

# Linear Algebra

## Lecture-03

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## Learning Objectives

- **Diagonal of a Matrix:** Identifies special elements (main diagonal) important in identity and triangular matrices.
- **Trace of a Matrix:** Sum of diagonal elements, used as an invariant in linear algebra and optimization.
- **Inner Product of Matrices:** Measures similarity between matrices, defines norms and orthogonality in data analysis.

## Learning outcomes

- **Diagonal of a Matrix:** Be able to identify and use main diagonal elements in forming identity, triangular, and diagonal matrices.
- **Trace of a Matrix:** Be able to compute the trace.
- **Inner Product of Matrices:** Be able to calculate inner products.

## The diagonal of a Matrix

**Defination (Matrix Diagonal):** given a square Matrix  $X$  the diagonal of a matrix is a vector form from the diagonal elements of a matrix

Example. Given a matrix  $X, Z$  defined as

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 7 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{Diag} = (X) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad Z = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{Diag}(Z) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Diagonal of a non-square matrix

The diagonal of a non-square matrix is the set of elements

$$a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{33}, \dots, a_{kk}$$

where

$$k = \min(m, n) \quad \text{for an } m \times n$$

## Example

Take this  $2 \times 3$  matrix (not square):

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 9 \\ 2 & 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Diag}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

## The Trace of a Matrix

Definition (Matrix Trace): given a square matrix  $X$ , the Trace of a matrix is the sum of all elements in the diagonal of a matrix.

Example. Given a matrix  $X$ ,  $Z$  defined as

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 7 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Tr}(X) = 1 + 4 + 9$$

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Tr}(Z) = 4 + 1 = 5$$

## Matrix inner product

The matrix inner product is different from the vector inner product with two matrices  $X$  and  $Y$  their inner product is defined as

$$\langle X, Y \rangle = \text{Tr}(XY^T) \quad (1)$$

For example, given

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad Y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Then

$$\langle X, Y \rangle = \text{Tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T \right) = \text{Tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \quad (3)$$

$$= \text{Tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 1 + 4 = 5 \quad (4)$$

Take a minute and see if you can find  $\langle Y, X \rangle$

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$$= \text{Tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 1 + 4 = 5 \quad (4)$$

We previously knew that  $XY^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , we now need to know  $YX^T$ , we can find it easily where since

$$YX^T = (XY^T)^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Matrix/Vector Multiplication Practice

**Given**

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, Y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{z} = [1 \ 3 \ 0], Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. $Y^T \mathbf{x}$ | 3. $2Z\mathbf{y}$         | 5. $\mathbf{x} \otimes \mathbf{y}$ | 7. $\text{Tr}(Z)$ |
| 2. $Z \odot Z$      | 4. $\langle X, X \rangle$ | 6. $\text{Diag}(X)$                | 7. $\text{Tr}(Z)$ |

**In addition, given**

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{y} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solve for**

**1.  $v \otimes v$**

**2.  $\text{Tr}(v \otimes v)$**

**3.  $Z^T u$**

**4.  $Zu$**

**Solution to exercise**

$$1. Y^T x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1*1 + 2*2 \\ 3*1 + 3*2 \\ 0*1 + 1*2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 9 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2. Z \odot Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3. 2Zy + 1 = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + 1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 10 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix} + 1 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 11 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4. \langle X, X \rangle = \text{Tr}(XX^T) = \text{Tr}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \text{Tr} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$5. x \otimes y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \otimes [3 \ 1 \ 3] = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 6 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$6. \text{Diag}(X) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$7. \text{Tr}(Z) = \text{Tr} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 + 2 + 1 = 4$$

$$8. x^T Y Z^T = [1 \ 2] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = [5 \ 9 \ 2] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 32$$

### **Solution to symbolic Representation**

$$3. Z^T u = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha + \gamma \\ 2\beta + \gamma \\ \beta + \gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4. Y u = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha + 3\beta \\ 2\alpha + 3\beta + \gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

## Notice Large equations can be compressed into matrix format

Notice how we can rewrite an equation with vector matrix format

$$f(x) = 1x_1 + 3x_2 = [1 \ 3] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = ax$$

Imagine if we have 1000 variables, it would be annoying to write it each time but with matrix notation we can write it compactly

$$f(x) = 1x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 + \dots + 1000x_{1000} = [1 \ 2 \ 3 \ \dots \ 1000] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ x_{1000} \end{bmatrix} = ax$$

This is a function where  $f: \mathbb{R}^{1000} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  but the same idea apply if we have output of multiple dimensions.  $f: \mathbb{R}^{1000} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{20}$

## Compressing Large Equations with multiple inputs/outputs

This is an example of function with multiple inputs and multiple outputs

$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$
$$f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1x_1 + 2x_2 \\ 0x_1 + 1x_2 \\ 3x_1 + 2x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$


If you put an input of  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  of 2 dimensions, you will get a three dimensions output

$$f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

In this case we can represent this systems of linear equations simply as

$$f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = Ax$$

**Compact way of representing  
thousands of equations  
simultaneously**



## Here is a problem you can see this type of problem in the SAT

A concert charges \$20 for adult tickets and \$10 for student's tickets. If the concert sold 100 tickets and made \$2000. how many of each type of tickets were sold?

The problem gives us two pieces of information

- Let  $a$  be the number of adult tickets sold
- Let  $s$  be the number of students tickets sold

Then, we know that

1. adult + student is 100 tickets or  $a + s = 100$
2.  $20a + 10s = 2000$

With two equations and two unknowns, you should be able to find  $a$  and  $s$ .

this is called **linear system of equations** or just **linear system**

$$a + s = 100$$

$$20a + 10s = 2000$$

# The standard way we learn to this is through substitution

Given the linear system of

$$a + s = 100$$

$$20a + 10s = 2000$$

we let a be

$$a = 100 - s$$

And we substitute a into the 2<sup>nd</sup> equations

$$20(100 - s) + 10s = 2000$$

this allow us to solve for s

$$2000 - 20s + 10s = 2000$$

$$-10s = 0$$

$$s = 0$$

This approach is useful with only a few variables to solve, but what if we have a bigger problem?

It would take a long time to solve this.  
What is the alternative?

Gaussian Elimination.

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 - 3x_2 + 4x_3 + 5x_4 - 6x_5 + 7x_6 - 8x_7 + 9x_8 - 10x_9 + 11x_{10} &= 12 \\ -3x_1 + 4x_2 - 5x_3 + 6x_4 - 7x_5 + 8x_6 - 9x_7 + 10x_8 - 11x_9 + 12x_{10} &= 13 \\ 4x_1 - 5x_2 + 6x_3 - 7x_4 + 8x_5 - 9x_6 + 10x_7 - 11x_8 + 12x_9 - 13x_{10} &= 14 \\ 5x_1 - 6x_2 + 7x_3 - 8x_4 + 9x_5 - 10x_6 + 11x_7 - 12x_8 + 13x_9 - 14x_{10} &= 15 \\ -6x_1 + 7x_2 - 8x_3 + 9x_4 - 10x_5 + 11x_6 - 12x_7 + 13x_8 - 14x_9 + 15x_{10} &= 16 \\ 7x_1 - 8x_2 + 9x_3 - 10x_4 + 11x_5 - 12x_6 + 13x_7 - 14x_8 + 15x_9 - 16x_{10} &= 17 \\ -8x_1 + 9x_2 - 10x_3 + 11x_4 - 12x_5 + 13x_6 - 14x_7 + 15x_8 - 16x_9 + 17x_{10} &= 18 \\ 9x_1 - 10x_2 + 11x_3 - 12x_4 + 13x_5 - 14x_6 + 15x_7 - 16x_8 + 17x_9 - 18x_{10} &= 19 \\ -10x_1 + 11x_2 - 12x_3 + 13x_4 - 14x_5 + 15x_6 - 16x_7 + 17x_8 - 18x_9 + 19x_{10} &= 20 \\ 11x_1 - 12x_2 + 13x_3 - 14x_4 + 15x_5 - 16x_6 + 17x_7 - 18x_8 + 19x_9 + 20x_{10} &= 21 \end{aligned}$$

## Manipulating the truth

Let's say we have a vector  $x$  and two functions defined as

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{cases} 2x_1 + x_2 = 1 \\ -x_2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

In this case we are telling you that these 2 equations are true given some  $x$

We can also see that these statements both are true if we put  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  into the equations

$$\begin{cases} 2(1) + (-1) = 1 \rightarrow 1 = 1 \\ -(-1) = 1 \rightarrow 1 = 1 \end{cases}$$

An interesting fact about true statements is that they can be manipulated and remain true. For example we can multiply both sides of the equation by a number.....

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 + x_2 &= 1 \\ 2(2x_1 + x_2) &= 2(1) \end{aligned}$$

Let us verify the last equation if it is still true for  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$2(2(1) + (-1)) = 2(1) \Rightarrow 4 - 2 = 2 \Rightarrow 2 = 2$$

Even though we have two statements that look different actually they are actually the same statements presented in 2 different ways

$$2x_1 + x_2 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 4x_1 + 2x_2 = 2$$

We are going to symbolically represent what we did to equation 1 as

$$2e_1$$

These are a couple of fact to note

1. A true statement requires an equal sign like  $5 = 5$  we can very easily see that  $3(5) = 3(5)$
2. These mathematical “True” statements are only true given a specific  $x$ . note if we use a different  $x$  the statements are no longer true. For example given

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } \begin{cases} 2(1) + (0) \neq 1 \\ -(0) \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

However under correct condition the truth can be manipulated and remain true. This allow us to conclude the firs observation

**Conclusion1:** the result of multiplication and division of a true statement on both side of the equation is still true

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## The 2nd conclusion

let's we have a vector  $x$  and two functions defined as follow

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} 2x_1 + x_2 = 1 \\ -x_2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

Notice the order of the true statements does not matter

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 + x_2 = 1 \\ -x_2 = 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{This is the original true statement}$$

$$\begin{cases} -x_2 = 1 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 = 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{this is the fillped statement but they still true}$$

Here we see that equation 1  $e_1$  become  $e_2$ . we are going to mathematically represent this as

$$e_1 \leftrightarrow e_2$$

## The 3rd conclusion

let's we have a vector  $x$  and two functions defined as follow

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} 2x_1 + x_2 = 1 \\ -x_2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

Notice if we combine two true statements the result is still true

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x_1 + x_2 = 1 \\ -x_2 = 1 \\ \hline 2x_1 + 0x_2 = 2 \end{array}$$

We are going to symbolically represent what we just did as

$$e_1 + e_2$$

The combination of equation 1 (e1) and equation 2 (e2) yields a brand new equation

$$2x_1 = 2$$

and this equation is still true for  $x_1 = 1$  let's check

$$2(1) = 2 \Rightarrow 2 = 2$$

**Final conclusion:** The combination of two true statements yields another true statement

### Combining the three conclusions

By combining the three conclusion it allow us to solve really complex problems. Let's say that we first replace equation 1 (e1) with  $e_1 + e_2$  to get two new statements

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 + 0x_2 = 2 \\ 0x_1 - x_2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

Now, let's perform  $0.5e_1$  and  $-1e_2$  to get yet another statement as

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 + 0x_2 = 2 \\ 0x_1 - x_2 = 1 \end{cases} \xrightarrow[\begin{matrix} 0.5e_1 \\ -1e_2 \end{matrix}]{=} \begin{cases} x_1 + 0x_2 = 1 \\ 0x_1 + x_2 = -1 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} x_1 = 1 \\ x_2 = -1 \end{cases}$$

**Take a note and study what just happened**

In this special example, we already know  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . However if we don't know this solution, we can manipulate the existing equations to tell us the solutions for  $x_1$  and  $x_2$

This work for any size of the problem, the goal is to manipulate the equations to get them into a special form that look like this

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 0x_2 + 0x_3 + 0x_4 &= 3 \\ 0x_1 + x_2 + 0x_3 + 0x_4 &= 2 \\ 0x_1 + 0x_2 + x_3 + 0x_4 &= 1 \\ 0x_1 + 0x_2 + 0x_3 + x_4 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Once we get into this format the solution for  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$ ,  $x_4$  are automatically known. This process is called Gaussian Elimination

## Let's look at a simple example

Given the following system of linear equations we first multiply e2 by 2

$$\begin{cases} e_1: 2x_1 + 2x_2 = 2 \\ e_2: x_1 - x_2 = 1 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{2e_2} \begin{cases} e_1: 2x_1 + 2x_2 = 2 \\ e_2: 2x_1 - 2x_2 = 2 \end{cases}$$

now we can combine the two equations

$$\begin{cases} e_1: 2x_1 + 2x_2 = 2 \\ e_2: 2x_1 - 2x_2 = 2 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{e_1 + e_2 \rightarrow e_1} \begin{cases} e_1: 4x_1 + 0x_2 = 4 \\ e_2: 2x_1 - 2x_2 = 2 \end{cases}$$

Notice that we eliminated the blue term. We can also further simplify the e1 by dividing it by 4

$$\begin{cases} e_1: 4x_1 + 0x_2 = 4 \\ e_2: 2x_1 - 2x_2 = 2 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{e_1/4} \begin{cases} e_1: x_1 + 0x_2 = 1 \\ e_2: 2x_1 - 2x_2 = 2 \end{cases}$$

To remove x1 from e2 we multiply e1 by -2 and add to e2

$$\begin{cases} e_1: x_1 + 0x_2 = 1 \\ e_2: 2x_1 - 2x_2 = 2 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{-2e_1 + e_2 \rightarrow e_2} \begin{cases} e_1: x_1 + 0x_2 = 1 \\ e_2: 0x_1 - 2x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

After dividing e2 by 2 we have essentially solved the problem

$$\begin{cases} \text{e1: } x_1 + 0x_2 = 1 \\ \text{e2: } 0x_1 - 2x_2 = 0 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{e_2/-2} \begin{cases} \text{e1: } x_1 + 0x_2 = 1 \\ \text{e2: } 0x_1 + x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

*We have  $x_1 = 1$  and  $x_2 = 0$*

To double check our solution, we just plug it back in

$$\begin{cases} \text{e1: } 2(1) + 2(0) = 2 \\ \text{e2: } (1) - (0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

## Notation Simplification

Notice that when we use Gaussian Elimination so far, we have to copy the  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  over and over again. This is really not necessary. Instead, we can simplify the copying by writing the system in matrix format.

Instead of writing

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{e1: } 2x_1 + x_2 = 1 \\ \text{e2: } \quad \quad -x_2 = 1 \end{array}$$

The matrix notation becomes

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We now can ignore  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and rewrite it as

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

We call this notation **augmented matrix**

All of the row operations and combination stay the same