# Matrix, Linear Algebra, Differential Equation $$\operatorname{MAT}\xspace 2207$$

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### **Matrix**

#### **Definition of Matrix:**

A system of any  $m \times n$  numbers arranged in a rectangular arrangement of m rows and n columns is called a matrix of order  $m \times n$  or an  $m \times n$  matrix.

Ex:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$
 is a  $2 \times 3$  matrix.

in general form:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \cdots & \sigma_{1n} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} & \cdots & \sigma_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{m1} & \sigma_{m2} & \cdots & \sigma_{mm} \end{bmatrix} = (\sigma_{ij})_{mxm}$$

## Singular and Non-singular Matrix:

Let A be any square matrix. If  $\det(A) = 0$ , then A is called a singular matrix, and if  $\det(A) \neq 0$ , then A is called a non-singular matrix.

Ex:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \qquad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Then  $|A| = \det(A) = \det\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = 4 - 4 = 0$ So, A is a singular matrix

Again,  $|B|=\det(B)=\det\begin{bmatrix}1&5\\2&12\end{bmatrix}=12-10=2\neq 0$ Hence, B is a non-singular matrix.

#### **Inverse Matrix:**

Let A and B be two  $n \times n$  square matrices such that  $AB = BA = I_n = I$ , then B is said to be the inverse of A, and we write  $B = A^{-1}$ . Also,  $A = B^{-1}$ .

Ex: Let 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .  

$$\therefore AB = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4 - 3 & -12 + 12 \\ 1 - 1 & -3 + 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I_2$$
and  $BA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4 - 3 & 3 - 3 \\ -4 + 4 & -3 + 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I_2$$

 $AB = BA = I_2 = I$ 

Therefore, we can write  $A = B^{-1}$  and  $B = A^{-1}$ .

[N.B.: The inverse of a matrix exists only when the matrix is non-singular, i.e.,  $|A| \neq \emptyset$ .]

\*\*\* Multiplication of two matrices is possible only when the number of columns in the first matrix is equal to the number of rows in the second matrix.

#### **Echelon Matrix:**

Let  $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}$  be any matrix. Then A is said to be an echelon matrix or is said to be in echelon form if:

- 1. all the non-zero rows (if any) precede the zero rows,
- 2. the number of zero entries preceding the first non-zero entry in each row increases by row.

 $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{x}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$
 is an echelon matrix, but 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$
 is not an echelon matrix.

#### Rank of a Matrix:

Rank of a matrix is the largest non-zero row in the matrix of row echelon form.

 $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{x}$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rank of matrix A = 3, Rank of matrix B = 2

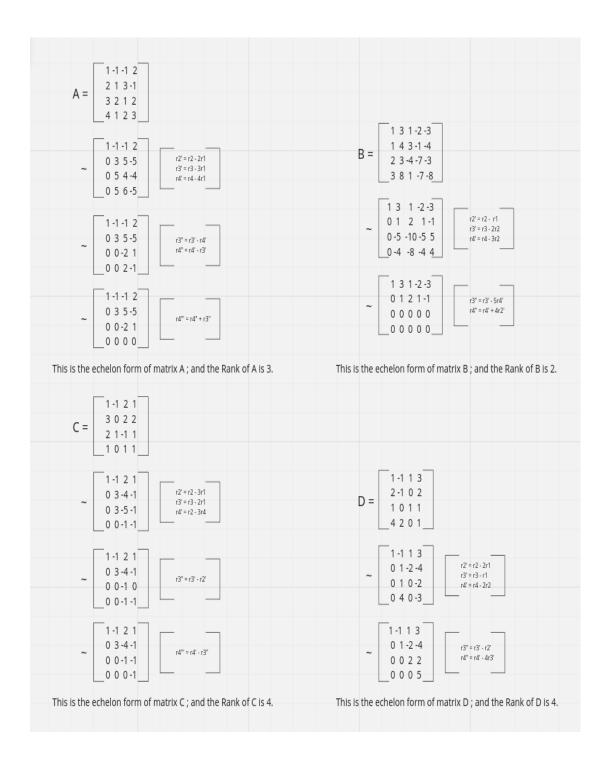
Find the rank of the following matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



## **Inverse Matrix Calculation:**

Find the inverse of the matrix by using the formula [A:I]

example; find the inverse matrix of 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution:

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 &   & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 & 2 &   & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 &   & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 &   & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	~ \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 2 & 2 &   & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 & -1 &   & -3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 &   & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 &   & 1 & -2 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \tag{r1' = 3r1 + r2}
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## Home Work:

find the inverse matrix of 
$$B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$
;  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 8 & 9 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ 

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$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 8 & 9 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	7 0 0-1   -34 21-1 0 0-1 0 0   -2 1 0 0 0 0 7 8   -1 0 1 0 0 0 0 -1   -6 0-1 7
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## Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors:

A nonzero matrix X is an eigenvector of a square matrix A if there exists a  $\lambda$  such that  $AX = \lambda X$ . Then X is called the eigenvector of A with eigenvalue  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda$  is called the eigenvalue of A.

The equation  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$  is called the characteristic equation of A.

Cayley-Hamilton theorem states that every square matrix A satisfies it's characteristic equation.

## Example:

Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix  $A=\begin{bmatrix}1&4\\2&3\end{bmatrix}$  in the field of real numbers (  $\mathbb R$  ). Also verify the Cayley-Hamilton theorem.

#### $\underline{Sol}_n$ :

Given matrix,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Characteristic matrix of A inverse:

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 4 \\ 2 & 3 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

Characteristic equation of A inverse:

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0$$

or,

$$\left| \begin{array}{cc} 1 - \lambda & 4 \\ 2 & 3 - \lambda \end{array} \right| = 0$$

or, 
$$(1 - \lambda)(3 - \lambda) - 8 = 0$$

or, 
$$3 - 4\lambda + \lambda^2 - 8 = 0$$

or, 
$$\lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 5 = 0$$

or, 
$$\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + \lambda - 5 = 0$$

or 
$$\lambda = 1$$
 or  $\lambda = -5$ 

thus,  $\lambda = 1, -5$ ;

these are the eigenvalues of A.

For x = 5,

$$(A - \lambda I)v = 0$$
or, 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - 5 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 - 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$
or, 
$$\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 4 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Now, we can write,

$$-4x_1 + 4x_2 = 0$$

$$2x_1 - 2x_2 = 0$$
or, 
$$\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 4 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad [r'_2 = 2r_2 + r_1]$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad [r'_1 = r_1 \times \frac{1}{4}]$$

From this first row,

$$-x_1 + x_2 = 0$$
$$x_1 = x_2 = s \quad \text{(say)}$$

Taking s = 1, the eigenvector can be written as,

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now for  $\lambda = -1$ ,

$$(A - \lambda I)v = 0$$
or, 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - (-1) & 4 \\ 2 & 3 - (-1) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$
or, 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Now, we can write,

$$2x_1 + 4x_2 = 0$$

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or, 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad [r'_2 = r_2 - r_1]$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad [r'_1 = r_1 \times \frac{1}{2}]$$

From this first row,

$$x_1 + 2x_2 = 0$$
$$x_1 = -2x_2$$

Taking  $x_2 = 1$ , we get  $x_1 = -2$ . Thus, the eigenvector can be written as,

$$v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2\\1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Cayley-Hamilton proof:

We have to show that  $A^2 - 4A - 5I = 0$ .

This will square the matrix A, which is:

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 16 \\ 8 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$$
Now,  $A^2 - 4A - 5I = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 16 \\ 8 & 17 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 16 \\ 8 & 12 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0$  [Proved]

$$\delta$$
 Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix  $A=\begin{bmatrix}1&-3&3\\3&-5&3\\6&-6&4\end{bmatrix}$ 

We know  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$ 

$$or, \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 & \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -5 & 3 & - & 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 6 & -6 & 4 & 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & -3 & 3 \\ 1 - \lambda & -3 & 3 \\ 1 - \lambda & -3 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

or, 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & -3 & 3 \\ 3 & -5 - \lambda & 3 \\ 6 & -6 & 4 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

from this we get the  $eq^n$ :

$$= (1 - \lambda) ((-5 - \lambda) \cdot (4 - \lambda) - (-6) \cdot 3) - (-3) (3 \cdot (4 - \lambda) - 6 \cdot 3) + 3 (3 \cdot (-6) - 6 \cdot (-5 - \lambda)) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - \lambda) \cdot (\lambda^2 + \lambda - 2) - (9\lambda + 18) + (18\lambda + 36) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 + \lambda - 2 - \lambda^3 - \lambda^2 - 9\lambda - 18 + 18\lambda + 36 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^3 - 12\lambda - 16 = 0$$

To solve a cube polynomial, we assume a value for the variable where the left side of the equation equals the right side after calculation. Here, for  $\lambda = -2$ , we get  $(-2)^3 - 12(-2) - 16 = 0$ . We use that value to get the first component, here it's  $\lambda - (-2)$  or  $(\lambda + 2)$  in short.

$$\lambda^{3} - 12\lambda - 16 = 0$$

$$or, \lambda^{3} + 2\lambda^{2} - 2\lambda^{2} - 4\lambda - 8\lambda - 16 = 0$$

$$or, \lambda^{2}(\lambda + 2) - 2\lambda(\lambda + 2) - 8(\lambda + 2) = 0$$

$$or, (\lambda + 2)(\lambda^{2} - 2\lambda - 8) = 0$$

here

$$(\lambda + 2) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \lambda = -2$$

$$or, (\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 8) = 0$$

$$or, \lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 8 = 0$$

$$or, (\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 2) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \lambda = 4$$

$$\rightarrow \lambda = -2$$

 $\lambda$  could be either -2 or 4 For  $\lambda=$  -2 , we get from (A- $\lambda I)v=$  0:

or, 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1+2 & -3 & 3 \\ 3 & -5+2 & 3 \\ 6 & -6 & 4+2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$
or, 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 & 3 \\ 3 & -3 & 3 \\ 6 & -6 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 & 3|0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0|0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0|0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r'_2 = r_2 - r_1 \\ x'_3 = r_3 - 2r_1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

From the first row, we get:

$$3x_1 - 3x_2 + 3x_3 = 0$$

$$or, x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$or, x_1 = x_2 - x_3$$

$$or, x_1 = a - b$$

say, 
$$x_2 = a$$
  $x_3 = b$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a-b \\ a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - b \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, we get 
$$V_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and  $V_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

For  $\lambda = 4$ , we get from  $(A - \lambda I)v = 0$ :

or, 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-4 & -3 & 3 \\ 3 & -5-4 & 3 \\ 6 & -6 & 4-4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$
or, 
$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & -3 & 3 \\ 3 & -9 & 3 \\ 6 & -6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -3 & 3|0 \\ 0 & -12 & 6|0 \\ 0 & -12 & 6|0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r'_2 = r_2 + r_1 \\ r'_3 = r_3 + 2r_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -3 & 3|0 \\ 0 & -12 & 6|0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0|0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_3" = r'_3 - r'_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

From the second row, we get:

$$-12x_2 + 6x_3 = 0$$

$$2x_2 = x_3$$

Now, from the first row:

$$-3x_1 - 3x_2 + 3x_3 = 0$$
$$-x_1 - x_2 + 2x_2 = 0$$
$$x_1 = x_2$$
$$x_1 = c$$

say, 
$$x_1 = c$$
  $x_2 = c$   $x_3 = 2c$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ c \\ 2c \end{bmatrix} = c \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, we get 
$$V_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\delta$$
 Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ 

## System of Equation

$$egin{array}{llll} a_{11}x_1+&a_{12}x_2+&a_{13}x_3&=b_1\\ a_{21}x_1+&a_{22}x_2+&a_{23}x_3&=b_2\\ dots&&dots\\ a_{n1}x_1+&a_{n2}x_2+&a_{n3}x_3&=b_n \end{array}$$

or,

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & a_{n3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Here,

$$AX = B$$

Let,

$$C = [A|B]$$

Then, for finding solution of we look for:

(a) Consistent  $eq^n$ :

If  $\operatorname{Rank} A = \operatorname{Rank} C$ 

(i) Unique sol<sup>n</sup>: Rank A = Rank C = n;

(ii) Infinite sol<sup>n</sup>: Rank A = Rank C = n < r;

(b) Inconsistent  $eq^n$ :

If  $\operatorname{Rank} A \neq \operatorname{Rank} C$ 

#### Example:

Test for consistency and solve:

$$\begin{cases} 5x + 3y + 7z &= 4, \\ 3x + 26y + 2z &= 9, \\ 7x + 2y + 10z &= 5. \end{cases}$$

**Solution:** 

$$C = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 5 & 3 & 7 & 4 \\ 3 & 26 & 2 & 9 \\ 7 & 2 & 10 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 7 & | & 4 \\ 0 & 121 & -11 & | & 33 \\ 0 & -11 & 1 & | & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r'_2 = 5r_2 - 3r_1 \\ r'_3 = 5r_3 - 7r_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 5 & 3 & 7 & 4 \\ 0 & 121 & -11 & 33 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \left[ r_3'' = 11r_3' + r_2' \right]$$

Here, the n=3; Rank of A=2; Rank of C=2; Thus it is a consistent equation with infinite amount of solutions.