

Matrix Properties

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Adjoint or Adjugate

The adjoint of \mathbf{A} , $\text{ADJ}(\mathbf{A})$ is the [transpose](#) of the matrix formed by taking the [cofactor](#) of each element of \mathbf{A} .

- $\text{ADJ}(\mathbf{A}) \mathbf{A} = \det(\mathbf{A}) \mathbf{I}$
 - If $\det(\mathbf{A}) \neq 0$, then $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \text{ADJ}(\mathbf{A}) / \det(\mathbf{A})$ but this is a numerically and computationally poor way of calculating the inverse.
 - $\text{ADJ}(\mathbf{A}^T) = \text{ADJ}(\mathbf{A})^T$
 - $\text{ADJ}(\mathbf{A}^H) = \text{ADJ}(\mathbf{A})^H$
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Characteristic Equation

The *characteristic equation* of a matrix $\mathbf{A}_{[n \times n]}$ is $|\mathbf{I}\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{A}| = 0$. It is a polynomial equation in t .

The properties of the [characteristic equation](#) are described in the section on [eigenvalues](#).

Characteristic Matrix

The *characteristic matrix* of $\mathbf{A}_{[n \times n]}$ is $(\mathbf{t}\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})$ and is a function of the scalar t .

The properties of the [characteristic matrix](#) are described in the section on [eigenvalues](#).

Characteristic Polynomial

The *characteristic polynomial*, $p(t)$, of a matrix $\mathbf{A}_{[n \times n]}$ is $p(t) = |\mathbf{t}\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}|$.

The properties of the [characteristic polynomial](#) are described in the section on [eigenvalues](#).

Cofactor

The *cofactor* of a [minor](#) of $\mathbf{A}_{[n \times n]}$ is equal to the product of (i) the [determinant](#) of the [submatrix](#) consisting of all the rows and columns that are not in the minor and (ii) -1 raised to the power of the sum of all the row and column indices that are in the minor.

- The cofactor of the element $a(i,j)$ equals $-1^{i+j} \det(\mathbf{B})$ where \mathbf{B} is the matrix formed by deleting row i and column j from \mathbf{A} .

See [Minor](#), [Adjoint](#)

Compound Matrix

The k^{th} compound matrix of $\mathbf{A}_{[m \times n]}$ is the $m!(k!(m-k)!)^{-1}n!(k!(n-k)!)^{-1}$ matrix formed from the determinants of all $k \times k$ submatrices of \mathbf{A} arranged with the submatrix index sets in lexicographic order. Within this section,

we denote this matrix by $C_k(\mathbf{A})$.

- $C_1(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{A}$
 - $C_n(\mathbf{A}_{[n \times n]}) = \det(\mathbf{A})$
 - $C_k(\mathbf{AB}) = C_k(\mathbf{A})C_k(\mathbf{B})$
 - $C_k(a\mathbf{X}) = a^k C_k(\mathbf{X})$
 - $C_k(\mathbf{I}) = \mathbf{I}$
 - $C_k(\mathbf{A}^H) = C_k(\mathbf{A})^H$
 - $C_k(\mathbf{A}^T) = C_k(\mathbf{A})^T$
 - $C_k(\mathbf{A}^{-1}) = C_k(\mathbf{A})^{-1}$
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Condition Number

The *condition number* of a matrix is its largest [singular value](#) divided by its smallest [singular value](#).

- If $\mathbf{Ax}=\mathbf{y}$ and $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{p})=\mathbf{y}+\mathbf{q}$ then $\|\mathbf{p}\|/\|\mathbf{x}\| \leq k \|\mathbf{q}\|/\|\mathbf{y}\|$ where k is the condition number of \mathbf{A} . Thus it provides a sensitivity bound for the solution of a linear equation.
 - If $\mathbf{A}_{[2 \times 2]}$ is [hermitian positive definite](#) then its condition number, r , satisfies $4 \leq \text{tr}(\mathbf{A})^2/\det(\mathbf{A}) = (r+1)^2/r$. This expression is symmetric between r and r^{-1} and is monotonically increasing for $r>1$. It therefore provides an easy way to check on the range of r .
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Conjugate Transpose

$\mathbf{X}=\mathbf{Y}^H$ is the Hermitian transpose or Conjugate transpose of \mathbf{Y} iff $x_{i,j}=y_{j,i}^C$.

See [Hermitian Transpose](#).

Constructibility

The pair of matrices $\{\mathbf{A}_{[n \times n]}, \mathbf{C}_{[m \times n]}\}$ are *constructible* iff $\{\mathbf{A}^H, \mathbf{C}^H\}$ are [controllable](#).

- If $\{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{C}\}$ are [observable](#) then they are constructible.
 - If $\det(\mathbf{A}) \neq 0$ and $\{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{C}\}$ are constructible then they are [observable](#).
 - If $\{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{C}\}$ are constructible then they are [detectable](#).
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Controllability

The pair of matrices $\{\mathbf{A}_{[n \times n]}, \mathbf{B}_{[n \times m]}\}$ are *controllable* iff any of the following equivalent conditions are true

1. There exists a $\mathbf{G}_{[mn \times n]}$ such that $\mathbf{A}^n = \mathbf{CG}$ where $\mathbf{C} = [\mathbf{B} \ \mathbf{AB} \ \mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{B} \ \dots \ \mathbf{A}^{n-1}\mathbf{B}]_{[n \times mn]}$ is the *controllability matrix*.
 2. If $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}^r \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}$ for $0 \leq r < n$ then $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}^n = \mathbf{0}$.
 3. If $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} = k\mathbf{x}^T$ then either $k=0$ or else $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.
- If $\{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}\}$ are [reachable](#) then they are controllable.
 - If $\det(\mathbf{A}) \neq 0$ and $\{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}\}$ are controllable then they are [reachable](#).
 - If $\{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}\}$ are controllable then they are [stabilizable](#).

- $\{\text{DIAG}(\mathbf{a}), \mathbf{b}\}$ are controllable iff all non-zero elements of \mathbf{a} are distinct and all the corresponding elements of \mathbf{b} are non-zero.

Definiteness

A [Hermitian](#) square matrix \mathbf{A} is

- *positive definite* if $\mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} > 0$ for all non-zero \mathbf{x} .
- *positive semi-definite* or *non-negative definite* if $\mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \geq 0$ for all non-zero \mathbf{x} .
- *indefinite* if $\mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$ is > 0 for some \mathbf{x} and < 0 for some other \mathbf{x} .

This definition only applies to Hermitian and real-symmetric matrices; if \mathbf{A} is non-real and non-Hermitian then $\mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$ is complex for some values of \mathbf{x} and so the concept of definiteness does not make sense. Some authors also call a real non-symmetric matrix positive definite if $\mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} > 0$ for all non-zero real \mathbf{x} ; this is true iff its symmetric part is positive definite (see below).

- A (not necessarily symmetric) real matrix \mathbf{A} satisfies $\mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} > 0$ for all non-zero real \mathbf{x} iff its symmetric part $\mathbf{B} = (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^T)/2$ is positive definite. Indeed $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{x}$ for all \mathbf{x} .
- The following are equivalent
 - \mathbf{A} is Hermitian and +ve semidefinite
 - $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}^H \mathbf{B}$ for some \mathbf{B} (not necessarily square)
 - $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{C}^2$ for some [Hermitian](#) \mathbf{C} .
 - $\mathbf{D}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{D}$ is Hermitian and +ve semidefinite for any \mathbf{D}
- If \mathbf{A} is +ve definite then \mathbf{A}^{-1} exists and is +ve definite.
- If \mathbf{A} is +ve semidefinite, then for any integer $k > 0$ there exists a unique +ve semidefinite \mathbf{B} with $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}^k$. This \mathbf{B} also satisfies:
 - $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{BA}$
 - $\mathbf{B} = p(\mathbf{A})$ for some polynomial $p()$
 - $\text{rank}(\mathbf{B}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$
 - if \mathbf{A} is real then so is \mathbf{B} .
- \mathbf{A} is +ve definite iff all its eigenvalues are > 0 .
 - If \mathbf{A} is +ve definite then $\det(\mathbf{A}) > 0$ and $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) > 0$.
 - A Hermitian matrix $\mathbf{A}_{[2 \times 2]}$ is +ve definite iff $\det(\mathbf{A}) > 0$ and $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) > 0$.
- The columns of $\mathbf{B}_{[m \times n]}$ are linearly independent iff $\mathbf{B}^H \mathbf{B}$ is +ve definite.
- If \mathbf{S} is +ve semidefinite, then $|\mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{S} \mathbf{b}|^2 \leq \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{S} \mathbf{a} \mathbf{b}^H \mathbf{S} \mathbf{b}$ for any \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} [\[3.6\]](#)
 - $|s_{i,j}| \leq \sqrt{s_{i,i} s_{j,j}}$ [\[3.6\]](#)
- If \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are positive semidefinite, then $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$ is positive semidefinite
- If \mathbf{B} is +ve definite and \mathbf{A} is +ve semidefinite then:
 - $\mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{A}$ is diagonalizable and has non-negative eigenvalues [\[3.7\]](#)
 - $\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{A}) = 0$ iff $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$
 - $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$ is positive definite

Detectability

The pair of matrices $\{\mathbf{A}_{[n \times n]}, \mathbf{C}_{[m \times n]}\}$ are *detectable* iff $\{\mathbf{A}^H, \mathbf{C}^H\}$ are [stabilizable](#).

If $\{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{C}\}$ are [observable](#) or [constructible](#) then they are detectable..

Determinant

For an $n \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} , $\det(\mathbf{A})$ is a scalar number defined by $\det(\mathbf{A}) = \text{sgn}(\text{PERM}(n)) * \text{prod}(\mathbf{A}(1:n, \text{PERM}(n)))$

This is the sum of $n!$ terms each involving the product of n matrix elements of which exactly one comes from each row and each column. Each term is multiplied by the signature (+1 or -1) of the column-order permutation **1**. See the [notation](#) section for definitions of **sgn()**, **prod()** and **PERM()**.

The determinant is important because **INV**(\mathbf{A}) exists iff $\det(\mathbf{A}) \neq 0$.

Geometric Interpretation

The determinant of a matrix equals the +area of the +parallelogram that has the matrix columns as n of its sides. If a vector space is transformed by multiplying by a matrix \mathbf{A} , then all +areas will be multiplied by $\det(\mathbf{A})$.

Properties of Determinants

- $\det(\mathbf{A}^T) = \det(\mathbf{A})$
- $\det(\mathbf{A}^H) = \text{conj}(\det(\mathbf{A}))$
- $\det(c\mathbf{A}) = c^n \det(\mathbf{A})$
- $\det(\mathbf{A}^k) = (\det(\mathbf{A}))^k$, k must be positive if $\det(\mathbf{A})=0$.
- Interchanging any pair of columns of a matrix multiplies its determinant by -1 (likewise rows).
- Multiplying any column of a matrix by c multiplies its determinant by c (likewise rows).
- Adding any multiple of one column onto another column leaves the determinant unaltered (likewise rows).
- $\det(\mathbf{A}) \neq 0$ iff **INV**(\mathbf{A}) exists.
- **[A,B:n#m ; m>=n]**: If $\mathbf{Q} = \text{CHOOSE}(m,n)$, and $\mathbf{d}(k) = \det(\mathbf{A}(:, \mathbf{Q}(k,:))) \det(\mathbf{B}(:, \mathbf{Q}(k,:)))$ for $k=1:\text{rows}(\mathbf{Q})$ then $\det(\mathbf{AB}^T) = \text{sum}(\mathbf{d})$. This is the Binet-Cauchy theorem.
- Suppose that for some r , $\mathbf{P} = \text{CHOOSE}(n,r)$ and $\mathbf{Q} = \text{CHOOSE}(n,n-r)$ with the rows of \mathbf{Q} ordered so that $\mathbf{P}(k,:)$ and $\mathbf{Q}(k,:)$ have no elements in common. If we define $\mathbf{D}(m,k) = (-1)^{\text{sum}([\mathbf{P}(m,:) \mathbf{P}(k,:)])} \det(\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{P}(m,:))^T, \mathbf{P}(k,:)) \det(\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{Q}(m,:))^T, \mathbf{Q}(k,:))$ for $m,k=1:\text{rows}(\mathbf{P})$ then $\det(\mathbf{A}) = \text{sum}(\mathbf{D}(m,:)) = \text{sum}(\mathbf{D}(:,k))$ for any k or m . This is the Laplace expansion theorem.
 - If we set $k=r=1$ then $\mathbf{P}(m,:)=[m]$ and we obtain the familiar expansion by the first column: $\mathbf{d}(m)=(-1)^{m+1} \mathbf{A}(m,1) \det(\mathbf{A}([1:m-1 \ m+1:n]^T, 2:n))$ and $\det(\mathbf{A})=\text{sum}(\mathbf{d})$.
- $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 0$ iff the columns of \mathbf{A} are linearly dependent (likewise rows).
 - $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 0$ if two columns are identical (likewise rows).
 - $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 0$ if any column consists entirely of zeros (likewise rows).
- If $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{a}_n]$ then $|\det(\mathbf{A})| \leq \text{prod}(\|\mathbf{a}_i\|)$ with equality iff the \mathbf{a}_i are mutually orthogonal where $\|\mathbf{a}\|$ is the Euclidean norm; this is the *Hadamard inequality*.
 - If $|\mathbf{a}_{ij}| \leq B$ for all i,j then $|\det(\mathbf{A})| \leq n^{0.5n} B^n$
 - **[A +ve semidefinite]**: $\det(\mathbf{A}) \leq \text{prod}(\text{diag}(\mathbf{A}))$
- **[A:3#3]**: If $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{a} \ \mathbf{b} \ \mathbf{c}]$ then $\det(\mathbf{A}) = \det([\mathbf{a} \ \mathbf{b} \ \mathbf{c}]) = \mathbf{a}^T \text{SKEW}(\mathbf{b}) \ \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{b}^T \text{SKEW}(\mathbf{c}) \ \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{c}^T \text{SKEW}(\mathbf{a}) \ \mathbf{b}$

Determinants of simple matrices

- $\det([a \ b; c \ d]) = ad - bc$
- $\det([\mathbf{a} \ \mathbf{b} \ \mathbf{c}]) = a_1 b_2 c_3 - a_1 b_3 c_2 - a_2 b_1 c_3 + a_2 b_3 c_1 + a_3 b_1 c_2 - a_3 b_2 c_1$
- The determinant of a [diagonal](#) or [triangular](#) matrix is the product of its diagonal elements.
- The determinant of a [unitary](#) matrix has an absolute value of 1.
 - The determinant of an [orthogonal](#) matrix is +1 or -1.
- The determinant of a [permutation](#) matrix equals the signature of the column permutation.

Determinants of sums and products

- **[A,B:n#n]**: $\det(\mathbf{AB}) = \det(\mathbf{A}) \det(\mathbf{B})$

- **[A,B:m#n]:** $\det(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{B}) = \det(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}^T) = \det(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}) = \det(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{B} \mathbf{A}^T)$ [3.2]
- **[A:n#n]:** $\det(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{x} \mathbf{y}^T) = (1 + \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{x}) \det(\mathbf{A})$ [3.4]
 - $\det(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{x} \mathbf{y}^T) = 1 + \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{x} = 1 + \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}$ [3.3]
 - $\det(k \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{x} \mathbf{y}^T) = k^n + k^{n-1} \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{x} = k^n + k^{n-1} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}$
- **[A,B: n#n, symmetric, +ve semidefinite]:**
 - $(\det(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}))^{1/n} \geq (\det(\mathbf{A}))^{1/n} + (\det(\mathbf{B}))^{1/n}$; this is the *Minkowski determinant inequality*.
 - If $0 \leq k \leq 1$, then $(\det(k \mathbf{A} + (1-k) \mathbf{B}))^{1/n} \geq k (\det(\mathbf{A}))^{1/n} + (1-k) (\det(\mathbf{B}))^{1/n}$
 - If $0 \leq k \leq 1$, then $\det(k \mathbf{A} + (1-k) \mathbf{B}) \geq (\det(\mathbf{A}))^k (\det(\mathbf{B}))^{1-k}$
 - $\det(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) \geq \sqrt[n]{\det(\mathbf{A}) \det(\mathbf{B})}$
 - For any integer $m > 0$, $n(\det(\mathbf{A}) \det(\mathbf{B}))^{m/n} \leq \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^m \mathbf{B}^m)$

Determinants of block matrices/a>

In this section we have $\mathbf{A}_{[m \# m]}$, $\mathbf{B}_{[m \# n]}$, $\mathbf{C}_{[n \# m]}$ and $\mathbf{D}_{[n \# n]}$.

- $\det([\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}; \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}]) = \det([\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{C}; \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{A}]) = \det(\mathbf{A}) \det(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{B}) = \det(\mathbf{D}) \det(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{C})$ [3.1]
 - $\det([a, \mathbf{b}^T; \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{D}]) = (a - \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{c}) \det(\mathbf{D})$
- $\det([\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{B}; \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{I}]) = \det(\mathbf{I}_{[m \# m]} - \mathbf{B} \mathbf{C}) = \det(\mathbf{I}_{[n \# n]} - \mathbf{C} \mathbf{B})$
- $\det([\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}; \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{D}]) = \det([\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{0}; \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}]) = \det(\mathbf{A}) \det(\mathbf{D})$
 - $\det([a, \mathbf{b}^T; \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{D}]) = \det([a, \mathbf{0}; \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{D}]) = a \det(\mathbf{D})$
- For the special case when $m=n$ (i.e. $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}$ all $n \# n$):
 - $\det([\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}; \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{0}]) = -\det(\mathbf{B} \mathbf{C}^T)$
 - **[AB=BA]:** $\det([\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}; \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}]) = \det(\mathbf{D} \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} \mathbf{B})$
 - **[AC=CA]:** $\det([\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}; \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}]) = \det(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C} \mathbf{B})$
 - **[BD=DB]:** $\det([\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}; \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}]) = \det(\mathbf{D} \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} \mathbf{C})$
 - **[CD=DC]:** $\det([\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}; \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}]) = \det(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{B} \mathbf{C})$

See also [Grammian](#), [Schur Complement](#)

Displacement Rank

The displacement rank of $\mathbf{X}_{[m \# n]}$ is given by $\text{dis_rank}(\mathbf{X}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{Z}^T)$ where the \mathbf{Z} are [shift matrices](#) of size $m \# m$ and $n \# n$ respectively.

- $\text{dis_rank}(\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y}) \leq \text{dis_rank}(\mathbf{X}) + \text{dis_rank}(\mathbf{Y})$
- $\text{dis_rank}(\mathbf{X} \mathbf{Y}) \leq \text{dis_rank}(\mathbf{X}) + \text{dis_rank}(\mathbf{Y})$
- $\text{dis_rank}(\mathbf{X}^{-1}) = \text{dis_rank}(\mathbf{J} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{J})$ where \mathbf{J} is the exchange matrix.
- **[X: Toeplitz]** $\text{dis_rank}(\mathbf{X}) = 2$ unless \mathbf{X} is upper or lower triangular in which case $\text{dis_rank}(\mathbf{X}) = 1$ unless $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{0}$, in which case $\text{dis_rank}(\mathbf{X}) = 0$.
 - **[X_[n#n]: Toeplitz]** If $a = \mathbf{X}_{1,1}$ and $b = \mathbf{X}_{1,1}^2$, then the [characteristic polynomial](#) of $\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{Z}^T$ is $(t^2 - at + a^2 - b) t^{n-2}$

Eigenvalues

The eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} are the roots of its [characteristic equation](#): $|\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}| = 0$.

The properties of the [eigenvalues](#) are described in the section on eigenvalues.

Field of Values

The *field of values* of a square matrix \mathbf{A} is the set of complex numbers $\mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$ for all \mathbf{x} with $\|\mathbf{x}\|=1$.

- The field of values is a closed convex set.
 - The field of values contains the convex hull of the eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} .
 - If \mathbf{A} is [normal](#) then the field of values equals the convex hull of its eigenvalues.
 - $[\mathbf{A}]_{[n \times n]}$ is [normal](#) iff its field of values is the convex hull of its eigenvalues.
 - \mathbf{A} is [hermitian](#) iff its field of values is a real interval.
 - If \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are [unitarily similar](#), they have the same field of values.
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Generalized Inverse

A *generalized inverse* of $\mathbf{X}:m \times n$ is any matrix, $\mathbf{X}^\# :n \times m$ satisfying $\mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^\# \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}$. Note that if \mathbf{X} is singular or non-square, then $\mathbf{X}^\#$ is not unique. This is also called a *weak generalized inverse* to distinguish it from the [pseudoinverse](#).

- If \mathbf{X} is square and non-singular, $\mathbf{X}^\#$ is unique and equal to \mathbf{X}^{-1} .
- $(\mathbf{X}^\#)^H$ is a generalized inverse of \mathbf{X}^H .
- $[\mathbf{X}^\# / k]$ is a generalized inverse of $k\mathbf{X}$.
- [\[A, B non-singular\]](#) $\mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\# \mathbf{A}^{-1}$ is a generalized inverse of $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{B}$
- $\text{rank}(\mathbf{X}^\#) \geq \text{rank}(\mathbf{X})$.
- $\text{rank}(\mathbf{X}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{X}^\#)$ iff \mathbf{X} is also the generalized inverse of $\mathbf{X}^\#$ (i.e. $\mathbf{X}^\# \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^\# = \mathbf{X}^\#$).
- $\mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^\#$ and $\mathbf{X}^\# \mathbf{X}$ are [idempotent](#) and have the same rank as \mathbf{X} .
 - $\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^\#$ and $\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{X}^\# \mathbf{X}$ are also [idempotent](#).
- If $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has any solutions, then $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^\# \mathbf{b}$ is a solution.
- If $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^\#$ is [hermitian](#), a value of \mathbf{x} that minimizes $\|\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|$ is given by $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^\# \mathbf{b}$. With this value of \mathbf{x} , the error $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}$ is orthogonal to the columns of \mathbf{A} . If we define the [projection](#) matrix $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^\#$, then $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{b}$ and $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b} = -(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}) \mathbf{b}$.
- If $\mathbf{X}:m \times n$ has rank r , we can find $\mathbf{A}:n \times n-r$, $\mathbf{B}:n \times r$ and $\mathbf{C}:m \times m-r$ whose columns form bases for the null space of \mathbf{X} , the range of $\mathbf{X}^+ \mathbf{X}$ and the null space of \mathbf{X}^H respectively.
 - The set of generalized inverses of \mathbf{X} is precisely given by $\mathbf{X}^\# = \mathbf{X}^+ + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{B} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{C}^H$ for arbitrary $\mathbf{Y}:n-r \times m$ and $\mathbf{Z}:r \times m-r$ where \mathbf{X}^+ is the [pseudoinverse](#).
 - For a given choice of \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{C} , each $\mathbf{X}^\#$ corresponds to a unique \mathbf{Y} and \mathbf{Z} .
 - $\mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^\#$ is [hermitian](#) iff $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{0}$.
- If $\mathbf{X}:m \times n$ has rank r , we can find $\mathbf{A}:n \times n-r$, $\mathbf{F}:n \times r$ and $\mathbf{C}:m \times m-r$ whose columns form bases for the null space of \mathbf{X} , the range of \mathbf{X}^+ and the null space of \mathbf{X}^H respectively. We can also find $\mathbf{G}:m \times r$ such that $\mathbf{X}^+ = \mathbf{F} \mathbf{G}^H$.
 - The set of generalized inverses $\mathbf{X}^\#$ of \mathbf{X} , for which \mathbf{X} is also the generalised inverse of $\mathbf{X}^\#$ is precisely given by $\mathbf{X}^\# = (\mathbf{F} + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V})(\mathbf{G} + \mathbf{C} \mathbf{W})^H$ for arbitrary $\mathbf{V}:n-r \times r$ and $\mathbf{W}:m-r \times r$.
 - For a given choice of \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{C} , \mathbf{F} and \mathbf{G} each $\mathbf{X}^\#$ corresponds to a unique \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{W} .

See also: [Pseudoinverse](#)

Gram Matrix

The *gram matrix* of \mathbf{X} , $\mathbf{GRAM}(\mathbf{X})$, is the matrix $\mathbf{X}^H \mathbf{X}$.

- $\mathbf{GRAM}(\mathbf{X})$ is [positive semi-definite hermitian](#).
- $\det(\mathbf{GRAM}(\mathbf{X})) = 0$ iff a [principal minor](#) of $\mathbf{GRAM}(\mathbf{X})$ is zero.
- $\text{rank}(\mathbf{GRAM}(\mathbf{X})) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{X})$

- $\text{trace}(\mathbf{GRAM}(\mathbf{X})) = \|\mathbf{X}\|_F^2$, the squared [Frobenius matrix norm](#).
- \mathbf{y} is an eigenvector of $\mathbf{X}^H\mathbf{X}$ iff $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{y}$ is an eigenvector of $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^H$. The corresponding eigenvalue is the same in both cases.

If \mathbf{X} is $m \times n$, the elements of $\mathbf{GRAM}(\mathbf{X})$ are the n^2 possible inner products between pairs of its columns. We can form such a matrix from n vectors in any vector space having an inner product.

See also: [Grammian](#)

Grammian

The *grammian* of a matrix \mathbf{X} , $\text{gram}(\mathbf{X})$, equals $\det(\mathbf{GRAM}(\mathbf{X})) = \det(\mathbf{X}^H\mathbf{X})$.

- $\text{gram}(\mathbf{X})$ is real and ≥ 0 .
- $\text{gram}(\mathbf{X}) > 0$ iff the columns of \mathbf{X} are linearly independent, i.e. iff $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$ implies $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$
 - **$[\mathbf{X}_{m \times n}]$** : $\text{gram}(\mathbf{X}) = 0$ if $m < n$.
- $\text{gram}(\mathbf{X}) = 0$ iff a [principal minor](#) of $\mathbf{GRAM}(\mathbf{X})$ is zero.
- **$[\mathbf{X}_{n \times n}]$** : $\text{gram}(\mathbf{X}) = \text{gram}(\mathbf{X}^H) = |\det(\mathbf{X})|^2$
- $\text{gram}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^H\mathbf{x}$
- $\text{gram}([\mathbf{X} \ \mathbf{Y}]) = \text{gram}([\mathbf{Y} \ \mathbf{X}]) = \text{gram}(\mathbf{X}) * \det(\mathbf{Y}^H\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{Y}^H\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^H\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^H\mathbf{Y}) = \text{gram}(\mathbf{X}) * \det(\mathbf{Y}^H(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^H\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^H)\mathbf{Y})$
 - $\text{gram}([\mathbf{X} \ \mathbf{y}]) = \text{gram}([\mathbf{y} \ \mathbf{X}]) = \text{gram}(\mathbf{X}) * \mathbf{y}^H\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^H\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^H\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^H\mathbf{y} = \text{gram}(\mathbf{X}) * \mathbf{y}^H(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^H\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^H)\mathbf{y}$
- $\text{gram}([\mathbf{X} \ \mathbf{y}]) = \text{gram}(\mathbf{X}) \|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^\# \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}\|^2$ where $\mathbf{X}^\#$ is the [generalized inverse](#) so that $\|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^\# \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}\|$ equals the distance between \mathbf{y} and its orthogonal projection onto the space spanned by the columns of \mathbf{X} .
- $\text{gram}([\mathbf{X} \ \mathbf{Y}]) \leq \text{gram}(\mathbf{X}) \text{gram}(\mathbf{Y})$; this is the *generalised Hadamard inequality*.
 - $\text{gram}([\mathbf{X} \ \mathbf{Y}]) = \text{gram}(\mathbf{X}) \text{gram}(\mathbf{Y})$ iff either $\mathbf{X}^H\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{0}$ or $\text{gram}(\mathbf{X}) \text{gram}(\mathbf{Y}) = 0$
 - If $\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}_1 \ \mathbf{x}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{x}_n]$ then $\text{gram}(\mathbf{X}) \leq \prod (\|\mathbf{x}_i\|^2) = \prod(\text{diag}(\mathbf{X}^H\mathbf{X}))$
 - **$[\mathbf{X}_{n \times n}]$** : $|\det(\mathbf{X})|^2 \leq \prod (\|\mathbf{x}_i\|^2) = \prod(\text{diag}(\mathbf{X}^H\mathbf{X}))$; this is the *Hadamard inequality*.

Geometric Interpretation

The grammian of $\mathbf{X}_{m \times n}$ is the squared "volume" of the n -dimensional parallelepiped spanned by the columns of \mathbf{X} .

See also: [Gram Matrix](#)

Hermitian Transpose or Conjugate Transpose

$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Y}^H$ is the Hermitian transpose or Conjugate transpose of \mathbf{Y} iff $x(i,j) = \text{conj}(y(j,i))$.

Inertia

The inertia of an $m \times m$ square matrix is the triple (p, n, z) where $p+n+z=m$ and p , n and z are respectively the number of eigenvalues, counting multiplicities, with positive, negative and zero real parts.

Inverse

\mathbf{B} is a *left inverse* of \mathbf{A} if $\mathbf{BA} = \mathbf{I}$. \mathbf{B} is a *right inverse* of \mathbf{A} if $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{I}$.

If $\mathbf{BA}=\mathbf{AB}=\mathbf{I}$ then \mathbf{B} is the *inverse* of \mathbf{A} and we write $\mathbf{B}=\mathbf{A}^{-1}$.

- **[A:n#n]** $\mathbf{AB}=\mathbf{I}$ iff $\mathbf{BA}=\mathbf{I}$, hence *inverse*, *left inverse* and *right inverse* are all equivalent for square matrices.
- **[A,B:n#n]** $(\mathbf{AB})^{-1}=\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1}$
- **[A:m#n]** \mathbf{A} has a left inverse iff $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})=n$ and a right inverse iff $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})=m$.
- **[A:n#m, B:m#n]** $\mathbf{AB}=\mathbf{I}$ implies that $n \leq m$ and that $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})=\text{rank}(\mathbf{B})=n$.

Inverse of Block Matrices

- $[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}; \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}]^{-1} = [\mathbf{Q}^{-1}, -\mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}^{-1}; -\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{Q}^{-1}, \mathbf{D}^{-1}(\mathbf{I}+\mathbf{C}\mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}^{-1})]$ where $\mathbf{Q}=(\mathbf{A}-\mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{C})$ is the [Schur Complement](#) of \mathbf{D} [3.5]
 $= [\mathbf{A}^{-1}(\mathbf{I}+\mathbf{B}\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^{-1}), -\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{P}^{-1}; -\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^{-1}, \mathbf{P}^{-1}]$ where $\mathbf{P}=(\mathbf{D}-\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B})$ is the [Schur Complement](#) of \mathbf{A} [3.5]
 $= [\mathbf{I}, -\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B}; -\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{I}] \text{DIAG}((\mathbf{A}-\mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{C})^{-1}, (\mathbf{D}-\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B})^{-1})$
 $= \text{DIAG}((\mathbf{A}-\mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{C})^{-1}, (\mathbf{D}-\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B})^{-1}) [\mathbf{I}, -\mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}^{-1}; -\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^{-1}, \mathbf{I}]$
 $= \text{DIAG}(\mathbf{A}^{-1}, \mathbf{0}) + [-\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B}; \mathbf{I}] (\mathbf{D}-\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B})^{-1} [-\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^{-1}, \mathbf{I}]$
 $= \text{DIAG}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{D}^{-1}) + [\mathbf{I}; -\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{C}] (\mathbf{A}-\mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{C})^{-1} [\mathbf{I}, -\mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}^{-1}]$
 - $[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{0}; \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}]^{-1} = [\mathbf{A}^{-1}, \mathbf{0}; -\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^{-1}, \mathbf{D}^{-1}]$
 $= [\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{0}; -\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{I}] \text{DIAG}(\mathbf{A}^{-1}, \mathbf{D}^{-1})$
 $= \text{DIAG}(\mathbf{A}^{-1}, \mathbf{D}^{-1}) [\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{0}; -\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^{-1}, \mathbf{I}]$
 - $[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}; \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{0}]^{-1} = \text{DIAG}(\mathbf{A}^{-1}, \mathbf{0}) - [-\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B}; \mathbf{I}] (\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B})^{-1} [-\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^{-1}, \mathbf{I}]$
- $[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b}; \mathbf{c}^T, d]^{-1} = [\mathbf{Q}^{-1}, -d^{-1}\mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{b}; -d^{-1}\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{Q}^{-1}, d^{-1}(1+d^{-1}\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{b})]$ where $\mathbf{Q}=(\mathbf{A}-d^{-1}\mathbf{b}\mathbf{c}^T)$,
 $= [\mathbf{A}^{-1}(\mathbf{I}+p^{-1}\mathbf{b}\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{A}^{-1}), -p^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}; -p^{-1}\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{A}^{-1}, p^{-1}]$ where $p=(d-\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b})$
 $= [\mathbf{I}, -\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}; -d^{-1}\mathbf{c}^T, 1] \text{DIAG}((\mathbf{A}-d^{-1}\mathbf{b}\mathbf{c}^T)^{-1}, (d-\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b})^{-1})$
 $= \text{DIAG}((\mathbf{A}-d^{-1}\mathbf{b}\mathbf{c}^T)^{-1}, (d-\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b})^{-1}) [\mathbf{I}, -\mathbf{b}d^{-1}; -\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{A}^{-1}, 1]$
 $= \text{DIAG}(\mathbf{A}^{-1}, \mathbf{0}) + (d-\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b})^{-1} [\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}; -1] [\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{A}^{-1}, -1]$
 $= \text{DIAG}(\mathbf{0}, d^{-1}) + [\mathbf{I}; -d^{-1}\mathbf{c}^T] (\mathbf{A}-d^{-1}\mathbf{b}\mathbf{c}^T)^{-1} [\mathbf{I}, -d^{-1}\mathbf{b}]$
 - $[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{0}; \mathbf{c}^T, d]^{-1} = [\mathbf{A}^{-1}, \mathbf{0}; -d^{-1}\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{A}^{-1}, d^{-1}]$
 $= [\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{0}; -d^{-1}\mathbf{c}^T, 1] \text{DIAG}(\mathbf{A}^{-1}, d^{-1})$
 $= \text{DIAG}(\mathbf{A}^{-1}, d^{-1}) [\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{0}; -\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{A}^{-1}, 1]$
 - $[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b}; \mathbf{c}^T, \mathbf{0}]^{-1} = \text{DIAG}(\mathbf{A}^{-1}, \mathbf{0}) - (\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b})^{-1} [\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}; -1] [\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{A}^{-1}, -1]$

See also: [Generalized Inverse](#), [Pseudoinverse](#), [Inversion Lemma](#)

Kernel

The kernel (or null space) of \mathbf{A} is the subspace of vectors \mathbf{x} for which $\mathbf{Ax}=\mathbf{0}$. The dimension of this subspace is the nullity of \mathbf{A} .

- The kernel of \mathbf{A} is the orthogonal complement of the range of \mathbf{A}^H

Linear Independence

The columns of \mathbf{A} are *linearly independent* iff the only solution to $\mathbf{Ax}=\mathbf{0}$ is $\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{0}$.

- $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}_{[m\#n]}) = n$ iff its columns are linearly independent. [1.5]
- If the columns of $\mathbf{A}_{[m\#n]}$ are linearly independent then $m \geq n$ [1.3, 1.5]
- If \mathbf{A} has linearly independent columns and $\mathbf{A}=\mathbf{F}_{[m\#r]}\mathbf{G}_{[r\#n]}$ then $r \geq n$. [1.1]

Matrix Norms

A *matrix norm* is a real-valued function of a square matrix satisfying the four axioms listed below. A *generalized matrix norm* satisfies only the first three.

1. Positive: $\|\mathbf{X}\|=0$ iff $\mathbf{X}=0$ else $\|\mathbf{X}\|>0$
2. Homogeneous: $\|c\mathbf{X}\|=|c| \|\mathbf{X}\|$ for any real or complex scalar c
3. Triangle Inequality: $\|\mathbf{X}+\mathbf{Y}\|\leq\|\mathbf{X}\|+\|\mathbf{Y}\|$
4. Submultiplicative: $\|\mathbf{XY}\|\leq\|\mathbf{X}\| \|\mathbf{Y}\|$

Induced Matrix Norm

If $\|\mathbf{y}\|$ is a [vector norm](#), then we define the *induced matrix norm* to be $\|\mathbf{X}\|=\max(\|\mathbf{Xy}\| \text{ for } \|\mathbf{y}\|=1)$

Euclidean or Frobenius Norm

The *Euclidean* or *Frobenius* norm of a matrix \mathbf{A} is given by $\|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \sqrt{\text{sum}(\mathbf{ABS}(\mathbf{A}).^2)}$. It is always a real number. The closely related *Hilbert-Schmidt* norm of a square matrix $\mathbf{A}_{n\#n}$ is given by $\|\mathbf{A}\|_{HS} = n^{-1/2} \|\mathbf{A}\|_F$.

- $\|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \|\mathbf{A}^T\|_F = \|\mathbf{A}^H\|_F$
- $\|\mathbf{A}\|_F^2 = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{A}) = \text{sum}(\text{CONJ}(\mathbf{A}).*\mathbf{A})$
- **[Q: orthogonal]**: $\|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \|\mathbf{QA}\|_F = \|\mathbf{AQ}\|_F$

p-Norms

$\|\mathbf{A}\|_p = \max(\|\mathbf{Ax}\|_p)$ where the $\max()$ is taken over all \mathbf{x} with $\|\mathbf{x}\|_p = 1$ where $\|\mathbf{x}\|_p = \text{sum}(\mathbf{abs}(\mathbf{x}).^p)^{(1/p)}$ denotes the [vector p-norm](#) for $p \geq 1$.

- $\|\mathbf{AB}\|_p \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|_p \|\mathbf{B}\|_p$
- $\|\mathbf{Ax}\|_p \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|_p \|\mathbf{x}\|_p$
- **[A:m#n]**: $\|\mathbf{A}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|_F \leq n^{1/2} \|\mathbf{A}\|_2$
- **[A:m#n]**: $\max(\mathbf{ABS}(\mathbf{A})) \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|_2 \leq \sqrt{mn} \max(\mathbf{ABS}(\mathbf{A}))$
- $\|\mathbf{A}\|_2 \leq \sqrt{\|\mathbf{A}\|_1 \|\mathbf{A}\|_{\text{inf}}}$
- $\|\mathbf{A}\|_1 = \max(\text{sum}(\mathbf{ABS}(\mathbf{A}^T)))$
- $\|\mathbf{A}\|_{\text{inf}} = \max(\text{sum}(\mathbf{ABS}(\mathbf{A})))$
- **[A:m#n]**: $\|\mathbf{A}\|_{\text{inf}} \leq \sqrt{n} \|\mathbf{A}\|_2 \leq \sqrt{mn} \|\mathbf{A}\|_{\text{inf}}$
- **[A:m#n]**: $\|\mathbf{A}\|_1 \leq \sqrt{m} \|\mathbf{A}\|_2 \leq \sqrt{mn} \|\mathbf{A}\|_1$
- **[Q: orthogonal]**: $\|\mathbf{A}\|_2 = \|\mathbf{QA}\|_2 = \|\mathbf{AQ}\|_2$

Minor

A k th-order *minor* of \mathbf{A} is the determinant of a $k\#k$ submatrix of \mathbf{A} .

A *principal minor* is the determinant of a submatrix whose diagonal elements lie on the principal diagonal of \mathbf{A} .

Null Space

The null space (or kernel) of \mathbf{A} is the subspace of vectors \mathbf{x} for which $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$.

- The null space of \mathbf{A} is the orthogonal complement of the range of \mathbf{A}^H
 - The dimension of the null space of \mathbf{A} is the [nullity](#) of \mathbf{A} .
 - Given a vector \mathbf{x} , we can choose a [Householder](#) matrix $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I} - 2\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^H$ with $\mathbf{v} = (\mathbf{x} + k\mathbf{e}_1)/\|\mathbf{x} + k\mathbf{e}_1\|$ where $k = \text{sgn}(x(1))\|\mathbf{x}\|$ and \mathbf{e}_1 is the first column of the identity matrix. The first row of \mathbf{P} equals $-k^{-1}\mathbf{x}^T$ and the remaining rows form an orthonormal basis for the null space of \mathbf{x}^T .
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Nullity

The nullity of a matrix \mathbf{A} is the dimension of the null space of \mathbf{A} .

- The nullity of \mathbf{A} is the [geometric multiplicity](#) of the eigenvalue 0.
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Observability

The pair of matrices $\{\mathbf{A}_{[n \times n]}, \mathbf{C}_{[m \times n]}\}$ are *observable* iff $\{\mathbf{A}^H, \mathbf{C}^H\}$ are [reachable](#).

- If $\{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{C}\}$ are observable then they are [constructible](#) and [detectable](#).
 - If $\det(\mathbf{A}) \neq 0$ and $\{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{C}\}$ are [constructible](#) then they are observable.
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Permanent

For an $n \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} , $\text{pet}(\mathbf{A})$ is a scalar number defined by $\text{pet}(\mathbf{A}) = \sum(\text{prod}(\mathbf{A}(1:n, \text{PERM}(n))))$

This is the same as the determinant except that the individual terms within the sum are not multiplied by the signatures of the column permutations.

Properties of Permanents

- $\text{pet}(\mathbf{A}^T) = \text{pet}(\mathbf{A})$
- $\text{pet}(\mathbf{A}^*) = \text{conj}(\text{pet}(\mathbf{A}))$
- $\text{pet}(c\mathbf{A}) = c^n \text{pet}(\mathbf{A})$
- **[P: permutation matrix]:** $\text{pet}(\mathbf{PA}) = \text{pet}(\mathbf{AP}) = \text{pet}(\mathbf{A})$
- **[D: diagonal matrix]:** $\text{pet}(\mathbf{DA}) = \text{pet}(\mathbf{AD}) = \text{pet}(\mathbf{A}) \text{pet}(\mathbf{D}) = \text{pet}(\mathbf{A}) \text{prod}(\text{diag}(\mathbf{D}))$

Permanents of simple matrices

- $\text{pet}(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}) = ad + bc$
 - The permanent of a diagonal or triangular matrix is the product of its diagonal elements.
 - The permanent of a permutation matrix equals 1.
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Potency

The potency of a [non-negative](#) matrix \mathbf{A} is the smallest $n > 0$ such that $\text{diag}(\mathbf{A}^n) > 0$ i.e. all diagonal elements of \mathbf{A}^n are strictly positive. If no such n exists then \mathbf{A} is [impotent](#).

Pseudoinverse

The *pseudoinverse* (also called the *Natural Inverse* or *Moore-Penrose Pseudoinverse*) of $\mathbf{X}_{m \times n}$ is the unique [\[1.20\]](#) $n \times m$ matrix \mathbf{X}^+ that satisfies:

1. $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^+\mathbf{X}=\mathbf{X}$ (i.e. \mathbf{X}^+ is a [generalized inverse](#) of \mathbf{X}).
 2. $\mathbf{X}^+\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^+=\mathbf{X}^+$ (i.e. \mathbf{X} is a [generalized inverse](#) of \mathbf{X}^+).
 3. $(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^+)^H=\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^+$
 4. $(\mathbf{X}^+\mathbf{X})^H=\mathbf{X}^+\mathbf{X}$
- If \mathbf{X} is square and non-singular then $\mathbf{X}^+=\mathbf{X}^{-1}$.
 - If $\mathbf{X}=\mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^H$ is the [singular value decomposition](#) of \mathbf{X} , then $\mathbf{X}^+=\mathbf{V}\mathbf{D}^+\mathbf{U}^H$ where \mathbf{D}^+ is formed by inverting all the non-zero elements of \mathbf{D}^T .
 - If \mathbf{D} is a (not necessarily square) diagonal matrix, then \mathbf{D}^+ is formed by inverting all the non-zero elements of \mathbf{D}^T .
 - The pseudoinverse of \mathbf{X} is the [generalized inverse](#) having the lowest [Frobenius norm](#).
 - If \mathbf{X} is real then so is \mathbf{X}^+ .
 - $(\mathbf{X}^+)^+=\mathbf{X}$
 - $(\mathbf{X}^T)^+= (\mathbf{X}^+)^T$
 - $(\mathbf{X}^H)^+= (\mathbf{X}^+)^H$
 - $(c\mathbf{X})^+=c^{-1}\mathbf{X}^+$ for any real or complex scalar c .
 - $\mathbf{X}^+=\mathbf{X}^H(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^H)^+= (\mathbf{X}^H\mathbf{X})^+\mathbf{X}^H$.
 - If $\mathbf{X}_{m \times n} = \mathbf{F}_{m \times r} \mathbf{G}_{r \times n}$ has rank r then $\mathbf{X}^+=\mathbf{G}^+\mathbf{F}^+=\mathbf{G}^H(\mathbf{F}^H\mathbf{X}\mathbf{G}^H)^{-1}\mathbf{F}^H$.
 - If $\mathbf{X}_{m \times n}$ has rank n (i.e. the columns are linearly independent) then $\mathbf{X}^+= (\mathbf{X}^H\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^H$ and $\mathbf{X}^+\mathbf{X}=\mathbf{I}$.
 - If $\mathbf{X}_{m \times n}$ has rank m (i.e. the rows are linearly independent) then $\mathbf{X}^+=\mathbf{X}^H(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^H)^{-1}$ and $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^+=\mathbf{I}$.
 - If \mathbf{X} has orthonormal rows or orthonormal columns then $\mathbf{X}^+=\mathbf{X}^H$.
 - $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^+$ is a [projection](#) onto the column space of \mathbf{X} .
 - **[rank(X)=1]:** $\mathbf{X}^+=\mathbf{X}^H/\text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^H\mathbf{X})=\mathbf{X}^H/\|\mathbf{X}\|_F^2$ where $\|\mathbf{X}\|_F$ is the [Frobenius Norm](#) (see [rank-1 matrices](#))
 - $(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}^H)^+=\mathbf{y}\mathbf{x}^H/(\mathbf{x}^H\mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}^H\mathbf{y})$
 - $\mathbf{x}^+=\mathbf{x}^H/(\mathbf{x}^H\mathbf{x})$

See also: [Inverse](#), [Generalized Inverse](#)

Rank

The rank of an $m \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} is the smallest r for which there exist $\mathbf{F}_{[m \times r]}$ and $\mathbf{G}_{[r \times n]}$ such that $\mathbf{A}=\mathbf{F}\mathbf{G}$. Such a decomposition is a *full-rank* decomposition. As a special case, the rank of $\mathbf{0}$ is 0.

- $\mathbf{A}=\mathbf{F}_{[m \times r]}\mathbf{G}_{[r \times n]}$ implies that $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) \leq r$.
- $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})=1$ iff $\mathbf{A}=\mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}^T$ for some \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} .
- $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}_{[m \times n]}) \leq \min(m, n)$. [\[1.3\]](#)
- $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}_{[m \times n]})=n$ iff its columns are [linearly independent](#). [\[1.5\]](#)
- $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})=\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}^T)=\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}^H)$
- $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$ = maximum number of linearly independent columns (or rows) of \mathbf{A} .
- $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$ is the dimension of the [range](#) of \mathbf{A} .
- $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}_{[n \times n]}) + \text{nullity}(\mathbf{A}_{[n \times n]}) = n$
 - $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}_{[n \times n]}) = n - 1$ if 0 is an eigenvalue of \mathbf{A} with [algebraic multiplicity](#) 1.
- $\det(\mathbf{A}_{[n \times n]})=0$ iff $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}_{[n \times n]}) < n$.
- $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) \leq \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) + \text{rank}(\mathbf{B})$
- $\text{rank}([\mathbf{A} \ \mathbf{B}]) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) + \text{rank}(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\# \mathbf{B})$ where $\mathbf{A}^\#$ is a [generalized inverse](#) of \mathbf{A} .
 - $\text{rank}([\mathbf{A}; \mathbf{C}]) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) + \text{rank}(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^\# \mathbf{A})$

- $\text{rank}([\mathbf{A} \ \mathbf{B}; \ \mathbf{C} \ \mathbf{0}]) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{B}) + \text{rank}(\mathbf{C}) + \text{rank}((\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^\#)\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{C}^\#))$
 - $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^H) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{A}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$ [see [grammian](#)]
 - $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}) + \text{rank}(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{C}) \leq \text{rank}(\mathbf{B}) + \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{C})$
 - $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}_{[m \times n]}) + \text{rank}(\mathbf{B}) - n \leq \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}) \leq \min(\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}), \text{rank}(\mathbf{B}))$
 - **[X: non-singular]:** $\text{rank}(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{A}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$
 - $\text{rank}(\mathbf{KRON}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})\text{rank}(\mathbf{B})$
 - $\text{rank}(\mathbf{DIAG}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \dots, \mathbf{Z})) = \text{sum}(\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}), \text{rank}(\mathbf{B}), \dots, \text{rank}(\mathbf{Z}))$
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Range

The range (or image) of \mathbf{A} is the subspace of vectors that equal $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ for some \mathbf{x} . The dimension of this subspace is the rank of \mathbf{A} .

- **[A:m#n]** The range of \mathbf{A} is the orthogonal complement of the null space of \mathbf{A}^H .
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Reachability

The pair of matrices $\{\mathbf{A}_{[n \times n]}, \mathbf{B}_{[n \times m]}\}$ are *reachable* iff any of the following equivalent conditions are true

1. $\text{rank}(\mathbf{C})=n$ where $\mathbf{C} = [\mathbf{B} \ \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B} \ \mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{B} \ \dots \ \mathbf{A}^{n-1}\mathbf{B}]_{[n \times mn]}$ is the *controllability matrix*.
 2. If $\mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{A}^r \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}$ for $0 \leq r < n$ then $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.
 3. If $\mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{A} = k\mathbf{x}^H$ then $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.
 4. For any \mathbf{v} , it is possible to choose $\mathbf{L}_{[n \times m]}$ such that $\mathbf{eig}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{L}^H) = \mathbf{v}$.
- If $\{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}\}$ are reachable then they are [controllable](#) and [stabilizable](#).
 - If $\det(\mathbf{A}) \neq 0$ and $\{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}\}$ are [controllable](#) then they are reachable.
 - $\{\mathbf{DIAG}(\mathbf{a}), \mathbf{b}\}$ are reachable iff all elements of \mathbf{a} are distinct and all elements of \mathbf{b} are non-zero.
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Schur Complement

Given a block matrix $\mathbf{M} = [\mathbf{A}_{[m \times m]}, \mathbf{B}; \ \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}_{[n \times n]}]$, then $\mathbf{P}_{[n \times n]} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B}$ and $\mathbf{Q}_{[m \times m]} = \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{C}$ are respectively the Schur Complements of \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{D} in \mathbf{M} .

- $\det([\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}; \ \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}]) = \det([\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{C}; \ \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{A}]) = \det(\mathbf{A}) * \det(\mathbf{P}) = \det(\mathbf{Q}) * \det(\mathbf{D})$ [3.1]
 - $[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}; \ \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}]^{-1} = [\mathbf{Q}^{-1}, -\mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}^{-1}; \ -\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{Q}^{-1}, \mathbf{D}^{-1}(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{C}\mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}^{-1})] = [\mathbf{A}^{-1}(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^{-1}), -\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{P}^{-1}; \ -\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^{-1}, \mathbf{P}^{-1}]$ [3.5]
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Spectral Radius

The *spectral radius*, $\rho(\mathbf{A})$, of $\mathbf{A}_{[n \times n]}$ is the maximum modulus of any of its eigenvalues.

- $\rho(\mathbf{A}) \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|$ where $\|\mathbf{A}\|$ is any [matrix norm](#).
 - For any $a > 0$, there exists a matrix norm such that $\|\mathbf{A}\| - a \leq \rho(\mathbf{A}) \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|$.
 - If $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{A}) \leq \mathbf{B}$ then $\rho(\mathbf{A}) \leq \rho(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{A})) \leq \rho(\mathbf{B})$
 - **[A,B: real]** If $\mathbf{B} \geq \mathbf{A} \geq \mathbf{0}$ then $\rho(\mathbf{B}) \geq \rho(\mathbf{A})$
 - **[A: real]** If $\mathbf{A} \geq \mathbf{0}$ then $\rho(\mathbf{A}) \geq a_{ij}$ for all i, j
 - **[A,B: Hermitian]** $\text{abs}(\mathbf{eig}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) - \mathbf{eig}(\mathbf{A})) \leq \rho(\mathbf{B})$ where $\mathbf{eig}(\mathbf{A})$ contains the [eigenvalues](#) of \mathbf{A} sorted into ascending order. This shows that perturbing a hermitian matrix slightly doesn't have too big an effect on its eigenvalues.
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Spectrum

The spectrum of $\mathbf{A}_{[n \times n]}$ is the set of all its eigenvalues.

Stabilizability

The pair of matrices $\{\mathbf{A}_{[n \times n]}, \mathbf{B}_{[n \times m]}\}$ are *stabilizable* iff either of the following equivalent conditions are true

1. If $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} = k \mathbf{x}^T$ then either $|k| < 1$ or else $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.
 2. It is possible to choose $\mathbf{L}_{[n \times m]}$ such that all elements of $\mathbf{eig}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} \mathbf{L}^H)$ have absolute value < 1 .
- If $\{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}\}$ are [reachable](#) or [controllable](#) then they are stabilizable.
 - $\{\mathbf{DIAG}(\mathbf{a}), \mathbf{b}\}$ are stabilizable iff all elements of \mathbf{a} with modulus ≥ 1 are distinct and all the corresponding elements of \mathbf{b} are non-zero.
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Submatrix

A *submatrix* of \mathbf{A} is a matrix formed by the elements $a(i, j)$ where i ranges over a subset of the rows and j ranges over a subset of the columns.

Trace

The trace of a square matrix is the sum of its diagonal elements: $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{sum}(\mathbf{diag}(\mathbf{A}))$

In the formulae below, we assume that matrix dimensions ensure that the argument of $\text{tr}()$ is square.

- $\text{tr}(a\mathbf{A}) = a \times \text{tr}(\mathbf{A})$
 - $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^T) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A})$
 - $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^H) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A})^C$
 - $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{B})$
 - $\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{BA})$ [\[1.17\]](#)
 - $\text{tr}((\mathbf{AB})^k) = \text{tr}((\mathbf{BA})^k)$
 - $\text{tr}(\mathbf{ab}^T) = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b}$
 - $\text{tr}(\mathbf{Xba}^T) = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{Xb}$
 - $\text{tr}(\mathbf{ab}^H) = (\mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{b})^C$
 - $\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABCD}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{BCDA}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{CDAB}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{DABC})$
 - [Similar](#) matrices have the same trace: $\text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^{-1} \mathbf{AX}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A})$
 - $\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) = \mathbf{A} : ^T \mathbf{B}^T = \mathbf{A}^T : ^T \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^H : ^H \mathbf{B} = (\mathbf{A} : ^H \mathbf{B}^H)^C$ [\[1.18\]](#)
 - $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{B}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}^T) = \text{sum}(\mathbf{A} : \bullet \mathbf{B} :) = \mathbf{A} : ^T \mathbf{B} :$
 - $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{B}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{BA}^H) = \text{sum}(\mathbf{A}^C : \bullet \mathbf{B} :) = \mathbf{A} : ^H \mathbf{B} :$
 - $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{AA}^H) = \mathbf{A} : ^H \mathbf{A} : = (\|\mathbf{A}\|_F)^2$ where $\|\mathbf{A}\|_F$ is the [Frobenius matrix norm](#).
 - $\text{tr}([\mathbf{A} \ \mathbf{B}]^T [\mathbf{C} \ \mathbf{D}]) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{C}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{D})$ [\[1.19\]](#)
 - $\text{tr}([\mathbf{A} \ \mathbf{b}]^T [\mathbf{C} \ \mathbf{d}]) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{C}) + \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{d}$
 - $\text{tr}([\mathbf{A} \ \mathbf{B}]^T \mathbf{X} [\mathbf{C} \ \mathbf{D}]) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{XC}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{XD})$
 - $\text{tr}([\mathbf{A} \ \mathbf{b}]^T \mathbf{X} [\mathbf{C} \ \mathbf{d}]) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{XC}) + \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{Xd}$
 - $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B}) = [\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} : n \times n] \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) \text{tr}(\mathbf{B})$ where \otimes denotes the [Kronecker product](#).
 - [\[D is diagonal\]](#) $\text{tr}(\mathbf{XDX}^T) = \text{sum}_i(d_i \ \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_i)$ and $\text{tr}(\mathbf{XDX}^H) = \text{sum}_i(d_i \ \mathbf{x}_i^H \mathbf{x}_i) = \text{sum}_i(d_i \ |\mathbf{x}_i|^2)$ [\[1.16\]](#)
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Transpose

$\mathbf{X}=\mathbf{Y}^T$ is the transpose of \mathbf{Y} iff $x(i,j)=y(j,i)$.

Vectorization

The vector formed by concatenating all the columns of \mathbf{X} is written $\text{vec}(\mathbf{X})$ or, in this website, $\mathbf{X}_:$. If $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}_{[m\#n]}$: then $y_{i+m(j-1)} = x_{i,j}$.

- $\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b} = (\mathbf{b}\mathbf{a}^T)$: where \otimes denotes the [Kronecker product](#).
 - $\text{sum}((\mathbf{A} \bullet \mathbf{B})_:) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{B}) = \text{sum}(\mathbf{A}_: \bullet \mathbf{B}_:) = \mathbf{A}_:^T \mathbf{B}_: = (\mathbf{A}^T)_:^T \mathbf{B}_:$ where $\mathbf{A} \bullet \mathbf{B}$ denotes the [Hadamard or elementwise product](#).
 - $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{B}) = \text{sum}(\mathbf{A}^C_: \bullet \mathbf{B}_:) = \mathbf{A}_:^H \mathbf{B}_:$
 - **[A, B Hermitian]** $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{B}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{B}^H \mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{A}_:^H \mathbf{B}_: = \mathbf{B}_:^H \mathbf{A}_:$ is real-valued.
 - $(\mathbf{ABC})_: = (\mathbf{C}^T \otimes \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{B}_:$
 - $(\mathbf{AB})_: = (\mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{B}_: = (\mathbf{B}^T \otimes \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{A}_: = (\mathbf{B}^T \otimes \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{I}_:$
 - $(\mathbf{Abc}^T)_: = (\mathbf{c} \otimes \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{c} \otimes \mathbf{Ab}$
 - $\mathbf{ABc} = (\mathbf{c}^T \otimes \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{B}_:$
 - $\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{Bc} = (\mathbf{c} \otimes \mathbf{a})^T \mathbf{B}_: = (\mathbf{c}^T \otimes \mathbf{a}^T) \mathbf{B}_: = (\mathbf{ac}^T)_: ^T \mathbf{B}_: = \mathbf{B}_: ^T (\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{c}) = \mathbf{B}_: ^T (\mathbf{ca}^T)_:$
 - $\mathbf{ab}^H \otimes \mathbf{cd}^H = (\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{c})(\mathbf{b} \otimes \mathbf{d})^H = (\mathbf{ca}^T)_: (\mathbf{db}^T)_: ^H$
 - $\mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{bc}^H \mathbf{d} = \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{b} \otimes \mathbf{c}^H \mathbf{d} = (\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{c})^H (\mathbf{b} \otimes \mathbf{d}) = (\mathbf{ca}^T)_: ^H (\mathbf{db}^T)_:$
 - $(\mathbf{ABC})_: ^T = \mathbf{B}_: ^T (\mathbf{C} \otimes \mathbf{A}^T)$
 - $(\mathbf{AB})_: ^T = \mathbf{B}_: ^T (\mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{A}^T) = \mathbf{A}_: ^T (\mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{I}) = \mathbf{I}_: ^T (\mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{A}^T)$
 - $(\mathbf{Abc}^T)_: ^T = \mathbf{b}^T (\mathbf{c}^T \otimes \mathbf{A}^T) = \mathbf{c}^T \otimes \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{A}^T$
 - $\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{B}_: ^T (\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{C})$
 - If $\mathbf{Y}=\mathbf{AXB}+\mathbf{CXD}+\dots$ then $\mathbf{X}_: = (\mathbf{B}^T \otimes \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{D}^T \otimes \mathbf{C}+\dots)^{-1} \mathbf{Y}_:$ however this is a slow and often ill-conditioned way of solving such equations.
 - $(\mathbf{A}_{[m\#n]})_: ^T = \text{TVEC}(m,n) (\mathbf{A}_:) [\text{see } \text{vectorized transpose}]$
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Vector Norms

A *vector norm* is a real-valued function of a vector satisfying the three axioms listed below.

1. Positive: $\|\mathbf{x}\|=0$ iff $\mathbf{x}=0$ else $\|\mathbf{x}\|>0$
2. Homogeneous: $\|c\mathbf{x}\|=|c| \|\mathbf{x}\|$ for any real or complex scalar c
3. Triangle Inequality: $\|\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{x}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| + \|\mathbf{x}\|$

Inner Product Norm

If $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$ is an [inner product](#) then $\|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle}$ is a vector norm.

- A vector norm may be derived from an inner product iff it satisfies the *parallelogram identity*:
 $\|\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{y}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}\|^2 = 2\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{y}\|^2$
- If $\|\mathbf{x}\|$ is derived from $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$ then $4\text{Re}(\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle) = \|\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{y}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}\|^2 = 2\|\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{y}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{y}\|^2$

Euclidean Norm

The Euclidean norm of a vector \mathbf{x} equals the square root of the sum of the squares of the absolute values of all its elements and is written $\|\mathbf{x}\|$. It is always a real number and corresponds to the normal notion of the vector's

length.

- $\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 = \mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{x} = \text{tr}(\mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^H)$
- Cauchy-Schwartz inequality: $|\mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{y}| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|$
- **[Q: orthogonal]:** $\|\mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{x}\|$

Hölder Norms or p-Norms

The p-norm of a vector \mathbf{x} is defined by $\|\mathbf{x}\|_p = (\sum (\mathbf{abs}(\mathbf{x}))^p)^{(1/p)}$ for $p \geq 1$. The most common values of p are 1, 2 and infinity.

- City-Block Norm: $\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 = \sum (\mathbf{abs}(\mathbf{x}))$
- Euclidean Norm: $\|\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{\mathbf{x}' \mathbf{x}}$
- Infinity Norm: $\|\mathbf{x}\|_{\text{inf}} = \max(\mathbf{abs}(\mathbf{x}))$
- Hölder inequality: $\mathbf{abs}(\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{abs}(\mathbf{y}) \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_p \|\mathbf{y}\|_q$ where $1/p + 1/q = 1$
- $\|\mathbf{x}\|_{\text{inf}} \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_1 \leq \sqrt{n} \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq n \|\mathbf{x}\|_{\text{inf}}$

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