
MAT2041 Tutorial

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Review

Block Matrix Inverse and Block LU decomposition

Above all, let's reemphasize that: In homeworks or exams, if you want to show matrix B is the inverse of A , you should verify both sides:

$BA = AB = I$. (unless there are extra instructions)

LU decomposition Assume $E_k E_{k-1} \cdots E_1 A = U$, where U is an upper triangular matrix and $\forall i, E_i$ is an elementary matrix.

Then $A = (E_k E_{k-1} \cdots E_1)^{-1} U = LU$.

Inverse of Block Upper Triangular Matrix

Recall that the inverse of an upper triangular matrix U is

$$U^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & D \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} A^{-1} & -A^{-1}BD^{-1} \\ 0 & D^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Block Matrix Inverse and Block LU decomposition

Block Elementary Row operation (Not mentioned in lectures before)

For block matrices, block elementary row operations can be defined. We have

① switch two rows. Examples omitted.

② **left-multiply** a row by a **matrix**. E.g. $\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} PA & PB \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$

③ **add the product of a matrix and a row** to another row.

$$\text{E.g. } \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ PA + C & PB + D \end{bmatrix}$$

Block Elementary Matrix (Not mentioned in lectures before)

Accordingly, block elementary matrices can be defined.

E.g. matrix $\begin{bmatrix} I_1 & 0 \\ P & I_2 \end{bmatrix}$ represent the operation of "add **matrix P** **left-multiply the first row** to **the second row**".

We can prove it since $\begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ P & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ PA + C & PB + D \end{bmatrix}$.

Exercise 1

Given 2×2 **invertible** block matrix $M = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$, where A is also invertible. Find M^{-1} .

Hint: Think about the content we reviewed just now:

- 1 Block elementary matrix
- 2 LU decomposition (Can you extend this to the case of block matrices?)
- 3 Inverse of block upper triangular matrix

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Rectangular Linear System

(Rectangular) Matrix in RREF

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & \cdots & * & 0 & * & \cdots & * & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 & * & \cdots & * & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

Column exchanges Exchanging columns of A can lead to the form $\begin{bmatrix} I_k & F \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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Rectangular Linear System

Solutions Express pivot variables by free variables.

E.g.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & \left| & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & \left| & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \left| & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 3 - x_3 \\ x_2 = 2 + x_3 \end{cases} \rightarrow S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 - t \\ 2 + t \\ t \end{bmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

***Trick** when an $m \times n$ matrix A is expressed as $\begin{bmatrix} I_k & F \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, we have

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_k \\ x_{k+1} \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_k \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -F \\ I_{n-k} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \vec{\lambda} \quad (\vec{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}^n)$$

Exercise 2

Solve the linear system

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - 3x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 = 6 \\ x_3 + 5x_4 = 3 \\ x_1 - 3x_2 + 3x_3 + 6x_4 = 9 \end{cases}$$

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Linear Space

Informal interpretation Linear space is a set that

- is equipped with addition and scalar multiplication;
- any linear combination of elements is in this set.

Formal definition V is called a linear space over \mathbb{R} if the 8 axioms hold:

$$(A1) \quad \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}, \forall \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V$$

$$(A2) \quad \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}, \forall \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in V.$$

$$(A3) \quad \text{There exists a element } \mathbf{0} \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}, \forall \mathbf{u} \in V.$$

$$(A4) \quad \text{If } \mathbf{u} \in V, \text{ then there exists } -\mathbf{u} = (-1)\mathbf{u}, \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}.$$

$$(A5) \quad \alpha(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = \alpha\mathbf{u} + \alpha\mathbf{v}, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V.$$

$$(A6) \quad (\alpha + \beta)\mathbf{u} = \alpha\mathbf{u} + \beta\mathbf{u}, \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{u} \in V.$$

$$(A7) \quad \alpha(\beta\mathbf{u}) = (\alpha\beta)\mathbf{u}, \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{u} \in V.$$

$$(A8) \quad \mathbf{1}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$$

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Subspace

Proposition Suppose V is a linear space. W is a subspace of V if:

- W is a **subset** of V .
- $0 \in W$.
- $\forall u, v \in W : u + v \in W$.
- $\forall u \in W, \alpha \in \mathbb{R} : \alpha u \in W$.

Exercise 3

The trace $\text{tr} : \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of an $n \times n$ matrix is defined by summing the main diagonal:

$$\text{tr } A = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii} = a_{11} + a_{22} + \cdots + a_{nn}$$

The subset of trace-free matrices is denoted

$$\mathfrak{sl}_n(\mathbb{R}) = \{A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} : \text{tr } A = 0\}$$

Show that $\mathfrak{sl}_n(\mathbb{R})$ is a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

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Span and Spanning Set

Definition - span Suppose V is a linear space, $\mathcal{U} = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$ is a subset of V . Then

$$\text{span}(\mathcal{U}) = \{\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \dots + \alpha_k u_k \mid \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

Definition - spanning set Suppose V is a linear space, $\mathcal{U} = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$ is a subset of V . If $\text{span}(\mathcal{U}) = V$, then \mathcal{U} is a **spanning set** of V , or \mathcal{U} **spans** V

Excercise 4

Recall that we have shown in our lectures that P_2 , the set of polynomials with degrees ≤ 2 , is a linear space.

Show that $S = \{1 + x^2, 2 - x^2, x, 1 + 4x\}$ spans the linear space $P_2(\mathbb{R})$.

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Null Space and Column Space

Null Space The solution set of a homogeneous linear system $Ax = 0$ is a linear space, denoted as $N(A)$; i.e. $N(A) = \{x \mid Ax = 0\}$

Column Space Suppose $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is a matrix. Then $\text{span}(\{a_1, \dots, a_n\})$ is called the column space of A , denoted as $C(A)$.

Exercise 5

Show that

$$N(A^T A) = N(A)$$

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