

# Lecture 06: Linear Algebra

## Introduction to Machine Learning [25737]

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# Section 1

## Basic Definitions

## Vectors

In this course we assume column vectors represented by:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

## Matrices

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Matrix Rows

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -\mathbf{A}_{1,:}^T & - \\ -\mathbf{A}_{2,:}^T & - \\ \vdots & \\ -\mathbf{A}_{m,:}^T & - \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{A}_{1,:}^T \ ; \ \mathbf{A}_{2,:}^T \ ; \ \dots \ ; \ \mathbf{A}_{m,:}^T]$$

## Matrix Columns

$$\mathbf{A} = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} \mathbf{A}_{:,1} & \mathbf{A}_{:,2} & \dots & \mathbf{A}_{:,n} \end{array} \right] = [\mathbf{A}_{:,1} \ , \ \mathbf{A}_{:,2} \ , \ \dots \ , \ \mathbf{A}_{:,n}]$$

## Vectorizing Operator

$$\text{vec}(\mathbf{A}) = [\mathbf{A}_{:,1}; \dots; \mathbf{A}_{:,n}] \in \mathbb{R}^{mn \times 1}$$

## I-vectorizing Operator

$$\mathbf{A} = \text{ivec}(\text{vec}(\mathbf{A}), \mathcal{O})$$

## Section 2

# Vector Space



# Vector Space

## Vector Space

A vector space is a set of vectors  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , denoted  $\mathcal{V}$ , such that:

- It is closed under vector addition: *if*  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{V} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{V}$
- It is closed under multiplication by a real scalar  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ : *if*  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{V} \Rightarrow c\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}$

## Linear Independence

A set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$  is said to be (linearly) dependent if:

$$\exists j : \mathbf{x}_j = \sum_{i, i \neq j} \mathbf{x}_i$$

Otherwise the set is said to be (linearly) independent.

## Span

The span of a set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$  is defined as:

$$\text{span}(\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}) \triangleq \left\{ \mathbf{v} : \mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{x}_i, \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

## Section 3

# Products

# Matrix-Vector Product

## Matrix-Vector Product

Assume  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then the product vector  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Ax} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  can be viewed as follows:

### View 1

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Ax} = \begin{bmatrix} - & \hat{\mathbf{a}}_1^T & - \\ - & \hat{\mathbf{a}}_2^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & \hat{\mathbf{a}}_m^T & - \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{a}}_1^T \mathbf{x} \\ \hat{\mathbf{a}}_2^T \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\mathbf{a}}_m^T \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix}$$

### View 2

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Ax} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{a}_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | \\ \mathbf{a}_1 \\ | \end{bmatrix} x_1 + \begin{bmatrix} | \\ \mathbf{a}_2 \\ | \end{bmatrix} x_2 + \dots + \begin{bmatrix} | \\ \mathbf{a}_n \\ | \end{bmatrix} x_n$$

# Matrix-Matrix Product

## Matrix-Matrix Product

Assume  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ . Then the product vector  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AB} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p}$  can be viewed as follows:

### View 1

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} - & \hat{\mathbf{a}}_1^T & - \\ - & \hat{\mathbf{a}}_2^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & \hat{\mathbf{a}}_m^T & - \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{b}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{b}_p \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{a}}_1^T \mathbf{b}_1 & \hat{\mathbf{a}}_1^T \mathbf{b}_2 & \dots & \hat{\mathbf{a}}_1^T \mathbf{b}_p \\ \hat{\mathbf{a}}_2^T \mathbf{b}_1 & \hat{\mathbf{a}}_2^T \mathbf{b}_2 & \dots & \hat{\mathbf{a}}_2^T \mathbf{b}_p \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \hat{\mathbf{a}}_m^T \mathbf{b}_1 & \hat{\mathbf{a}}_m^T \mathbf{b}_2 & \dots & \hat{\mathbf{a}}_m^T \mathbf{b}_p \end{bmatrix}$$

### View 2

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{a}_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} - & \hat{\mathbf{b}}_1^T & - \\ - & \hat{\mathbf{b}}_2^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & \hat{\mathbf{b}}_n^T & - \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{a}_i \hat{\mathbf{b}}_i^T$$

# Matrix-Matrix Product

## Matrix-Matrix Product

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### View 3

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{b}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{b}_p \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ \mathbf{Ab}_1 & \mathbf{Ab}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{Ab}_p \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}$$

### View 4

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} - & \hat{\mathbf{a}}_1^T & - \\ - & \hat{\mathbf{a}}_2^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & \hat{\mathbf{a}}_m^T & - \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} - & \hat{\mathbf{a}}_1^T \mathbf{B} & - \\ - & \hat{\mathbf{a}}_2^T \mathbf{B} & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & \hat{\mathbf{a}}_m^T \mathbf{B} & - \end{bmatrix}$$

# Range and Null Spaces

## Range of a Matrix

Assume  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . The range or column space of  $\mathbf{A}$  is the span of the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  as:

$$\text{range}(\mathbf{A}) \triangleq \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m : \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$$

## Null Space of a Matrix

Assume  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . The null space of  $\mathbf{A}$  is the set of all vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  that get mapped to the null vector when multiplied by  $\mathbf{A}$  as:

$$\text{nullspace}(\mathbf{A}) \triangleq \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}$$

## Section 4

### Norms

## Definition

Norm is any function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that satisfies the following properties:

- 1  $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow f(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0$  (non-negativity)
- 2  $f(\mathbf{x}) = 0$  iff  $\mathbf{x} = 0$  (definiteness)
- 3  $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \forall t \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow f(t\mathbf{x}) = |t|f(\mathbf{x})$  (absolute value homogeneity)
- 4  $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \forall \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) \leq f(\mathbf{x}) + f(\mathbf{y})$  (triangle inequality)

## Examples of Vector Norm

- p-norm ( $\ell_p$ ):  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_p = (\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p)^{1/p}, p \geq 1 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \ell_1 : \|\mathbf{x}\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| \\ \ell_2 : \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} \\ \ell_\infty : \|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty = \max_i |x_i| \end{cases}$
- 0-norm ( $\ell_0$ ):  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}(|x_i| > 0)$  (Pseudo norm due to inhomogeneity)



## Examples of Matrix Norm

Assume matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , then:

- p-norm ( $\ell_p$ ):  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_p = \max_{\mathbf{x} \neq 0} \frac{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_p}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_p} = \max_{\|\mathbf{x}\|=1} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_p$
- Frobenius norm ( $\ell_F$ ):  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}^2} = \|\text{vec}(\mathbf{A})\|_2$

## Section 5

# Matrix Operators

# Trace of a Square Matrix

## Definition

The trace of a square matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , denoted  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})$ , is the sum of diagonal elements in the matrix as:

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) \triangleq \sum_{i=1}^n A_{ii}$$

## Properties

Assume matrices  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and scalar  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^T)$
- $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{B})$
- $\text{tr}(c\mathbf{A}) = c \text{tr}(\mathbf{A})$
- $\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{BA})$

## Cyclic Permutation Property

For real matrices  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  where  $ABC$  is square, then we have:

$$\text{tr}(ABC) = \text{tr}(CAB) = \text{tr}(BCA)$$

# Determinant of a Square Matrix

## Minor

Assume  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . The  $(i, j)$  minor, denoted  $\mathbf{A}_{ij}$  is the matrix obtained from  $\mathbf{A}$  by deleting the  $i$ -th row and the  $j$ -th column.

## Cofactor

Assume  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . The  $(i, j)$  cofactor, denoted  $C_{ij}$  is:  $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det(\mathbf{A}_{ij})$ , where  $\det(\mathbf{A}_{ij})$  is the determinant of  $(i, j)$  minor.

## Determinant

The determinant of a square matrix, denoted  $\det(\mathbf{A})$  or  $|\mathbf{A}|$ , is a measure of how much it changes a unit volume when viewed as a linear transformation and is defined as:

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i1} C_{i1}$$

# Condition Number of a Square Matrix

## Condition Number

The condition number of a square matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is a measure for the stability of linear equation set  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  and is defined as follows:  $\kappa(\mathbf{A}) \triangleq \|\mathbf{A}\| \times \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|$ . A suitable option for the matrix norm is  $\ell_2$  norm which result in  $\kappa(\mathbf{A}) \geq 1$ .

## Matrix Conditioning

Assume square matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ . Based on the condition number, this matrix can be divided into two categories:

- $\mathbf{A}$  is ill-conditioned if  $\kappa(\mathbf{A})$  is large.
- $\mathbf{A}$  is well-conditioned if  $\kappa(\mathbf{A})$  is small (close to 1).

# Condition Number of a Square Matrix

## Frame Title

In a linear system of equations  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ , assume we change  $\mathbf{b}$  to  $\mathbf{b} + \Delta\mathbf{b}$ . Compute the change in  $\mathbf{x}$  vector ( $\Delta\mathbf{x}$ ) for the following two matrices:

- $\mathbf{A} = 0.1\mathbf{I}_{100 \times 100}$  ( $\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = 1, \det(\mathbf{A}) = 10^{-100}$ ):

$$\Delta\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\Delta\mathbf{b} = 10\mathbf{I}\Delta\mathbf{b} = 10\Delta\mathbf{b}$$

- $\mathbf{A} = 0.5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 + 10^{-10} & 1 - 10^{-10} \end{bmatrix}$  ( $\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = 2 \times 10^{10}, \det(\mathbf{A}) = -2 \times 10^{-10}$ ):

$$\Delta\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\Delta\mathbf{b} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta b_1 - 10^{10}(\Delta b_1 - \Delta b_2) \\ \Delta b_2 + 10^{10}(\Delta b_1 - \Delta b_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

## Section 6

# Special Matrices



## Diagonal Matrix

- Diagonal matrix:

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & & & \\ & d_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & d_n \end{bmatrix} = \text{diag}(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$$

- Block diagonal Matrix: A square matrix with square matrices in the main diagonal blocks and zero matrices in all off-diagonal blocks as:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_1 & & & \\ & \mathbf{A}_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \mathbf{A}_n \end{bmatrix} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_2, \dots, \mathbf{A}_n)$$

## Band-diagonal Matrix

A band-diagonal matrix only has non-zero entries along the diagonal, and on  $k$  sides of the diagonal ( $k$  is known as bandwidth).

## Tridiagonal Matrix

Tridiagonal matrix is a band-diagonal matrix with  $k = 1$ . A sample  $6 \times 6$  tridiagonal matrix is:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{43} & a_{44} & a_{45} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{54} & a_{55} & a_{56} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{65} & a_{66} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Triangular Matrix

## Lower Triangular Matrix

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & & & & \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & & & \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & l_{33} & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ l_{n1} & l_{n2} & \dots & l_{n(n-1)} & l_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Upper Triangular Matrix

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} & \dots & u_{1n} \\ & u_{22} & u_{23} & \dots & u_{2n} \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & \ddots & u_{(n-1)n} \\ & & & & u_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Symmetric Matrix

Matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is symmetric iff  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^T$  (We usually show this by  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}^n$ )

## Definite and Indefinite Matrices

Suppose  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}^n$  and arbitrary nonzero vector  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$  then:

- $\mathbf{A}$  is positive definite (PD), denoted  $\mathbf{A} \succ 0$ , iff:  $\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} > 0$
- $\mathbf{A}$  is positive semidefinite (PSD), denoted  $\mathbf{A} \succeq 0$ , iff:  $\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} \geq 0$
- $\mathbf{A}$  is negative definite (ND), denoted  $\mathbf{A} \prec 0$ , iff:  $\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} < 0$
- $\mathbf{A}$  is negative semidefinite (NSD), denoted  $\mathbf{A} \preceq 0$ , iff:  $\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} \leq 0$
- $\mathbf{A}$  is indefinite iff it is none of the above.

## Orthogonal Square Matrices

$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{a}_n \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{bmatrix}$  is orthogonal iff:

$$\mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{a}_j = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 1 & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$

## Section 7

# Inverse Matrix

## Inverse Matrix

The inverse of a square matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , denoted  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ , is the unique matrix such that:

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

## Singular Matrix

$\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  exists iff  $\det(\mathbf{A}) \neq 0$ . If  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 0$ ,  $\mathbf{A}$  is called a singular matrix.

## Section 8

# Eigenvalue Decomposition



## Eigenvalue and Eigenvector

Assume a square matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ , we say that  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the corresponding eigenvector if:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = \lambda\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{0}$$

## “The” Eigenvector

For any eigenvector  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$  and scalar  $c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $c\mathbf{u}$  is also an eigenvector. “The” eigenvector is normalized to have unit length.

## Characteristic Equation

$(\lambda, \mathbf{u})$  is (eigenvalue, eigenvector) pair if:

$$(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{0}$$

Thus:

- $\mathbf{u}$  is in the nullspace of  $\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}$ .
- $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 0$

Equation  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 0$  is called characteristic equation.

## Characteristic Equation

- The order of characteristic equation is  $n$ .
- Characteristic equation has  $n$  roots, denoted  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ , possibly complex.
- $\mathbf{u}_i$  corresponding to  $\lambda_i$  can be easily found by finding the nullspace of  $\lambda_i \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}$  matrix.

## Eigenvalue and Eigenvector

Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.3 \\ 0.2 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$ .

*Solution:*

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) = \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0.8 - \lambda & 0.3 \\ 0.2 & 0.7 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}\right) = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 0.5) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_1 = 1 \\ \lambda_2 = 0.5 \end{cases}$$

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda_1\mathbf{I})\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -0.2 & 0.3 \\ 0.2 & -0.3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1.5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda_2\mathbf{I})\mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0.3 & 0.3 \\ 0.2 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Eigenvalue and Eigenvector

## Rank

The rank of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is equal to the number of non-zero eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

## Connection to Trace and Determinant

Assume  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ . Then:

- The rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  equals to the number of non-zero eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  shares the eigenvector with  $\mathbf{A}$  while its eigenvalues are  $\frac{1}{\lambda_1}, \frac{1}{\lambda_2}, \dots, \frac{1}{\lambda_n}$ .
- Symmetric matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is PD iff  $\lambda_i > 0, i = 1, \dots, n$ .
- Symmetric matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is PSD iff  $\lambda_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, n$ .
- $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$
- $\det(\mathbf{A}) = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$

## Diagonalizable

As we see:  $A\mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i\mathbf{u}_i, i = 1, \dots, n$

We can write the above equalities as:

$$AU = U\Lambda$$

where:

- $U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_2 & \mathbf{u}_n \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix}$
- $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$

Now assume that matrix  $U$  is invertible. Then:

$$A = U\Lambda U^{-1}$$

A matrix that can be written in this form is called diagonalizable.

# Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors of Symmetric Matrices

## Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors of Symmetric Matrices

Based on *Spectral Theorem*, for symmetric matrices we have:

- All eigenvalues are real
- Eigenvectors are orthonormal ( $U$  is orthogonal thus  $U^{-1} = U^T$ )

Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{U}^T &= \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_2 & \mathbf{u}_n \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{u}_1^T & - \\ - & \mathbf{u}_2^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & \mathbf{u}_m^T & - \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T \end{aligned}$$

## Data Whitening Using Eigenvectors

Suppose we have a dataset  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times D}$  where the empirical mean vector is zero and empirical covariance matrix is  $\Sigma = \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$ . Find matrix  $\mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times D}$  such that empirical covariance matrix for transformed vector  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}$  is  $\mathbf{I}$ .

*Solution:* Matrix  $\Sigma$  is symmetric, thus  $\Sigma = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{U}^T$ . Assume  $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{U}^T$ , then the covariance matrix for  $\mathbf{y}$  is:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}[\mathbf{y}] &= \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{Y} = \frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{W}^T)^T (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{W}^T) = \mathbf{W}\Sigma\mathbf{W}^T \\ &= \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \underbrace{\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U}}_{\mathbf{I}} \mathbf{D} \underbrace{\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U}}_{\mathbf{I}} \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \mathbf{I}\end{aligned}$$

## Section 9

# Matrix Calculus



## Gradient

Assume function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . The gradient vector of this function at a point  $\mathbf{x}$  is the vector of partial derivatives as:

$$\mathbf{g} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

To emphasize the gradient evaluation point we write:

$$\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}^*) \triangleq \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}^*}$$

## Hessian

Assume function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . The Hessian matrix of this function is the matrix of second partial derivatives as:

$$\mathbf{H}_f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \mathbf{x}^2} = \nabla^2 f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Jacobian

Assume function  $\mathbf{f} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ . The Jacobian matrix of this function is an  $m \times n$  matrix of partial derivatives as:

$$\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{x}^T} \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \nabla f_1(\mathbf{x})^T \\ \vdots \\ \nabla f_m(\mathbf{x})^T \end{bmatrix}$$