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SUBJECT: Linear Algebra - TOPIC: Some Special Matrices

Symmetric Matrices :

1. Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$, A is said to be symmetric if $A^T = A$.
2. Let $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ such that A and B are symmetric, then $A + B$, $A - B$, kA , $AB + BA$ are symmetric.

(AB is not always symmetric. Eg: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$).

Here $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ which is not symmetric).

3. AB is symmetric iff $AB = BA$.

Necessary Condition: AB is symmetric

$$AB = (AB)^T = B^T A^T = BA \text{ (Since } A, B \text{ are symmetric)}$$

Sufficient Condition: $AB = BA$

$$AB = B^T A^T \text{ (Since } A, B \text{ are symmetric)}$$

$$AB = (AB)^T \Rightarrow AB \text{ is symmetric}$$

4. If A is symmetric and invertible, then A^{-1} is also symmetric.

$$AA^{-1} = I \Rightarrow (A^{-1})^T A^T = I \text{ (reversal law)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (A^{-1})^T A = I \text{ (Since } A \text{ is symmetric)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (A^{-1})^T = A^{-1} \text{ (ie., } A^{-1} \text{ is symmetric)}$$

5. For any square matrix A , $A + A^T$, AA^T , $A^T A$ are symmetric.

$$6. \det \begin{pmatrix} a & h & g \\ h & b & f \\ g & f & c \end{pmatrix} = abc + 2fgh - af^2 - bg^2 - ch^2.$$

$$7. \det \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b \end{pmatrix} = 3abc - a^3 - b^3 - c^3.$$

Skew-Symmetric Matrices:

1. Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$, A is said to be skew-symmetric if $A^T = -A$.
2. Let $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ such that A and B are skew-symmetric, then $A + B$, $A - B$, kA , $AB - BA$ are skew-symmetric.

AB need not skew symmetric. Eg: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$AB = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ which not skew symmetric

3. A^n is symmetric if n is even and skew-symmetric if n is odd.
4. For any square matrix A , $A - A^T$ is always skew-symmetric.
5. The diagonal elements of a skew-symmetric matrices are all zeroes.

$$A^T = -A \Rightarrow a_{ij} = -a_{ji}$$

$$\text{for diagonal element } a_{ii} = -a_{ii} \Rightarrow 2a_{ii} = 0 \Rightarrow a_{ii} = 0.$$

6. If A is skew symmetric, then $I - A$ is invertible.
7. Determinant of odd order skew-symmetric matrix are 0.

We know $|A^T| = |A|$

Here $A^T = -A$. So, $|A^T| = (-1)^n |A|$

if n is odd, $|A| = -|A| \Rightarrow |A| = 0$.

8. Determinant of even order skew-symmetric matrix is non negative.
9. Determinant of even order skew-symmetric matrix with integer entries is a perfect square.
10. Any square matrix A of order n can be uniquely expressed as the sum of symmetric and skew-symmetric matrices. That is, $A = \left(\frac{A+A^T}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{A-A^T}{2}\right)$

The vector space $M_n(\mathbb{R})$ can be expressed as the direct sum of the set of all symmetric matrices and set of all skew-symmetric matrices.

Hermitian Matrices(Self adjoint Matrices):

1. Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$, A is said to be hermitian if $A^* = A$, where $A^* = (\overline{A})^T = \overline{(A^T)}$.

Eg:
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1+2i & 5i \\ 1-2i & 2 & 6 \\ -5i & 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Real symmetric matrices are hermitian matrices.

For real symmetric matrix A , $\overline{A} = A$, so, $A^* = A^T$.

3. The diagonal entries of a hermitian matrix are real.

Let $a_{ii} + ib_{ii}$ be diagonal element.

$$A^* = A \Rightarrow (a_{ii} + ib_{ii})^* = a_{ii} + ib_{ii}$$

$$a_{ii} - ib_{ii} = a_{ii} + ib_{ii} \Rightarrow b_{ii} = -b_{ii} \Rightarrow b_{ii} = 0$$

4. Trace and determinant of hermitian matrix are real.

All eigen values are real

The result those are true for real symmetric matrices are also true for hermitian matrices.

Skew-Hermitian Matrices:

1. Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$, A is said to be skew-hermitian if $A^* = -A$, where $A^* = (\overline{A})^T = \overline{(A^T)}$.

Eg:
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1+2i \\ -1+2i & 5i \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Real skew-symmetric matrices are skew-hermitian matrices.

3. Diagonal entries of a skew-hermitian matrix are either zero or purely imaginary.

Let $a_{ii} + ib_{ii}$ be diagonal element.

$$A^* = -A \Rightarrow a_{ii} - ib_{ii} = -a_{ii} - ib_{ii}$$

$$\therefore a_{ii} = -a_{ii} \Rightarrow a_{ii} = 0.$$

4. $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ is skew-hermitian iff iA is hermitian

Necessary Condition: $A^* = -A$, A is skew hermitian

$$\text{Multiply } -i, -iA^* = iA. \Rightarrow (iA)^* = iA.$$

Sufficient Condition: iA is hermitian i.e., $(iA)^* = iA$.

$$-iA^* = iA$$

Multiply i , $A^* = -A$, A is skew hermitian

The result those are true for real skew-symmetric matrices are also true for skew-hermitian matrices.

Cartesian decomposition of a square matrix: Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$, then A can be expressed as $A = B + iC$, where B and C are hermitian matrices given by $B = \left(\frac{A+A^*}{2}\right)$ and $C = \left(\frac{A-A^*}{2i}\right)$.

Orthogonal matrices:

1. Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$, A is said to be orthogonal if $AA^T = A^T A = I$.

2. If A is orthogonal, then $\det(A) \in \{\pm 1\}$.

$$|AA^T| \Rightarrow |A||A^T| = 1 \Rightarrow |A|^2 = 1 \Rightarrow |A| = \pm 1.$$

Converse not true. Eg: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

3. If A is orthogonal, then $A^{-1} = A^T$.

$$AA^T = I \Rightarrow A^T = A^{-1}$$

4. If A is orthogonal, then rows of A are orthonormal.

5. If A is orthogonal, then columns of A are orthonormal.
6. The rows of A or columns of A forms an orthonormal basis for \mathbb{R}^n .
7. If A and B are two orthogonal matrices of same order, then A^{-1} , A^T , A^n , AB are also orthogonal.
8. kA and $A + B$ need not be orthogonal.

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Here $5A$ is not orthogonal $|5A| \neq 1$

$A + B$ is not orthogonal $|A + B| \neq 1$

9. The set of all orthogonal matrices of order n is a group under matrix multiplication, denoted by $OL_n(\mathbb{R})$.
10. The general form of orthogonal matrix is given by $A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$, $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$.

$$\text{Here } A^n = \begin{pmatrix} \cos n\theta & \sin n\theta \\ -\sin n\theta & \cos n\theta \end{pmatrix}.$$

check for $n = 2$ and use induction

11. An orthogonal matrix of order n can be expressed as the direct sum of 2×2 orthogonal matrix and $[1]$.

Unitary matrices:

1. Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$, A is said to be orthogonal if $AA^* = A^*A = I$.

$$\text{Eg: } \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1-i & 1+i \\ 1+i & 1-i \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Real orthogonal matrices are unitary.

The result those are true for real orthogonal matrices are also true for unitary matrices.

Normal matrices:

1. Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$, A is said to be orthogonal if $AA^* = A^*A$.

$$\text{Eg: } \begin{bmatrix} i & i \\ i & -i \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Real symmetric, real skew-symmetric and real orthogonal matrices are normal.
3. Hermitian, skew-hermitian and unitary matrices are normal.
4. Let A be a hermitian and let $P(x)$ be a complex polynomial, then $P(A)$ is normal.

Idempotent matrices (Projection)

1. Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$, A is said to be a idempotent matrix if $A^2 = A$.
2. A non-identity idempotent matrix is singular.

$$A^2 = A \Rightarrow |A||A| = |A| \Rightarrow |A|(|A| - 1) = 0$$

$$|A| = 0 \text{ or } 1.$$

Determinant of idempotent matrix is zero or one

Let $A \neq I$, $|A| = 1$ be idempotent.

$$\text{ie., } A^2 = A \Rightarrow A^2 - A = 0.$$

Using distributive law $A(A - I) = 0$.

Since $|A| = 1$, $|A - I| = 0$.

$$\Rightarrow A = I \text{ contradiction.}$$

$\therefore I$ is only non-singular idempotent matrix.

3. If A is idempotent then $A^n = A$ and $\text{Rank}(A) = \text{Trace}(A)$.
4. If A is idempotent, then A^T , A^n , $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $I - A$, are also idempotent.
5. If A and B are two idempotent matrix of same order then $A + B$ is idempotent iff $AB + BA = 0$.
6. AB is idempotent if $AB = BA$.

We have $AB = BA$.

$$\begin{aligned} (AB)^2 &= ABAB \\ &= ABBA \text{ (using } AB = BA) \\ &= AB^2A = ABA = AAB = A^2B = AB \end{aligned}$$

AB is idempotent

Periodic matrices: Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$, A is said to be a periodic, if there exist a $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $k > 1$ such that $A^k = A$. The least such k is called the period of A .

Eg: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 14 \\ 1 & 3 & 8 \\ -1 & -2 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$ Here $A^4 = A$

Nilpotent matrices:

1. Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$, A is said to be a nilpotent if $A^k = 0$ for some $k \leq n$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$. The least positive K is called the index of A .

Eg: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $A^3 = 0 \quad \therefore \text{Index of } A = 3$

2. If A is nilpotent, then $\det(A) = 0$.
(All eigenvalues are zero)
3. If A is nilpotent, then $(I - A)$ is invertible.

Involuntary matrices:

1. Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$, A is said to be a involuntary matrix if $A^2 = I$ or $A^{-1} = A$.

Eg: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

2. If A is involuntary and $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$, then $\det(A) = \pm 1$.

$$|A|^2 = 1 \Rightarrow |A| = \pm 1$$

3. If A is involuntary then $\frac{A+I}{2}$ is idempotent.

$$\left(\frac{A+I}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{(A+I)^2}{4} = \frac{A^2 + AI + IA + I^2}{4} = \frac{I + 2A + I}{4} = \frac{2A + 2I}{4} = \frac{A+I}{2}$$

Vandor Mondae matrix:

$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \end{pmatrix}$, $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\det(A) = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)$

In general, $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ a_1^2 & a_2^2 & \dots & a_n^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ a_1^{n-1} & a_2^{n-1} & \dots & a_n^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$ and $\det(B) = (a_1 - a_2)(a_2 - a_3) \dots (a_n - a_1)$.