

# Brief Review of Linear Algebra

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```
In [1]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

## Scalars

- Single number
- Denoted as lowercase letter
- Examples
  - $x \in \mathbb{R}$  - Real number
  - $w \in \mathbb{C}$  - Complex number (i.e., with imaginary part)
  - $z \in \mathbb{Z}$  - Integer
  - $i \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  - Non-negative integers
  - $y \in \{0, 1, \dots, C\}$  - Finite set
  - $u \in [0, 1]$  - Bounded set

```
In [2]: x = 1.1343
print(x)
w = 1.1343 + 2.1j
print(w)
z = int(-5)
print(z)
```

```
1.1343
(1.1343+2.1j)
-5
```

# Vectors

- Array of numbers
- In notation, we usually consider vectors to be "column vectors"
- Denoted as lowercase letter (often bolded)
- Dimension is often denoted by  $d$ ,  $D$ , or  $p$ .
- Access elements via subscript, e.g.,  $x_i$  is the  $i$ -th element
- Examples
  - $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  - Real number
  - $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_d \end{bmatrix}$
  - $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d]^T$
  - $\mathbf{z} = [\sqrt{x_1}, \sqrt{x_2}, \dots, \sqrt{x_d}]^T$
  - $\mathbf{y} \in \{0, 1, \dots, C\}^d$  - Finite set
  - $\mathbf{u} \in [0, 1]^d$  - Bounded set

```
In [3]: x = np.array([1.1343, 6.2345, 35])
print(x)
w = np.array([1.1343 + 2.1j, 1j, 0.1 + 3.5j])
print(w)
z = 5 * np.ones(3, dtype=int)
print(z)

[ 1.1343  6.2345 35.      ]
[1.1343+2.1j 0.      +1.j  0.1   +3.5j]
[5 5 5]
```

## Note: The operator + does different things on numpy arrays vs Python lists

- For lists, Python concatenates the lists
- For numpy arrays, numpy performs an element-wise addition
- Similarly, for other binary operators such as  $-$ ,  $+$ ,  $*$ , and  $/$

```
In [4]: a_list = [1, 2]
b_list = [30, 40]
c_list = a_list + b_list
print(c_list)
a = np.array(a_list) # Create numpy array from Python list
b = np.array(b_list)
c = a + b
print(c)
```

```
[1, 2, 30, 40]
[31 42]
```

## Matrices

- 2D array of numbers
- Denoted as uppercase letter
- Number of samples often denoted by  $n$  or  $N$ .
- Access rows or columns via subscript or numpy notation:
  - $X_{i,:}$  is the  $i$ -th row,  $X_{:,j}$  is the  $j$ th column
  - (Sometimes)  $X_i, \mathbf{x}_i$  is the  $i$ -th row or column depending on context
- Access elements by double subscript  $X_{i,j}$  or  $x_{i,j}$  is the  $i, j$ -th entry of the matrix
- Examples
  - $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$  - Real number
  - $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  - Real number
  - $Y \in \{0, 1, \dots, C\}^{k \times d}$  - Finite set
  - $U \in [0, 1]^{n \times d}$  - Bounded set

```
In [5]: X = np.arange(12).reshape(3,4)
print(X)
W = np.array([
    [1.1343 + 2.1j, 1j, 0.1 + 3.5j],
    [3, 4, 5],
])
print(W)
Z = 5 * np.ones((3, 3), dtype=int)
print(Z)
```

```
[[ 0  1  2  3]
 [ 4  5  6  7]
 [ 8  9 10 11]]
[[1.1343+2.1j 0.      +1.j  0.1   +3.5j]
 [3.         +0.j  4.         +0.j  5.         +0.j ]]
[[5 5 5]
 [5 5 5]
 [5 5 5]]
```

# Tensors

- $n$ -D arrays
- Examples
  - $X \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times m \times m}$ , single color image in PyTorch
  - $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 3 \times m \times m}$ , multiple color images in PyTorch
  - $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m \times 3}$ , single color image for matplotlib imshow

```
In [6]: from sklearn.datasets import load_sample_image
china = load_sample_image('china.jpg')
print('Shape of image (height, width, channels):', china.shape)
ax = plt.axes(xticks=[], yticks=[])
ax.imshow(china);
```

Shape of image (height, width, channels): (427, 640, 3)



## Matrix transpose

- Changes columns to rows and rows to columns
- Denoted as  $A^T$
- For vectors  $\mathbf{v}$ , the transpose changes from a column vector to a row vector

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_d \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}^T = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \vdots & x_d \end{bmatrix}^T = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d]$$

**NOTE:** In numpy, there is only a "vector" (i.e., a 1D array), not really a row or column vector per se.

```
In [7]: A = np.arange(6).reshape(2,3)
print(A)
print(A.T)
```

```
[[0 1 2]
 [3 4 5]]
[[0 3]
 [1 4]
 [2 5]]
```

**NOTE: In numpy, there is only a "vector" (i.e., a 1D array), not really a row or column vector per se.**

```
In [8]: v = np.arange(5)
print('A numpy vector', v)
print('Transpose of numpy vector', v.T)
print('A matrix with one column')
V = v.reshape(-1, 1)
print('V shape: ', V.shape)
print(V)
```

```
A numpy vector [0 1 2 3 4]
Transpose of numpy vector [0 1 2 3 4]
A matrix with one column
V shape: (5, 1)
[[0]
 [1]
 [2]
 [3]
 [4]]
```

## Matrix product

- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ , then the **matrix product**  $C = AB$  is defined as:

$$c_{i,j} = \sum_{k \in \{1,2,\dots,n\}} a_{i,k} b_{k,j}$$

where  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p}$  (notice how inner dimension is collapsed).

- (Show on board visually)

```
In [9]: A = np.arange(6).reshape(3, 2)
print(A)
B = np.arange(6).reshape(2, 3)
print(B)
C = np.zeros((A.shape[0], B.shape[1]))
for i in range(C.shape[0]):
    for j in range(C.shape[1]):
        for k in range(A.shape[1]):
            C[i, j] += A[i, k] * B[k, j]
print(C)
print(np.dot(A, B))
```

```
[[0 1]
 [2 3]
 [4 5]]
[[0 1 2]
 [3 4 5]]
[[ 3.  4.  5.]
 [ 9. 14. 19.]
 [15. 24. 33.]]
[[ 3  4  5]
 [ 9 14 19]
 [15 24 33]]
```

**Notice triple loop, naively cubic complexity  $O(n^3)$**

However, special linear algebra algorithms can do it  $O(n^2.803)$

**Takeaway - Use numpy `np.dot` or `np.matmul`**

**Element-wise (Hadamard) product *NOT equal* to matrix multiplication**

- Normal matrix multiplication  $C = AB$  is very different from **element-wise** (or more formally **Hadamard**) multiplication, denoted  $F = A \odot D$ , which in numpy is just the star `*`

```
In [10]: A = np.arange(6).reshape(3, 2)
print(A)
B = np.arange(6).reshape(2, 3)
print(B)
try:
    A * B # Fails since matrix shapes don't match and cannot broadcast
except ValueError as e:
    print('Operation failed! Message below:')
    print(e)
```

```
[[0 1]
 [2 3]
 [4 5]]
[[0 1 2]
 [3 4 5]]
Operation failed! Message below:
operands could not be broadcast together with shapes (3,2) (2,3)
```

```
In [11]: print(A)
D = 10*B.T
print(D)
F = A * D # Element-wise / Hadamard product
print(F)
```

```
[[0 1]
 [2 3]
 [4 5]]
[[ 0 30]
 [10 40]
 [20 50]]
[[ 0 30]
 [ 20 120]
 [ 80 250]]
```

## Properties of matrix product

- Distributive:  $A(B + C) = AB + AC$
- Associative:  $A(BC) = (AB)C$
- **NOT** commutative, i.e.,  $AB = BA$  does **NOT** always hold
- Transpose of multiplication (**switch order** and transpose of both):

$$(AB)^T = B^T A^T$$

```
In [12]: print('AB')
print(np.dot(A, B))
print('BA')
print(np.dot(B, A))
print('(AB)^T')
print(np.dot(A, B).T)
print('B^T A^T')
print(np.dot(B.T, A.T))
```

```
AB
[[ 3  4  5]
 [ 9 14 19]
 [15 24 33]]
BA
[[10 13]
 [28 40]]
(AB)^T
[[ 3  9 15]
 [ 4 14 24]
 [ 5 19 33]]
B^T A^T
[[ 3  9 15]
 [ 4 14 24]
 [ 5 19 33]]
```

## Properties of inner product or vector-vector product

- **Inner product** or **vector-vector** multiplication produces *scalar*:

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y})^T = \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{x}$$

Also denoted as:

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}$$

Can be executed via `np.dot`

```
In [13]: # Inner product
a = np.arange(3)
print(a)
b = np.array([11, 22, 33])
print(b)
np.dot(a, b)
```

```
[0 1 2]
[11 22 33]
```

Out[13]: 88



## Linear set of equations can be compactly represented as matrix equation

- Example:

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 3y &= 6 \\ 4x + 9y &= 15. \end{aligned}$$

Solution is  $x = \frac{3}{2}, y = 1$

- More general example:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{1,1}x_1 + a_{1,2}x_2 + a_{1,3}x_3 &= b_1 \\ a_{2,1}x_1 + a_{2,2}x_2 + a_{2,3}x_3 &= b_2 \\ a_{3,1}x_1 + a_{3,2}x_2 + a_{3,3}x_3 &= b_3 \end{aligned}$$

is **equivalent** to:

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$$

where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3,3}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .

## Identity matrix keeps vectors unchanged

- Multiplying by the identity does not change vector (generalizing the concept of the scalar 1)
- Formally,  $I_n \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , and  $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, I_n \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$
- Structure is ones on the diagonal, zero everywhere else:
- `np.eye` function to create identity

```
In [14]: I3 = np.eye(3)
print(I3)
x = np.random.randn(3)
print(x)
print(np.dot(I3, x))
```

```
[[1.  0.  0.]
 [0.  1.  0.]
 [0.  0.  1.]]
[-0.13829299  0.78492995 -0.26939102]
[-0.13829299  0.78492995 -0.26939102]
```

## Matrix inverse times the original matrix is the identity

- The inverse of *square* matrix  $A \in \mathbb{n} \times \mathbb{n}$  is denoted as  $A^{-1}$  and defined as:

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

- The "right" inverse is similar and is equal to the left inverse:

$$AA^{-1} = I$$

- Generalizes the concept of inverse  $x$  and  $\frac{1}{x}$
- Does **NOT** always exist, similar to how the inverse of  $x$  only exists if  $x \neq 0$

```
In [15]: A = 100 * np.array([[1, 0.5], [0.2, 1]])
print(A)
Ainv = np.linalg.inv(A)
print(Ainv)
print('A^{-1} A = ')
print(np.dot(Ainv, A))
print('A A^{-1} = ')
print(np.dot(A, Ainv))
```

```
[[100.  50.]
 [ 20. 100.]]
[[ 0.01111111 -0.00555556]
 [-0.00222222  0.01111111]]
A^{-1} A =
[[1.00000000e+00 0.00000000e+00]
 [2.77555756e-17 1.00000000e+00]]
A A^{-1} =
[[1.00000000e+00 0.00000000e+00]
 [2.77555756e-17 1.00000000e+00]]
```

## Singular matrices are similar to zeros

- Informally, singular matrices are matrices that do not have an inverse (similar to the idea that 0 does not have an inverse)
- Consider the 1D equation  $ax = b$ 
  - Usually we can solve for  $x$  by multiplying both sides by  $1/a$
  - But what if  $a = 0$ ?
  - What are the solutions to the equation?
- Called "singular" because a random matrix is unlikely to be singular just like choosing a random number is unlikely to be 0.

```
In [16]: from numpy.linalg import LinAlgError
def try_inv(A):
    print('A = ')
    print(np.array(A))
    try:
        np.linalg.inv(A)
    except LinAlgError as e:
        print(e)
    else:
        print('Not singular!')
    print()

try_inv([[0, 0], [0, 0]])
try_inv(np.eye(3))
try_inv([[1, 1], [1, 1]])
try_inv([[1, 10], [1, 10]])
try_inv([[2, 20], [4, 40]])
try_inv([[2, 20], [40, 4]])
```

```
A =
[[0 0]
 [0 0]]
Singular matrix
```

```
A =
[[1. 0. 0.]
 [0. 1. 0.]
 [0. 0. 1.]]
Not singular!
```

```
A =
[[1 1]
 [1 1]]
Singular matrix
```

```
A =
[[ 1 10]
 [ 1 10]]
Singular matrix
```

```
A =
[[ 2 20]
 [ 4 40]]
Singular matrix
```

```
A =
[[ 2 20]
 [40  4]]
Not singular!
```

```
In [17]: # Random matrix is very unlikely to be 0
for j in range(10):
    try_inv(np.random.randn(2, 2))
```

```
A =
[[-0.90550148 -0.02532468]
 [-0.89130022 -0.80571341]]
Not singular!
```

```
A =
[[ 0.4087488 -0.20136883]
 [ 2.23151464  0.87926746]]
Not singular!
```

```
A =
[[-1.02709192 -0.2750303 ]
 [-0.28645797 -2.02844463]]
Not singular!
```

```
A =
[[-0.02248636  0.72314   ]
 [ 1.60885039 -0.22551542]]
Not singular!
```

```
A =
[[ 1.53234123  1.24501593]
 [-1.84021119 -0.27807602]]
Not singular!
```

```
A =
[[-2.7548314  0.90938852]
 [ 1.11689209  0.72669141]]
Not singular!
```

```
A =
[[-0.67333293  0.83524065]
 [ 1.71028296 -0.3347097  ]]
Not singular!
```

```
A =
[[ 0.14837056  1.8609308 ]
 [-0.68470719  0.78144661]]
Not singular!
```

```
A =
[[-2.71647167  1.11170123]
 [-0.0056665  0.19595604]]
Not singular!
```

```
A =
[[ 0.68408856 -0.08419105]
 [-1.62402249  1.54859037]]
Not singular!
```

**Next time: Norms, unitary matrices,  
eigendecomposition, singular value decomposition,  
determinant**