

Week 9 - Linear Algebra

1. Use Sage to solve the following system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} 10x + 2y = 0 \\ 2x - y = 154 \end{cases}$$

2. **TICKABLE** Note that the above system of equations is equivalent to the following systems of equations:

$$\begin{cases} 10a + 2b = 0 \\ 2a - b = 154 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 10m + 2n = 0 \\ 2m - n = 154 \end{cases}$$

In essence the only thing that defines the system of equations is the coefficients:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 10, 2, 0 \\ 2, -1, 154 \end{pmatrix}$$

We can of course separate the right hand side of our equation and perhaps include those elements in a vector. Our system can now be represented as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 10, 2 \\ 2, -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 154 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let us attempt to represent the above system in Sage.

The following defines **b** as a vector:

```
b = vector(0,154)
```

The representation of coefficients is a well defined mathematical object called a **matrix**. The following code defines **A** as a matrix:

```
A = matrix([[10, 2], [2, -1]])
```

If we define a vector **X** as a vector of the symbolic variables:

```
X = vector([x, y])
```

We can **multiply** **A** by **X**:

`A * X`

Verify that $X = (x_0, y_0)$ where (x_0, y_0) is the solution to our system of equations (obtained in (1)).

3. **TICKABLE** In linear algebra (you will study this next semester) a matrix equation is an equation of the form:

$$AX = b$$

or

$$XA = b$$

If we define **A** and **b** as in question 2 we can solve this equation quite simply using the `solve_right` or `solve_left` methods. The following obtains a solution to the equation $AX = b$:

`A.solve_right(b)`

Note that `A\b` is shorthand for `A.solve_right`

Use the above to solve the following system of equations using matrix notation:

$$\begin{cases} 4x - 2y + 3z = 10 \\ -x - 5y - 8z = 9 \\ x + y + z = 1 \end{cases}$$

4. For reasons that will become clear, the following definition of matrix multiplication is required:

$$(AB)_{ij} = \sum_{j'} \sum_{i'} A_{ij'} B_{i'j}$$

For 2×2 matrices this is equivalent to:

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}b_{11} + a_{12}b_{21} & a_{11}b_{12} + a_{12}b_{22} \\ a_{21}b_{11} + a_{22}b_{21} & a_{21}b_{12} + a_{22}b_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

As an example create the following two matrices in Sage:

```
A = matrix([ [1,2], [3,4] ])
B = matrix([ [7,8], [9,10] ])
```

Attempt to multiply these matrices by hand and carry out their multiplication in Sage:

A*B

Repeat the exercise by multiplying the following pairs of matrices:

1. $A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
2. $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 144 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
3. $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ -1 & -17 \end{pmatrix}$
4. $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 1/3 & 1/3 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

5. **TICKABLE** The previous exercise shows that when considering matrix multiplication there exists a matrix which does not have a multiplicative affect: “the identity matrix”.

The identity matrix of size $n \times n$ is denoted by \mathbb{I}_n . The following Sage code gives \mathbb{I}_n :

```
identify_matrix(4)
```

Note also, that the previous exercise showed that we can sometimes find a matrix B such that $AB = \mathbb{I}_n$. Finding such a matrix is referred to as ‘inverting’ A and if certain properties hold (you will see this in further details next semester) this matrix is denoted A^{-1} .

If we recall the matrix equation $AX = b$ and if we assume that A^{-1} exists then multiplying both sides by A^{-1} gives:

$$A^{-1}AX = A^{-1}b \rightarrow \mathbb{I}_n X = A^{-1}b = X = A^{-1}b$$

In Sage we can obtain A^{-1} (if it exists) with the following code:

```
A.inverse()
```

Thus another approach to solving $AX = b$ is:

```
A.inverse()*b
```

Use this approach to solve the systems of equations we have considered so far.

6. Enter the following matrices in to a list. Invert all of them.
7. Plotting something?
8. Solve a large number of systems of linear equations
9. Reading in data for a big system of linear equations
10. Creating a big linear system and solve it.