

MATH 201: Linear Algebra

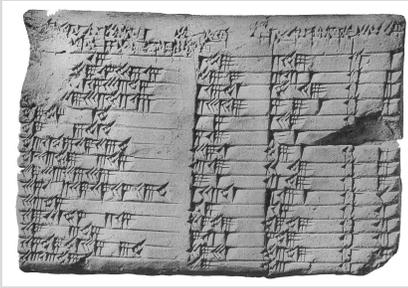
Week 1

Outline

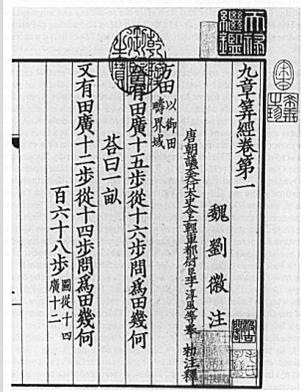
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What is Linear Algebra?



- Babylonian clay tablet (1800 BC) with Pythagorean triples



- "Nine Chapters on the Mathematical Art" (250 BC) describing how to solve systems of linear equations.



- "The Concise Book of Calculation by Restoration and Balancing" (820 AD) by Al-Khwarizmi.

This is where we get the word "الجبر" which means "restoration"



- Linen fragment from Bird's cave in Armenia. (~3500 BC). The words "line" and "linear" are derived from the ancient word "linen".

- Linear Algebra is the study of linear equations and their representations in vector spaces via matrices
- It is a foundational subject which plays a crucial role in nearly every field of science, engineering, and economics.

Modern Applications

Economics

- Input - Output Models
- Market Equilibrium
- Portfolio Optimization

Computer Science

- Graphics
- Machine Learning
- Google's pagerank algorithm

Applied Math

- Diff. Equations
- Numerical Analysis
- Optimization

Cybersecurity

- Cryptographic Algorithms
- Error detection/correction
- Network Security

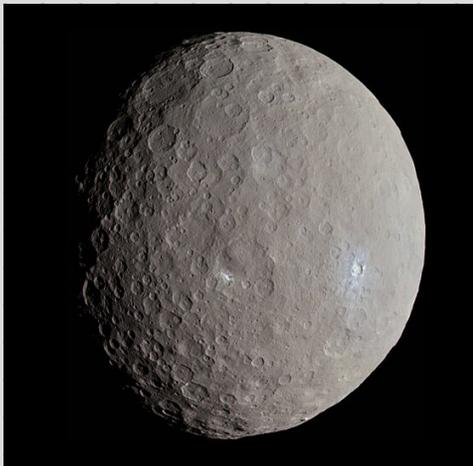
Chemical Engineering

- Stoichiometry
- Simulation & Modeling
- Molecular Orbitals

Pedagogy

- Educational data analysis
- Learning analytics
- Recommendation systems

Ceres



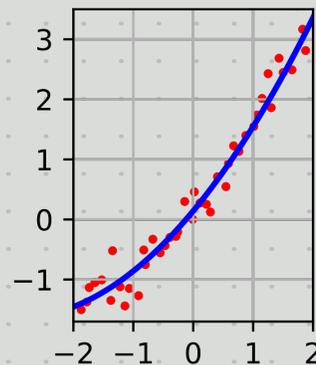
Giuseppe Piazzi



Carl Friedrich Gauss



The method of least squares.



Overview and Logistics

Content:

- linear equations
- linear transformations
- subspaces of \mathbb{R}^n & their dimensions
- linear spaces
- orthogonality & least squares method.
- determinants
- eigenvalues & eigenvectors

Textbooks:

- Linear Algebra with Applications by Otto Bretscher ^{4th & 5th ed.}
- Linear Algebra: A modern introduction by David Poole ^{← In the library}

Class Expectations

1. "Required reading" should be completed before lecture
2. Attendance is mandatory and will affect your grade.
3. Each student must have a dedicated notebook for lectures and tutorials.

* I will periodically check that you have been taking notes!

4. You are expected to participate actively during lectures. No phones!
5. More details can be found in the syllabus.

Grading

- Quizzes / Participation: 20%
- Midterm Exam: 40%
- Final Exam: 40%

* There will be no graded homework!

Introduction to Matrices

Def: A rectangular array of numbers.

Ex 1: (1×3) $[2 \ 4 \ 6]$ "row vector"
↑ ↑ ↑
rows columns components

Ex 2: (3×1) $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ "column vector" Bretscher: "vector" = "column vector"

Ex 3: (3×3) entries

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Capital letter

In general...

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

* Entries are denoted by c_{ij}
↑ ↑
rows columns

$$c_{22} = 4$$

$$c_{12} = 0$$

c_{ij}
↑ ↑
I-max Julius
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$(m \times n)$ - matrix

Linear Equations & Matrices

A linear equation is ... an equation of the form

$$y = mx + b$$

$$ax + by = c$$

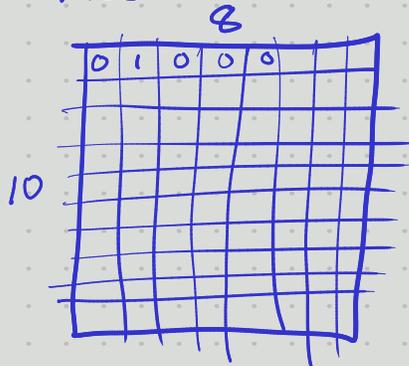
(not quadratic
has to do with lines
highest power)

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = c$$

↑ constants
↑ variables

General Relativity: Universe is 4-dimensional.

Abstract Parameters: Economics, biology ...



80 pixels

$$[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ \dots \ 0]$$

80-dim vector.

Systems

Ex 1: Hope to solve simultaneously.

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 3y = 8 \\ 4x - y = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{"coefficient matrix"}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 3 & 8 \\ 4 & -1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \quad \text{"augmented matrix"}$$

Ex 2: Write the augmented matrix for the system.

$$x - 2y + 3z = 7$$

$$-z + 2y = 4$$

$$2y + 3x - 5 = 0$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

Reduced Row Echelon Form

A matrix is in RREF iff...

1. The first nonzero entry in each row is a 1 (leading or pivot 1)
2. Each leading 1 is the only nonzero entry in its column
3. The leading 1 of any given row is to the right of the leading 1 in the row above.
4. Rows with all zeros (if they exist) are at the bottom

Ex: Which are in RREF? Explain.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Yes!

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

No!

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cancel{2} & \cancel{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cancel{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

No!

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \cancel{2} \\ 1 & 0 & \cancel{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

No!

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

No!

$r \neq 3$

Achieving RREF

Row operations

1. Row swapping
2. multiply a row by a nonzero constant
3. Replace a row by the sum of itself and a nonzero multiple of another row.

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow 6x + 3y &= 9 \\ x - y &= 10 \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} 2x + y &= 3 \\ x &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

Example:

underdetermined

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 + 4x_2 - 2x_3 + 2x_4 + 4x_5 &= 2 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 + 2x_4 &= 4 \\ 3x_1 + 6x_2 - 2x_3 + x_4 + 9x_5 &= 1 \\ 5x_1 + 10x_2 - 4x_3 + 5x_4 + 9x_5 &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

Question: What is the "best" way to put the matrix in RREF?

$$\frac{1}{a_{ii}} R_i \rightarrow R_i$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 & 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & -2 & 1 & 9 & 1 \\ 5 & 10 & -4 & 5 & 9 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 2 & 4 & -2 & 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & -2 & 1 & 9 & 1 \\ 5 & 10 & -4 & 5 & 9 & 9 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R_1} \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & -2 & 1 & 9 & 1 \\ 5 & 10 & -4 & 5 & 9 & 9 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(R_2-R_1) \rightarrow R_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 3 & 6 & -2 & 1 & 9 & 1 \\ 5 & 10 & -4 & 5 & 9 & 9 \end{array} \right]$$

Gauss-Jordan elimination.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_5 = 2$$

$$x_3 - x_5 = 4$$

$$x_4 - 2x_5 = 3$$

Solutions live in \mathbb{R}^5

$$x_5 = s \quad \leftarrow \text{free}$$

$$x_4 = 3 + 2s$$

$$x_3 = 4 + s$$

$$x_1 = 2 - 2t - 3s$$

$$x_2 = t \quad \leftarrow \text{free}$$