

2 - Basic linear algebra

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2.1) The matrix K is defined by

$$K = \alpha B^T D B$$

where α is a scalar and B is 3×6 .

a) Dimension of K ?

$$\dim(B) = 3 \times 6 \Leftrightarrow \dim(B^T) = 6 \times 3$$

What is $\dim(D) = a \times b$?

Generally, if we want to do a matrix multiplication: $(X_1 \times Y_1) \cdot (X_2 \times Y_2)$,
then $Y_1 = X_2$ and $\dim(M_1 \cdot M_2) = X_1 \times Y_2$.

$$\underbrace{(6 \times 3)}_{\dim(B^T)} \cdot \underbrace{(\alpha \times b)}_{\dim(D)} \cdot \underbrace{(3 \times 6)}_{\dim(B)} \Rightarrow \alpha = 3, b = 3 \text{ and } \dim(B^T D B) = 6 \times 6$$

Thus: Answer: $\dim(K) = 6 \times 6$

b) Determine $\dim(D)$?

See above

$$\det(D) = a \times b = 3 \times 3$$

c) If $D = D^T$, show that K is symmetric.

K is symmetric $\Leftrightarrow K = K^T$

$$K^T = (\alpha B^T D B)^T = \alpha B^T D^T (B^T)^T = \alpha B^T D B = K. \quad \square$$

2.2) Calculate $\det(K)$.

$$\det(K) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 6 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 6 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2(-4 + 0 + 3 - 0 - 1 - 4) = \text{Answer: } -12$$

Determinant

This article is about determinants in mathematics. For determinants in epidemiology, see risk factor.

In linear algebra, the **determinant** is a useful value that can be computed from the elements of a square matrix. The determinant of a matrix A is denoted $\det(A)$, $\det A$, or $|A|$.

In the case of a 2×2 matrix, the specific formula for the determinant is simply the upper left element times the lower right element, minus the product of the other two elements. Similarly, suppose we have a 3×3 matrix A , and we want the specific formula for its determinant $|A|$:

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = a \begin{vmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{vmatrix} - b \begin{vmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{vmatrix} + c \begin{vmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{vmatrix} \\ = aei + bfg + cdh - ceg - bdi - afh.$$

Each determinant of a 2×2 matrix in this equation is called a "minor" of the matrix A . The same sort of procedure can be used to find the determinant of a 4×4 matrix, the determinant of a 5×5 matrix, and so forth.

Determinants occur throughout mathematics. For example, a matrix is often used to represent the coefficients in a system of linear equations, and the determinant can be used to solve those equations, although more efficient techniques are actually used, some of which are determinant-revealing and consist of computationally effective ways of computing the determinant itself. The use of determinants in calculus includes the Jacobian determinant in the change of variables rule for integrals of functions of several variables. Determinants are also used to define the characteristic polynomial of a matrix, which is essential for eigenvalue problems in linear algebra. In analytical geometry, determinants express the signed n -dimensional volume of n -dimensional manifolds. Combinatorial determinants are used mainly as a convenient notation for summations.

Not trivial

What is a determinant and why can we "expand along 2nd row"?

2.3) $M = A^T K A$, $K = K^T$, $\dim(K) = n \times n$, $\dim(A) = n \times 1$, $A^T K A \geq 0$, equality holds for some $A \neq 0$

a) Determine $\det(K)$

We know that K is positive semi-definite.

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Positive Semidefinite Matrix

A positive semidefinite matrix is a Hermitian matrix all of whose eigenvalues are nonnegative.

We know that $\det(K) = \lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 \cdot \dots \cdot \lambda_n$

where λ_k , $k=1, \dots, n$ are eigenvalues to K .

So how can we determine the eigenvalues $\{\lambda_i\}$?

$$Kv = \lambda v \Rightarrow v^T K v = v^T v \lambda$$

We know that $v^T K v \geq 0$

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$$\text{It is also known that } v^T v = [v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots] = |v_1|^2 + |v_2|^2 + \dots > 0 \Rightarrow \lambda \geq 0$$

Given: $x^T K x = 0$ for some $x \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ At least one eigenvalue is equal to zero.

Thus, ^{Answer} $\det(K) = 0$

b) Does $Kx = 0$ have non-trivial solutions?

Yes, example: $K = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Kernel (linear algebra)

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In mathematics, and more specifically in linear algebra and functional analysis, the **kernel** (also known as **null space** or **nullspace**) of a linear map $L: V \rightarrow W$ between two vector spaces V and W , is the set of all elements v of V for which $L(v) = 0$, where 0 denotes the zero vector in W . That is, in set-builder notation,

$$\ker(L) = \{v \in V \mid L(v) = 0\}.$$

c) $b \neq 0$, How many solutions to $Kx = b$ does exist?

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exist, $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ c \end{bmatrix}$ where c can be chosen arbitrarily.

Can there exist a finite number of solutions?

No, think about why. ($\det(A) = 0$)

Answer: No solutions or ∞ solutions.

KERNEL AND IMAGE OF A MATRIX

Take an $n \times m$ matrix

$$\text{or } Mx = 0 \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1m} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nm} \end{bmatrix}$$

and think of it as a function

$$A: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n.$$

The **kernel** of A is defined as

$$\ker A = \text{set of all } x \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^m \text{ such that } Ax = 0.$$

Note that $\ker A$ lives in \mathbb{R}^m .

The **image** of A is

$$\text{im } A = \text{set of all vectors in } \mathbb{R}^n \text{ which are } Ax \text{ for some } x \in \mathbb{R}^m.$$

2.4) $T = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 x + \alpha_3 x^2 + \alpha_4 x^3$

Fit the parameters α_i to the measured data.

$$T_i = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 x_i + \alpha_3 x_i^2 + \alpha_4 x_i^3$$

Matrix form:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \\ T_3 \\ T_4 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{T}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & x_1^3 \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & x_2^3 \\ 1 & x_3 & x_3^2 & x_3^3 \\ 1 & x_4 & x_4^2 & x_4^3 \end{bmatrix}}_{X} \cdot \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_3 \\ \alpha_4 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{\alpha}}$$

i	T_i	x_i
1	0.31	0.12
2	0.32	0.15
3	0.34	0.16
4	0.36	0.19

$$\vec{\alpha} = X^T T = [0,0041 \quad -0,0765 \quad 0,5024 \quad -1,0714]^T \cdot 10^3$$

2.5) $\vec{v} = [1 \ 3 \ 2]^T \text{ m/s}$, $A = 0,2 \text{ m}^2$, $\vec{n} = \frac{1}{2} [\sqrt{3} \ 1 \ 0]^T$

Calculate the amount of water passing the surface per second.

We want to multiply each component in \vec{v} with the corresponding one in \vec{n} and also with the area A .

$$\Rightarrow \text{Answer} = A \cdot \vec{v}^T \vec{n} = 0,2 \cdot [1 \ 3 \ 2] \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 0,2 (\sqrt{3} + 3 + 0) \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 0,4732 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

2.6) Calculate u_3 , u_4 , f_1 and f_2 .