



Practice: Example of a Symmetric Matrix

Let A be a rectangular matrix given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & d \\ b & e \\ c & f \end{pmatrix}.$$

Compute $A^T A$ and show that it is a symmetric matrix and that the sum of its diagonal elements is the sum of the squares of all the elements of A . —

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & d \\ b & e \\ c & f \end{bmatrix}$$

$\underbrace{2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 2}_{\text{OK}} \Rightarrow 2 \times 2$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a \cdot a + b \cdot b + c \cdot c & a \cdot d + b \cdot e + c \cdot f \\ d \cdot a + e \cdot b + f \cdot c & d \cdot d + e \cdot e + f \cdot f \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a^2 + b^2 + c^2 & a \cdot d + b \cdot e + c \cdot f \\ a \cdot d + b \cdot e + c \cdot f & d^2 + e^2 + f^2 \end{bmatrix}$$