

Chapter 1

\mathbb{R}^n and $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

The set \mathbb{R}^n

- \mathbb{R} is the set of all real numbers.
- Let n be a positive integer.
- We can write (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) of real numbers, which is an ordered n -tuple of real numbers.
- \mathbb{R}^n is the set of all ordered n -tuples of real numbers.
- An element $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ can be written in

$$\text{row } x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) \quad \text{or in column } x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{or any other form.}$$

As long as the order of listed n real numbers are seen, there would not be a problem.

Addition and Scalar multiplication

Addition

1. If $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we can add the two to obtain an element in \mathbb{R}^n :

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + y_1 \\ x_2 + y_2 \\ x_3 + y_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n + y_n \end{pmatrix},$$

which is denoted by $x + y \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Scalar multiplication

1. In this course, the scalar is a synonym of real number.
2. If λ is a real number and $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then we can scale x to obtain λx :

$$\lambda \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda x_1 \\ \lambda x_2 \\ \lambda x_3 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda x_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

The set $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

- Let \mathbb{R} be again the set of all real numbers.
- Let m and n be two positive integers.
- The set of all $(A_{ij})_{i=1, j=1}^{i=m, j=n}$ of real numbers indexed by $(i, j) \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\} \times \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ is denoted by $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$.
- The notation for an element $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ in this time is more specific. We distinguish two indices $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ and $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$. We list mn real numbers in a box so that i is a row index, and j is a column index:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} & \cdots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} & \cdots & A_{2n} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} & \cdots & A_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & A_{m2} & A_{m3} & \cdots & A_{mn} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- We call an element of $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ an $(m \times n)$ matrix, which reads as “ m by n matrix”.
- Why ..?

Addition and Scalar multiplication

Addition

1. If $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, i.e., if the matrix A and B are in same shape, we can add the two to obtain an element in $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} & \cdots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} & \cdots & A_{2n} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} & \cdots & A_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & A_{m2} & A_{m3} & \cdots & A_{mn} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} & B_{13} & \cdots & B_{1n} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} & B_{23} & \cdots & B_{2n} \\ B_{31} & B_{32} & B_{33} & \cdots & B_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ B_{m1} & B_{m2} & B_{m3} & \cdots & B_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} + B_{11} & A_{12} + B_{12} & A_{13} + B_{13} & \cdots & A_{1n} + B_{1n} \\ A_{21} + B_{21} & A_{22} + B_{22} & A_{23} + B_{23} & \cdots & A_{2n} + B_{2n} \\ A_{31} + B_{31} & A_{32} + B_{32} & A_{33} + B_{33} & \cdots & A_{3n} + B_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ A_{m1} + B_{m1} & A_{m2} + B_{m2} & A_{m3} + B_{m3} & \cdots & A_{mn} + B_{mn} \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

which is denoted by $A + B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$.

Scalar multiplication

1. If λ is a real number and $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, then we can scale A to obtain λA :

$$\lambda \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} & \cdots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} & \cdots & A_{2n} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} & \cdots & A_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & A_{m2} & A_{m3} & \cdots & A_{mn} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda A_{11} & \lambda A_{12} & \lambda A_{13} & \cdots & \lambda A_{1n} \\ \lambda A_{21} & \lambda A_{22} & \lambda A_{23} & \cdots & \lambda A_{2n} \\ \lambda A_{31} & \lambda A_{32} & \lambda A_{33} & \cdots & \lambda A_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \lambda A_{m1} & \lambda A_{m2} & \lambda A_{m3} & \cdots & \lambda A_{mn} \end{pmatrix}.$$

In summary,

1. We have the set \mathbb{R}^n , equipped with the addition and the scalar multiplication, that we denote by $(\mathbb{R}^n, +, s)$.

$$\begin{aligned} + : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \\ s : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n. \end{aligned}$$

2. We have the set $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, equipped with the addition and the scalar multiplication, that we denote by $(\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, +, s)$.

$$\begin{aligned} + : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \\ s : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n. \end{aligned}$$

1. That we work with $(\mathbb{R}^n, +, s)$, i.e., that \mathbb{R}^n are equipped with the addition and the scalar multiplication may, more importantly, mean that we do not perform other operations.

These are illegal expressions:

- (a) $\mathbb{R}^n + \mathbb{R}$, $n \geq 2$:
- (b) $\mathbb{R}^n + \mathbb{R}^m$, $n \neq m$.
- (c) product in general. $\times : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, though in some dimensions we can define meaningful product.
- (d) comparison in general.

2. Likewise, for the case of $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, we do not perform other operations, unless otherwise defined later of this course.

- We have so far

$$(\mathbb{R}^n, +, s) \quad \text{and} \quad (\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, +, s),$$

respectively a set equipped with the addition and scalar multiplication.

- Expression that makes use of the addition and scalar multiplication, and use only of them such as

$$\lambda_1 x + \lambda_2 y + \lambda_3 z + \lambda_4 w, \quad x, y, z, w \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

comes as an important expression to us.

- The expression is called a “Linear Combination” of x, y, z, w ; Linear, meaning that the scalar multiplication $x \mapsto \lambda x$ is to make something proportional, and Combination, meaning here we are adding things.

The final comment on $(\mathbb{R}^n, +, s)$ and $(\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, +, s)$:

As stated earlier, in some dimensions we may additionally define product, for example in \mathbb{R}^2 we can define

$$(x_1, x_2) \times (y_1, y_2) = (v_1, v_2), \quad \text{where} \quad v_1 + iv_2 = (x_1 + ix_2)(y_1 + iy_2).$$

However, all of such operations are treated in this course to be exceptional and come as addendum, emphasizing that there are only (i) the addition and (ii) the scalar multiplication we are allowed to operate so far.

Chapter 2

Matrix Matrix multiplication

- Emphasizing that there are no other general product operations, now we define the unique product operation between matrices.
- For given matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell \times m}$ and matrix $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, we define the matrix $C \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell \times n}$ to be the product denoted by AB so that

$$C_{ij} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^m A_{i\alpha} B_{\alpha j} \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, \ell \text{ and } j = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

- Importantly, the product is defined only for the case where the second component of shape of A and the first component of shape of B are the same, and the product is not defined for all remaining cases.
- Why .. ?

The defined product can be regarded in a few different ways.

1. The product can be regarded as to build new n linear combinations of columns of A , as designated by numbers in B :
2. The product can be regarded as to build new ℓ linear combinations of rows of B , as designated by numbers in A :
3. The product can be regarded as to build new ℓn real numbers, out of rows of A and columns of B .

The produce is useful in many places.

Perfect for the chain rule in multivariable calculus

Suppose that $X = \mathbb{R}^\ell$, $Y = \mathbb{R}^m$, and $Z = \mathbb{R}^n$, and

$$f : X \rightarrow Y, \quad g : Y \rightarrow Z.$$

Multivariable Calculus:

1. Also assume f and g are many times differentiable functions.

2. For a given point \bar{x} , we collect numbers

$$B_{\alpha j} = \frac{\partial f^\alpha}{\partial x^j}(\bar{x}) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f^\alpha(\bar{x} + h e_j) - f^\alpha(\bar{x})}{h}.$$

3. Similarly, for a given point \bar{y} , we collect numbers

$$A_{i\alpha} = \frac{\partial g^i}{\partial y^\alpha}(\bar{y}) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g^i(\bar{y} + h e_\alpha) - g^i(\bar{y})}{h}.$$

4. Now we consider the composition

$$g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z, \quad g \circ f(x) = g(f(x))$$

and collect numbers

$$C_{ij} = \frac{\partial (g \circ f)^i}{\partial x^j}(\bar{x}) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(g \circ f)^i(\bar{x} + h e_j) - (g \circ f)^i(\bar{x})}{h}.$$

5. Then C turns out to equal to AB .

Writing a system of linear equations

If we are given

$$\begin{cases} 3x - 7y + 4z = -2, \\ 9x - 2y - 6z = 0, \\ -5x + 3y - 11z = -8 \end{cases}$$

It is nice that we can write also

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -7 & 4 \\ 9 & -2 & -6 \\ -5 & 3 & -11 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}$$

Using $\ell = 3$, $m = 3$, and $n = 1$ in the left-hand-side.

The question of why..?

1. Why does it have to be in that way?
2. Why not we define for $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ a product with the same shape in $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$?

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11}B_{11} & A_{12}B_{12} & A_{13}B_{13} & \cdots & A_{1n}B_{1n} \\ A_{21}B_{21} & A_{22}B_{22} & A_{23}B_{23} & \cdots & A_{2n}B_{2n} \\ A_{31}B_{31} & A_{32}B_{32} & A_{33}B_{33} & \cdots & A_{3n}B_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ A_{m1}B_{m1} & A_{m2}B_{m2} & A_{m3}B_{m3} & \cdots & A_{mn}B_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Actually you can. In most of computer language, this entry-wise product in the same shape is provided by the broadcasting.
3. All why-questions come to the following one,
Would other people be interested in the new definition ?

A few important observations

1. Important: You don't mess up with the order of multiplication here.
2. Unlike multiplication we know for two real numbers, for the Matrix-Matrix multiplication for $A \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell \times m}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, the product BA is even not defined in general. This is simply because in general $n \neq \ell$.
3. In the special case of that $\ell = m = n$, BA is defined. However even in such a case

$$AB \neq BA \quad \text{in general.}$$

Summary

1. We have $(\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, +, s)$ for m and n positive integers.
2. Linear combinations of members of $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ are expressions using $+$ and s such as

$$\lambda_1 A_1 + \lambda_2 A_2 + \cdots \lambda_j A_j \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}.$$

3. We have a definition of multiplication for $A \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell \times m}$ and matrix $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ resulting in $AB \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell \times n}$.

Knowledge so far will be applied to mathematics, science, and engineering, and will be extremely important and powerful.