

# Mathematics for AI

## Homework 2

**Read these first:**

- i You may write your solutions on paper, under a word processing software (MS-word, Libre Office, etc.), or under  $\text{\LaTeX}$ .
- ii If writing on paper, you must use a scanner device or a Camera Scanner (CamScanner) software to scan the document and submit a *single* PDF file.
- iii Up to 15% extra score will be given to solutions written under  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , provided that you follow either of the following conventions:
  - (a) Represent scalars with normal (italic) letters ( $a, A$ ), vectors with bold lower-case letters ( $\mathbf{a}$ , using `\mathbf{a}`), and matrices with bold upper-case letters ( $\mathbf{A}$ , using `\mathbf{A}`), or
  - (b) represent scalars with normal (italic) letters ( $a, A$ ), vectors with bold letters ( $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{A}$ ), and matrices with typewriter upper-case letters ( $\mathbf{A}$ , using `\mathtt{A}`).
  - (c) Your latex document must contain a *title*, a *date*, and your name as the author.
  - (d) In all cases, you must submit a *single* PDF file.
  - (e) If writing under  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , you must submit the *.tex* source (and other necessary source files if there are any) in addition to the PDF file.

Here is a short tutorial on  $\text{\LaTeX}$ : [https://www.overleaf.com/learn/latex/Learn\\_LaTeX\\_in\\_30\\_minutes](https://www.overleaf.com/learn/latex/Learn_LaTeX_in_30_minutes)

**Questions** For each questions, you may use the results of the previous questions (but not the following questions).

## Matrices

1. Consider a matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , such that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Prove that  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}_{m \times n}$ , that is all the entries of  $\mathbf{A}$  are zero.
2. Consider a matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , such that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{0}$  for  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , where  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Prove that  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}_{m \times n}$ .
3. Consider a square matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  for which  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Prove that  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}_n$ , the  $n$  by  $n$  identity matrix.
4. Give an example of a matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , such that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$  for some nonzero vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{A}$  is not the identity matrix.
5. Assume that the vectors  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$  are linearly independent. Prove that the set of vectors  $\mathbf{a}'_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$  are also linearly independent where  $\mathbf{a}'_1 = \mathbf{a}_1 + \beta\mathbf{a}_2$  for some scalar  $\beta$ .
6. Consider two matrices  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ . Prove that  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{AB}) \subseteq \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ , where  $\mathcal{C}(\cdot)$  represents the column space.
7. Consider a matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and a square *invertible* matrix  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . Prove that  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{AB})$ . (Hint: to prove that two sets  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are equal you can show  $S_1 \subseteq S_2$  and  $S_2 \subseteq S_1$ ).
8. Consider two matrices  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$  where  $\mathbf{B}$  has *full row rank* (i.e.  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{B}) = n$ ). Prove that  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{AB})$ .

## Matrix Multiplication

9. Consider the matrices  $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{D} = \text{diag}([d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n]) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = [\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$ , where  $\mathbf{D}$  is a diagonal matrix with diagonal elements  $d_i$ . Show that

$$\mathbf{ADB}^T = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i \mathbf{a}_i \mathbf{b}_i^T$$

## Linear Equations

To answer the following questions you need to use the fact that the set of solutions to a system of linear equations  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is in the form of  $\{\mathbf{x}_p + \mathbf{x}_n \mid \mathbf{x}_n \in \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})\}$ , where  $\mathbf{x}_p$  is a particular solution.

10. Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a fat matrix (i.e.  $m < n$ ) with *full row rank* and  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . Show that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has infinitely many solutions.
11. Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a tall matrix (i.e.  $m > n$ ) with *full column rank* and  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . Show that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has either no solution or exactly one solution.

12. Consider the system of linear equations  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  with  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , and let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the set of solutions to it. Show that
  - (a)  $\mathcal{S}$  is a linear subspace if and only if  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$ .
  - (b) If  $\mathcal{S}$  is nonempty, then there exists a vector  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that the set  $\{\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{S}\}$  is a linear subspace.

## Projections

13. Consider a linear subspace  $\mathcal{S}$  and a vector  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{S}$ . Using the projection formula, show that the projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  into  $\mathcal{S}$  is itself.
14. For a linear subspace  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  its *orthogonal complement* is defined as  $\mathcal{S}^\perp = \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{x} = 0 \text{ for all } \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{S}\}$ . In other words,  $\mathcal{S}^\perp$  comprises all the vectors that are perpendicular to all vectors in  $\mathcal{S}$ . Show that the orthogonal complement of a linear subspace is a linear subspace.
15. Prove that the *null space* of a matrix is the orthogonal complement of its *row space*.

## Determinant

16. Show that  $\det(\mathbf{A}^{-1}) = 1/\det(\mathbf{A})$ .
17. Prove that the determinant of an orthogonal matrix is either equal to 1 or  $-1$ . (Hint: use the definition of an orthogonal matrix.)
18. Show that the determinant of a projection matrix is either equal to 0 or 1. (Hint: remember that projections are *idempotent*.) How do you explain this geometrically?

## Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

19. What is the relation between the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the square matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  and those of  $\mathbf{A} - \alpha\mathbf{I}$  where  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbf{I}$  is the identity matrix?
20. Prove that any eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$  is also an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}^T$ . (Hint: use the characteristic polynomial).
21. The square matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is called (left) stochastic (or a Markov matrix) if its elements are nonnegative and its columns add up to 1 (programmatically `sum(A,axis=0) == ones((1,n))`). Prove that  $\mathbf{A}$  has at least one unit eigenvalue  $\lambda = 1$ . (Hint: First prove that  $\mathbf{A}^T$  has a unit eigenvalue.)
22. Let  $\mathbf{v}$  be an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$  with a nonzero corresponding eigenvalue  $\lambda \neq 0$ . Prove that  $\mathbf{v}$  is in the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
23. Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a real symmetric matrix with real eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ , and corresponding eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Prove that if  $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$  then  $\mathbf{v}_i \perp \mathbf{v}_j$ .