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Abstract

This paper strives to prove different invertible matrices theorems.

The following are some of the theorems that the paper will justify

- A is an invertible matrix
- A is row equivalent to the $n \times n$ identity matrix
- A has n pivot positions
- The equation $Ax = 0$ has only the trivial solution
- The equation $Ax = b$ has at least one solution for each b in \mathbb{R}^n .
- The columns of A spans \mathbb{R}^n
- The linear transformation $X \rightarrow Ax$ maps \mathbb{R}^n onto \mathbb{R}^n .
- There is an $n \times n$ matrix C such that $AC = I$.
- There is an $n \times n$ matrix D such that $AD = I$.
- The columns of A form a basis of \mathbb{R}^n .

Keyword: $a \leftrightarrow b$ this means a implies b.

Invertible Matrix Theorems

- Definition of Logically equivalent: Two statements are said to be logically equivalent if and only if they are true in precisely the same situation.

Mathematically A and B are logically equivalent if one can be proved using the other that is in notation $A \Leftrightarrow B$ (Epp, 2011, p. 30).

- Provide an interpretation for the given statement: The $n \times n$ matrix A is invertible: $n \times n$ matrix A is said to be invertible if there exist a matrix B with the property that $AB = BA = I$ where I is the identity matrix.

Also the " matrix is of order $n \times n$ that is there are n number of rows and n number of columns or it is a square matrix of order n . Invertible implies that

an inverse exists of the matrix or the value of the determinant of the matrix is a non-zero number” states Kyle.

We can explain this by an example

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$n = 2$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|}$$

$$|A| = (2 \cdot 3) - (5 \cdot 1) = 6 - 5 = 1$$

Hence there exist an inverse A^{-1} of A

- Justify that the ten statements are logically equivalent to the statement:

The $n \times n$ matrix A is invertible.

- Two matrices are said to be row equivalent if and only if they have the same row space that is $R(A) = R(B)$. The row space of the I_n is the R_n and the row of the $n \times n$ are independent, so we can clearly see that $R(n \times n) = R_n$ thus $a \leftrightarrow b$

- Matrix $n \times n$ and the identity matrix I_n is augmented together as $(n \times n \mid I_n)$ and some row operations are done on the matrix to reduce $n \times n$ into identity matrix and since $n \times n$ is invertible, the final matrix will be $(I_n \mid A^{-1})$. since this operation is justified, $n \times n$ must have n pivot position hence $a \leftrightarrow c$.

- If A^{-1} exist, we have a $Ax = A0$ implying $x = 0$ and these is the only trivial solution hence $a \leftrightarrow d$

- If $Ax = b$ has one solution for every b in R_n , then the matrix A must be invertible by the invertible matrix theorem. That is $Ax = Ab$ implies $x = Ab$. Thus the equation $Ax = b$ has at least one solution for each b in R_n hence

$a \leftrightarrow e$.

- If A is invertible, then A -transposed is invertible. Therefore, the rows of A -transposed span \mathbb{R}^n , so the columns of A span \mathbb{R}^n . We can also say that if the columns of A spans \mathbb{R}^n the same as saying that $Ax = b$ has a solution for every b in \mathbb{R}^n , but if $Ax = 0$ has only the trivial solution, then there are no free variables, so every column of A has a pivot, so $Ax = b$ can never have a pivot in the augmented column. Thus $Ax = b$ has a solution no matter what b namely $x = A^{-1} b$ hence the column of A span \mathbb{R}^n that is $a \leftrightarrow f$ (Zhang, 2011, p. 97)

Invertible Matrix Theorems

- (e), (f), and (g) are equivalent for any matrix, (For a particular A , all statements must be all true or all false. C: The columns of A span \mathbb{R}^m Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear transformation and let A be the standard matrix for T . A: T maps \mathbb{R}^n onto \mathbb{R}^m if and only if the columns of A span \mathbb{R}^m). Thus, (f) implies (g) because they are linked to (e) which is linked to (a).

- If A is an invertible matrix then there is an $n \times n$ matrix C such that $CA = I$: C is the inverse of A and a matrix multiplied by it's inverse is the identity.

$a \leftrightarrow h$

- If an $n \times n$ matrix A is invertible, then the columns of A^T are linearly independent, that is matrix A must have both rows and columns that are independent for it to be invertible. If A is an invertible matrix then there exists an $n \times n$ matrix D such that $DA = I$. If D equals the inverse of A , then DA will equal the identity. $a \leftrightarrow i$

- We have already shown that columns of A are independent and they form a span of \mathbb{R}^n . Therefore they form a basis for \mathbb{R}^n . Thus $a \leftrightarrow j$.

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