

# Matrix Calculus

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*Matrix calculus* is the field dealing with multivariate calculus over spaces of matrices and vectors

Matlab® is optimised for those computations at the numerical level: whenever possible one should use *vectorized computations*

- Eases the lecture and understanding of the code's
- Increase in the speed performance
- Consistency with Matlab®'s spirit

# Arrays

*Arrays* are the core of Matlab®. As Matlab® states it itself,

While other programming languages mostly work with numbers one at a time, Matlab® is designed to operate primarily on whole matrices and arrays.

All variables are multidimensional arrays, regardless the type of data. There are two main categories

- Numerical arrays

Scalar ( $1 \times 1$ )

Vector ( $n \times 1$  or  $1 \times n$ )

Matrix ( $n \times m$ )

- Cell array of objects

## Simple creation of a vector array



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>> b=[8, 2, 23, 5]  
>> c=[8; 2; 23; 5]
```
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- 
- The separators `space` and `,` are building a row vector
  - The separator `;` is building a column vector
  - The storage's amount of a vector corresponds to its number of elements times the amount required by one element

## Automatic creation of a vector array

Matlab® has built-in constructors and functions that *initialises* automatically a vector array defined on a predefined sequence

```
>> a = 1:10  
>> a = 1:2:10  
>> a = 100:-2:-1  
>> a = 1.2:0.2:10.5
```

```
>> b = zeros(1,10)  
>> b = ones(10,1)  
>> b = linspace(1,10,10)  
>> b = linspace(1.2,10.4,47)
```

The *indexing* starts at 1 and finishes at `end`. The elements of a vector array are accessible through their index

```
>> a(1)
```

```
>> a(end)
```

```
>> a(2:end-1)
```

**Note:** Be careful to the bounds!

```
>> b(45:end-5)
```

```
>> a(-1)
```

# Vector arrays

## Getting the properties of a vector array

To perform the desired algebra operations it is crucial to know the orientation (row or column) of a vector array and its length

```
>> size(a)
```

```
>> length(a)
```

## Operations over a vector array: addition

```
>> a = 1:5;  
>> b = 5:3:17;  
>> c = a + b
```

The addition and subtraction are done element-wise

```
>> a = 1:5; b = 5:3:20;  
>> c = a - b
```

→ The two vectors should  
have the same length



## Operations over a vector array: transpose

The symbol `'` transposes a given vector: a row vector array will become a column array and *vis-versa*

```
>> a = 1:5;  
>> b = a';  
>> size(a)  
>> size(b)
```

## Operations over a vector array: broadcasting

In the new versions of Matlab® (from 2016b on), the operations are *broadcast*: adding two vectors that do not have the same orientation creates a matrix

```
>> b = [3, 2];  
>> a = [1; 4];  
>> a+b
```

```
ans =  
     4     3  
     7     6
```



## Operations over a vector array: multiplication

The operator `*` is the matrix multiplication. Between row and column vectors, it is the scalar product. The operator `.*` is the element-wise multiplication

```
>> a = 1:5; b = 5:3:17;  
>> c = a*b           % Error  
>> c = a.*b          % Element-wise multiplication  
>> c = a*b'          % Scalar product  
>> c = b'*a          % Broadcast multiplication
```

**Note:** Be careful to the orientation of the vectors. Because of broadcasting, you may not see the errors

## Operations over a vector array: right division

The operator `/` is the matrix right division:  $A/B$  determines the matrix  $C$  such that  $C * B = A$ . It applies to vectors by considering that a vector is a  $n \times 1$  or  $1 \times n$  matrix. The operator `./` is the element-wise usual division

```
>> a = 1:5; b = 5:3:17;  
>> c = a/b           % Least-squares solution of  $x * b = a$   
>> c = b'/a'         % Least-squares solution of  $x * a = b$   
>> c = a./b          % Element-wise usual division  
>> c = a/b'          % Error  
>> c = a'/b          % Error
```

## Simple creation of a matrix



1. Try the following in the command line:  

```
>> clear all; clc;  
>> a=[1 2 3; 4 5 6]  
>> b=[1,2,3; 4,5,6]
```
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## Simple creation of a matrix



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```

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3. What do `space` or `,` or `;` do?

- 
- The separators `space` and `,` are separating the columns
  - The separator `;` is separating the rows
  - The storage's amount of a matrix corresponds to its number of elements times the amount required by one element

## Automatic creation of a matrix

Matlab® has built-in functions and assembling techniques that *initialises* automatically a matrix defined on a predefined structure

```
>> % Using constructors
>> A = [] % Empty
>> A = eye(5) ' ' % Identity
>> A = zeros(4,3) % Zeros
>> A = ones(4,3) % Ones
>> A = rand(5) (0,1) % Uniform
>> A = randn(3,4) % Normal
>> A = magic(5)
1...n^2 random
```

```
>> % Assembling
>> A = eye(2)
>> B = [1:5]+[1:3] '
>> C = ones(2,3)
>> D = [A C; B] '
```

```
>> a = 2*1:5+[1:3] '
>> a = 2*[1:5]+[1:3] '
```



## Knowing the size of a matrix

As for vectors, the (multidimensional) size of a matrix is given by the command `size`. For a given matrix  $A$ , the command

`length(A)` returns `max(size(A))`

```
>> size(D)
>> size(D,1) % Number of rows
>> size(D,2) % Number of columns
```

```
>> length(D)
>> max(size(D))
```

## Reshaping matrices

One can construct a matrix from a single vector or stack a matrix into a vector. **The total number of elements must be preserved**

```
>> D2 = reshape(D,1,(size(D,1)*size(D,2)))
>> a = 1:16
>> A = reshape(a,4,4) % Fills the columns successively
```

## Accessing elements

As vector arrays, the *indexing* starts at 1 and finishes at `end`. The matrix's elements are accessible giving one index per dimension

```
>> D(2,3)           % Second line, third column  
>> D(1,end)        % Last element of the first line
```

## Extracting and glueing submatrices

Extract a submatrix by giving a list of indices for each dimension

```
>> D(1:3, 1:2:6)  
>> D(1:3, [1 4 3])  
>> D(1:5)  
>> D(1, 1:end)
```

```
>> D(:)  
>> D(:,1:3)  
>> D(1:3,:)   
>> D(:,end)
```

Paste multiple copies of a same matrix with `repmat(D,2,2)`

## Operations over matrices

Element-wise sum/substraction

Element-wise multiplication/division

Matrix multiplication (ex.  $B * A$ ,  $3 * B$ )

Element-wise power

Power for square matrix

Conjugate transposed (ex.  $A'$ )

Transposed (ex.  $A.'$ )

Inverse of matrix

Linear system solver :  $A \backslash b$  solves  $A * x = b$

Element-wise logic operations

Element-wise comparison operators

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3i & -2i \\ 1 & k+6i \end{bmatrix} \downarrow \begin{bmatrix} -3i & 1 \\ 2i & k-6i \end{bmatrix}$$

$+$   $-$

$.*$   $.\backslash$   $./$

$*$

$.^{\wedge}$

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$'$

$.'$

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$\backslash$

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$==$   $\sim=$   $<$   $>$   $<=$   $>=$



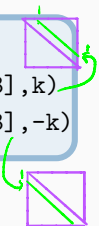
## Operations over a matrix's diagonal

To retrieve the values of a matrix's diagonal in a vector shape, use the function `diag`. The same function can also create a diagonal matrix from a single vector

```
>> A = diag([1,2,3])  
>> a = diag(A)
```

Retrieving the  $k^{\text{th}}$  diagonal is done in a similar way

```
>> k = 1  
>> A = diag([1,2,3],k)  
>> A = diag([1,2,3],-k)
```



```
>> A = magic(5)  
>> a = diag(A,2)
```

## Broadcast operations

In the new versions of Matlab® (from 2016b on), the operations are *broadcast*: one can add scalars or vectors to matrices

```
>> A = [1, 2; 3, 4];  
>> A + 1  
ans =  
     2     3  
     4     5
```

```
>> A = [1, 2; 3, 4];  
>> b = [3, 2];  
>> A+b  
ans =  
     4     4  
     6     6
```



1. Define in Matlab® the following matrix and call it A.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 8 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

2. What happens when using a single index?

```
>> A(5)
```

3. What happens here?

```
>> A=zeros(4,5);
```

```
>> A(:)=1:numel(A)
```



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```
>> A3(5)
```

3. What happens here?

```
>> A=zeros(4,5);
```

```
>> A(:)=1:numel(A)
```

*column-wise*

*# elements of A*

- The first element of the 5<sup>th</sup> row is returned
- An empty matrix is created. Then, the elements are filled by the integers 1 to the number of elements of A

# Multidimensional arrays

In Matlab®, vector and matrices arrays behave alike. And more generally, any array has the same Matlab® structure

## Initialisation

```
>> A=rand(4, 5, 7, 4)  
>> size(A)
```

## Access to values

```
>> A(1,2,3,4)  
>> A(1,:,: ,4)
```

The syntax introduced above apply in a similar way to multidimensional arrays. The operators also act alike provided that there exists an algebraic meaning to the given instruction

## Modifying array's elements

The elements of any array can be changed by overwriting the values stored at locations pointed by given indices

```
>> D = [1,2,3;4,5,6;7,8,9]
>> D(2,3)=7           % Changes this specific element
>> D(:,2)= [12,13,14] % Changes the full row
```

## Extending an array

An array extension is done by storing a value at a new location

```
>> D = [1,2,3;4,5,6;7,8,9]
>> D(4:5,:) = [7,8,9;10,11,12] % Two rows are added
>> size(D)                     % The dimension changed
```

# Operations on arrays

## Testing an array element-wise

Testing the value of the array's elements against some condition is done through logical operators. It returns a *logical array*

```
>> A = [1 2 3 4; 5 4 3 2]
>> A<4
```

## Finding elements in an array

The command `find` returns the index of the array's elements that satisfy a wished condition. The array's structure is not preserved

```
>> find([1,2,3,4]>6)      % Returns empty vector
>> find([2,3,4,5]>3)      % [3,4]
>> find(A<4)             % [1 3 5 6 8]'
>> A(find(A<4))          % [1 2 3 3 2]' }
```

*column-wise*

# Operations on arrays

## Clearing elements in an array

Removing a row or a column is done by assigning `[]` as a new value to the column or row one wishes to delete

```
>> A(:,[2,4]) = [] % Remove the 2nd and 4th columns
>> A(1,:) = []     % Remove the first row
>> A(1:3,1:2) = [] % Error: cannot remove block
>> A(1,1) = []     % Error: portions of the matrix
```

## Removing spurious dimensions

The function `squeeze` removes the dimensions that are not necessary for representing the array

```
>> D2=reshape(D,[3,3,1,1,2,1,1])
>> D3=squeeze(D2)
```

```
>> size(D2)
>> size(D3)
```

*3,3,1,1,2*

*3,3,2*




# Operations on arrays

## Shifting dimensions of multidimensional array

The dimensions of any array can be shifted, rolling the matrix to the left (right) when the shift index is positive (negative)

```
>> C=shiftdim(D3,1);  
>> size(C)
```



```
>> D3(3,2,1)  
>> C(2,1,3)
```

## Generic functions on multidimensional arrays

Most of the functions operate on multidimensional arrays with the same syntax as for vector and matrix arrays

```
>> A=rand(3);  
>> B=repmat(A,[1,1,2])  
>> size(B)
```

```
>> A=rand(3);  
>> sin(A)  
>> log(A)
```

# Operations on arrays

## Functions designed for arrays

Some functions used to extract and infer information from a given array are already implemented. By default, they act column-wise

*max(A, [], dim)  
[max of every row]  
= [maxRow1  
maxRow2]*

`max` Find the maximum

`min` Find the minimum

`sum`, `mean`, `median` Statistical quantities

`std` Standard deviation

*all element*

```
>> max(b(:))
```

```
>> max(b)
```

*max of each column*

```
>> max(A(:))
```

```
>> max(A)
```

*sum for each column*

```
>> s = sum(D3)
```

```
>> size(s)
```

To specify the dimension along which the function acts:

```
>> max(A, 2)
```

*compare A & 2.*

```
>> sum(D3, 1)
```

```
>> sum(D3, [1, 2])
```

*→ sum(A, dim)*

## Functions that act on two multidimensional arrays

`isequal` Checks if two matrices are equal

`kron` Computes the outer tensor product of two matrices:

$$\text{kron}(A, B) = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11}B & A_{12}B & \dots & A_{1n}B \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ A_{m1}B & \dots & \dots & A_{mn}B \end{pmatrix}$$

```
>> isequal(D2, D3)
```

```
>> kron(A, A')
```



1. Initialise the three quantities

```
A = magic(200); b = ones(200,1) and c=0;
```

2. Create two scripts containing the following instructions

```
% Intuitive code
tic
c = 0;
for k=1:200
    for l=1:200
        c = c + ...
            A(k,l)*b(l);
    end
end
speed1 = toc;
```

```
% Vectorised code
tic
c = sum(A*b);
speed2 = toc
```

3. Check that the two results for `c` match and compare the values of `speed1` and `speed2`.

# Exercises

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## Exercise

1. Construct in Matlab the following matrices in an efficient way (use help diag):

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

*blkdiag [ ]*  
*horzcat [ ]*  
*vertcat [ ]*

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 6 & 6 & 7 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 6 & 6 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 6 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 6 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 7 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 7 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 8 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 8 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Exercise



2. Generate a  $10 \times 10$  random matrix. Then, find the values and indexes of the biggest element of each row.  
Possible hints: `sort`, `max`, `find`
3. Compute the inverse of a random vector (entry-wise).
4. Write a function, which shifts cyclically a vector or matrix by a certain number of rows down and columns to the right (**do not use** `circshift` ).

### Exercise



#### 5. Checkboard:

- a) Generate a random (`rand`) matrix  $A$  with size  $n \times n$  and a second matrix with the same size as  $A$  and which takes some elements of  $A$  in the black fields, while zeros everywhere else. The structure of the second matrix should be similar to a chessboard.
- b) Make sure that your code works for the cases when  $n$  is even and odd. To check if you succeeded try `spy` on your matrix.





## Exercise

6. Give the in-built functions of MatLab that can you use to compute, given a matrix of type  $m \times n$ ,
- a) the average,
  - b) the median,
  - c) the mode.
7. Check what the following functions do.
- a) `rank` 秩
  - b) `null`  $A$  的零空间  $x \in \text{null}(A) \Rightarrow Ax = 0$
  - c) `rref` 行阶梯矩阵 reduced row echelon form
  - d) `orth` 标准正交基 orthonormal basis



### Exercise

8. Guess and verify on the computer what is happening.

```
>> hist(rand(1,100000),100)
>> hist(randn(1,100000),100)
```

9. Let us consider the square matrix  $A$  defined as

```
>> A=[1+i, 1+2i; 2, 4i]
```

Check the following expressions.

```
>> A'
>> A.'
>> A.^A
```



### Exercise

10. Consider `A=rand(10)` and check the result of

```
>> diag(diag(A)) + diag(diag(A,1),1)+...  
    diag(diag(A,2),2)
```

11. Transform the matrix

```
>> A=reshape(1:20, 4, 5)';
```

through elementary row changes in a reduced row-echelon form (germ.: Zeilenstufenform). You should set to 0 any number smaller than  $\text{tol}=10^{-13}$ . You can compare your results with `rref`.

### Exercise



12. Guess the type and value of the following expressions, where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4i \end{bmatrix}$ . Check it then in the prompt.

a) `>> isequal(A, A')`;

b) `>> sum(sum(A - A'))' == 10;`

`>> sum(diag(A == A')) & abs(sum(sum(A)))`;



### Exercise

13. Generate a table with  $N$  values of the function  $f(x)$  on the interval  $[a, b]$ , s.t. you get an  $N \times 2$  matrix having on each row  $x$  and  $f(x)$ . Consider the following functions:
- a)  $f(x) = x^5 - 4x + 1$
  - b)  $f(x) = \exp(i \frac{x}{10})$
14. Find and cure the error in the script on the webpage `search_error.m`. The script should give an ordered list of numbers generated by a random vector.