



Linear Algebra

Lecture 2 (Chap. 3)

General Solution of $Ax=b$ and Vector Space

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Outlines

- Solving $A\mathbf{x}=0$
- General solution of $A\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{b}$, $\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}_n+\mathbf{x}_p$
- Vector Space
 - Column Space
 - Row Space
 - Null Space
- Solving $A\mathbf{x}_p=\mathbf{b}$ with \mathbf{x}_p perpendicular to \mathbf{x}_n .

Solving Linear Equations

$$A_{m \times n} \mathbf{x}_{n \times 1} = \mathbf{b}_{m \times 1}$$

The general solution of $A\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{b}$ is

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_n + \mathbf{x}_p$$

where $A\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{0}$ and $A\mathbf{x}_p = \mathbf{b}$.

Step-by-Step Solving $Ax=0$ (non-trivial solution)

- Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 8 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$. Solve $Ax=0$.

- Reduce A to a row echelon form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 8 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{2} & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step-by-Step Solving $Ax=0$ (non-trivial solution)

- Solving $Ax=0$ is the same as solving

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{2} & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

The diagram illustrates the matrix equation $Ax=0$. The coefficient matrix is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. The first column is boxed and labeled "pivot variables". The second, third, and fourth columns are circled and labeled "free variables". The variable vector is $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$.

解法：

設定free variables所對應之 x_i 值為identity matrix每一列的形式。也就是如果只有一個free variable 就設它為1。如果如本例，有兩個free variables，則有兩組通解。因此free variables所對應之 (x_2, x_4) 的通解分別為 $(1,0)$ and $(0,1)$ 。再根據此通解，帶入求 x_3, x_1 。

Step-by-Step Solving $Ax=0$ (non-trivial solution)

- Solving $Ax=0$ is the same as solving

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{2} & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Diagram illustrating the matrix equation above. A box labeled "pivot variables" has arrows pointing to the first and third columns of the matrix. An oval labeled "free variables" has arrows pointing to the second and fourth columns of the matrix.

解法:

$$(x_2, x_4) = (1, 0) \rightarrow x_3 = 0, x_1 = -2.$$

$$(x_2, x_4) = (0, 1) \rightarrow x_3 = -2, x_1 = 2.$$

故

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step-by-Step Solving $Ax=0$ (non-trivial solution)

- Solving $Ax=0$ is the same as solving

The diagram shows a matrix equation $Ax=0$. The matrix A is a 3x4 matrix with the following elements:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

The first column of the matrix is enclosed in a box labeled "pivot variables". The second, third, and fourth columns are enclosed in a circle labeled "free variables". Arrows point from the "pivot variables" box to the first column and from the "free variables" circle to the second, third, and fourth columns.

另一種看法：由 $2x_3 + 4x_4 = 0$ 可以看出，一個方程式有兩個未知數。所以可以隨便猜一個 x_4 ，然後反求 x_3 。一旦 x_3, x_4 的值確定了，以下的方程式，

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + 2x_4 = 0$$

就只剩兩個變數 x_1, x_2 ，又是，一個方程式有兩個未知數。同法可以隨便猜一個 x_2 ，然後反求 x_1 。

Step-by-Step Solving $Ax=0$ (non-trivial solution)

猜 x_4 與 x_2 的方法：可以猜它們等於零或不等於零。
其中，不等於零的值，最簡單的就是1。
但是如果想猜一個異於1的值也是可以的。

最後， 2×2 ，就有4種排列組合。

其中 $(x_2, x_4) = (0, 0)$ 之解， (x_1, x_3) 也是零。
因此 x 的解為trivial solution，可以忽略不計。

另一個 $(x_2, x_4) = (1, 1)$ ，所求出的 x 解，可寫為 $(x_2, x_4) = (1, 0)$ 與
 $(x_2, x_4) = (0, 1)$ 所求出的 x 解的線性組合。因此也可以忽略不計。

Solving $Ax=0$ (non-trivial solution)

- Reduce A to “reduced row echelon form” rref

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

這就是
MATLAB如何
找出 $Ax=0$ 之解
的方法！

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_{2 \times 2} & F_{2 \times 2} \\ 0_{1 \times 2} & 0_{1 \times 2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -F_{2 \times 2} \\ I_{2 \times 2} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Step-by-Step Solving $Ax=b$

- General solution of $Ax=b$ is $x=x_n+x_p$
where $Ax_n=0$ and $Ax_p=b$

x_n 解法:

設定free variables所對應之 x_{fi} 值為identity matrix每一列的形式。也就是如果只有一個free variable 就設它為1。如果，有兩個free variables, 則有兩組通解。free variables所對應之 (x_{f1}, x_{f2}) 通解分別為 $(1,0)$ and $(0,1)$ 。再根據此通解，帶入求支點變數解 x_{pj} 。

x_p 解法:

設定free variables所對應之 x_{fi} 值為0。帶入求支點變數解 x_{pj} 。組合起來的解就是 x_p

Solving $Ax=0$ or $Ax=b$

- 當未知數的個數多於方程式的個數，可有無窮多組解。這時候需要加入更多的條件（也許不是線性的方程式），才能求得唯一解！
- 例題：小明養了雞、兔、與螞蟻，共有6個頭，28隻腳，請問小明養了幾隻雞 x ？幾隻兔子 y ？與幾隻螞蟻 z ？

$$\text{Solve } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 28 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or solve } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & -6 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & -28 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Solving

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 28 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 28 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 16 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 8 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}_n = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}_p = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For positive integers x, y, z , we choose $c_1 = 3 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

其他條件！

Vector Space

If vector $\mathbf{x}=(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$ then \mathbf{x} is a vector in the \mathbb{R}^4 space.

\mathbb{R}^4 is a vector space with dimension of 4.

Vector Space (向量空間)

A vector space is different from a set.

向量空間不同於由一些點所構成的集合。

- 在 $x-y$ 平面上，所有滿足 $3x+4y=5$ 的點所構成的集合是一條直線。但是只有過原點的直線 $3x+4y=0$ ，才構成一個向量空間。因為...

向量空間中，任意兩個向量的線性組合，仍必須位在此向量空間中！

$A+(-A)=0$ 故向量空間一定要包含原點。

Special Space (特殊空間)

R^n : the vector space that consists of all column vectors with n components.

向量空間中，任意兩個向量的線性組合，仍必須位在此向量空間中！

$A+(-A)=0$ 故向量空間一定要包含原點。

M : the matrix space

Z : the zero-dimensional space

Subspace (子空間)

Subspace is a vector space.以三度空間為例：

三度空間中過原點的一個面，是此三度空間中的一個子空間。

三度空間中過原點的一條線，也是此三度空間中的一個子空間。

向量空間中，任意兩個向量的線性組合，仍必須位在此向量空間中！

Subspace (子空間)

考慮三度空間中一個**不過原點**的一個面，由原點指向該面上相異的任意兩點，所構成的兩個向量之和，一定不會落在此面上，所以不滿足【**向量空間**】的定義。故不是一個子空間。

向量空間中，任意兩個向量的線性組合，仍必須位在此向量空間中！

Orthogonal Subspaces (相互垂直的子空間)

當一個子空間中的所有向量完全垂直於另外一個子空間中的向量，我們就說，這兩個子空間互相垂直（orthogonal）。

注意：所有的向量，都是由原點出發，指向空間中的某一點。

Orthogonal Subspaces (相互垂直的子空間)

範例一：考慮三度空間中過原點的兩個面，夾角為90度。

- 這兩個面互相垂直。
- 這兩個面，都通過原點，所以都算此三度空間中的子空間。
- 但是這兩個子空間卻不互相垂直！
(Do you know why?)

Orthogonal Subspaces

(相互垂直的子空間)

範例二：

三度空間中過原點的一個面，與垂直此面且過原點的一直線。兩者都算此三度空間中的子空間。而且這兩個子空間互相垂直！ 注意：

平面的dimension為2，直線的dimension為1。

$2+1=3$ ，剛好是完整向量空間的dimension值。

Orthogonal Subspaces

(相互垂直的子空間)

完整向量空間中，相互垂直的子空間的維數和，等於完整向量空間的維數。

完整向量空間的維數（dimension）由向量表示式的分量個數決定之。

例如：向量 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ 有三個分量，所以是一個三度空間中的向量。

Four Fundamental Subspaces of a Matrix A

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix

$C(A)$: The **Column Space** of matrix A is the vector space spanned by the column vectors of matrix A. (i.e., all linear combinations of the column vectors)

Since each column vector has m components, $C(A)$ is a subspace of \mathbf{R}^m

Four Fundamental Subspaces of a Matrix A

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix

$R(A)$: The **Row Space** of matrix A is the vector space spanned by the row vectors of matrix A. Since each row vector has n components, $R(A)$ is a subspace of \mathbf{R}^n

Four Fundamental Subspaces of a Matrix A

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix

$N(A)$: The **Nullspace** of matrix A is the vector space spanned by all the vectors \mathbf{x} which satisfy $A\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{0}$. Since the vector \mathbf{x} has n components, $N(A)$ is a subspace of \mathbf{R}^n .

$N(A)$ and $R(A)$ are two orthogonal subspaces of the space \mathbf{R}^n .

Four Fundamental Subspaces of a Matrix A

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix

$N(A^T)$: The **Left Nullspace** of matrix A, or the nullspace of A^T , is the vector space spanned by all the vectors \mathbf{y} which satisfy $A^T\mathbf{y}=0$.

Since the vector \mathbf{y} has m components, $N(A^T)$ is a subspace of \mathbf{R}^m .

$N(A^T)$ and $C(A)$ are two orthogonal subspaces of the space \mathbf{R}^m .

Rank of a matrix

- A is an $m \times n$ matrix. Let r be the rank of matrix A. We have $r \leq m$ and $r \leq n$

- Example:

Since Col.1+Col.2=Col.3,
there are only two
independent column vectors

$$A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \\ -2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

- The rank of matrix A is 2.

Dimension of a space or subspace

- Example:

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independent column vectors

$$A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \\ -2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

The rank of matrix A is 2.

The dimension of column space $C(A)=2$

The dimension of row space $R(A) = 2$

Four Fundamental Subspaces (example)

Example:

$$A^T \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \\ y_5 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$
$$A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \\ -2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

Dimension of the Four Fundamental Subspaces

A is a 5×3 matrix. The **rank** of matrix $A = 2$.

The **dimension** of $C(A) = 2$

The **dimension** of $R(A) = 2$

The $C(A)$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^5 , so is $N(A^T)$.

The $R(A)$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 , so is $N(A)$.

The **dimension** of $N(A)$ is $3-2=1$

The **dimension** of $N(A^T)=5-2=3$

Definitions (1)

- **Rank**
 - Number of independent components
 - Degrees of freedom
- Rank of a matrix
- Number of independent equations
- **Dimension** of a vector space
- **Span**
 - N independent vectors can span a vector space with dimension N

Definitions (2)

- Linear combinations $c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{v}$
- Linear transformation

$$T(c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{v}) = cT(\mathbf{u}) + dT(\mathbf{v})$$

- Linear transformation can be represented by a matrix

Definitions(3)

- A linear transformation f , that transform a vector from V to a scalar field, is also called a **linear functional** on V .
- **The dual space**: a collection of all linear functionals on V can form a vector space V^* , which is called the dual space of V .

Solving $A\mathbf{x}_p=\mathbf{b}$ with \mathbf{x}_p perpendicular to \mathbf{x}_n

- The general solution of $A\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{b}$ is $\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}_n+\mathbf{x}_p$, where $A\mathbf{x}_n=0$, $A\mathbf{x}_p=\mathbf{b}$, and \mathbf{x}_p is independent of \mathbf{x}_n .
- \mathbf{x}_p 可以完全位在 row space of A , 也可以超出 row space of A . 若 \mathbf{x}_p 完全位在 $R(A)$ 中, 則 \mathbf{x}_p is a **linear combination** of all the row vectors of the matrix A and \mathbf{x}_p is perpendicular to \mathbf{x}_n .
- The Gaussian elimination yields $L^{-1}A=L^{-1}LU=U$ and $L^{-1}\mathbf{b}=\mathbf{c}$ then we have $U\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{c}$, $U\mathbf{x}_n=0$, and \mathbf{x}_p is also a **linear combination** of all the row vectors of the matrix U .

$$A\mathbf{x}_p = \mathbf{b}$$

\mathbf{x}_p is a linear combination of all the row vectors of the matrix A

- If $A = \begin{bmatrix} \leftarrow & a_1 & \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow & a_2 & \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow & a_3 & \rightarrow \end{bmatrix}$

(In this example, if the rank of the matrix A is 3 then AA^T will be an invertible matrix)

- then

$$\mathbf{x}_p = y_1 \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow \\ a_1 \\ \downarrow \end{bmatrix} + y_2 \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow \\ a_2 \\ \downarrow \end{bmatrix} + y_3 \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow \\ a_3 \\ \downarrow \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Namely, if AA^T is an invertible matrix, then

$$\begin{aligned} A\mathbf{x}_p = \mathbf{b} &\Rightarrow A(A^T \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{b} \Rightarrow \mathbf{y} = (AA^T)^{-1} \mathbf{b} \\ &\Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_p = A^T \mathbf{y} = A^T (AA^T)^{-1} \mathbf{b} \end{aligned}$$

$$U\mathbf{x}_p = \mathbf{c}$$

\mathbf{x}_p is a **linear combination** of all the row vectors of the matrix U

Likewise, if UU^T is an invertible matrix, then

$$U\mathbf{x}_p = \mathbf{c} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_p = U^T (UU^T)^{-1} \mathbf{c}$$

Otherwise $U\mathbf{x}_p = \mathbf{c} \Rightarrow U(U^T \mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{c} \Rightarrow$ Solving $\mathbf{z} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_p = U^T \mathbf{z}$

- 注意：相較之下，前面第十頁中 $A\mathbf{x}_p = \mathbf{b}$ 的解法只保證 \mathbf{x}_p is independent of \mathbf{x}_n 但無法保證 \mathbf{x}_p is perpendicular to \mathbf{x}_n (i.e., \mathbf{x}_p may **not be a linear combination** of all the row vectors of the matrix U .)

Summary: Figures

on pages 176,185, 188, 396, **413** and
the back cover of the textbook

- Four fundamental subspaces
of an $m \times n$ matrix A

