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1 Linear Algebra Review

An $m \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} is a two-dimensional array a_{ij} :

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

A vector $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \cdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

The transpose matrix \mathbf{A}' of an $m \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} is an $n \times m$ matrix:

$$[\mathbf{A}']_{ij} = [\mathbf{A}]_{ji}$$

The inner product of two vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} in \mathbb{R}^n is the value:

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

A matrix-vector product of an $m \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} and a vector \mathbf{x} in \mathbb{R}^n is:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} a'_1\mathbf{x} \\ a'_2\mathbf{x} \\ \cdots \\ a'_m\mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \mathbf{A}_j$$

The matrix multiplication of an $m \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} and an $n \times k$ matrix \mathbf{B} results in an $m \times k$ matrix:

$$[\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}]_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj}$$

The identity matrix \mathbf{I} is a square matrix with 1's on the main diagonal and 0's everywhere else.

\mathbf{A} is a square matrix. If there exists a matrix \mathbf{B} such that $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}$ then \mathbf{A} is called invertible and \mathbf{B} is the inverse of \mathbf{A} , $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}$.

Example 1

\mathbf{x} is a basic feasible solution to the standard form problem with corresponding basis \mathbf{B} . Consider a direction \mathbf{d} such that $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{d}$ is also a feasible solution. Find the change in the objective cost.

Example 2

If \mathbf{d}_N is a unit vector in \mathbb{R}^{n-m} . Find the direction \mathbf{d} .

2 Full Tableau Simplex

Question 1

How do you check whether there are multiple optimal solutions with the simplex method?

Question 2

Given the initial tableau and the current tableau. How do you find the basis \mathbf{B} and its inverse?

Example 3 Solve the following problem using the full tableau simplex method:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min \quad & x_1 \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & \\
 & x_1 + x_2 \leq 2 \\
 & -x_1 + x_2 \leq 0 \\
 & x_1, x_2 \geq 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

3 Duality Theory I

Question 3

Given the general linear programming problem:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min \quad & \mathbf{c}'\mathbf{x} \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & \\
 & \mathbf{Ax} \geq \mathbf{b}
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Construct its dual problem using Lagrange multiplier method.

Example 4 Construct the dual of the following problem and then the dual of its dual:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min \quad & 2x_1 + 3x_2 + 8x_3 \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & \\
 & x_1 - x_2 - x_3 \geq 1 \\
 & 3x_2 + x_3 = 4 \\
 & x_3 \leq 1 \\
 & x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$