

Mathematics for AI

Lecture 6

null space, solution to general linear equations



LU Decomposition



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Matrix Decomposition

$$A = BC$$

$$A = \underline{B} + \underline{C}$$

$$A = LU \rightarrow \text{upper triangular}$$

lower triangular

LU-decomposition

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

lower

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 & 10 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

upper

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

Permutation Matrix



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$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \\ e & f \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

permutation
matrix

$PA \rightarrow$ permutes rows of A

$AP \rightarrow$ " columns of A

$$\underline{\underline{P^{-1} = P^T}}$$

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for any square matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ $\exists P, U, V$
permutation → lower tri.
upper tri

$$PA = LU$$

$n \times n \rightarrow n \times n$

Solving linear equations with LU decomposition



$$A = LU$$
$$Ax = b \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 5 & 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 1 \times n = 2 \Rightarrow n = 2 \\ 4 \times n + 2y = 6 \Rightarrow 2y = -2 \\ y = -1 \end{cases}$$

~~A = LU~~ $PAx = Pb$
 $A'x = b'$

$$LUx = b$$

y

$$Ly = b \Rightarrow y = \checkmark \Rightarrow Ux = y \Rightarrow x = \checkmark$$

$z = \checkmark$
backward substitution
substitution

LDU Decomposition



LDU =
decomposition

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 2/3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Null space



A column space $C(A)$ (range A)
row space $R(A)$
null space $N(A)$ (kernel A)

$f(x)$ range(f) = $\{f(x) \mid x \in X\}$ $f(x) = Ax$
 $f: X \rightarrow Y$

$$\text{kernel}(f) = \{x \in X \mid f(x) = 0\}$$

$$N(A) = \{x \mid Ax = 0\}$$

null space

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

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Null space



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v is a null vector of A if $A\vec{v} = \vec{0}$
 $\in \mathbb{R}^n$ $m \times n$

the space of All null vectors of A :

$$N(A) = \{v \mid Av = 0\} \quad \text{null space of } A$$

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

Null space is a linear subspace



$$N(A) = \{x \mid Ax = 0\}$$

null space

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

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$$y, x \in N(A) \Rightarrow \alpha x \in N(A)$$
$$x+y \in N(A)$$
$$A(\alpha x) = \alpha Ax = \alpha \cdot 0 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha x \in N(A)$$
$$A(x+y) = Ax + Ay = 0 + 0 = 0 \Rightarrow x+y \in N(A)$$

$\Rightarrow N(A)$ is a linear subspace
(of \mathbb{R}^n)

Column space, row space, null space, left null space



$C(A)$ column space

$$\begin{cases} \vec{x} \in C(A) \\ \vec{y} \in C(A) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \exists b \quad Ab = \vec{x} \\ \exists p \quad Ap = \vec{y} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \vec{x} + \beta \vec{y} &= \alpha(Ab) + \beta(Ap) = A(\alpha b + \beta p) = Aq \\ &\Rightarrow \alpha \vec{x} + \beta \vec{y} \in C(A) \end{aligned}$$

$C(A^T)$ row space $R(A)$

$$\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in N(A) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} Ax = 0 \\ Ay = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A(\alpha \vec{x} + \beta \vec{y}) &= \alpha A\vec{x} + \beta A\vec{y} = \alpha \vec{0} + \beta \vec{0} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow N(A) \text{ is a linear subspace} \end{aligned}$$

$$\{u \mid u^T A = 0^T\} = \{u \mid A^T u = 0\} = N(A^T)$$

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left null space

$$Ax = 0$$



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$Ax = 0$ $0 \in N(A)$ all
N(A) includes all answers to $Ax = 0$

General $Ax=b$



$$Ax=b \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad b \in \mathbb{R}^m \quad (\text{VII})$$

$$\text{rank}(A) = r \leq \min(m, n)$$

$$N(A) = \sqrt{\quad}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 & \dots & \vec{a}_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = b \Rightarrow x_1 \vec{a}_1 + x_2 \vec{a}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{a}_n = b$$

$$b \in \text{span}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = C(A)$$

$b \notin C(A)$ $Ax=b$ has no ~~answers~~ solutions

$b \in C(A) \Rightarrow \exists x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ s.t.

$$x_1 \vec{a}_1 + x_2 \vec{a}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{a}_n = \vec{b}$$

$A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = b \Rightarrow A$ has at least one solution!

$$\exists \vec{x} : A\vec{x} = \vec{b} \quad \vec{n} \in N(A) \quad A\vec{n} = 0$$

Solutions to General Linear Equations



$$\underline{Ax = b}$$

$$A: m \times n \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$b \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$b \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

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$b \notin C(A)$ No solution

$b \in C(A)$ At least one solution
~~(x_p)~~ (x_p)

~~$$Ax_p = b$$~~

$$Ax_p = b$$

$$Ax_n = 0 \quad x_n \in N(A)$$

$$A(x_p + x_n) = Ax_p + Ax_n = b + 0 = b$$

$$A(x_p + \underbrace{ax_n}_{\in N(A)}) = b$$

$$\begin{cases} Ax_p = b \\ Ax = b \end{cases} \Rightarrow A(x_p - x) = 0 \Rightarrow \overbrace{x - x_p}^{x_n} \in N(A)$$

$$x = x_p + x_n \quad x_n \in N(A)$$

Solutions to General Linear Equations



$$\underline{Ax = b}$$

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$b \notin C(A)$ No solution!

$b \in C(A)$ at least one solution!

1. Find x_p s.t. $Ax_p = b$

2. Find $N(A)$ (a basis for $N(A)$)

all solutions to $Ax = b$ are

$$\{x_p + x_n \mid x_n \in N(A)\}$$

a) How to check if $b \in C(A)$?

b) How to find x_p ?

Set of solutions is not a linear subspace



$$S = \{ \underline{x} \mid Ax = b \} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$$

$A: m \times n$

Does S form a linear subspace of \mathbb{R}^n ?

$b = 0 \Rightarrow \text{YES} \quad x = N(A)$

$b \neq 0 \quad Ax = b \quad A(\alpha x) = \alpha b \neq b \Rightarrow \alpha x \notin S$

let $\alpha \neq 1$


$x, y \in S \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} Ax = b \\ Ay = b \end{array} \right\} A(x+y) = Ax + Ay = 2b \neq b \quad x+y \notin S$

$x, y \in S \quad A(\alpha x + \beta y) = \underline{(\alpha + \beta)b} \neq b$
in general

S is not a linear subspace

Set of solutions is not a linear subspace



The set of solutions to $Ax=b$ 
for $b \neq 0$ is not a linear subspace.

$$x, y \in S = \{x \mid Ax=b\}$$

$$A(\alpha x + \beta y) = (\alpha + \beta)b$$

what linear combinations of x and y are
in S ?

$$\alpha x + \beta y \in S \quad \underline{\text{if and only if}} \quad \alpha + \beta = 1$$

$\Rightarrow \alpha x + \beta y$ is an affine combination

Affine subspace



$\Rightarrow \alpha x + \beta y$ is an affine combination

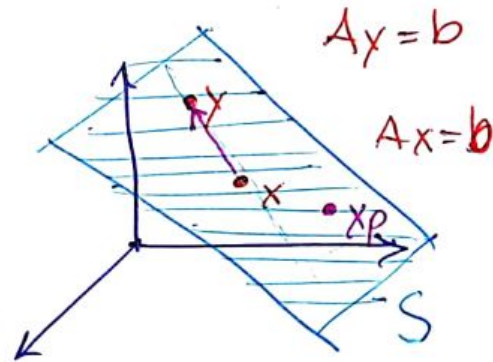
$$y - x \in N(A)$$

$$N(A) = \{x - x_p \mid Ax = b\}$$

is a linear subspace

$$D(S) = D(N(A))$$

S is an affine subspace (of \mathbb{R}^n)



Full column-rank case



$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

A has full column rank $\text{rank}(A) = n$

$$\text{rank}(A) = r = n$$

(\Rightarrow A has full-rank)

~~$m \geq n$~~ $r = n \Rightarrow m \geq n \Rightarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | & | \\ | & | & | & | \\ | & | & | & | \end{bmatrix}$

\Rightarrow A is a tall matrix
(thin, skinny)



$r = n \Rightarrow$ A has n independent columns

$$Ax = b$$

$$N(A) \quad Ax = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow N(A) = \{0\}$$

$b \notin C(A) \Rightarrow$ No Solution

$b \in C(A) \Rightarrow$ A unique solution!

Full row-rank case



$$Ax = b \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \text{ has full row rank } \textcircled{V} 15$$

$$r = \text{rank}(A) = m$$

$$\Rightarrow m \leq n \quad (\Rightarrow A \text{ has full rank})$$

$$A = \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right] \quad \text{fat matrix}$$

A is a fat matrix
wide

$$Ax = b$$

$$\text{rank}(A) = m$$

$\Rightarrow A$ has m independent
column

$$C(A) = \mathbb{R}^m$$

$\Rightarrow b$ is always in $C(A)$

\Rightarrow there is Always a solution.

$$\dim(N(A)) = \cancel{n-r} = n - r = n - m$$

$$x = x_p + x_n \quad x_n \in N(A)$$

Non-singular case



$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is non-singular

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A \text{ has full column rank} \Rightarrow \text{No or unique solution} \\ A \text{ has full row rank} \Rightarrow \text{has a solution} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$

\Rightarrow has a unique solution!

Rank-deficient case



$$Ax = b \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

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A is rank-deficient $r < \min(m, n)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}^n$$

$b \notin C(A)$ No solution

$b \in C(A)$

$$\dim(N(A)) = n - r \geq 1$$

$b \in C(A) \Rightarrow$ infinite solutions