## 6. Matrices

A sparse  $m \times n$  zero matrix is created with sparse.coo\_matrix((m, n)). To create a sparse  $n \times n$  identity matrix in Python, use sparse.eye(n). We can also create a sparse diagonal matrix (with different offsets) using

A useful function for creating a random sparse matrix is **sparse.rand()**. It generates a sparse matrix of a given shape and density with uniformly distributed values.

## 6.3. Transpose, addition, and norm

**Transpose.** In VMLS we denote the transpose of an  $m \times n$  matrix A as  $A^T$ . In Python, the transpose of A is given by np.transpose(A) or simply A.T.

**Addition, subtraction, and scalar multiplication.** In Python, addition and subtraction of matrices, and scalar-matrix multiplication, both follow standard and mathematical notation.

(We can also multiply a matrix on the right by a scalar.) Python supports some operations that are not standard mathematical ones. For example, in Python you can add or subtract a constant from a matrix, which carries out the operation on each entry.

**Elementwise operations.** The syntax for elementwise vector operations described on page 11 carries over naturally to matrices.

**Matrix norm.** In VMLS we use ||A|| to denote the norm of an  $m \times n$  matrix,

$$||A|| = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} A_{ij}^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

In standard mathematical notation, this is more often written as  $||A||_F$ , where F stands for the name Frobenius. In standard mathematical notation, ||A|| usually refers to another norm of a matrix, which is beyond the scope of topics in VMLS. In Python, np.linalg.norm(A) gives the norm used in VMLS.

```
Out[]: 5.5677643628300215
```

**Triangle inequality.** Let's check that the triangle inequality  $||A + B|| \le ||A|| + ||B||$  holds, for two specific matrices.

```
In []: A = np.array([[-1,0], [2,2]])
    B = np.array([[3,1], [-3,2]])
    print(np.linalg.norm(A + B))
    print(np.linalg.norm(A) + np.linalg.norm(B))

4.69041575982343
7.795831523312719
```

Alternatively, we can write our own code to find the norm of A:

```
In []: A = np.array([[1,2,3], [4,5,6], [7,8,9], [10,11,12]])
    m,n = A.shape
    print(A.shape)
    sum_of_sq = 0
    for i in range(m):
        for j in range(n):
            sum_of_sq = sum_of_sq + A[i,j]**2
    matrix_norm = np.sqrt(sum_of_sq)
    print(matrix_norm)
    print(np.linalg.norm(A))
(4, 3)
25.495097567963924
```

## 6.4. Matrix-vector multiplication

In Python, matrix-vector multiplication has the natural syntax y = A @ x. Alternatively, we can use the numpy function np.matmul(A,x).

```
In []: A = np.array([[0,2,-1],[-2,1,1]])
    x = np.array([2,1,-1])
    A @ x
Out[]: array([3, -4])
```