -0.70 \\
0.81 & 0.11 & -0.58 \\
0.41 & -0.82 & 0.41 \\
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 2 & 3 \\
4 & 5 & 6 \\
\end{pmatrix}
\]

- Look at how the multiplication works out, left to right:
- Column 1 of \( U \) gets scaled by the first value from \( \Sigma \).

The resulting vector gets scaled by row 1 of \( V^T \) to produce a contribution to the columns of \( A \).
SVD Applications

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
-3.67 & -7.1 & 0 \\
-8.8 & 0.30 & 0
\end{bmatrix}
\Sigma
\begin{bmatrix}
-0.42 & -0.57 & -0.70 \\
0.81 & 0.11 & -0.58 \\
0.41 & -0.82 & 0.41
\end{bmatrix}
V^T
\]

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
1.6 & 2.1 & 2.6 \\
3.8 & 5.0 & 6.2
\end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
-0.6 & -1 & 0.4 \\
0.2 & 0 & -0.2
\end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 2 & 3 \\
4 & 5 & 6
\end{bmatrix}
\]

- Each product of \((\text{column } i \text{ of } U) \cdot (\text{value } i \text{ from } \Sigma) \cdot (\text{row } i \text{ of } V^T)\) produces a component of the final \(A\).
### SVD Applications

- We’re building $\mathbf{A}$ as a linear combination of the columns of $\mathbf{U}$
- Using all columns of $\mathbf{U}$, we’ll rebuild the original matrix perfectly
- But, in real-world data, often we can just use the first few columns of $\mathbf{U}$ and we’ll get something close (e.g. the first $\mathbf{A}_{\text{partial}}$, above)
SVD Applications

We can call those first few columns of $U$ the *Principal Components* of the data.

They show the major patterns that can be added to produce the columns of the original matrix.

The rows of $V^T$ show how the *principal components* are mixed to produce the columns of the matrix.
SVD Applications

\[
U \begin{bmatrix} -0.39 & -0.92 \\ -0.92 & 0.39 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 9.51 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.77 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} -0.42 & -0.57 & -0.70 \\ 0.81 & -0.11 & 0.58 \\ 0.41 & -0.82 & 0.41 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}
\]

We can look at \( \Sigma \) to see that the first column has a large effect while the second column has a much smaller effect in this example.
• For this image, using **only the first 10** of 300 principal components produces a recognizable reconstruction

• So, SVD can be used for image compression
Principal Component Analysis

\[
U \Sigma \begin{bmatrix}
-3.67 & -.71 & 0 \\
-8.8 & .30 & 0
\end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix}
V^T \\
.42 & -.57 & -.70 \\
.81 & .11 & -.58 \\
.41 & -.82 & .41
\end{bmatrix} = A_{\text{partial}} \begin{bmatrix}
1.6 & 2.1 & 2.6 \\
3.8 & 5.0 & 6.2
\end{bmatrix}
\]

• Remember, columns of \( U \) are the Principal Components of the data: the major patterns that can be added to produce the columns of the original matrix.

• One use of this is to construct a matrix where each column is a separate data sample.

• Run SVD on that matrix, and look at the first few columns of \( U \) to see patterns that are common among the columns.

• This is called Principal Component Analysis (or PCA) of the data samples.
Principal Component Analysis

\[ U \Sigma \begin{bmatrix} 3.67 & -0.71 & 0 \\ -8.8 & 0.30 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times V^T \begin{bmatrix} -0.42 & -0.57 & -0.70 \\ 0.81 & 0.11 & -0.58 \\ 0.41 & -0.82 & 0.41 \end{bmatrix} = A_{\text{partial}} \begin{bmatrix} 1.6 & 2.1 & 2.6 \\ 3.8 & 5.0 & 6.2 \end{bmatrix} \]

• Often, raw data samples have a lot of redundancy and patterns
• PCA can allow you to represent data samples as weights on the principal components, rather than using the original raw form of the data
• By representing each sample as just those weights, you can represent just the “meat” of what’s different between samples.
• This minimal representation makes machine learning and other algorithms much more efficient
Outline

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Computers can compute SVD very quickly. We’ll briefly discuss the algorithm, for those who are interested.
Addendum: How is SVD computed?

• For this class: tell MATLAB to do it. Use the result.

• But, if you’re interested, one computer algorithm to do it makes use of Eigenvectors
  – The following material is presented to make SVD less of a “magical black box.” But you will do fine in this class if you treat SVD as a magical black box, as long as you remember its properties from the previous slides.
Eigenvector definition

• Suppose we have a square matrix $A$. We can solve for vector $x$ and scalar $\lambda$ such that $Ax = \lambda x$

• In other words, find vectors where, if we transform them with $A$, the only effect is to scale them with no change in direction.

• These vectors are called eigenvectors (German for “self vector” of the matrix), and the scaling factors $\lambda$ are called eigenvalues

• An $m \times m$ matrix will have $\leq m$ eigenvectors where $\lambda$ is nonzero
Finding eigenvectors

• Computers can find an \( x \) such that \( Ax = \lambda x \) using this iterative algorithm:
  
  – \( x = \) random unit vector
  – while (\( x \) hasn’t converged)
    • \( x = Ax \)
    • normalize \( x \)

• \( x \) will quickly converge to an eigenvector
• Some simple modifications will let this algorithm find all eigenvectors
Finding SVD

• Eigenvectors are for square matrices, but SVD is for all matrices

• To do svd(A), computers can do this:
  – Take eigenvectors of AA^T (matrix is always square).
    • These eigenvectors are the columns of U.
    • Square root of eigenvalues are the singular values (the entries of Σ).
  – Take eigenvectors of A^TA (matrix is always square).
    • These eigenvectors are columns of V (or rows of V^T)
Finding SVD

• Moral of the story: SVD is fast, even for large matrices
• It’s useful for a lot of stuff
• There are also other algorithms to compute SVD or part of the SVD
  – MATLAB’s svd() command has options to efficiently compute only what you need, if performance becomes an issue

A detailed geometric explanation of SVD is here:
http://www.ams.org/samplings/feature-column/fcarc-svd
What we have learned

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