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1 Lecture 2: Introduction to Linear Algebra and MATLAB

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1.1 Notation

An N -dimensional **column** vector \mathbf{v} is written as

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_N \end{bmatrix}$$

where the v_n 's are all scalars.

An $N \times M$ matrix \mathbf{A} is written as

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1M} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2M} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{N1} & a_{N2} & \cdots & a_{NM} \end{bmatrix}$$

where the a_{nm} 's are all scalars.

Note that

- an N -dimensional column vector is an $N \times 1$ matrix
- an $N \times M$ matrix contains M N -dimensional column vectors $\{\mathbf{a}_m\}_{m=1}^M$, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{a}_1 \quad \mathbf{a}_2 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{a}_M] .$$

- instead of writing $N \times M$ matrix \mathbf{A} , people often write $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}$ instead where \mathbb{R} describes that all entries are **real-valued** scalars (\mathbb{C} is used for complex-valued scalars).
- if
 - $N < M$, the matrix is said to be **fat**
 - $N = M$, the matrix is said to be **square**
 - $N > M$, the matrix is said to be **skinny**
- please avoid using **row** vectors if you are already using column vectors. It will only confuse the reader (and yourself)!

```
[1]: % a column vector in MATLAB (separate entries with semicolons)
v1 = [1; 2; 3]
```

v1 =

```
1
2
3
```

```
[2]: % a row vector in MATLAB (separate entries with commas or spaces)
v2 = [1, 2, 3]
```

v2 =

```
1      2      3
```

```
[3]: % a NxM matrix in MATLAB
A = [
    11, 12, 13;
```

```
    21, 22, 23;  
    31, 32, 33;  
    41, 42, 43;  
]
```

A =

```
    11    12    13  
    21    22    23  
    31    32    33  
    41    42    43
```

```
[4]: % what size is my matrix?  
size(v1)  
size(v2)  
size(A)
```

ans =

```
     3     1
```

ans =

```
     1     3
```

ans =

```
     4     3
```

Example: writing a finite data set as a vector Assume that we observe $x(n)$ for $n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$.

How can we write this as a vector?

We simply stack the observations as

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x(0) \\ x(1) \\ \vdots \\ x(N-1) \end{bmatrix}.$$

```
[5]: [audioSignal, samplingFreq] = audioread('data/roy.wav');
      soundsc(audioSignal, samplingFreq)
      size(audioSignal)
```

ans =

```
20480      1
```

1.2 Basic operations

1.2.1 Matrix addition and subtraction

You add/subtract two matrices $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times M}$ and $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times M}$ by doing adding/subtracting all entries elementwise, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{A} \pm \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1M} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2M} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{N1} & a_{N2} & \cdots & a_{NM} \end{bmatrix} \pm \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1M} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \cdots & b_{2M} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{N1} & b_{N2} & \cdots & b_{NM} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \pm b_{11} & a_{12} \pm b_{12} & \cdots & a_{1M} \pm b_{1M} \\ a_{21} \pm b_{21} & a_{22} \pm b_{22} & \cdots & a_{2M} \pm b_{2M} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{N1} \pm b_{N1} & a_{N2} \pm b_{N2} & \cdots & a_{NM} \pm b_{NM} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

```
[6]: % define a new matrix B to the negative of A
      B = -A;
      Z = A+B
```

Z =

```
0      0      0
0      0      0
0      0      0
0      0      0
```

Some basic rules of matrix additions and subtractions are

$$\mathbf{A} + (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) + \mathbf{C} \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A} \quad (4)$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0} \quad (5)$$

where $\mathbf{0}$ is the zero-matrix given by

$$\mathbf{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} .$$

Therefore, you can treat matrices as normal scalars when you add and subtract them.

1.2.2 Matrix multiplication

If we multiply a matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}$ by a scalar c , we obtain

$$c\mathbf{A} = c \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1M} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2M} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{N1} & a_{N2} & \cdots & a_{NM} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ca_{11} & ca_{12} & \cdots & ca_{1M} \\ ca_{21} & ca_{22} & \cdots & ca_{2M} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ ca_{N1} & ca_{N2} & \cdots & ca_{NM} \end{bmatrix} .$$

Thus, we simply multiply every entry in \mathbf{A} with c .

Some basic rules for multiplying a scalar with a matrix are

$$c\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}c \tag{6}$$

$$(c_1 c_2)\mathbf{A} = c_1(c_2\mathbf{A}) = c_2(c_1\mathbf{A}) \tag{7}$$

$$1\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A} \tag{8}$$

$$(c_1 \pm c_2)\mathbf{A} = c_1\mathbf{A} \pm c_2\mathbf{A} \tag{9}$$

$$c(\mathbf{A} \pm \mathbf{B}) = c\mathbf{A} \pm c\mathbf{B} . \tag{10}$$

Active break: writing a phasor of finite duration as a vector We would like to write

$$x(n) = Ae^{j(\omega_0 n + \phi)}$$

for $n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$ in matrix form.

First, we write $x(n)$ as

$$x(n) = Ae^{j\phi} e^{j\omega_0 n} .$$

Let us now define $c = Ae^{j\phi}$ and

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x(0) \\ x(1) \\ \vdots \\ x(N-1) \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{z}(\omega_0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ e^{j\omega_0} \\ \vdots \\ e^{j\omega_0(N-1)} \end{bmatrix} . \tag{11}$$

Then,

$$\mathbf{x} = c\mathbf{z}(\omega_0) .$$

You multiply two matrices $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times K}$ and $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times M}$ by

$$\mathbf{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1K} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{N1} & \cdots & a_{NK} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & \cdots & b_{1M} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{K1} & \cdots & b_{KM} \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{k=1}^K a_{1k}b_{k1} & \cdots & \sum_{k=1}^K a_{1k}b_{kM} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sum_{k=1}^K a_{Nk}b_{k1} & \cdots & \sum_{k=1}^K a_{Nk}b_{kM} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (13)$$

Note that

- matrix multiplication is **not** elementwise multiplication
- dimensions have to fit, i.e., the number of columns in \mathbf{A} and the number of rows in \mathbf{B} **must** be the same.

A very important matrix is the **identity matrix** which is a **square** $N \times N$ matrix given by

$$\mathbf{I}_N = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The identity matrix corresponds to a '1' in the scalar case since

$$\mathbf{I}_N \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A} \quad (14)$$

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{I}_M = \mathbf{A} \quad (15)$$

when $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}$.

```
[7]: A = [ 1, 2;
        -2, 1];
     B = [ 2, 1;
          3, 2];
     % construct the identity matrix
     I = eye(2);
     % matrix multiplication
     A*B
     I*A*I
     % elementwise multiplication
     A.*B
```

ans =

8 5

$$\begin{array}{cc} -1 & 0 \end{array}$$

ans =

$$\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{array}$$

ans =

$$\begin{array}{cc} 2 & 2 \\ -6 & 2 \end{array}$$

Some basic rules for multiplying matrices (assuming that the dimensions fit) are

$$(c\mathbf{A})\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}(c\mathbf{B}) = c(\mathbf{AB}) \quad (16)$$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{AB} + \mathbf{AC} \quad (17)$$

$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AC} + \mathbf{BC} \quad (18)$$

$$(\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{BC}) \quad (19)$$

$$\mathbf{AB} \neq \mathbf{BA} . \quad (20)$$

1.2.3 (Hermitian) transpose of a matrix

The transpose $(\cdot)^T$ of a matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times M}$ flips the row and column indices, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1M} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2M} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{N1} & a_{N2} & \cdots & a_{NM} \end{bmatrix} \quad (21)$$

$$\mathbf{A}^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \cdots & a_{N1} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{N2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{1M} & a_{2M} & \cdots & a_{NM} \end{bmatrix} . \quad (22)$$

The **Hermitian** transpose $(\cdot)^H$ of a matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times M}$ takes the transpose **and** the complex conjugate of all elements, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{A}^H = (\mathbf{A}^T)^* = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}^* & a_{21}^* & \cdots & a_{N1}^* \\ a_{12}^* & a_{22}^* & \cdots & a_{N2}^* \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{1M}^* & a_{2M}^* & \cdots & a_{NM}^* \end{bmatrix} . \quad (23)$$

Note that

- taking the transpose and Hermitian transpose are equivalent if all elements in \mathbf{A} are real-valued

```
[8]: A = [11, 12;
        21, 22;
        31, 32];
Z = A+1i*A
% compute the transpose and Hermitian transpose of Z
Z.'
Z'
```

Z =

```
11.0000 +11.0000i 12.0000 +12.0000i
21.0000 +21.0000i 22.0000 +22.0000i
31.0000 +31.0000i 32.0000 +32.0000i
```

ans =

```
11.0000 +11.0000i 21.0000 +21.0000i 31.0000 +31.0000i
12.0000 +12.0000i 22.0000 +22.0000i 32.0000 +32.0000i
```

ans =

```
11.0000 -11.0000i 21.0000 -21.0000i 31.0000 -31.0000i
12.0000 -12.0000i 22.0000 -22.0000i 32.0000 -32.0000i
```

Some basic rules for the Hermitian/transpose of a matrix are

$$(\mathbf{A}^T)^* = \mathbf{A}^H \quad (24)$$

$$(\mathbf{A}^H)^H = \mathbf{A} \quad (25)$$

$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^H = \mathbf{A}^H + \mathbf{B}^H \quad (26)$$

$$(c\mathbf{A})^H = c^* \mathbf{A}^H \quad (27)$$

$$(\mathbf{AB})^H = \mathbf{B}^H \mathbf{A}^H \quad (28)$$

$$(\mathbf{A}^H)^T = (\mathbf{A}^T)^H = \mathbf{A}^* . \quad (29)$$

1.2.4 Matrix Inversion

An $N \times N$ matrix \mathbf{A} is invertible, if another $N \times N$ matrix \mathbf{B} exists such that

$$\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{BA} = \mathbf{I}_N .$$

Note that

- \mathbf{B} is the **inverse** of \mathbf{A} and is, therefore, often denoted as \mathbf{A}^{-1}
- only **square matrices** can have an inverse (general matrices might have a pseudo-inverse)
- if \mathbf{A} has **full rank**, then it has an inverse. A matrix has full rank if, e.g.,
 - all its columns are linearly independent
 - all eigenvalues are non-zero

```
[9]: % create a matrix with random numbers (generated from a normal distribution)
A = randn(4,4);
% compute the inverse
iA = inv(A)
% check if it is the inverse (AB must be the identity matrix)
A*iA
```

iA =

```
    0.3639    0.0816   -0.5806   -0.7618
    0.3303   -0.5651   -0.3999   -0.0516
   -0.0567    0.0400    0.1883    0.4436
    1.2434   -0.0094   -0.3227   -1.6010
```

ans =

```
    1.0000    0.0000    0.0000         0
    0.0000    1.0000   -0.0000   -0.0000
   -0.0000    0.0000    1.0000         0
   -0.0000   -0.0000    0.0000    1.0000
```

Some basic rules for the matrix inverse are

$$(\mathbf{A}^{-1})^{-1} = \mathbf{A} \quad (30)$$

$$(\mathbf{AB})^{-1} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1} \quad (31)$$

$$(\mathbf{A}^H)^{-1} = (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^H \quad (32)$$

$$(c\mathbf{A})^{-1} = c^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1} \quad (33)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - cb} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}. \quad (34)$$

To be true, the above rules require that the inverses exist. For the last rule, this means that $ad \neq cb$.

Example: the DFT as a matrix operation The N -point discrete Fourier transform (DFT) of a signal $x(n)$ can be written as

$$X(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-j2\pi kn/N}$$

for $k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$. We would like to

1. write $X(k)$ as multiplication of a data vector \mathbf{x} and a phasor vector \mathbf{f}_k
 2. write $X(k)$ for $k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$ as a matrix-vector product
1. If we define

$$\mathbf{x} = [x(0) \ x(1) \ \dots \ x(N-1)]^T \quad (35)$$

$$\mathbf{f}_k = [1 \ e^{-j2\pi k/N} \ \dots \ e^{-j2\pi k(N-1)/N}]^T, \quad (36)$$

we can write $X(k)$ as the inner product

$$X(k) = \mathbf{f}_k^T \mathbf{x}.$$

2. If we define the matrix

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}_0^T \\ \mathbf{f}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{f}_{N-1}^T \end{bmatrix},$$

we get

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x}$$

where

$$\mathbf{X} = [X(0) \ X(1) \ \dots \ X(N-1)]^T.$$

```
[10]: N = 4;
x = randn(N,1);
F = dftmtx(N);
X1 = F*x
X2 = fft(x)
```

X1 =

```
4.1918 + 0.0000i
-1.5332 - 0.0725i
-1.6220 + 0.0000i
-1.5332 + 0.0725i
```

X2 =

```
4.1918 + 0.0000i
```

-1.5332 - 0.0725i
-1.6220 + 0.0000i
-1.5332 + 0.0725i

1.3 Structured matrices

Matrices with structure are extremely important since such as structure - can say something about the properties of the matrix - can be exploited in fast algorithm

1.3.1 Symmetric and Hermitian matrix

A **symmetric** matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ satisfies that

$$\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A} .$$

That is, the entries in \mathbf{A} all satisfy

$$a_{nm} = a_{mn} .$$

A **Hermitian** matrix $\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$ satisfies that

$$\mathbf{Z}^H = \mathbf{Z} .$$

That is, the entries in \mathbf{Z} satisfy

$$z_{nm} = z_{mn}^* .$$

Note that a symmetric/Hermitian matrix is always a square matrix.

1.3.2 Toeplitz matrix

A **Toeplitz** matrix is characterised by that all diagonals of the matrix. As an example, a square Toeplitz matrix $\mathbf{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ can be written as

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} t_0 & t_{-1} & t_{-2} & \cdots & \cdots & t_{-(N-1)} \\ t_1 & t_0 & t_{-1} & \ddots & & \vdots \\ t_2 & t_1 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & t_{-1} & t_{-2} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & t_1 & t_0 & t_{-1} \\ t_{N-1} & \cdots & \cdots & t_2 & t_1 & t_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that

- a Toeplitz matrix does not have to be square
- is completely specified from the elements in the first column and row

```
[11]: % we specify a Toeplitz matrix via the first column and row of the matrix
T1 = toeplitz([0;1;2],[0,-1,-2,-3])
% if only the first argument is given, a Hermitian Toeplitz matrix is given
T2 = toeplitz([0,1+1i*2])
```

T1 =

```

0    -1    -2    -3
1     0    -1    -2
2     1     0    -1
```

T2 =

```

0.0000 + 0.0000i    1.0000 + 2.0000i
1.0000 - 2.0000i    0.0000 + 0.0000i
```

1.3.3 Circulant matrix

A **circulant** matrix $C \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ is a special Toeplitz matrix in which the entries in a column is down-shifted by one compared to the previous column, i.e.,

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} c_0 & c_{N-1} & \cdots & c_2 & c_1 \\ c_1 & c_0 & c_{N-1} & & c_2 \\ \vdots & c_1 & c_0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{N-2} & & \ddots & \ddots & c_{N-1} \\ c_{N-1} & c_{N-2} & \cdots & c_1 & c_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that

- C^T is also a **circulant** matrix
- problems involving circulant matrices can usually be solved extremely efficiently using an **FFT** algorithm (more on this later)

```
[12]: % create a circulant matrix. Note that you specify the first row in MATLAB - not
      ↪ column.
% Therefore, the output is transposed
C = gallery('circul',[0;1;2;3]).'
```

C =

```

0     3     2     1
1     0     3     2
2     1     0     3
```

3 2 1 0

1.4 Bonus: The eigenvalue decomposition

A square matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$ matrix has an **eigenvalue decomposition** (EVD) if it can be written as

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}$$

or, equivalently,

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}^{-1}$$

where

- $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$ is a full rank matrix containing the **eigenvectors** as column vectors
- $\mathbf{\Lambda} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$ is a diagonal matrix containing the **eigenvalues**.

Note that not all square matrices have an EVD. Matrices without an EVD are said to be **defective**.

The EVD is useful for many things such as computing matrix powers since

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}^{-1} \tag{37}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}^{-1}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}^{-1} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}^2\mathbf{U}^{-1} \tag{38}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^n = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}^n\mathbf{U}^{-1} \tag{39}$$

```
[13]: % compute a random matrix
A = randn(3,3);
% compute the EVD
[U, L] = eig(A)
```

U =

```
0.6464 + 0.0000i    0.6464 + 0.0000i   -0.3540 + 0.0000i
-0.1335 + 0.5998i   -0.1335 - 0.5998i   -0.2115 + 0.0000i
0.4488 - 0.0556i    0.4488 + 0.0556i    0.9110 + 0.0000i
```

L =

```
0.8397 + 1.4503i    0.0000 + 0.0000i    0.0000 + 0.0000i
0.0000 + 0.0000i    0.8397 - 1.4503i    0.0000 + 0.0000i
0.0000 + 0.0000i    0.0000 + 0.0000i   -0.2251 + 0.0000i
```

1.4.1 The EVD of special matrices

- **Symmetric matrices:** All symmetric matrices have an eigenvalue decomposition. Moreover, all eigenvalues are **real-valued** and \mathbf{U} is an orthogonal matrix, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{U}^{-1} = \mathbf{U}^T$$

so that

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}^{-1} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}^T .$$

- **Circulant matrices:** All circulant matrices have an eigenvalue decomposition. Moreover,

$$\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{F}^{-1} = N^{-1}\mathbf{F}^H \tag{40}$$

$$\mathbf{\Lambda} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{F}\mathbf{c}) \tag{41}$$

where

- \mathbf{F} is the **DFT matrix** whose $(k+1, n+1)$ 'th element is given by

$$[\mathbf{F}]_{k+1, n+1} = e^{-j2\pi nk/N}$$

for $n, k = 0, 2, \dots, N-1$.

- \mathbf{c} is the first column of \mathbf{C} .

Consequently, the EVD of a circulant matrix $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$ is

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}^{-1} = N^{-1}\mathbf{F}^H \text{diag}(\mathbf{F}\mathbf{c})\mathbf{F} .$$

We say that the circulant matrix is **diagonalised** by the DFT. Since the DFT can be computed efficiently using an FFT, this enables the use of fast algorithms in many situations.