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Introduction to Matrices

A matrix is a rectangular arrangement of numbers, symbols, or expressions in rows and columns. It is generally written as:

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A = [ a_11  a_12  ...  a_1n
      a_21  a_22  ...  a_2n
      ...   ...   ...  ...
      a_m1  a_m2  ...  a_mn ]
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where a_ij represents the element at the i-th row and j-th column.

Types of Matrices

1. Row Matrix: A matrix with only one row, e.g., [1 2 3].
2. Column Matrix: A matrix with only one column, e.g., [4, 5, 6].
3. Square Matrix: A matrix with the same number of rows and columns.
4. Diagonal Matrix: A square matrix where non-diagonal elements are zero.
5. Identity Matrix: A diagonal matrix with ones on the main diagonal.
6. Zero Matrix: A matrix where all elements are zero.

Matrix Operations

Addition and Subtraction:

Two matrices of the same dimensions can be added or subtracted by adding or subtracting corresponding elements.

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A = [1  2]      B = [5  6]
    [3  4]          [7  8]
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$$A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 8 \\ 10 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiplication:

Scalar Multiplication: Each element is multiplied by a scalar.

$$kA = k * \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix Multiplication:

$A_{(m \times n)} * B_{(n \times p)}$ results in a matrix $C_{(m \times p)}$ where:

$$c_{ij} = \sum(a_{ik} * b_{kj})$$

Determinants and Their Properties

The determinant of a square matrix A is a scalar value that provides important properties about the matrix.

For a 2x2 matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = ad - bc$$

For a 3x3 matrix:

$$\det(A) = a_{11}(a_{22}*a_{33} - a_{23}*a_{32}) - a_{12}(a_{21}*a_{33} - a_{23}*a_{31}) + a_{13}(a_{21}*a_{32} - a_{22}*a_{31})$$

Inverse of a Matrix using Determinants

The inverse of a square matrix A (if it exists) is given by:

$A^{-1} = (1/\det(A)) * \text{adj}(A)$

Example:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = (4\times6) - (7\times2) = 24 - 14 = 10$$

$$A^{-1} = (1/10) * \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -7 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applications of Matrices and Determinants

1. Computer Graphics: Used for image transformations, rotations, and scaling.

2. Physics and Engineering: Solving systems of linear equations in mechanics and circuit analysis.

3. Cryptography: Encryption techniques like Hill Cipher use matrices.

4. Economics and Statistics: Used in Markov chains and data analysis.

5. Machine Learning: Core concept in neural networks and deep learning models.