

MA-106 Linear Algebra

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Recall: Matrices

A *matrix* is a collection of numbers arranged into a fixed number of rows and columns.

The (i, j) th entry is A_{ij} (or a_{ij}),
the i th row is denoted A_{i*} , and j th column is A_{*j} .

Row form: $A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1*} \\ A_{2*} \\ \vdots \\ A_{m*} \end{pmatrix},$

Column form: $A = (A_{*1} \quad A_{*2} \quad \cdots \quad A_{*n}),$

We can add matrices only if they have the same size, and the addition is component-wise.

In particular, $(A + B)_{i*} = A_{i*} + B_{i*}$ and $(A + B)_{*j} = A_{*j} + B_{*j}$

Linear Systems: Multiplying a Matrix and a Vector

One row at a time (dot product): The system

$2u + v + w = 5$, $4u - 6v = -2$, $-2u + 7v + 2w = 9$
can be rewritten using dot product as follows:

$$(2 \ 1 \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = 5, \quad (4 \ -6 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = -2 \quad \text{and}$$

$$(-2 \ 7 \ 2) \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = 9.$$

Write the system in the $Ax = b$ form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2u + v + w \\ 4u - 6v \\ -2u + 7v + 2w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note: No. of columns of A = length of the vector x .

Multiplication of a Matrix and a Vector

Dot Product (row method): Ax is obtained by taking dot product of each row of A with x .

$$\text{If } A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1*} \\ A_{2*} \\ A_{3*} \end{pmatrix}, \text{ then } Ax = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1*} \cdot x \\ A_{2*} \cdot x \\ A_{3*} \cdot x \end{pmatrix}$$

Linear Combinations (column method):

The column form of the system

$2u + v + w = 5$, $4u - 6v = -2$, $-2u + 7v + 2w = 9$ is:

$$u \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + v \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -6 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} + w \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus Ax is a linear combination of columns of A , with the coordinates of x as weights, i.e., $Ax = uA_{*1} + vA_{*2} + wA_{*3}$.

An Example

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -3 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, x = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and } e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$A_{1*} = (1 \ 3 \ -3 \ -1), A_{2*} = (1 \ 2 \ 0 \ -2) \ A_{3*} = ?.$$

$$\text{Then } A_{1*} \cdot x = ?, A_{2*} \cdot x = 0, A_{3*} \cdot x = 0, \text{ hence } Ax = \begin{pmatrix} ? \\ ? \\ ? \end{pmatrix}.$$

Q: What is Ae_1 ? **A:** The first column A_{*1} of A .

Exercise:

What should e_2, e_3, e_4 be so that $Ae_j = A_{*j}$, the j th column of A ?

Observe: No. of rows of Ax = No. of rows of A ,
and No. of columns of Ax = No. of columns of x .

Question: What can you say about the solutions of $Ax = 0$?

Operations on Matrices: Matrix Multiplication

Two matrices A and B can be multiplied if and only if

no. of columns of A = no. of rows of B .

If A is $m \times \underline{n}$ and B is $\underline{n} \times r$, then AB is $m \times r$.

Key Idea: We know how to multiply a matrix and a vector.

Column wise: Write B column-wise, i.e., let

$B = (B_{*1} \ B_{*2} \ \cdots \ B_{*r})$. Then

$$AB = (AB_{*1} \ AB_{*2} \ \cdots \ AB_{*r})$$

Note: Each B_{*j} is a column vector of length n . Hence, AB_{*j} is a column vector of length m . So, the size of AB is $m \times r$.

Operations on Matrices: Matrix Multiplication

Row wise: Write A row-wise, i.e., let A_{1*}, \dots, A_{m*} be the rows of A . Then

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1*} \\ \vdots \\ A_{m*} \end{pmatrix} B = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1*}B \\ \vdots \\ A_{m*}B \end{pmatrix}$$

Note: Each A_{i*} is a row vector of size $1 \times n$. Hence, $A_{i*}B$ is a row vector of size $1 \times r$. So, the size of AB is $m \times r$.

WORKING RULE:

The entry in the i th row and j th column of AB is the dot product of the i th row of A with the j th column of B , i.e., $(AB)_{ij} = A_{i*} \cdot B_{*j}$.

Properties of Matrix Multiplication

If A is $m \times n$ and B is $n \times r$.

- a) $(AB)_{ij} = A_{i*} \cdot B_{*j} = (\text{ith row of } A) \cdot (\text{jth column of } B)$
- b) $\text{jth column of } AB = A \cdot (\text{jth column of } B)$, i.e., $(AB)_{*j} = AB_{*j}$.
- c) $\text{ith row of } AB = (\text{ith row of } A) \cdot B$, i.e., $(AB)_{i*} = A_{i*}B$.

Properties of Matrix Multiplication:

- (associativity) $(AB)C = A(BC)$
- (distributivity) $A(B + C) = AB + AC$
 $(B + C)D = BD + CD$
- (non-commutativity) $AB \neq BA$, in general.
Find examples.

Matrix Multiplication: Examples

Examples:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ (Identity)}$$

- $AB = ??$
- size of BA is $__ \times __$
- $BA = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 10 & 7 \\ 4 & 18 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$,
- and $IA = A = AI$.

Matrix Multiplication: Examples

Examples:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad E = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\text{Permutation}) \quad P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (e_2 \ e_1 \ e_3)$$

$$\text{Then } AP = (Ae_2 \ Ae_1 \ Ae_3) = (A_{*2} \ A_{*1} \ A_{*3})$$

Exercise: Find EA and PA .

Question: How can you obtain EA and PA directly from A ?

Transpose A^T of a Matrix A

Defn. The i -th row of A is the i -th column of A^T and vice-versa. Hence if $A_{ij} = a$, then $(A^T)_{ji} = a$.

Example: If $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, then $A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

- If A is $m \times n$, then A^T is $n \times m$.
- If A is upper triangular, then A^T is lower triangular.
- $(A^T)^T = A$, $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$.
- $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$.

Proof. Exercise.

Symmetric Matrix

Defn. If $A^T = A$, then A is called a *symmetric* matrix.

Note: A symmetric matrix is always $n \times n$.

Examples: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$, $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ are symmetric.

- If A, B are symmetric, then AB may NOT be symmetric.

In the above case, $AB = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

- If A and B are symmetric, then so is $A + B$.
- If A is $n \times n$, $A + A^T$ is symmetric.
- For any $m \times n$ matrix B , BB^T and $B^T B$ are symmetric.

Exercise: If $A^T = -A$, we say that A is *skew-symmetric*.

Verify if similar observations are true for skew-symmetric matrices.