

EDUCATALYSTS

Class(12th)

Introduction to Matrices

Matrices

1.1 Definition of a Matrix

Definition 1.1.1 (Matrix) A rectangular array of numbers is called a matrix.

We shall mostly be concerned with matrices having real numbers as entries.

The horizontal arrays of a matrix are called its ROWS and the vertical arrays are called its COLUMNS.

A matrix having m rows and n columns is said to have the order $m \times n$.

A matrix A of ORDER $m \times n$ can be represented in the following form:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

where a_{ij} is the entry at the intersection of the i th row and j th column.

In a more concise manner, we also denote the matrix A by $[a_{ij}]$ by suppressing its order.

Remark 1.1.2 Some books also use

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

to represent a matrix.

A matrix having only one column is called a COLUMN VECTOR; and a matrix with only one row is called a ROW VECTOR.

WHENEVER A VECTOR IS USED, IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD FROM THE CONTEXT WHETHER IT IS A ROW VECTOR OR A COLUMN VECTOR.

Definition 1.1.3 (Equality of two Matrices) Two matrices $A = [a_{ij}]$ and $B = [b_{ij}]$ having the same order $m \times n$ are equal if for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ and $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$,

In other words, two matrices are said to be equal if they have the same order and their corresponding entries are equal.

Example 1.1.4 The linear system of equations $2x - 3y = 5$ and $3x + y = 5$ can be identified with the

matrix

1.1.1 Special Matrices

Definition 1.1.5 1. A matrix in which each entry is zero is called a zero-matrix, denoted by 0 . For example,

$$0_{2 \times 2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } 0_{2 \times 3} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

2. A matrix having the number of rows equal to the number of columns is called a square matrix. Thus, its order is $m \times m$ (for some m) and is represented by m only.

3. In a square matrix, $A = [a_{ij}]$, of order n , the entries $a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{nn}$ are called the diagonal entries and form the principal diagonal of A ,

4. A square matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$ is said to be a diagonal matrix if $a_{ij} = 0$ for $i \neq j$. In other words, the non-zero entries appear only on the principal diagonal. For example, the zero matrix 0_n , and are a few diagonal matrices.

A diagonal matrix D of order n with the diagonal entries d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n is denoted by $D = \text{diag}(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$. If $d_i = 1$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$,

then the diagonal matrix D is called a scalar

matrix.

5.
$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

A square matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$ with $a_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$ is called the identity

matrix, denoted by

The subscript n is suppressed in case the order is clear from the context or if no confusion arises.

6. A square matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$ is said to be an upper triangular matrix if $a_{ij} = 0$ for $i > j$.

A square matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$ is said to be a lower triangular matrix if $a_{ij} = 0$ for $i < j$.

For example, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is an upper triangular matrix. An upper triangular matrix will be represented

A square matrix A is said to be triangular if it is an upper or a lower triangular matrix

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by
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

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1.2 Operations on Matrices

Definition 1.2.1 (Transpose of a Matrix) The transpose of an $m \times n$ matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$ is defined as the $n \times m$ matrix $B = [b_{ij}]$, with $b_{ij} = a_{ji}$ for $1 \leq i \leq m$ and $1 \leq j \leq n$. The transpose of A is denoted by A' .

That is, by the transpose of an $m \times n$ matrix A , we mean a matrix of order $n \times m$ having the rows of A as its columns and

For example, if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ then $A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Thus, the transpose of a row vector is a column vector and vice-versa.

the columns of A as its rows.

Theorem 1.2.2 For any matrix A , we have $(A^T)^T = A$.

PROOF. Let $A = [a_{ij}]$, $A^T = [b_{ji}]$ and $(A^T)^T = [c_{ij}]$. Then, the definition of transpose gives

$$c_{ij} = b_{ji} = a_{ij} \text{ for all } i, j$$

and the result follows.

Definition 1.2.3 (Addition of Matrices) Let $A = [a_{ij}]$ and $B = [b_{ij}]$ be two $m \times n$ matrices. Then the sum $A + B$ is defined to be the matrix $C = [c_{ij}]$ with $c_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij}$.

Note that, we define the sum of two matrices only when the order of the two matrices are same.

Definition 1.2.4 (Multiplying a Scalar to a Matrix) Let $A = [a_{ij}]$ be an $m \times n$ matrix. Then for any element $k \in \mathbb{R}$, we define

For example, if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 20 & 25 \\ 5 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$ then $5A = \begin{bmatrix} 100 & 125 \\ 25 & 50 \end{bmatrix}$

$$kA = [ka_{ij}]$$

Theorem 1.2.5 Let A , B and C be matrices of order $m \times n$ and let $k \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

1. $A + B = B + A$ (commutativity).
2. $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$ (associativity).
3. $k(tA) = (kt)A$.
4. $(k + t)A = kA + tA$.

PROOF. Part 1

Let $A = [a_{ij}]$ and $B = [b_{ij}]$. Then

$$A + B = [a_{ij} + b_{ij}] = [b_{ij} + a_{ij}] = B + A$$

as real numbers commute.

The reader is required to prove the other parts as all the results follow from the properties of real numbers. \square

Exercise 1.2.6 1. Suppose $A + B = A$. Then show that $B = 0$.

2. Suppose $A + B = 0$. Then show that $B = -A$.

Definition 1.2.7 (Additive Inverse) Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix.

1. Then there exists a matrix B with $A + B = 0$. This matrix B is called the additive inverse of A , and is denoted by $-A = (-1)A$.
2. Also, for the matrix $0_{m \times n}$, $0_{m \times n} + A = A + 0_{m \times n} = A$. Hence, the matrix $0_{m \times n}$ is called the additive identity.

1.2.1 Multiplication of Matrices

Definition 1.2.8 (Matrix Multiplication / Product) Let $A = [a_{ij}]$ be an $m \times n$ matrix and $B = [b_{jk}]$ be an $n \times r$ matrix. The product AB is a matrix $C = [c_{ik}]$ of order $m \times r$, with n $c_{ik} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} b_{jk}$.

$$k=1$$

Observe that the product AB is defined if and only if

THE NUMBER OF COLUMNS OF

For example, if $A =$

and $B =$

then

$$1 + 6 + 12 \quad 4 \ 2 \ 19$$

$$2 + 12 + 4 \quad 3 \ 4 \ 18$$

A — THE NUMBER OF ROWS OF B . $[l]$

Note that in this example, while AB is defined, the product BA is not defined. However, for square matrices A and B of the same order, both the product AB and BA are defined.

Definition 1.2.9 Two square matrices A and B are said to commute if $AB = BA$.

Remark 1.2.10 1. Note that if A is a square matrix of order n then $A I_n = I_n A$. Also for any $d \in \mathbb{R}$.

the matrix dI_n commutes with every square matrix of order n . The matrices dI_n for any $d \in \mathbb{R}$ are called SCALAR

2. In general, the matrix product is not commutative. For example, consider the following two

matrices $A =$

and $B =$

Then check that the matrix product

matrices.

Theorem 1.2.11 Suppose that the matrices A , B and C are so chosen that the matrix multiplications are defined.

1. Then $(AB)C = A(BC)$. That is, the matrix multiplication is associative.
2. For any $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $(kA)B = k(AB) = A(kB)$.
3. Then $A(B + C) = AB + AC$. That is, multiplication distributes over addition.
4. If I_n is an $n \times n$ matrix then $A I_n = I_n A = A$.
5. For any square matrix A of order n and $D = \text{diag}(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$, we have
 - the first row of DA is d_1 times the first row of A
 - for $1 < i \leq n$, the i -th row of DA is d_i times the row of A .

A similar statement holds for the columns of A when A is multiplied on the right by D . **PROOF.** Part I Let $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$, B

$= [b_{jk}]_{n \times p}$ and $C =$

Then

$$(BC)_{kj} = \sum_{t=1}^n b_{kt} c_{tj} \text{ and } (AB)_{iu} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} b_{ju}.$$

Therefore,

$$Y_{a,i}(BC)_{ij} = t$$

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PartS For all $J = 1, 2, \dots, n$, we have

$$(DA)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n d_{jk} a_{ik} = d_{ji} a_{ii}$$

as $d_{jk} = 0$ whenever $j \neq k$. Hence, the required result follows. The reader is required to prove the other parts.

Exercise 1.2.12 1. Let A and B be two matrices. If the matrix addition $A + B$ is defined, then prove

(i)

(ii)

2.

Compute the matrix products AB and BA .

3. Let n be a positive integer. Compute A^n

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

that $(A + B)' = A' + B'$. Also, if the matrix product AB is defined then prove that $(AB)' = B'A'$.

for the following matrices:

Can you guess a formula for A^n and prove it by induction?

4. Find examples for the following statements.

- (a) Suppose that the matrix product AB is defined. Then the product BA need not be defined.
- (b) Suppose that the matrix products AB and BA are defined. Then the matrices AB and BA can have different orders.
- (c) Suppose that the matrices A and B are square matrices of order n . Then AB and BA may or may not be equal.

Some More Special Matrices

1.3

Definition 1.3.1 1. A matrix A over \mathbb{R} is called symmetric if $A^t = A$ and skew-symmetric if $A^t = -A$.

2. A matrix A is said to be orthogonal if $AA^t = A^tA = I$.

Example 1.3.2 1. Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & -3 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Then A is a symmetric matrix and B is a skew-symmetric matrix.

2. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \star & 1 \\ \star & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Then A is an orthogonal matrix.

3. Let $A = [a_{ij}]$ be an $n \times n$ matrix with $a_{ii} = 0$ and $a_{ij} = 1$ for $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ otherwise 0. The matrices A for which a positive integer k exists such that $A^k = 0$ are called NILPOTENT matrices. The least positive integer k for which $A^k = 0$ is called the ORDER OF NILPOTENCY.
4. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Then $A^2 = A$. The matrices that satisfy the condition that $A^2 = A$ are called IDEMPOTENT matrices.

- Exercise 1.3.3** 1. Show that for any square matrix A , $S = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^T)$ is symmetric, $T = \frac{1}{2}(A - A^T)$ is skew-symmetric, and $A = S + T$.
2. Show that the product of two lower triangular matrices is a lower triangular matrix. A similar statement holds for upper triangular matrices.
3. Let A and B be symmetric matrices. Show that AB is symmetric if and only if $AB = BA$.
4. Show that the diagonal entries of a skew-symmetric matrix are zero.
5. Let A, B be skew-symmetric matrices with $AB = BA$. Is the matrix AB symmetric or skew-symmetric?
6. Let A be a symmetric matrix of order n with $A^2 = 0$. Is it necessarily true that $A = 0$?
7. Let A be a nilpotent matrix. Show that there exists a matrix B such that $B(I + A) = I = (I + A)B$.

1.3.1 Submatrix of a Matrix

Definition 1.3.4 A matrix obtained by deleting some of the rows and/or columns of a matrix is said to be a submatrix of the given matrix.

For example, if

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

But the matrices $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ are not submatrices of A . (The reader is advised to give reasons.)

Miscellaneous Exercises

- Exercise 1.3.5** 1. Complete the proofs of Theorems 1.2.1 and 1.2.2.

2. Geometrically interpret $y = \cos x$.

3. Consider the two coordinate transformations
- $$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= a_{11}x + a_{12}y & \text{and} & \quad y_1 = b_{11}x + b_{12}y \\ x_2 &= a_{21}x + a_{22}y & \text{and} & \quad y_2 = b_{21}x + b_{22}y \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Compose the two transformations to express $ri, X2$ in terms of $zi, 22$ -
- (b) If $x' = [j-j, j:2], y' = [t/i, t/2]$ and $z' = [z>, 22]$ then find matrices A, B and C such that $x = Ay, y = Bz$ and $x = Cz$.
- (c) Is $C = AB$?
4. For a square matrix A of order n , we define trace of A , denoted by $\text{tr}(A)$ as
- $$\text{tr}(A) = a_{11} + a_{22} + \dots + a_{nn}.$$
- Then for two square matrices, A and B of the same order, show the following:
- (a) $\text{tr}(A + B) = \text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(B)$.
- (b) $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$.
5. Show that, there do not exist matrices A and B such that $AB - BA = cI_n$ for any $c \neq 0$.
6. Let A and B be two $n \times n$ matrices and let x be an $n \times 1$ column vector.
- (a) Prove that if $Ax = 0$ for all x , then A is the zero matrix.

7. Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix such that $AB = BA$ for all $n \times n$ matrices B . Show that $A = aI$ for some $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

8. Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$. Show that there exist infinitely many matrices B such that $BA = I/2$. Also, show that there does not exist any matrix C such that $AC = I/3$.

1.3.1 Block Matrices

Let A be an $n \times m$ matrix and B be an $m \times p$ matrix. Suppose $r < m$. Then, we can decompose the matrices A and B as $A = \begin{bmatrix} P \\ Q \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} H & K \end{bmatrix}$; where P has order $n \times r$ and H has order $r \times p$. That is, the matrices P and Q are submatrices of A and P consists of the first r columns of A and Q consists of the last $m - r$ columns of A . Similarly, H and K are submatrices of B and H consists of the first r rows of B and K consists of the last $m - r$ rows of B . We now prove the following important theorem.

Theorem 1.3.6 Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} P \\ Q \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} H & K \end{bmatrix}$ be defined as above. Then

$$AB = PH + QK.$$

PROOF. First note that the matrices PH and QK are each of order $n \times p$. The matrix products PH and QK are valid as the order of the matrices P, H, Q and K are respectively, $n \times r, r \times p, n \times (m - r)$ and $(m - r) \times p$. Let $P = [P_{ij}]$, $Q = [Q_{ij}]$, $H = [H_{ij}]$ and $K = [K_{ij}]$. Then, for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $1 \leq j \leq p$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (AB)_{ij} &= \sum_{k=1}^m a_{ik}b_{kj} = \sum_{k=1}^r a_{ik}b_{kj} + \sum_{k=r+1}^m a_{ik}b_{kj} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^r P_{ik}H_{kj} + \sum_{k=r+1}^m Q_{ik}K_{kj} \\ &= (PH)_{ij} + (QK)_{ij} = (PH + QK)_{ij}. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Prove that if $Ax = Bx$ for all x , then $A = B$.

Theorem 11.3.61 is very useful due to the following reasons:

1. The order of the matrices P , Q , H and K are smaller than that of A or B .
2. It may be possible to block the matrix in such a way that a few blocks are either identity matrices or zero matrices. In this case, it may be easy to handle the matrix product using the block form.
3. Or when we want to prove results using induction, then we may assume the result for $r \times r$ submatrices and then look

For example, if $A =$ and $B =$, Then
for $(r + 1) \times (r + 1)$ submatrices, etc.

$$\begin{bmatrix} b \\ d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} [e f] = \begin{matrix} b + 2d \\ 26 + 5J \\ a + 2c \quad 2a \\ + 5c \end{matrix}$$

If $A = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \\ -2 & 5 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$, then A can be decomposed as follows:

$$A = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \\ -2 & 5 & -3 \end{vmatrix}, \text{ or } A = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \\ -2 & 5 & -3 \end{vmatrix}, \text{ or}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \\ -2 & 5 & -3 \end{vmatrix} \text{ and so on.}$$

Suppose $A = \begin{matrix} m_1 \times n_1 \\ n_2 \end{matrix} \begin{vmatrix} P & Q \\ R & S \end{vmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{matrix} n_1 \times m_2 \\ m_2 \end{matrix} \begin{vmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{vmatrix}$. Then the matrices P , Q , R , S and E , F , G , H are called the blocks of the matrices A and B , respectively.

Even if $A + B$ is defined, the orders of P and E may not be same and hence, we may not be able to add $P + E$, $Q + F$, $R + G$, $S + H$. Similarly, if the product AB is defined, the product PE need not be defined. Therefore, we can talk of matrix product AB as block product of matrices, if both the products AB and PE are defined. And $PE + QG + PF + QH + RE + SG + RF + SH$

That is, once a partition of A is fixed, the partition of B has to be properly chosen for purposes of block addition or multiplication.

In this case, we have $AB =$

Exercise 1.3.7 1. Compute the matrix product AB using the block matrix multiplication for the matrices

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

symmetric, when A is symmetric?

2. Let $A =$ If P , Q , R and S are symmetric, what can you say about A ? Are P , Q , R and S

3. Let $A = [a_{ij}]$ and $B = [b_{ij}]$ be two matrices. Suppose $a_{i1}, a_{i2}, \dots, a_{in}$ are the rows of A and $b_{1j}, b_{2j}, \dots, b_{mj}$ are the columns of B . If the product AB is defined, then show that

$$AB = [a_{i1}b_{1j} + a_{i2}b_{2j} + \dots + a_{in}b_{nj}] = a_i B$$

$$= a_i [b_{1j}, b_{2j}, \dots, b_{nj}] = [a_i b_{1j}, a_i b_{2j}, \dots, a_i b_{nj}] = a_i B$$

[That is, left multiplication by A , is same as multiplying each column of B by A . Similarly, right multiplication by B , is same as multiplying each row of A by B .]

1.4 Matrices over Complex Numbers

Here the entries of the matrix are complex numbers. All the definitions still hold. One just needs to look at the following additional definitions.

Definition 1.4.1 (Conjugate Transpose of a Matrix) 1. Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix over \mathbb{C} . If $A = [a_{ij}]$ then the Conjugate of A .

For example, Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4+3i & i \\ 1 & i-2 \end{bmatrix}$. Then
denoted by A^* , is the matrix $B = [b_{ij}]$ with $b_{ji} = \overline{a_{ij}}$.

$$\overline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4-3i & -i \\ 0 & 1 & -i-2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^* = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4-3i & 1-i-2 \\ -i & \end{bmatrix}$$

- 2 Let X be an $m \times n$ matrix over \mathbb{C} . If $A = [a_{ij}]$ then the Conjugate Transpose of A , denoted by A^* , is the matrix $B = [b_{ij}]$ with $b_{ji} = \overline{a_{ij}}$,

3. A square matrix A over \mathbb{C} is called Hermitian if $A' = A$.
4. A square matrix A over \mathbb{C} is called skew-Hermitian if $A' = -A$.
5. A square matrix A over \mathbb{C} is called unitary if $A'A = AA' = I$.
6. A square matrix A over \mathbb{C} is called Normal if $AA' = A'A$.

Remark 1.4.2 If $A = [a_{ij}]$ with $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$, then $A' = A$.

- Exercise 1.4.3**
1. Give examples of Hermitian, skew-Hermitian and unitary matrices that have entries with non-zero imaginary parts.
 2. Restate the results on transpose in terms of conjugate transpose.
 3. Show that for any square matrix A , $S = \frac{A + A'}{2}$ is Hermitian, $T = \frac{A - A'}{2}$ is skew-Hermitian, and $A = S + T$.
 4. Show that if A is a complex triangular matrix and $AA' = A'A$ then A is a diagonal matrix.