

# Everything You Need to Know About Linear Algebra in Twenty Minutes

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# This Lecture

- Definition of vector and matrix
- Definition of vector-vector, matrix-vector and matrix-matrix multiplication
- Definition of commutator
- Definitions of terms related to square matrices
- Eigenvalue problems

# Vectors

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# Properties of Sets of Vectors

- Orthogonal set of vectors  $\mathbf{u}^\dagger \mathbf{v} = 0$
- Orthonormal set of vectors
  - are orthogonal
  - have unit length (are normalized)

$$\|\mathbf{v}\|_2 \equiv \sqrt{\mathbf{v}^\dagger \mathbf{v}} = 1$$

# Vector-Vector Multiplication

Inner Product  
(AKA scalar  
product)

$$\mathbf{v}^\dagger \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1^* & v_2^* & \dots & v_M^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \dots \\ w_M \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^M v_i^* w_i$$

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Outer Product

$$\mathbf{v}^\dagger \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \dots \\ w_N \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1^* & v_2^* & \dots & v_M^* \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 v_1^* & w_1 v_2^* & \dots & w_1 v_M^* \\ w_2 v_1^* & w_2 v_2^* & \dots & w_2 v_M^* \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ w_N v_1^* & w_N v_2^* & \dots & w_N v_M^* \end{bmatrix}$$



# Matrices

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$N \times M \qquad M \times L \qquad N \times L$

$$C_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^M A_{ik} B_{kj}$$

# Matrix-Matrix Multiplication

- Properties of matrix-matrix multiplication
  - Commutative property does not necessarily hold

$$\mathbf{AB} \neq \mathbf{BA}$$

- Associative property holds

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

# Matrix-Matrix Multiplication

- Distributive property holds

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

- For scalar multiplication, the associative and commutative properties hold

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

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

$c$  is a scalar

# Matrix-Vector Multiplication

$$\mathbf{Ac} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1M} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{2M} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ A_{N1} & A_{N2} & \dots & A_{NM} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \dots \\ c_M \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_1 \\ \dots \\ d_N \end{bmatrix}$$

$N \times M \qquad M \qquad N$

$$d_i = \sum_{j=1}^M A_{ij} c_j$$

# Commutator

$$[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}] \equiv \mathbf{AB} - \mathbf{BA}$$

if  $[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}] = 0$  then

$$\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{BA}$$

$\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  have the same eigenvectors

# Square Matrices

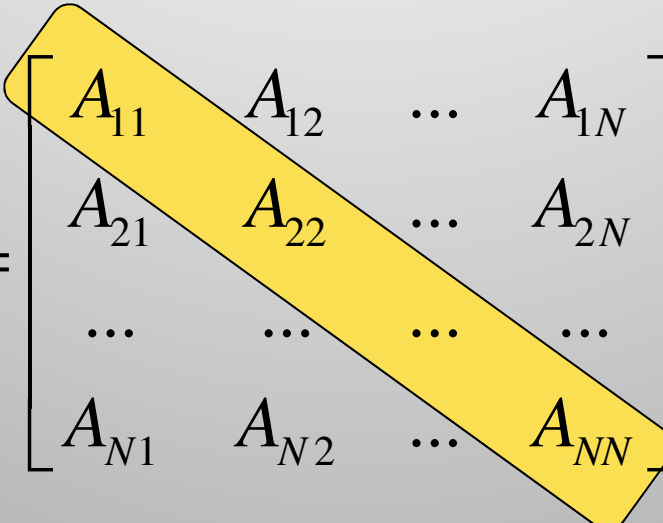
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Trace

$$\text{tr}\mathbf{A} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^N A_{ii}$$

# Determinant

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \begin{vmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{vmatrix} = A_{11}A_{22} - A_{12}A_{21}$$

Most Important Property:

The interchange of any two rows or columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  changes the sign of  $|\mathbf{A}|$ .

# Types of Square Matrices

- Diagonal Matrix  $A_{ij} = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ 
  - $A_{ii}$  are the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$
- Unit Matrix  $(\mathbf{I})_{ij} = (\mathbf{1})_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$ 
  - $\mathbf{1A} = \mathbf{A1} = \mathbf{A}$
- Inverse Matrix  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{AA}^{-1} = \mathbf{1}$

# Types of Square Matrices

- Hermitian Matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^\dagger$  or  $A_{ij} = A_{ji}^*$ 
  - Real eigenvalues, orthogonal eigenvectors
  - $(\mathbf{w}^\dagger \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w}^\dagger (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{v})$
- Unitary Matrix  $\mathbf{U}^{-1} = \mathbf{U}^\dagger$ 
  - $\mathbf{U}^\dagger \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{1}$
  - Unitary transformation  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}^\dagger \mathbf{B} \mathbf{U}$ 
    - $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  have the same eigenvalues, same trace, same determinant
  - Preserves length of vector  $\|\mathbf{v}\|_2 = \|\mathbf{U} \mathbf{v}\|_2$

# Eigenvalue Problems

$$\mathbf{O}\mathbf{c} = \omega\mathbf{c}$$

- Solving an eigenvalue problem is diagonalizing a matrix

$$\Omega = \mathbf{U}^\dagger \mathbf{O} \mathbf{U}$$