

Main Skills

- Computing Determinants** (rref, Laplace, patterns, eigenvalues, partition).
- Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization** (QR decomposition).
- Computing Eigenvalues of A** (factor $f_A(\lambda)$, trace, noninvertibility).
- Computing Eigenvectors of A** (determining kernel of $A - \lambda I_n$).
- Computing algebraic and geometric multiplicities**
- Find the orthogonal projection onto a subspace.**
- Produce the least square solution of a linear equation.**
- Solve data fitting problem** (linear system, least square problem).
- Algebra of matrices** (multiplication, inverse, transpose).
- Diagonalize Matrix** (find the eigensystem to produce S).
- Decide about similarity** (for example by diagonalization).
- Solve discrete systems** (eigensystem, write v in eigenbasis).
- Calculate with complex numbers** (add, multiply, divide, take roots)
- Find orthonormal eigenbasis** (possible if $A = A^T$ by spectral theorem)

Definitions

- Orthogonal vectors** $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 0$.
- Length** $\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}}$, **Unit vector** \vec{v} with $\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}} = 1$.
- Orthogonal set** v_1, \dots, v_n : pairwise orthogonal.
- Orthonormal set** orthogonal and length 1.
- Orthonormal basis** A basis which is orthonormal.
- Orthogonal to V** v is orthogonal to V if $v \cdot x = 0$ for all $x \in V$.
- Orthogonal complement in \mathbf{R}^n space** $V^\perp = \{v \in \mathbf{R}^n \mid v \text{ perpendicular to } V\}$.
- Projection onto V** orth. basis $P = QQ^T$ if Q has orthonormal columns.
- Gram-Schmidt** $u_i = v_i - \text{proj}_{V_{i-1}} v_i$, $w_i = u_i / \|u_i\|$
- QR-factorization** $Q = [w_1 \cdots w_n]$, $R_{ii} = \|u_i\|$, $R_{ij} = w_i \cdot v_j, j > i$.
- Transpose** $A_{ij}^T = A_{ji}$. Transposition switches rows and columns.
- Symmetric** $A^T = A$ and **skew-symmetric** $A^T = -A$

- Orthogonal matrix** $A^T A = 1$ (i.e. rotations or reflections)
- Orthogonal projection** onto V is $A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$.
- Normal equation** to $Ax = b$ is the consistent system $A^T Ax = A^T b$.
- Least square solution** of $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ is $\vec{x}_* = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{b}$.
- Angle** between two vectors x, y is $\alpha = \arccos((x \cdot y) / (\|x\| \|y\|))$.
- Determinant** $\det(A) = (\sum_{\text{even } \pi} - \sum_{\text{odd } \pi}) A_{1\pi(1)} A_{2\pi(2)} \cdots A_{n\pi(n)}$.
- Orientation** $\text{sign}(\det(A))$ defines orientation of basis given by columns of A .
- Trace** is $\text{tr}(A) = \sum_i A_{ii}$, the sum of diagonal elements of A .
- Characteristic polynomial** $f_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I_n)$.
- Char. Polynomial** $f_A(\lambda) = (-\lambda)^n + \text{tr}(A)(-\lambda)^{n-1} + \dots + \det(A)$.
- Eigenvalues and eigenvectors** $Av = \lambda v, v \neq 0$.
- Factorization.** Have $f_A(\lambda) = (\lambda_1 - \lambda) \cdots (\lambda_n - \lambda)$ **with roots** λ_i .
- Algebraic multiplicity** is k , if $f_A(\lambda) = (\lambda_0 - \lambda)^k g(\lambda)$ with $g(\lambda_0) \neq 0$.
- Geometric multiplicity** the dimension of the kernel of $A - \lambda I_n$.
- Kernel and eigenspace** $\ker(A - \lambda)$ is eigenspace.
- Eigenbasis** Basis which consists of eigenvectors of A .
- Complex numbers** $z = x + iy = |z| \exp(i\theta) = r \cos(\theta) + ir \sin(\theta)$.
- Modulus** $|z| = |x + iy| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$
- Argument** $\theta = \arg(z) = \arctan(y/x)$, polar angle in the complex plane.
- Conjugate complex number** $\bar{z} = x - iy$ if $z = x + iy$.
- Root** $1^{1/n} = e^{2\pi i k/n}$, $k = 1, \dots, n$ gives complex numbers on regular n -gon.
- Linear dynamical system** vector equation $\vec{v}(t+1) = A\vec{v}(t)$ with initial condition $v(0)$ known.
- Asymptotic stability** $A^n \vec{x} \rightarrow 0$ for all \vec{x} (equivalent $|\lambda_i| < 1$)

Some facts

- Orthogonal complement** With notation V^\perp , have $(V^\perp)^\perp = V$.
- Projection property** $\vec{x} - \text{proj}_V(\vec{x})$ is orthogonal to V .
- Pythagoras** x, y orthogonal $\Rightarrow \|x + y\|^2 = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2$.
- Complement of Image of A** $\ker(A^T) = (\text{im}(A))^\perp$.
- Dimension of orthogonal complement** $\dim(V) + \dim(V^\perp) = n$.

- Cauchy-Schwartz inequality** $|x \cdot y| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$.
- Triangle inequality** $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$.
- Row vectors of A** are orthogonal to $\ker(A)$. Short: $\text{im}(A^T) = \ker(A)^\perp$.
- Orthogonal transformations** preserve angle, length, columns are orthonormal
- Orthogonal projection** $P = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$ onto $\text{im}(A)$.
- Orthogonal projections** Only identity is both orthogonal projection and orthogonal transformation
- Kernel of A and** $A^T A$ are the same: $\ker(A) = \ker(A^T A)$.
- Determinant** $\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}\right) = ad - bc$.
- Det** $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = aei + bfg + cdh - ceg - fha - bdi$. Sarrus rule.
- Pattern:** Determinant is sum of patterns. Odd up-crossings counted negatively.
- Det of triangular matrix** product of diagonal entries.
- Det of partitioned matrix** $\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} A & C \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix}\right) = \det(A)\det(B)$.
- Product properties** $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$, $\det(A^{-1}) = 1/\det(A)$.
- Determinants** $\det(SAS^{-1}) = \det(A)$, $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$.
- Adding rows or columns** $\det([A\vec{a}B]) + \det([A\vec{b}B]) = \det([A(\vec{a} + \vec{b})B])$
- Scaling rows or columns** $\det([A(\lambda\vec{a})B]) = \lambda\det([A\vec{a}B])$.
- Swapping of two rows** $\det(B) = -\det(A)$.
- Adding row to given row** $\det(B) = \det(A)$
- Rref** $\det(A) = (-1)^s (\prod_i c_i^{-1}) \det(\text{rref}(A))$, c_i scalings and s swappings.
- Properties of transpose** $(A^T)^T = A$, $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$, $A^T + B^T = (A + B)^T$
- Properties of transpose** $(A^{-1})^T = (A^T)^{-1}$, $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$.
- Diagonalization** S has eigenvectors of A in columns, $S^{-1}AS$ diagonal.
- Nontrivial kernel** $\Leftrightarrow \det(A) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$ have eigenvalue 0.
- Invertible Matrix** $\Leftrightarrow \det(A) \neq 0$.
- Laplace Expansion** $\det(A) = (-1)^{i+1} a_{i1} \det(A_{i1}) + \dots + (-1)^{i+n} a_{in} \det(A_{in})$
- Orthogonal Matrices** A have $\det(A) = \pm 1$
- Rotations** satisfy $\det(A) = 1$ in all dimensions.
- Rotations** with angle α in the plane have eigenvalues $\exp(i\alpha) = \cos(\alpha) + i \sin(\alpha)$.

- QR Decomposition** $A = QR$ orthogonal A , upper triangular R .
- QR Decomposition** $|\det(A)| = \prod_{i=1}^n R_{ii}$ if $Q = QR$.
- Determinant is Product** of eigenvalues. $\det(A) = \prod_i \lambda_i$.
- Trace is Sum** of eigenvalues. $\text{tr}(A) = \sum_i \lambda_i$.
- Geometric Multiplicity** \leq Algebraic Multiplicity.
- Simple Eigenvalues** \Rightarrow Diagonalize, if all algebraic multiplicities 1
- Eigenvalues** of A^T agree with eigenvalues of A (same $f_A(\lambda)$).
- Rank** of A^T is equal to the rank of A .
- Reflection** at k -dimensional subspace of \mathbf{R}^n has $\det (-1)^{(n-k)}$.
- Euler** $e^{i\theta} = \cos(\theta) + i \sin(\theta)$.
- De Moivre** $z^n = \exp(in\theta) = \cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta) = (\cos(\theta) + i \sin(\theta))^n$.
- Fundamental Theorem of Algebra** $f_A(\lambda)$ has exactly n roots.
- Number of eigenvalues** A $n \times n$ matrix has exactly n eigenvalues.
- Power of a Matrix** A^k has eigenvalues λ^k if A has eigenvalue λ .
- Eigenvalues** of $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ are $\lambda_{\pm} = \text{tr}(A)/2 \pm \sqrt{(\text{tr}(A)/2)^2 - \det(A)}$.
- Eigenvectors** of $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ with $c \neq 0$ are $v_{\pm} = [\lambda_{\pm} - d, c]^T$.
- Rotation-Dilation Matrix** $\begin{bmatrix} p & -q \\ q & p \end{bmatrix}$, eigenvalues $p \pm iq$
- Rotation-Dilation Matrix** eigenvectors $[\pm i, 1]^T$.
- Permutation Matrix** $Ae_i = e_{i+1}$, roots on regular polygon.
- Data Fitting** Least square solution of $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$, where A and b are given by data.
- Similarity** A, B with simple eigenvalues are similar if eigenvalues are the same
- Similarity** If A, B are similar, then A^n, B^n are similar
- Similarity** If A, B are similar, then eigenvalues, trace and det are the same
- Similarity** If some λ_j of A^k has different geometric multiplicity, then not similar.