

# C++ linear algebra: Eigen

Programming Concepts in Scientific Computing  
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# Compilation

```
cmake_minimum_required (VERSION 3.1)
project (Particles)

set(CMAKE_CXX_STANDARD 20)

include_directories(eigen)
add_executable(main main.cc)
```

what can you conclude ?

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## Accessing and using a vector

```
v(0) = 3;    // parentheses  
v[1] += 2.5; // or square brackets
```

```
double res = v.transpose() * v;  
auto norm = v.norm();
```

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// change size  
v.resize(10);
```

## Vector types

```
Eigen::VectorXi v_int(2);  
Eigen::VectorXf v_float(2);  
Eigen::VectorXcd v_complex_double(2);  
auto real_part = v_complex_double.real();
```



# Initialization of vectors

```
int N = 5;
Eigen::VectorXd v(N);

// v = np.array([1,2,3,4,5])
v << 1, 2, 3, 4, 5;
// v = np.random.random(N)
v = Eigen::VectorXd::Random(N);
// v = np.random.random(N)
v = Eigen::VectorXd::LinSpaced(N, -1., 1.);
// v = np.zeros(N)
v = Eigen::VectorXd::Zero(N);
// v = np.ones(N)
v = Eigen::VectorXd::Ones(N);
// v = np.ones(N)*42
v = Eigen::VectorXd::Constant(N, 42.);
v = Eigen::VectorXd::Ones(N) * 42.;
```

# Matrices

```
Eigen::MatrixXd m(3, 3);
```

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std::cout << "m = " << m << std::endl;  
std::cout << "m.T = " << m.transpose() << std::endl;
```

```
// resize
```

```
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```

## Other types

```
Eigen::MatrixXcd m_complex_double(3, 3);  
Eigen::MatrixXi m_int(3, 3);
```

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How is a Eigen matrix defined ?

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# Linear Algebra

```
Eigen::Vector3d v = Eigen::Vector3d::Ones();  
Eigen::Matrix3d m = Eigen::Vector3d::Constant(3).asDiagonal();  
  
// matrix vector multiplication  
auto res = m * v;  
  
// determinant  
auto det = m.determinant();  
  
// inversion  
auto inv = m.inverse();  
  
// norm  
auto norm = m.norm();
```

## Linear system solve

```
Eigen::Matrix3d m = Eigen::Vector3d::Constant(3).asDiagonal();  
// matrix LU factorization  
auto facto = m.fullPivLu();  
// system resolution  
auto res2 = facto.solve(res);
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Same to what happens in Python

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and shape it as a vector

```
// m_reshape = m.reshape(9)  
Eigen::Map<Eigen::VectorXd> m_reshape(m.data(), m.data().size());
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Eigen::Matrix::data() method returns  
the **raw pointer**

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If you want to make a copy, specify the type instead of using auto

## What is the returned type ?

Q: how to make a copy? A: use copy constructor

Slicing:

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```

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Eigen::ArrayX3d array2(100, 3);
```

```
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```
// converting to matrix
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```
Eigen::MatrixXd res7 = array.matrix();
```

```
// back to array
```

```
Eigen::ArrayXXd res8 = res7.array();
```



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## Take away message

- ▶ **Eigen** is a highly templated linear algebra library
- ▶ **Dynamic&Static** allocation of arrays is possible
- ▶ **Template parameters** are scalar-type, and sizes
- ▶ **Wrapping** of contiguous data into eigen arrays/matrices is possible
- ▶ **Slicing/Sub-blocks** extraction is possible
- ▶ **Arrays** have **per-component** operators
- ▶ **Matrices** have linear algebra operators
- ▶ Enables **mathematical readability** in C++ : use it!