

# Calculating Biological Quantities

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# Last time on CSCI 2897:

A **vector** is a list of elements.

A **matrix** is a table of elements.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}^{2 \times 2}$$

$$(2, 1, 0)^{1 \times 3}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{2 \times 2}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}^{2 \times 1}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}^{3 \times 2}$$

rows x columns

↑  
dimensions

**Rule:** you can add two matrices or two vectors **only if** they have the same dimensions.

**Rule:** you can **multiply** a matrix or a vector **by a constant**.

To take the **transpose**  <sup>$A^T$</sup>  of a matrix, think of its columns as column vectors, and then write them as row vectors. The first column becomes the first row.

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^T = \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left( B^{4 \times 9} \right)^T = B^T{}^{9 \times 4}$$

# Recap: multiplying two vectors

**Rule:** we can multiply a **row vector** by a **column vector** provided that they have the same number of elements.

**Formula:** Step **across the row vector** and **down the column vector**, multiplying each pair of elements. Then **add the products**.

$$\begin{matrix} & \downarrow 1 \times 3 & & \downarrow 3 \times 1 \\ (2) & (1) & (0) & \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix} = 2a + 1b + 0 \cdot 10 = 2a + 1b$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} = 4 \cdot 10 + 7 \cdot 10 = 110$$

# Recap: multiplying a matrix and a vector

Suppose we have a **NxN matrix** and a **Nx1 vector**.

1. Multiply the 1st row of the matrix by the vector.
2. Multiply the 2nd row of the matrix by the vector.
3. Multiply the  $j^{\text{th}}$  row of the matrix by the vector, etc.
4. Stack the answers in a new vector.

**Example:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} \underline{2} & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \underline{-1} & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{array}{l} 2 \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 1 \\ 1 \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 1 \\ -1 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 2 + -1 \cdot 1 \end{array} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$-3$  $6$  $-1$

# Multiplying two matrices

On the prev. slide, we took the idea of multiplying two vectors and expanded it:  
We treated a **matrix on the left** as a set of **stacked row vectors**.

"inner"  
dimensions match!

To multiply two matrices, what should we do with the **matrix on the right**?

treat it like two column vectors!

$$\begin{matrix} i \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \begin{matrix} 2 \times 2 & 2 \times 2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ j \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \text{outer} \\ \text{dims } 2 \times 2 \\ \text{for product} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 5 = 10 \\ 3 \cdot 0 + 4 \cdot 5 = 20 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 = 5 \\ 3 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 4 = 11 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 5 \\ 20 & 11 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(3 \times 9) \times (9 \times 2) = (3 \times 2)$$

- Key:
- ① inner dims must match
  - ② resulting matrix has dims = "outer" dims
  - ③ mult row  $i$  (left matrix)  
column  $j$  (right matrix)  $\rightarrow$  entry  $i, j$

Does matrix multiplication *commute*?

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 5 & 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 \\ 3 \cdot 0 + 4 \cdot 5 & 3 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 5 \\ 20 & 11 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 1 & 0 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 4 \\ 5 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 3 & 5 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 11 & 18 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\neq$

nope!

$$AB \neq BA$$

↑  
in general

✓  $a \times b = b \times a$

✓  $a + b = b + a$

✗  $b - a \neq a - b$

# Algebra -vs- Linear Algebra

## Associative Law

$$(AB)C = A(BC)$$

sequence of multiplication doesn't matter, as long as left-to-right order is preserved.

## Left Distributive Law

$$(A+B)C = AC + BC$$

## Right Distributive Law

$$A(B+C) = AB + AC$$

## Commutative Law for Scalars

$$\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{const, scalar}}}{k}(AB) = (kA)B = A(kB) = (AB)k$$

Scalars  $\rightarrow$  "spies" ... can pass through undetected.

# Tricks of the Transpose

We already learned one cute transpose trick:  $(A^T)^T = A$

Here's another one:  $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$

In other words, the transpose of the sum = the sum of the transposes.

Here's the *tricky* one:  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$  ⚡

**Rule:** To transpose a product, you can only "distribute" the transpose if you reverse the order of the product!

$$(ABC)^T = C^T B^T A^T$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ (A(BC))^T \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \text{⚡} \\ (BC)^T A^T \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \text{⚡ again} \\ (C^T B^T) A^T \end{array} = C^T B^T A^T$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (CDK + RTL)^T \\ &= (CDK)^T + (RTL)^T \\ &= K^T D^T C^T + L^T T^T R^T \end{aligned}$$



# The Zero Matrix & the Identity Matrix

In **algebra**, **zero** is the number that doesn't do anything in addition:  $5 + 0 = 5$

In **algebra**, **one** is the number that doesn't do anything in multiplication:  $9 \times 1 = 9$

In **linear algebra**, the **zero matrix** is doesn't do anything in addition:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 9 \\ 12 & 29 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5+0 & 9+0 \\ 12+0 & 29+0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 9 \\ 12 & 29 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\overset{n \times m}{A} + \overset{n \times m}{O} = \overset{n \times m}{A}$$

In **linear algebra**, the **identity matrix** doesn't do anything in multiplication:

$\uparrow$   
 $I$

$$A I = A$$

$$I A = A$$

I want both!

# The Identity Matrix - what does it look like?

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_{11} & I_{12} \\ I_{21} & I_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} aI_{11} + bI_{21} & aI_{12} + bI_{22} \\ cI_{11} + dI_{21} & cI_{12} + dI_{22} \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{\text{Want!}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

$\downarrow$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note: the fact that  $IA = A = AI \Rightarrow I$  and  $A$  commute!

I = special diagonal matrix:

ones on diagonal, zeros elsewhere.

$$I^{n \times n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

works for any  $n \times n$  matrix!

diagonal matrix

all zeros except the diagonal

Def'n

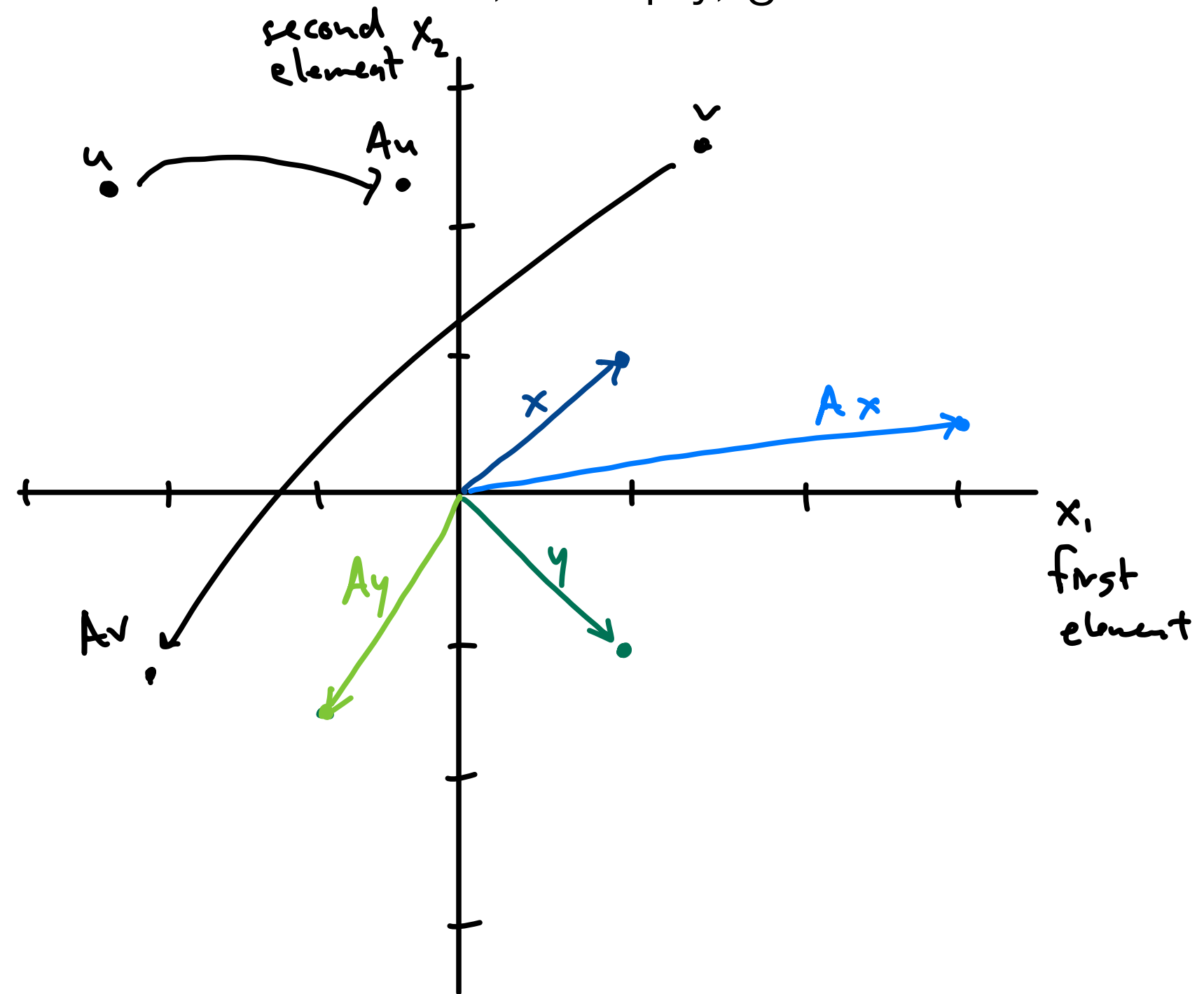
# Matrices as Machines "operator"

A **matrix** is a machine that does stuff to vectors. Take a vector, multiply, get a new vector.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad Ay = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -\frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$



# Trace

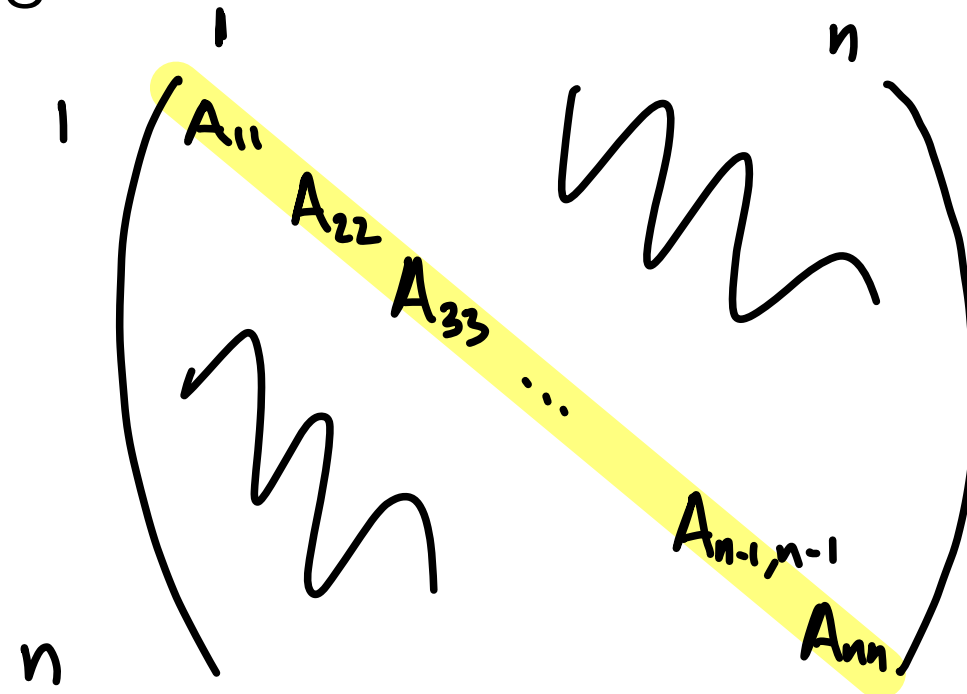
The **trace** of a matrix is the sum of the diagonal elements. The trace is a scalar.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 9 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{tr}(A) = 1 + 3 = 4 \quad \text{tr}(I^{n \times n}) = \text{tr} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{pmatrix} = n$$

**Practice:** Suppose that the row  $i$  column  $j$  element of a matrix  $A$  is given by  $A_{ij}$ .

How can we express the trace using summation notation?

$$\text{tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n A_{ii}$$



Note: the trace has no intuitive meaning, but it turns out to be rather convenient later.

# Determinant (2x2 matrix)

$$A^T = \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix} = ad - cb$$

The **determinant** of a matrix is also a scalar. It has a rather peculiar formula:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \quad \det(A) = |A| = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc$$

Practice:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \cdot 4 - 2 \cdot 3 = 4 - 6 = -2$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0.5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot 0.5 = 1 - 1 = 0$$

Notes:

①  $|A|$  can be negative!

②  $|A|$  can be zero.

③  $|A| = |A^T|$  for any square matrix

Square matrix: #rows = #columns.

Note: the determinant of a matrix is the same as the determinant of its transpose.

# Matrices as Machines II

When a matrix has  $\det. = 0$ ,  
its abilities as a machine  
are diminished.  
"singular"

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0.5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0.5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1.5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad Ay = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0.5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -0.5 \end{pmatrix}$$

