STATS 100C: Linear Models

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1.1 Review of Linear Algebra

Some topics that we should be familiar with:

- Fundamental subspaces with matrix $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$
- Rank-Nullity Theorem: The image of X: $[Im(X)]^{\perp} = ker(X^T) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$
- Orthogonal Decomposition of a space with respect to a subspace $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is given by

 $\mathbb{R}^n = V \oplus V^{\perp} \qquad \text{(concept of projection)}$

• Spectral Decomposition: A symmetric matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ is given by

$$A = V\Lambda V^T$$

where V is orthogonal and Λ is diagonal (eigenvalue decomposition)

Definition 1.1. A set of vectors $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$ is linearly independent if

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i \mathbf{x_i} = \mathbf{0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_i = 0, \text{ for } i = 1, \dots n$$

Exercise. Show that if $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$ is pairwise orthogonal, then they are linearly independent.

Definition 1.2. The span of a set of vectors $\{\mathbf{x_1}, \ldots, \mathbf{x_n}\}$, each in \mathbb{R}^d is the set of all linear combinations of them.

span
$$({\mathbf{x_1}, \dots, \mathbf{x_n}}) = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \mathbf{x_i} : c_i \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Note that the span of a set of vectors is a linear subspace of \mathbb{R}^d

Example.

$$\operatorname{span}\left(\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2\\2\\0 \end{bmatrix}\right\} \right) = \left\{ t \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\0 \end{bmatrix} : t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$
(1.1)

$$c_{1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = (c_{1} + 2c_{2}) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad t := c_{1} + 2c_{2}$$
(1.2)

Example.

$$\operatorname{span}\left(\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1\\-1\\0 \end{bmatrix}\right\} \right) = \left\{ t_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\0 \end{bmatrix} + t_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1\\-1\\0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} t_1 + t_2\\t_1 - t_2\\0 \end{bmatrix} : t_1, t_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$
(1.3)

Definition 1.3. A basis of a subspace V is a set of linearly independent vectors whose span is V.

Example. Using the previous example, we can construct a basis for $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \{\mathbf{0}\}$

$$\operatorname{span}\left(\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1\\-1\\0 \end{bmatrix}\right\} \right) = \operatorname{span}\left(\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1\\0\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0\\1\\0 \end{bmatrix}\right\} \right) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \alpha\\\beta\\0 \end{bmatrix} : \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$
(1.4)

Theorem 1.4. All the bases for a subspace have the same number of elements. This number is called the dimension of the subspace (Dimension Theorem).

Definition 1.5. Consider the matrix $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$, which we can denote

$$\mathbf{X} = \left[\begin{array}{cccc} | & | & & | \\ \mathbf{x}_1 & \mathbf{x}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{x}_p \\ | & | & & | \end{array} \right]$$

Then the column space/range/image is given by

$$Im(\mathbf{X}) := span(\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_p\}) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$$
$$= \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_i \mathbf{x}_i : \beta_i \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Note that we can write the sum as

$$\sum_{i=1}^{p} \beta_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ \mathbf{x}_{1} & \mathbf{x}_{2} & \dots & \mathbf{x}_{p} \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{1} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \beta_{p} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}$$

Then the image of X can be written as $Im(X) = \{X\beta : \beta \in \mathbb{R}^p\}$, where X can be interpreted as an operator that maps \mathbb{R}^p to some subset of \mathbb{R}^n . The image of a matrix X is a linear subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

Definition 1.6. The rank of a matrix is given by:

$$\operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{X}) = \dim(\operatorname{Im}(\mathbf{X})) = \dim(\operatorname{span}(\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_p\}))$$
(1.5)

Definition 1.7. The kernel or nullspace of a matrix X is the set

$$\ker(\mathbf{X}) = \{\boldsymbol{\beta} : \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{0}\}\tag{1.6}$$

ker(X) is a linear subspace of \mathbb{R}^p , and the nullity of X = dim(ker(X))

Example. Given the matrix

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2\\ 1 & 2\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2}$$
$$Im(X) = \left\{ t \begin{bmatrix} 1\\ 1\\ 0 \end{bmatrix} : t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \quad rank(X) = 1$$
$$ker(X) = \left\{ \boldsymbol{\beta} = (\beta_1, \beta_2) : \beta_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1\\ 1\\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \beta_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2\\ 2\\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0} \right\}$$
$$= \left\{ \boldsymbol{\beta} = (\beta_1, \beta_2) : \beta_1 + 2\beta_2 = 0 \right\}$$
$$= span\left(\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1\\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \right\} \right), \quad so \ dim(ker(X)) = 1$$

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1.1.1 Inner Products, Orthogonality

Definition 1.8. For $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the inner product of \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} is defined as

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle := \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i y_i = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}$$
 (1.7)

Definition 1.9. We say that \mathbf{x} is orthogonal to \mathbf{y} if and only if $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = 0$. We say that the vector \mathbf{x} is orthogonal to a subspace $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, $\mathbf{x} \perp V$, if and only if $\mathbf{x} \perp \mathbf{y}, \forall y \in V$.

Definition 1.10. The set of all vectors $\mathbf{x} \perp V$ is called the orthogonal complement of V, denoted V^{\perp} .

$$V^{\perp} = \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \mathbf{x} \perp V \right\}$$
(1.8)

The orthogonal complement forms a linear subspace.