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Linear Algebra - Week 2

System of equations → nice form → Gaussian elimination
operations on augmented matrix } elementary row (+ column) operations

Elementary Matrices

A matrix is said to be row-elementary if it is formed by performing row-operations on the identity matrix.

Consider the identity matrix of size 3×3

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\xrightarrow{\substack{\textcircled{2} \alpha \neq 0 \\ R_2 \leftarrow \kappa \cdot R_2}}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\xrightarrow{\substack{\textcircled{1} \\ R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3}} \quad \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + \alpha R_3}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \alpha \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Row)

Echelone form:

$A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ is said to be in row-echelon form if the following are satisfied:

- (1) The r non-zero rows are above the $(m-r)$ zero rows
- (2) If the first non-zero entry of the i^{th} row is at the p_i^{th} place, then

$$p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_r$$

$$(3) \quad a_{ip_i} = 1 \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, r$$

A typical matrix in row-echelon form looks like

$$\begin{matrix} r \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{c|ccccccc} 0 & 1 & * & * & \dots & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{array} \right\} \\ (m-r) \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} m-r \text{ can} \\ \text{be zero} \end{matrix}$$

Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow R_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} R_1 \quad \frac{1}{2} R_1 \text{ replaces } R_1$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 & 8 \end{array} \right]$$

$\downarrow R_2 - 3R_1 \rightarrow R_2$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{9}{2} & \left(\frac{3}{2} + 2\right) & -1 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 & 8 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{9}{2} & \frac{7}{2} & -1 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 & 8 \end{array} \right]$$

$\downarrow -R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{9}{2} & \frac{7}{2} & -1 \\ 0 & \frac{7}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 8 \end{array} \right]$$

$\downarrow R_2 \left(\frac{-2}{9} \right) \rightarrow R_2$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{7}{9} & \frac{2}{9} \\ 0 & \frac{7}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 8 \end{array} \right]$$

\downarrow
 $-\frac{7}{2} R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3$
 \vdots

Echelon forms

are not unique

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{7}{9} & \frac{2}{9} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{65}{29} \end{array} \right]$$

✓ Algorithm – Given a matrix find an echelon form (computational linear algebra)

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* Row-echelon forms are not unique, but the number of pivot elements are unique

Using echelon forms to solve a system of linear equations

$$\begin{array}{l} x + y + z = 6 \\ 2x + 2y + 3z = 14 \\ 3x + 3y + 4z = 20 \end{array}$$

Augmented matrix:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 14 \\ 3 & 3 & 4 & 20 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} -2R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ -3R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \\ -R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x + y + z = 6 \\ z = 2 \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{(System I)}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x + y = 4 \\ z = 2 \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{(System II)}$$

General solution

Solution set:

$$x = 4 - y \quad (x \leftrightarrow \text{pivot})$$

$$S := \left\{ [4-y, y, 2]^T : y \in \mathbb{F} \right\} \boxed{x = 2 \quad (\text{ } x \leftrightarrow \text{pivot})}$$

Alternatively, $S := \left\{ [4, 0, 2]^T + \alpha [-1, 1, 0]^T, \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

Putting $\alpha = \frac{\text{some value}}{\text{some value}}$ gives you a particular solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{\alpha=0}{=} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 14 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix}$$

Notice

(System I)

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

(System II)

$$\xrightarrow{-R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Reduced - row

echelon form

Reduced Row - Echelon form

A matrix $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ is said to be in a reduced row - echelon form if the corresponding column to every pivot element a_{ip_i} of a non-zero row R_i is

$$e_{p_i} := [0, 0, \dots, \underbrace{\frac{1}{i^{\text{th}}}}, 0, \dots 0]^T$$

For $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$, its reduced row echelon form is denoted by E_A

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 4 & 6 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 & 9 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 5 & 3 \end{array} \right] \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{l} \text{Always} \\ \text{use the} \\ \text{pivot element !!!} \end{array}} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{f***ked} \\ \text{Bugs Bunny} \end{array}$$

$$\downarrow R_2 - R_4 \rightarrow R_1$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 & -2 \\ 2 & 4 & 4 & 6 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 & 9 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 5 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\downarrow R_2 - 2R_4 \rightarrow R_2$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & -4 & -4 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 3 & 6 & 6 & 9 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 5 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\downarrow R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \quad \textcircled{+} \quad R_2 / -4 \rightarrow R_2}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 & 9 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 5 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

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$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\downarrow -2R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 \\ 3 & 6 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\downarrow \quad -R_2/2 \rightarrow R_2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-3R_1+R_3 \rightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

\downarrow

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Echelon

\downarrow

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Reduced echelon

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y &= 1 \\ z &= 1 \\ x &= 1 - 2y \quad (x \leftrightarrow \text{pivot}) \\ z &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$S := \{ [1 - 2y, y, 1]^T, y \in \mathbb{F} \}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -1 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$



no solution
inconsistent
system

~~echelon
form cannot
be constructed~~
lazy

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

Echelon form

$$E_4 = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad] \quad 0x + 0y + 0z = 1$$

swapping

$R_i \leftrightarrow R_j : E_{ij}$

$\alpha \cdot R_i \rightarrow R_i : E_i(\alpha)$

$$\alpha \cdot R_j + R_i \rightarrow R_i : E_{ij}(\alpha)$$

① Elementary row operations \equiv pre-multiplying elementary matrices

$$A := \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \alpha \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

|| verify

$$\alpha R_3 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2$$

$$A_\alpha := \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} + \alpha a_{31} & a_{22} + \alpha a_{32} & a_{23} + \alpha a_{33} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

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② Each elementary matrix is invertible.

Elementary row operations are pre-multiplications with invertible matrices

$$E_{ij} \cdot E_{ij} = I$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

$$\alpha R_3 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2$$

↓

$$(?) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \alpha \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

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

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|cc} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \end{array} \right] \left| \begin{array}{ccc|cc} & & & 1 & \\ \end{array} \right| \left[\begin{array}{ccc|cc} 0 & 0 & 1 & & \\ \end{array} \right]$$

Observation

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix then A can be written in the RREF by pre-multiplying a finite sequence of elementary matrices.

Let A be invertible.

$$A \cdot A^{-1} = I$$

$$A \cdot [A_1^{-1} | A_2^{-1} | A_3^{-1} | \dots | A_n^{-1}] = I$$

$$[A(A_1^{-1}) | A(A_2^{-1}) | \dots | A(A_n^{-1})] = [e_1 | e_2 | \dots | e_n]$$

$$A(A_i^{-1}) = e_i$$

$$A \cdot x_i = e_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n$$

$[A | e_i] \rightarrow$ augmented matrix for i^{th} equation

$$[A | I] \quad \begin{matrix} \text{n eqn in 1 augmentation} \\ \text{---} \end{matrix}$$

Claim: unique RREF of an invertible matrix $= \underline{I}$ \Rightarrow maximum pivots in RREF

$$\begin{bmatrix} A | (e_1 | e_2 | \dots | e_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

↓
elementary operations

$$\begin{bmatrix} I | B_1 | B_2 | \dots | B_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = [B_1 | B_2 | \dots | B_n]$$

Theorem:

Let $A \in M_{n \times n}(F)$ be an invertible matrix. Let its RREF be E_A

$$\text{Then, } E_A = I$$

Proof: Let E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k be the elementary matrices that correspond to the elementary operations e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k on A which yield E_A (RREF of A).

$$E_1 \cdot E_2 \cdot \dots \cdot E_k \cdot A = E_A$$

Now, since each elementary matrix is invertible and A is given to be invertible, hence matrix on the LHS is invertible i.e., E_A is invertible.

Since E_A is invertible, it cannot have any zero rows.

Hence, by the properties of RREF, E_A has to be I .



Proof

Introduction to Vector Spaces and Linear Transformations

Consider the following RREF

$$E_A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4
be the columns of E_A

$$2 \cdot C_1 = C_2 \quad 3C_1 + 4C_3 = C_4$$

So, column 2 and column 4 can be written by

combining column 1 and column 3 with some scalar factor

Definition

$\overrightarrow{z_2}$, binary
 \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}

Vector $\xrightarrow{\text{magnitude & direction}}$
abstract (here)

Let \mathbb{F} be a field.

$$(V, \mathbb{F}, +, \cdot)$$

is said to be a vector space over \mathbb{F} if the following hold:

① V has vector addition

$$(i) \quad x + y = y + x$$

$$(ii) \quad (x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$$

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(iii) $\exists 0 \in V$ ($x + 0 = x \quad \forall x \in V$)

(iv) $\forall x \in V$ ($\exists -x \in V$ ($x + (-x) = 0$))

② V is closed under scalar multiplication

(i) $\alpha \cdot x \in V$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$, $x \in V$

(ii) $\alpha(\beta x) = (\alpha\beta)x$, $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}$, $x \in V$

(iii) $\alpha(x+y) = \alpha x + \alpha y$

(iv) $1 \cdot x = x \quad \forall x \in V$

(v) $(\alpha + \beta) \cdot x = \alpha x + \beta x$

Scalars have inverses, vector spaces don't.

Observation 1: The 0 vector is unique

Let $x + 0 = x \quad \forall x \in V$

Suppose $\exists \tilde{0} \in V$ s.t. $x + \tilde{0} = x \quad \forall x \in V$

Then, $0 + \tilde{0} = 0 = \tilde{0}$

Observation 2: Additive inverse is unique

Let $x \in V$ and suppose $\exists y \in V$ s.t.

$$x + y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (-x) + x + y = -x \Rightarrow y = -x$$

Every element in a vector space is called a vector.

Examples

(1) $M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ is a vector space over \mathbb{F}

In particular $M_{m \times 1}(\mathbb{F})$ and $M_{1 \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ are vector spaces over \mathbb{F}

$$+ \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & \dots & b_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{m1} & \dots & b_{mn} \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\cdot \rightarrow [\alpha \cdot A]_{ij} = \alpha [A]_{ij}$$

(2) Co-ordinate Space over \mathbb{R}

$$\mathbb{R}^n := \{v = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \mid v_1, \dots, v_n \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

Define $v + w$ as

$$(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) + (w_1, \dots, w_n) \\ := (v_1 + w_1, v_2 + w_2, \dots, v_n + w_n)$$

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set
+ relations
b/w elements
structures
- field, vector space,
groups
- category theory

For $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, define $\alpha \cdot v = (\alpha v_1, \alpha v_2, \dots, \alpha v_n)$

then \mathbb{R}^n is a vector space over \mathbb{R}

(3) Co-ordinate space over \mathbb{C}

The complex co-ordinate space \mathbb{C}^n
is also a vector space

over \mathbb{R}^2

over $\mathbb{C} \Rightarrow$ over \mathbb{R}
over \mathbb{R} with usual multiplication \times over \mathbb{C}

\mathbb{R}^2 is a vector space
over \mathbb{R} , not \mathbb{C}

$$i \cdot (1, 0) = (i, 0)$$

(4) Polynomial functions

Let $\mathcal{P}_n(\mathbb{F})$ be the set of all polynomials with degree at most n , with coefficients in \mathbb{F}

$$\mathcal{P}_n(\mathbb{F}) = \{ a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n \mid a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{F} \}$$

$\mathcal{P}_n(\mathbb{F})$ is a vector space over \mathbb{F} .

$$a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n \quad \sum_{i=0}^n$$

$$+ b_0 + b_1 x^1 + \cdots + b_n x^n = \sum_{i=0}^n (a_i + b_i) x^i$$

and $\alpha \cdot \left(\sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i \right) = \sum_{i=0}^n \alpha a_i x^i$

(5) Continuous functions

Let $C[0, 1]$ denote the set of all continuous functions from the closed interval $[0, 1]$ to \mathbb{R} .

$C[0, 1]$ is a vector space over \mathbb{R} , with respect to usual addition of functions and scalar multiplication

$$(\alpha \cdot f)(x) = \alpha \cdot f(x), \quad f \in C[0, 1], \quad x \in [0, 1] \\ \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$$

(6) line passing through origin

$$\frac{x_1}{2} = \frac{x_2}{3} = \frac{x_3}{5}$$

Consider the set of all triplets $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$

satisfying $\frac{x_1}{2} = \frac{x_2}{3} = \frac{x_3}{5}$

$$L_{(2, 3, 5)} := \left\{ (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \frac{x_1}{2} = \frac{x_2}{3} = \frac{x_3}{5} \right\}$$

$L(2, 3, 5)$ is a vector space over \mathbb{R} , with '+' and ' \cdot ' taken from \mathbb{R}^3 .

(7) $\mathbb{F}^x : \{f : x \rightarrow \mathbb{F}\}$

Let x be a non-empty set and let \mathbb{F}^x denote the collection of all functions from x to \mathbb{F} .

Then, \mathbb{F}^x is a vector space over \mathbb{F} with usual function addition and scalar multiplication defined as

$$(\alpha \cdot f)(x) = \alpha \cdot f(x), \quad f \in \mathbb{F}^x, \quad x \in x, \quad \underbrace{\alpha \in \mathbb{F}}_{??}$$

$$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$$

(8) Continuous functions that vanish at a fixed point in $[0, 1]$