

Lecture 5: Matrices and determinants

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Matrices

- A **matrix** is a rectangular array of numbers.
The numbers in the array are called **entries** of the matrix.
- The **size** of a matrix is described in terms of
 $(\# \text{ rows}) \times (\# \text{ columns})$
- $\mathbf{A} = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}$ is the following $m \times n$ matrix

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

Remark: We also use $(A)_{ij}$ to denote the (i, j) th entry of A .

Example 1

Determine the dimensions of the following matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} e & \pi & -\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 0.1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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- A **square matrix of order n** has exactly n rows and n columns.

$$A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Diagonal entries

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- The **diagonal entries** of A are $a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{nn}$.
- The **non-diagonal entries** of A are a_{ij} with $i \neq j$.

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- Example 2: Which of the following matrices are diagonal matrices?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \pi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Identity matrix and zero matrix

- The **identity matrix of order n**, denoted by I_n , is

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- The **zero matrix $0_{m \times n}$** has all entries equal to 0.

Sometimes, we simply write 0 for the zero matrix if there is no danger of confusion.

$$0_{m \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n}$$

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- $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}$ and $B = (b_{ij})_{p \times q}$ are equal if and only if
 - 1 $m = n, p = q$ and
 - 2 $a_{ij} = b_{ij}$ for all i, j

Example 3

Consider the matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & x \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

What can be the value of x such that $A = B$? $B = C$? $A = C$?

Algebraic operations on matrices

We will discuss three algebraic operations on matrices

- 1 Matrix addition
- 2 Scalar multiplication
- 3 Matrix multiplication

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- The difference $A - B$ is defined by

$$(A - B)_{ij} = (A)_{ij} - (B)_{ij} = a_{ij} - b_{ij}$$

Example 4

Consider the matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 4 & -2 & 7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 3 & 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find $A + B$, $A - B$, $A + C$, $A - C$, $B + C$, $B - C$.

Question 1

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. What is $A + 0_{m \times n}$? What is $A - A$?

Scalar multiplication

- Let $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}$ and let c be any scalar
- The product cA , called **scalar multiple** of A , is defined by

$$(cA)_{ij} = ca_{ij},$$

that is

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

Example 5

Find $2A$, $-3B$, $\frac{1}{3}C$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 7 \\ -1 & 3 & -5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -6 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

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(a) Matrix addition

- Associativity: $(M + N) + P = M + (N + P)$
- Commutativity: $M + N = N + M$
- Zero matrix: $M + 0 = 0 + M = M$

(b) Scalar multiplication: $r(sM) = (rs)M$ and $1M = M$

(c) Distributive rules

$$(r + s)M = rM + sM \text{ and } r(M + N) = rM + rN$$

Matrix multiplication

- $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}$ and $B = (b_{ij})_{p \times q}$ can be multiplied in the order AB only if

columns of A = # rows of B , that is, $n = p$

- The resulting matrix AB is an $m \times q$ matrix:

$$“(m \times n) \cdot (n \times q) = m \times q”$$

Matrix multiplication

- $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}$ and $B = (b_{ij})_{n \times q} \Rightarrow AB$ is an $m \times q$ matrix
- Its (i, j) th entry is

$$\begin{aligned}(AB)_{ij} &= (i\text{th row of } A) \times (j\text{th column of } B) \\&= \begin{bmatrix} a_{i1} & a_{i2} & \cdots & a_{in} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{1j} \\ b_{2j} \\ \vdots \\ b_{nj} \end{bmatrix} \\&= a_{i1}b_{1j} + a_{i2}b_{2j} + \cdots + a_{in}b_{nj} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}b_{kj}\end{aligned}$$

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$$\sum_{i=1}^{10} a_i = a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_{10},$$

$$\sum_{x=1}^{\infty} f(x) = f(1) + f(2) + \cdots + f(x) + \cdots$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n c_{ik} d_{kj} = c_{i1} d_{1j} + c_{i2} d_{2j} + \cdots + c_{in} d_{nj}.$$

Summary on matrix multiplication

- If $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}$, $B = (b_{ij})_{n \times q}$, then AB has size $m \times q$.
- Its (i, j) th entry is

$$(AB)_{ij} = (i\text{th row of } A) \times (j\text{th column of } B) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj}$$

Example 6

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} =$$

Example 7

Let $A = (a_{ij})_{2 \times 3}$ and $B = (b_{ij})_{3 \times 4}$.

(a) What is the size of AB ?

(b) Find the general formula for $(AB)_{13}$ and $(AB)_{24}$.

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- Does $AB = \mathbf{0}$ implies either $A = \mathbf{0}$ or $B = \mathbf{0}$?

While most questions have answer yes, there are cases where matrix multiplication is different from the usual multiplication of numbers.

Exercise 1. Find an example of 2 matrices $A, B \in M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ such that

$$AB \neq BA.$$

In other words, matrix multiplication is not commutative.

Exercise 2

(a) Find an example of 2 nonzero matrices $A, B \in M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ such that

$$AB = 0.$$

Exercise 2

(b) Find an example of 3 nonzero matrices $A, B, C \in M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ such that

$$AB = AC, \text{ but } B \neq C.$$

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Properties of matrix multiplication

Theorem 2

Let A, B, C be three matrices so that whenever we write the product of any two of them, it is well-defined. The following hold.

- (i) Identity matrix I : $AI = A$.
- (ii) Zero matrix 0 : $A0 = 0$.
- (iii) Associativity: $(AB)C = A(BC)$.
- (iv) Distributivity:

$$A(B + C) = AB + AC \text{ and } (A + B)C = AC + BC.$$

Transpose of a matrix

- Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix.
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- Here is the general formula

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Example 8

Given the following matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = [1 \ 3 \ 5], \quad D = [4]$$

(a) Find A^T, B^T, C^T, D^T .

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(b) Find $(A^T)^T, (B^T)^T, (C^T)^T, (D^T)^T$.

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- In this course, we focus on 2×2 and 3×3 matrices.

Determinant of 1×1 and 2×2 matrices

- For 1×1 matrices, determinant is a “trivial function”.

$$\det([c]) = c.$$

- For 2×2 matrices

$$\det \left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right) = (\text{main diagonal}) - (\text{anti diagonal}) = ad - bc.$$

Determinant of 3×3 matrices

- For $A = (a_{ij})_{3 \times 3}$, the **main diagonals** of A includes the *usual main diagonal* $a_{11} - a_{22} - a_{33}$ and *another two* which are parallel to it.

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- The **anti diagonals** of A includes the *usual anti diagonal* $a_{13} - a_{22} - a_{31}$ and *another two* which are parallel to it.

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$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= (\text{main diagonals}) - (\text{anti diagonals}) \\ &= (a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{21}a_{32}a_{13}) - \\ &\quad (a_{13}a_{22}a_{31} + a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} + a_{23}a_{32}a_{11}) \end{aligned}$$

Example 9

Find the determinants of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 5 \\ 2 & 7 & 0 \\ -5 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & -7 \\ 5 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Determinant by row/column expansion

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- Determinant of A by **column expansion along the 1st column**:

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Example 10

Compute $\det \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

Summary on determinants of 2×2 and 3×3 matrices

$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then}$$

$$\det(A) = (\text{main diagonal}) - (\text{anti-diagonal})$$

- $\det \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$

- $\det \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} = (a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{21}a_{32}a_{13}) - (a_{13}a_{22}a_{31} + a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} + a_{23}a_{32}a_{11})$

Triangular matrices

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- A is a **triangular matrix** if it is either an upper triangular matrix or a lower triangular matrix.

2×2 triangular matrices

Find $\det \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ 0 & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ and $\det \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$

3×3 triangular matrices

Find $\det \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$ and $\det \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & 0 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$

Determinant of triangular matrices

Theorem 3

If $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$ is a triangular matrix (upper triangular or lower triangular), say

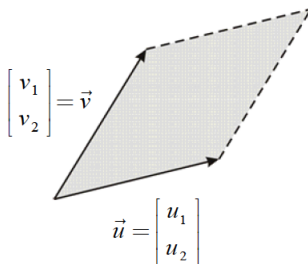
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix},$$

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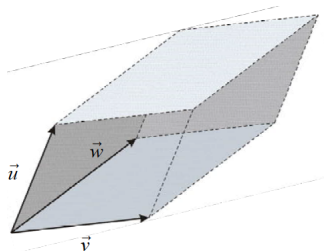
$$\det(A) = \text{product of diagonal entries} = a_{11}a_{22} \cdots a_{nn}$$

Parallelogram and parallelepiped

- A parallelogram can be formed by 2 vectors



- A parallelepiped can be formed by 3 vectors



Area of parallelogram and volume of parallelepiped

Theorem 4

(a) The area of the parallelogram spanned by $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$ is

$$\left| \det \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & v_1 \\ u_2 & v_2 \end{bmatrix} \right|$$

(b) The volume of the parallelepiped spanned by

$$\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is } \left| \det \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & v_1 & w_1 \\ u_2 & v_2 & w_2 \\ u_3 & v_3 & w_3 \end{bmatrix} \right|.$$

Example 11

(a) Find the area of the parallelogram spanned by $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

(b) Find the volume of the parallelepiped spanned by

$$\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Remark on Theorem 4

- The formula to compute area of parallelogram formed by \vec{u}, \vec{v} is only applied for $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$:

$$\text{Area} = \det[\vec{u} \ \vec{v}]$$

- What happens if you use this formula for $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$? What formula do you need to use to compute area of parallelogram formed by 2 vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 ?

Remark on Theorem 4

Exercise 4

Consider 2 vectors $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} c-3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ c+1 \end{bmatrix}$ in \mathbb{R}^2 .

- (a) Compute the parallelogram formed by \vec{u}, \vec{v} in terms of c ?
- (b) For what value of c does the parallelogram formed by \vec{u}, \vec{v} has the smallest possible area?

