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**Part A: Working With Matrices**

Note: This worksheet is meant to complement chapters 5 and 6 of the lectures.

MATLAB actually stands for matrix laboratory, and as the name suggests, it was designed for working with matrices.

We can input an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  by

$$A = [\text{row 1}; \text{row 2}; \dots; \text{row } m]$$

where the  $n$  entries of each row are separated by one or more blank spaces. For example:

```
>> A=[3 2 -1 ; 0 1 0 ; 1 2 2]
```

The following commands perform basic operations on matrices  $A$  and  $B$ :

A+B	matrix addition
A-B	matrix subtraction
t*A	scalar multiplication, with $t$ scalar
A*B	matrix multiplication
A^n	raising a square matrix A to a positive integral power $n$
A'	transpose of A
inv(A)	inverse of an invertible square matrix A
det(A)	compute the determinant of a square matrix A
trace(A)	compute the trace of a square matrix A

**Practice**

1. In Chapter 5, we constructed a matrix  $M$  to forecast weather. To predict the weather 4 days from now and 30 days from today, we can do the following:

```
>> M=[ 0.6 0.3 ; 0.4 0.7 ]  
>> M^4  
>> M^30
```

2. In Chapter 6, we learnt that rotation about  $z$ -axis and  $x$ -axis in 3 dimensions do not commute. Use MATLAB to verify that the two matrix products are really different.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

```
>> A=[ 1 0 0 ; 0 0 -1 ; 0 1 0]
>> B=[ 0 -1 0 ; 1 0 0 ; 0 0 1]
>> A*B
>> B*A
```

3. Compute the transpose of the matrix  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 6 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $N = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 6 & 8 & 9 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Verify that  $N^T + N$  is symmetric and  $N^T - N$  is anti-symmetric.

```
>> M=[ 1 2 4 ; 6 8 9]
>> M'
>> N=[ 1 2 4 ; 6 8 9 ; 2 1 0]
>> N' + N
>> N' - N
```

4. Using  $M$  and  $N$  defined previously, predict what happens if we try to perform the matrix addition  $M + N$  and the matrix multiplications  $MN$  and  $NM$ . Verify your prediction.

```
>> M + N
>> M*N
>> N*M
```

5. Determine if the following matrices,  $C1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 4 & 13 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $C2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 4 & 13 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  are invertible.

```
>> C1=[ 2 7 5 ; 1 3 -1 ; 4 13 3]
>> C2=[ 2 7 5 ; 1 3 -1 ; 4 13 4]
>> det(C1)
>> det(C2)
>> inv(C2)
>> inv(C2)*C2
```

6. Let  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 & 9 \\ 8 & 8 & 1 \\ 20 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Verify that  $(DE)^{-1} = E^{-1}D^{-1}$  and  $(DE)^T = E^T D^T$ .

```
>> D=[ 5 7 9 ; 8 8 1 ; 20 4 6]
>> E=[ 1 2 4 ; 1 1 1 ; 1 1 0]
>> inv(D*E)
>> inv(E)*inv(D)
>> (D*E)'
>> E'*D'
```

7. Recall that in previous labs, we defined an array of values with

```
>> x = 0: 0.2 : 1
>> x*x
```

We should really view this as a  $1 \times 6$  row vector  $\vec{x}$ . (Double click on  $x$ .) Hence we get an error when we multiply  $x$  to itself. To get the dot product  $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}$ , when  $\vec{x}$  is a row vector, we use  $\vec{x}\vec{x}^T$ , i.e.

```
>> x*x'
```

What will happen if we use  $\vec{x}^T \vec{x}$ ?

```
>> x'*x
```

8. What happens now if  $\vec{y}$  is a row vector?

```
>> y = [2 ; 1 ; 5]
>> y*y'
>> y'*y
```

9. Consider the following linear system of equations.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - x_2 + x_3 &= 4 \\ x_1 + x_2 &= 1 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

We rewrite this system as a matrix equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  and calculate the determinant of  $A$ . Note that  $\vec{b}$  is a column vector.

```
>> A= [1 -1 1; 1 1 0; 1 2 -1]
>> b= [ 4; 1; 0]
>> det(A)
```

Since  $\det(A) \neq 0$ , the matrix is non-singular. We can then solve the system by finding the inverse of  $A$ . The required solution is  $\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$ .

```
>> x= inv(A)*b
```

10. In 1966, Leontief used his input-output model to analyze the Israeli economy by dividing it into three segments: Agriculture (A), Manufacturing (M), and Energy (E), as shown in the following technology matrix.

Output \ Input	A	M	E
A	\$0.30	\$0.00	\$0.00
M	\$0.10	\$0.20	\$0.20
E	\$0.05	\$0.01	\$0.02

The export demands on the Israeli economy are listed as follows: Agriculture: \$140 million, Manufacturing: \$20 million and Energy: \$2 million.

To find the total output for each sector required to meet both internal and external demand, we must solve the following system

$$\begin{aligned} A &= 0.30A + 0.00M + 0.00E + 140 \\ M &= 0.10A + 0.20M + 0.20E + 20 \\ E &= 0.05A + 0.01M + 0.02E + 2. \end{aligned}$$

Using the technology matrix  $T$ , we have  $\vec{x} = (I_3 - T)^{-1}\vec{b}$ .

```
>> T=[ .3 0 0 ; .1 .2 .2 ; .05 .01 .02]
>> b=[140; 20; 2]
>> x= inv(eye(3)- T)*b
```

The required output is approximately,  $A = \$200$  m ,  $M = \$53$  m and  $E = \$13$  m. Note that `eye(3)` is the MATLAB command for the  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix.

## Part B: Eigenvectors And Eigenvalues

In chapter 6, we saw that the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  has an eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  with corresponding eigenvalue 2. This can be easily computed using the following commands:

```
>> A=[ 1 2 ; 2 -2]
>> [P D]=eig(A)
```

The second command computes the eigenvectors of the matrix  $A$  and stores them as column vectors in the matrix  $P$ . At the same time, the corresponding eigenvalues are stored as the diagonal entries of the matrix  $D$ . To work with the eigenvector corresponding to eigenvalue 2, we extract the second column of  $P$  and call it  $v$ .

```
>> v = P(:,2)
>> A*v
```

From our understanding of eigenvectors,  $Av$  should give us  $2v$ . Note that  $v$  is not  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  but a multiple of it. Remember that eigenvectors are never unique, and the **eig** function will compute eigenvectors with lengths 1. To get our familiar  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , we multiply the vector  $v$  by the scalar  $1/v(2)$ , where  $v(2)$  is the second coordinate of the vector  $v$

```
>> y = v/v(2)
>> A*y
```

We should recognize that that the **eig** function is actually trying to diagonalize the matrix  $A$ . Recall that  $A = PDP^{-1}$ , where  $D$  is the diagonal matrix with eigenvalues of  $A$  as its entries, and  $P$  is a square matrix where the columns are the corresponding eigenvectors. Verify this by

```
>> P*D*inv(P)
```

*Exercise 3*

1. Compute the determinant of

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 13 & 6.5 & 1.5 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 7 & -1 & 4 & 9 \\ 1.5 & 2 & 21 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (i) 615.75  
(ii) -516.5  
(iii) 765.0  
(iv) 716.25
2. A car rental agency has three branches A, B and C. The company policy allows cars to be rented from and returned to any one of the three branches. A statistical study revealed that the chances of cars being returned to the same branch where they were rented are 70%, 50% and 40% respectively. There is a 20% likelihood of cars rented from branch A being returned to branch B. A 30% chance of cars rented from branch B being returned to branch C and also a 30% chance of cars rented from branch C being returned to branch A. Assuming the company started with 100 cars at each branch, in the long run, approximately how many cars will remain at branch C?
- (i) 23  
(ii) 70  
(iii) 134  
(iv) 32
3. A small country's economy is divided into three segments: Electronics (E), Manufacturing (M), and Pharmaceutical (P), as shown in the following technology matrix.

Output \ Input	E	M	P
E	\$0.15	\$0.20	\$0.00
M	\$0.10	\$0.30	\$0.00
P	\$0.12	\$0.18	\$0.40

The export demands are as follows: Electronics: \$80 million, Manufacturing: \$20 million and Pharmaceutical: \$10 million.

The electronics output is approximately (nearest million)

- (i) \$ 104 million
- (ii) \$ 100 million
- (iii) \$ 89 million
- (iv) \$ 80 million

4. Find the eigenvalues and a matrix  $P$  that diagonalizes  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -8 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

5. Find the eigenvalues and a matrix  $P$  that diagonalizes  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

6. Find the eigenvalues and a matrix  $P$  that diagonalizes  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

7. In order to find the eigenvalues of a matrix  $A$ , we solve the characteristic equation

$$0 = \det(A - \lambda I) = c_n \lambda^n + c_{n-1} \lambda^{n-1} + \cdots + c_1 \lambda + c_0,$$

which is a polynomial equation in  $\lambda$ . The coefficients of the characteristic polynomial can be found with the command

```
>> poly(A)
```

There is a remarkable theorem called the Cayley-Hamilton Theorem which states that a square matrix  $A$  satisfies its characteristic equation. Hence

$$c_n A^n + c_{n-1} A^{n-1} + \cdots + c_1 A + c_0 I_n = 0.$$

Verify this for the three matrices given above.

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