



Chapter 2: Matrix

1. Definition
2. Trace, and inversion
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4. Diagonalization and eigenvalue problems
5. Hermitian, unitary, and normal matrices



Definition

An array of numbers (functions)

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

Ex. rotational matrix

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha & 0 \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Linear equations:

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 = b_2$$

$$a_{31}x_1 + a_{32}x_2 + a_{33}x_3 = b_3$$

$$\mathbf{a} = (a_{11} \quad a_{12} \quad a_{13})$$

$$\mathbf{b} = (a_{21} \quad a_{22} \quad a_{23})$$

$$\mathbf{c} = (a_{31} \quad a_{32} \quad a_{33})$$

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = 0?$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $\det \mathbf{A} = 0$

homogeneous: nontrivial
Inhomogeneous: no solution

- $\det \mathbf{A} \neq 0$

homogeneous: trivial
Inhomogeneous: unique solution



Properties

1. Equality

$$\mathbf{A}=\mathbf{B} \Rightarrow a_{ij}=b_{ij}$$

2. Addition

1. Associativity $(\mathbf{A}+\mathbf{B})+\mathbf{C}=\mathbf{A}+(\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{C})$

2. Commutativity $\mathbf{A}+\mathbf{B}=\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{A}$

3. Distributivity $a*(\mathbf{A}+\mathbf{B})=a*\mathbf{A}+a*\mathbf{B}; (a+b)*\mathbf{A}=a*\mathbf{A}+b*\mathbf{A}$

4. Null matrix (identity element of addition)

$$\mathbf{A}+\mathbf{0}=\mathbf{A} \text{ for any } \mathbf{A}$$

3. Scalar multiplication

1. Compatibility $a*(b*\mathbf{A})=(a*b)*\mathbf{A}$

2. Identity element $1*\mathbf{A}=\mathbf{A}$

4. Multiplication

1. Not commutative in general

2. Direct product $\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{C}$

5. Inverse matrix

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

$$(\mathbf{AB})^{-1} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1}$$

$$|\mathbf{AB}| = |\mathbf{A}||\mathbf{B}|$$



Trace

Diagonal Matrix: all nondiagonal elements are zero.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

Trace: the sum of the diagonal elements

$$\text{Trace}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) = \text{Trace}(\mathbf{A}) - \text{Trace}(\mathbf{B})$$

$$\text{Trace}(\mathbf{AB}) = \sum_i (\mathbf{AB})_{ii} = \sum_i \sum_j a_{ij} b_{ji} =$$

$$\sum_j \sum_i b_{ji} a_{ij} = \sum_j (\mathbf{BA})_{jj} = \text{Trace}(\mathbf{BA})$$

$$\text{Trace}([\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}]) = \text{Trace}(\mathbf{AB} - \mathbf{BA}) = 0$$



Inversion

Matrix Inversion

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

With

$$(\mathbf{A}^{-1})_{ij} \equiv a_{ij}^{(-1)} \quad a_{ij}^{(-1)} \equiv \frac{C_{ij}}{|\mathbf{A}|}$$

Assumption that $\mathbf{A}, |\mathbf{A}| \neq \mathbf{0}$.

If $M_L \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{1}$ then $M_L = \mathbf{A}^{-1}$. For example :

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & ? & ? & ? \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & ? & ? & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & ? & ? & ? \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{11}{18} & \frac{-7}{18} & \frac{-1}{18} \\ \frac{-7}{18} & \frac{11}{18} & \frac{-1}{18} \\ \frac{18}{18} & \frac{18}{18} & \frac{18}{18} \\ \frac{-1}{18} & \frac{-1}{18} & \frac{5}{18} \\ \frac{18}{18} & \frac{18}{18} & \frac{18}{18} \end{pmatrix}$$



Quiz

1. **A** and **B** are anticommutate. $\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{B}^2 = 1$. Show $\text{trace}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{trace}(\mathbf{B}) = 0$.
2. The matrix equation $\mathbf{A}^2 = 0$ does not imply $\mathbf{A} = 0$. Show that the most general 2×2 matrix whose square is zero can be written by

$$\begin{pmatrix} ab & b^2 \\ -a^2 & -ab \end{pmatrix}$$

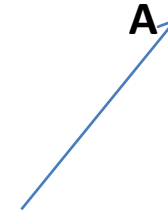
3. If $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$, in general $\det \mathbf{C} \neq \det \mathbf{A} + \det \mathbf{B}$

4. Find the inverse of $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

Rotation

Take the 2D space for simplicity,
for any vector \mathbf{A} , its new
representation in a rotated axes is
given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} A'_x \\ A'_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \end{bmatrix}$$



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Rotate the vector instead of the coordinate

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} A'_x \\ A'_y \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A'_x \\ A'_y \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Orthogonal matrix

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$UU^{-1} = I$$

Orthogonal condition: $\sum_i a_{ij} a_{ik} = \delta_{ik}$



Transpose

Transpose Matrix

Definition:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}} : \tilde{a}_{ji} = a_{ij}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} \quad \tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & a_{31} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & a_{32} \\ a_{13} & a_{23} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

For orthogonal matrix:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{1}$$

$$\sum_i a_{ij} a_{ik} = \delta_{jk}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\longrightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{1} \end{aligned} \right\} \longrightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Diagonalization

Momentum of inertia matrix:

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{I}\boldsymbol{\omega}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} L_x \\ L_y \\ L_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I_{xx} & I_{xy} & I_{xz} \\ I_{yx} & I_{yy} & I_{yz} \\ I_{zx} & I_{zy} & I_{zz} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$I_{xx} = \sum_i m_i (r_i^2 - x_i^2)$$

$$I_{xy} = -\sum_i m_i x_i y_i$$

$$\mathbf{r}_i = (x_i, y_i, z_i)$$

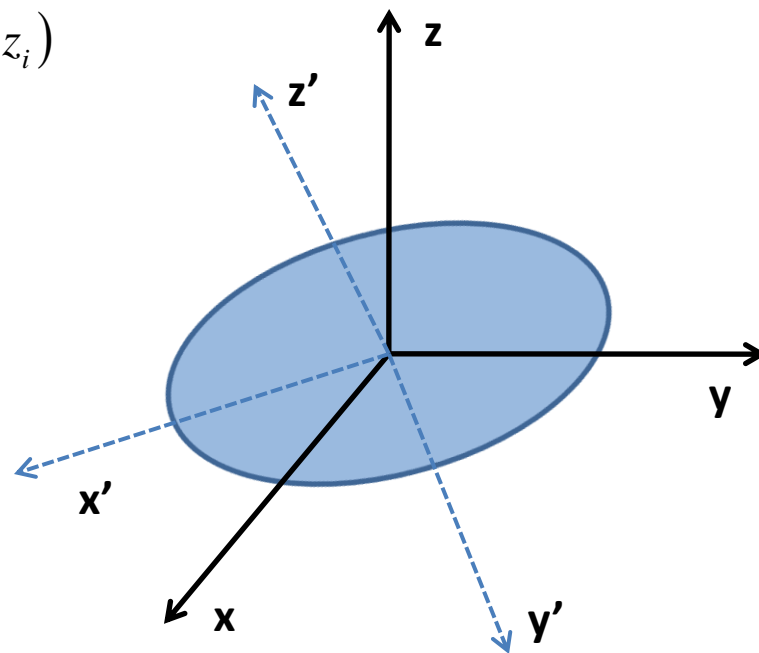
In the body fixed frame:

$$\begin{pmatrix} L_{x'} \\ L_{y'} \\ L_{z'} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I_{x'x'} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_{y'y'} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{z'z'} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_{x'} \\ \omega_{y'} \\ \omega_{z'} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle n | \mathbf{I} | n \rangle = I$$

$$|n'\rangle = \mathbf{U}|n\rangle \Rightarrow \langle n' | \mathbf{I}' | n' \rangle = \langle n | \tilde{\mathbf{U}} \mathbf{I} \mathbf{U} | n \rangle$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{U}} \mathbf{I} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I} = \mathbf{U}^{-1} \mathbf{I}' \mathbf{U} \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{I}' = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{I} \mathbf{U}^{-1} \quad \mathbf{U} = ?$$





Eigenvalues

Momentum of inertia matrix:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{U}}\mathbf{I}' = \mathbf{I}\tilde{\mathbf{U}} \quad \tilde{\mathbf{U}} = (\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3)$$

$$\mathbf{I}\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{I}'_i\mathbf{v}_i$$

$$(\mathbf{I} - \lambda\mathbf{1})\mathbf{v} = 0$$

Secular equation:

$$|\mathbf{I} - \lambda\mathbf{1}| = 0$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{U}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} I_{xx} - \lambda & I_{xy} & I_{xz} \\ I_{yx} & I_{yy} - \lambda & I_{yz} \\ I_{zx} & I_{zy} & I_{zz} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\lambda = ?$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



Hermitian Matrix, Unitary Matrix

1. Complex conjugate, \mathbf{A}^* , formed by taking the complex conjugate of each element, where $i = \sqrt{-1}$
2. Adjoint, \mathbf{A}^\dagger , formed by transposing \mathbf{A}^* , $\mathbf{A}^\dagger = \tilde{\mathbf{A}}^*$
3. Hermitian matrix: The matrix \mathbf{A} is labeled Hermitian (or self-adjoint) if $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^\dagger$
If \mathbf{A} is real, then $\mathbf{A}^\dagger = \tilde{\mathbf{A}}$ and real Hermitian matrices are real symmetric matrices.
4. Unitary matrix: Matrix \mathbf{U} is labeled unitary if
$$\mathbf{U}^\dagger = \mathbf{U}^{-1}$$

If \mathbf{U} is real, then $\mathbf{U}^\dagger = \tilde{\mathbf{U}}$ so real unitary matrices are orthogonal matrices.
5. $(\mathbf{AB})^* = \mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{B}^*$, $(\mathbf{AB})^\dagger = \mathbf{B}^\dagger \mathbf{A}^\dagger$



Hermitian

Eigenvalue equations:

$$\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{r}\rangle = \lambda|\mathbf{r}\rangle$$

Real eigenvalues and orthogonal eigenvectors

$$\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{r}_i\rangle = \lambda_i|\mathbf{r}_i\rangle$$

$$\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{r}_j\rangle = \lambda_j|\mathbf{r}_j\rangle$$

$$(\lambda_i - \lambda_j^*)\langle\mathbf{r}_j|\mathbf{r}_i\rangle = 0$$

Ex. Degenerate eigenvalues

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Anti-Hermitian matrix: $\mathbf{A} = -\mathbf{A}^\dagger$ $\lambda = -1, 1, 1$

If Hermitian matrix A to be diagonalized by unitary matrix U, we have:

$$\det(\exp(\mathbf{A})) = \exp(\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}))$$



Normal

Normal matrix: $[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A}^\dagger] = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\dagger - \mathbf{A}^\dagger\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$

Hermitian, Anti-Hermitian, Unitary matrices are all normal matrices.

Orthogonal eigenvectors

1. \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{A}^\dagger have the same eigenvectors with the eigenvalues are complex conjugated to each other.

$$\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{r}\rangle = \lambda|\mathbf{r}\rangle$$

$$\mathbf{A}^\dagger|\mathbf{r}\rangle = \lambda^*|\mathbf{r}\rangle$$

2. For any different eigenvalues, the corresponding eigenvectors are orthogonal.

$$\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{r}_i\rangle = \lambda_i|\mathbf{r}_i\rangle$$

$$\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{r}_j\rangle = \lambda_j|\mathbf{r}_j\rangle$$

$$\langle\mathbf{r}_i|\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{r}_j\rangle = ?$$

$$(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)\langle\mathbf{r}_j|\mathbf{r}_i\rangle = 0$$