

# Linear algebra

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# Introduction

# Goal

Use matrices to derive and express estimators and their properties

(in linear-ish models)

# Matrices

An  $m \times n$  **matrix** is an array of reals with  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns,

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

A matrix is **square** if  $m = n$ .

## Matrices (R)

```
A <- matrix(c(1,2,3,4),ncol=2,nrow=2)
```

```
A
```

```
##      [,1] [,2]  
## [1,]    1    3  
## [2,]    2    4
```



## Column vectors

A **column vector** of length  $n$  is an  $n \times 1$  matrix, written

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

## Column vectors (R)

```
a <- A[,1]
a
```

```
## [1] 1 2
```

R prints all objects with one dimension as rows.

## Row vectors

A **row vector** of length  $n$  is an  $1 \times n$  matrix, written

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

## Row vectors (R)

```
b <- A[1,]  
b
```

```
## [1] 1 3
```

## Diagonal matrix

A square matrix is **diagonal** if  $a_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$ .

## Diagonal matrix (R)

```
diag(10*rnorm(4))
```

```
##           [,1]      [,2]      [,3]      [,4]
## [1,] 6.733394  0.000000  0.000000  0.000000
## [2,] 0.000000 -1.701653  0.000000  0.000000
## [3,] 0.000000  0.000000  0.3999658  0.000000
## [4,] 0.000000  0.000000  0.0000000 -24.19603
```

## Identity matrix

The  $n$ -dimensional diagonal matrix with  $a_{ii} = 1$  for all  $i$  is the **identity matrix**, called  $I_n$ :

$$I_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \vdots & & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Identity matrix (R)

```
n <- 5
iota_n <- numeric(5)+1
I_n <- diag(iota_n)
iota_n
```

```
## [1] 1 1 1 1 1
```

```
I_n
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5]
## [1,]    1    0    0    0    0
## [2,]    0    1    0    0    0
## [3,]    0    0    1    0    0
## [4,]    0    0    0    1    0
## [5,]    0    0    0    0    1
```



## Zero matrix

The matrix  $O_{m \times n}$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix with zeros everywhere

# Transposition

- ▶ **Transpose:**  $\mathbf{A}'$  turns the rows into columns, columns into rows.
- ▶ Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$ , then  $B = A' = [b_{ij}]$  where  $b_{ij} = a_{ji}$  for all  $i$  and  $j$
- ▶  $(AB)' = B'A'$

# Special vectors

Important vectors:

$$\iota' = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$$

$$e'_2 = (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$e'_3 = (0, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$$

# Symmetric matrix

A matrix  $A$  is **symmetric** if  $A' = A$

## Equation systems

Vectors and matrices are useful for solving linear systems of equations. The system

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

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

can be written as

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$$

where  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix,  $\mathbf{x}' = (x_1, x_2)$  and  $\mathbf{b}' = (b_1, b_2)$

## Beer and coffee

You find two receipts from two visits to a bar.

- ▶ A coffee and three beers: CAD 10
- ▶ Three coffees and a beer: CAD 14

Solution?

## Beer and coffee (R)

```
A <- matrix(c(1,3,3,1),nrow=2)
b <- matrix(c(10,14),nrow=2)
cbind(A,b)
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]    1    3   10
## [2,]    3    1   14
```

```
x <- solve(A) %*% b
x
```

```
##      [,1]
## [1,]    4
## [2,]    2
```

# Systems of equations

For a given system of equations  $Ax = b$ :

- ▶ How many solutions  $x$  exist?
  - ▶ 0
  - ▶ 1
  - ▶ many
- ▶ If there is no exact solution, can we approximate  $x$  so that  $Ax \approx b$ ?
- ▶ How do we obtain exact or approximate solutions?

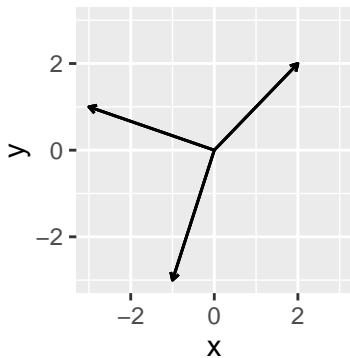


## Vector operations

## Visualizing

Vectors as the path starting from 0:

```
library(ggplot2)
df <- data.frame(x=c(0,2,4),y=c(1,2,-2))
ggplot(df,aes(x,y)) + geom_segment(aes(x = 0, y = 0, xend =
```



## Vector addition

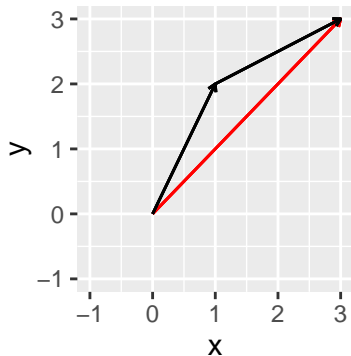
If  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  are two vectors of length  $n$ , then  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}$  is defined as:

$$\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + y_1 \\ x_2 + y_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n + y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Vectors must be **conformable**

## Visualizing

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```



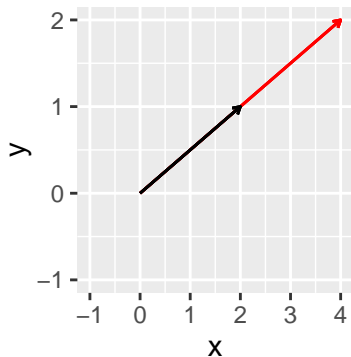
## Scalar multiplication

Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  and let  $x$  be an  $n$  vector, i.e.  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then

$$cx = \begin{bmatrix} cx_1 \\ cx_2 \\ \vdots \\ cx_n \end{bmatrix}$$

## Visualizing

```
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ggplot(df,aes(x,y)) + geom_segment(aes(x = 0, y = 0, xend =
```



## Inner product

For two vectors  $x, y$  of length  $n$ , the **inner product** is defined as

$$x'y = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

## Inner product

What is the inner product of  $x = (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$  with itself?



## Inner product (R)

```
x <- c(1,2,3,4,5)  
sum(x^2)
```

```
## [1] 55
```

## Matrix operations

## Matrix addition

For two  $m \times n$  matrices  $A, B$ ,  $C = A + B$  is defined as the element-wise sum,  $[c_{ij}] = [a_{ij} + b_{ij}]$

```
A <- matrix(c(1,2,3,4),ncol=2)
B <- matrix(c(5,6,7,8),ncol=2)
A
```

```
##      [,1] [,2]
## [1,]    1    3
## [2,]    2    4
```

```
A+B
```

```
##      [,1] [,2]
## [1,]    6   10
## [2,]    8   12
```

## Scalar multiplication

Scalar multiplies each element.

```
c <- 2  
c*A
```

```
##      [,1] [,2]  
## [1,]    2    6  
## [2,]    4    8
```

```
c <- -3  
c*A
```

```
##      [,1] [,2]  
## [1,]   -3   -9  
## [2,]   -6  -12
```

# Matrix multiplication

## Matrix Multiplication

To multiply matrix **A** by matrix **B** to form the product **AB**, the *column* dimension of **A** must equal the *row* dimension of **B**. Therefore, let **A** be an  $m \times n$  matrix and let **B** be an  $n \times p$  matrix. Then, **matrix multiplication** is defined as

$$\mathbf{AB} = \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}b_{kj} \right].$$

In other words, the  $(i,j)$ <sup>th</sup> element of the new matrix **AB** is obtained by multiplying each element in the  $i$ <sup>th</sup> row of **A** by the corresponding element in the  $j$ <sup>th</sup> column of **B** and adding these  $n$  products together. A schematic may help make this process more transparent:

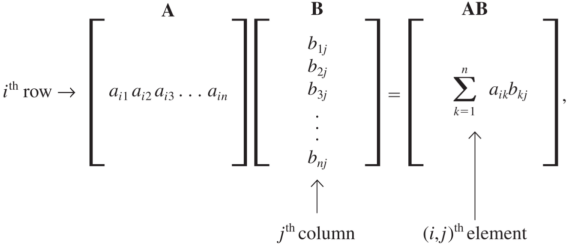


Figure 1: matrix multiplication

## Matrix multiplication (R)

A

```
##      [,1] [,2]  
## [1,]    1    3  
## [2,]    2    4
```

B

```
##      [,1] [,2]  
## [1,]    5    7  
## [2,]    6    8
```

```
C <- A%*%B
```

What is C?

## Matrix multiplication (R)

C

```
##      [,1] [,2]
## [1,]   23  31
## [2,]   34  46
```

## Matrix multiplication 2

```
A <- matrix(c(1,2,3,4,5,6),ncol=3)
B <- matrix(c(1,2,3,4),nrow=2)
A
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]    1    3    5
## [2,]    2    4    6
```

```
B
```

```
##      [,1] [,2]
## [1,]    1    3
## [2,]    2    4
```

What is  $AB$ ?



## Properties (14)

$$AB \neq BA$$

1.  $A = I'_5, B = A'$

2.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

- ▶ What does  $A$  do in  $AB$ ?
- ▶ What does  $A$  do in  $BA$ ?

Multiplication:  $I_n, O_{m \times n}$

1. What happens when you multiply by  $I_n$ ?
  - ▶ Proof: *whiteboard:sketch4.2*
2. ... when  $O_{m \times n}$ ?

Exact solutions

## Inversion

For a square matrix of dimension  $n$ ,  $A$ , and conformable vectors  $x$  and  $b$ , consider the linear system:

$$Ax = b$$

If there exists a matrix  $A^{-1}$  such that

$$A^{-1}A = I_n$$

then

$$x = A^{-1}b$$

# Inverse

A square matrix  $A$  of dimension  $n$  is **invertible** if there exists a matrix  $A^{-1}$  such that  $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I_n$

$A^{-1}$  is the **inverse** of  $A$ .

- ▶ What is the inverse of 5?
- ▶ Does 0 have an inverse?

## Inverse (properties)

1. If it exists, the inverse is unique
2. If  $\alpha \neq 0$  and  $A$  is invertible, then  $(\alpha A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\alpha} A^{-1}$
3. Assuming invertibility and conformability,  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$
4.  $(A')^{-1} = (A^{-1})'$

## Inverse (practice)

```
A <- matrix(c(2,0,0,2),nrow=2)
```

```
A
```

```
##      [,1] [,2]  
## [1,]    2    0  
## [2,]    0    2
```

## Inverse (practice)

```
A <- matrix(c(1,2,3,0),nrow=2)
```

```
A
```

```
##      [,1] [,2]  
## [1,]    1    3  
## [2,]    2    0
```



## Inverse: existence

When do we know an inverse exist?

- ▶ Required: must be square
- ▶ Sufficient: full **rank**
- ▶ Sufficient: positive **definite**

## Linear independence (1)

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ Is it invertible?
- ▶ Why: *whiteboard:twodependentvecs*

## Linear independence (2)

Take a set  $(x_1, \dots, x_r)$  of  $n \times 1$  vectors.

They are **linearly independent** if and only if

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_rx_r = 0$$

implies  $a_1 = \dots = a_r = 0$

- ▶ Can you construct one of the vectors as a linear combination of the other ones?

## Linear independence (3)

Linear independence is closely related to finding a solution to  $Ax = b$

Picture

- ▶ Can you use a linear combination of the column vectors of  $A$  to get to point  $b$ ?
- ▶ That linear combination is  $x$
- ▶ Given two linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , you can go anywhere in  $\mathbb{R}^2$
- ▶ If they are linearly dependent, you can only travel over the line  $x_1 a_1$

# Rank

The **rank** of a matrix is the maximum number of linearly independent columns.

## Rank (practice)

```
matrix(c(1,2,2,4,3,6),nrow=2)
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]  
## [1,]    1    2    3  
## [2,]    2    4    6
```

## Rank - inverse

If a square  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  has rank  $n$ , then it is invertible

## Positive definiteness

For a symmetric,  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , the quadratic form is

$$x'Ax = \sum_i a_{ii}x_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j>i} a_{ij}x_i x_j$$

Then  $A$  is called

- ▶ **positive definite** (pd) if  $x'Ax > 0$  whenever  $x \neq 0$
- ▶ **positive semidefinite** (psd) if  $x'Ax \geq 0$  for all  $x$



## PD and invertibility

1. If  $A$  is pd,  $A^{-1}$  exists and is pd. **Invertible**
2. For any  $n \times k$  matrix  $X$ ,  $X'X$  and  $XX'$  are psd. **Maybe invertible.**
3. For any full rank matrix  $X$ ,  $X'X$  is pd. **Invertible.**

# Projections

## One solution

If  $A$  has full rank, then we can solve

$$Ax = b$$

for  $x = A^{-1}b$

## Many solutions

If  $A$  is rank-deficient, then

$$Ax = b$$

has many solutions, e.g.

$$x_1 + x_2 = 27$$

## Approximate solutions

If the rank of  $A$  exceeds the dimension of  $x$ , then there are more equations than unknowns

$$x_1 = 2$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 4$$

$$x_2 = 3$$

## Minimization

If  $Ax = b$  has no solution, we can still

*pick  $x$  to minimize the distance from  $Ax$  to  $b$*

Let *the distance* be defined as

$$SS(x) = (Ax - b)'(Ax - b)$$

the inner product. Then the approximate solution is:

$$\hat{x} = \operatorname{argmin} SS(x)$$

Minimization: picture

*whiteboard:sketch4-4*

## Minimization of quadratic form

The inner product is a quadratic form, and can be written out as

$$SS(b) = x'A'Ax - b'Ax - x'A'b + b'b$$

Calculus for matrices tells us that the differential is

$$dSS(b) = (dx)'A'Ax + x'A'Adx - b'Adx - (dx)'A'b$$

Because all quantities are scalars, that is equal to

$$dSS(b) = 2x'A'Adx - 2b'Adx$$



# FOC

The derivative is

$$2x'A'A - 2b'A$$

so transposition yields the FOC

$$2A'A\hat{x} = 2A'b$$

The 2's and the A's drop out, and ...?

## Projection matrix

Since  $A$  has full rank (no solution),  $A'A$  is pd, and therefore invertible. Therefore,

$$\hat{x} = (A'A)^{-1}A'b$$

1.  $P_A = (A'A)^{-1}A'$  is the **projection matrix** for matrix  $A$
2.  $x^* = P_A b$  is the **orthogonal projection** of  $b$  onto  $A$
3.  $b - P_A b = (I - P_A)b = M_A b$  is called the residual

## Idempotent matrices

A square,  $n$ -dimensional matrix  $A$  is idempotent if  $AA = A$ .

- ▶ Can you think of two idempotent numbers?
- ▶ Can you think of two idempotent matrices?

## Projection matrix

1.  $P_A$  is idempotent
2.  $M_A$  is idempotent