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Matrices and Linear Equations

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Linear Equations

Linear equations are common and important for survey problems

Matrices can be used to express these linear equations and aid in the computation of unknown values

Example

n equations in n unknowns, the a_{ij} are numerical coefficients, the b_i are constants and the x_j are unknowns

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\begin{aligned}
a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n &= b_1 \\
a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n &= b_2 \\
&\vdots \\
a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{nn}x_n &= b_n
\end{aligned}
$$

Linear Equations

The equations may be expressed in the form

$$\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{B}$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n1} \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

n x n　　　　n x 1　　　　n x 1

Number of unknowns = number of equations = n

Linear Equations

If the determinant is nonzero, the equation can be solved to produce n numerical values for x that satisfy all the simultaneous equations

To solve, premultiply both sides of the equation by $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ which exists because $|\mathbf{A}| \neq \mathbf{0}$

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1}\,\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\,\mathbf{B}$$

Now since

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1}\,\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$$

We get

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\,\mathbf{B}$$

So if the inverse of the coefficient matrix is found, the unknowns, **X** would be determined

Linear Equations

Example

$$3x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 2$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 = 1$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 3$$

The equations can be expressed as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Linear Equations

When $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ is computed the equation becomes

$$X = A^{-1}B = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & -0.5 & 0.5 \\ -1.0 & 2.0 & -1.0 \\ -1.5 & 3.5 & -2.5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore

$$x_1 = 2,$$

$$x_2 = -3,$$

$$x_3 = -7$$

Linear Equations

The values for the unknowns should be checked by substitution back into the initial equations

$$x_1 = 2, \quad x_2 = -3, \quad x_3 = -7$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} 3\times(2) - (-3) + (-7) &= 2 \\ 2\times(2) + (-3) &= 1 \\ (2) + 2\times(-3) - (-7) &= 3 \end{aligned}$$