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This tutorial notes overview some fundamental concepts in matrix algebra

- Matrix and vectors (definitions) and main matrix operators
- Determinant and rank, linear equations, and inverse
- Eigendecomposition, eigenvalues and eigenvectors

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# Matrices, vectors and scalars

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## Definition

### A matrix

A **matrix**  $A$  of dimension  $(m \times n)$  is a table of elements

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & \cdots & a_{1,j} & \cdots & a_{1,n} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & \cdots & a_{2,j} & \cdots & a_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{i,1} & a_{i,2} & \cdots & a_{i,j} & \cdots & a_{i,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m,1} & a_{m,2} & \cdots & a_{m,j} & \cdots & a_{m,n} \end{bmatrix}$$

- $m$  rows
- $n$  columns

The notation  $A = \{a_{i,j}\}$  indicates that matrix  $A$  has elements  $a_{i,j}$

- At the intersection of row  $i$  with column  $j$

We will consider (mostly) real matrices, in which element  $a_{i,j} \in \mathcal{R}$

To indicate a matrix, we use upper-case letters  $A, B, C, \dots$

- $A^{m \times n}$  indicates a matrix  $A$  of dimension  $(m \times n)$

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## Example

Create a  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  of random values, with  $m = 5$  and  $n = 3$

```
1 m = 5; % Set the number of rows, m
2 n = 3; % Set the number of columns, n
3
4 A = rand(m,n); % Generates a random matrix A, size (m x n)
5 % For details, 'help rand' or 'doc rand'
6 %
7 % Every time you run the command,
8 % the elements of A will change (randomly)
```

  

```
1 >> A % Check content of A
2 %
3 A = %
4 %
5     0.8147     0.0975     0.1576 % A is generated randomly
6     0.9058     0.2785     0.9706 %
7     0.1270     0.5469     0.9572 %
8     0.9134     0.9575     0.4854 %
9     0.6324     0.9649     0.8003 %
```



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## Example

Consider the  $(2 \times 3)$  matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & a_{1,3} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & a_{2,3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3.5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

The elements of the matrix

$$\rightsquigarrow a_{1,1} = 1$$

$$\rightsquigarrow a_{1,2} = 3.5$$

$$\rightsquigarrow a_{1,3} = 2$$

$$\rightsquigarrow a_{2,1} = 0$$

$$\rightsquigarrow a_{2,2} = 1$$

$$\rightsquigarrow a_{2,3} = 3$$

```
1 A = [1, 3.5, 2; 0, 1, 3];           % Manually input matrix A, row-after-row
2                                     % Semi-column separates rows
```

```
1 >> size(A)                         % Check dimensions of A
2                                     % For details, 'help size' or 'doc size'
3 ans =                               %
4                                     % 3 rows, 3 columns, as expected
5         2         3                 %
```

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```
1 >> A % Check the content of variable A
2 %
3 A = %
4 %
5 1.0000 3.5000 2.0000 %
6 0 1.0000 3.0000 %
7
8 >> A(1,1) % Checks element (1,1)
9 %
10 ans = % Element exists, return its value
11 %
12 1 %
13
14 >> A(3,1) % Check element (3,1)
15 Index exceeds matrix dimensions. % Element (3,1) does not exist
16 % Return error, matrix is (2 x 3)
17
18 >> A(1,3) % Check element (1,3)
19 %
20 ans = % Element (1,3) exists
21 % Return its value
22 2 %
```



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## Definition

### A scalar and a vector

A **scalar** is a matrix of dimension  $(1 \times 1)$

$$A = [a_{1,1}]$$

A **vector** is a matrix in which one of the dimensions is one

↪ **Column-vector**, a  $(m \times 1)$  matrix (a column)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} \\ a_{2,1} \\ \vdots \\ a_{i,1} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m,1} \end{bmatrix}$$

↪ **Row-vector**,  $(1 \times n)$  matrix (a row)

$$A = [a_{1,1} \quad a_{1,2} \quad \cdots \quad a_{1,j} \quad \cdots \quad a_{1,n}]$$



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To indicate a vector, we use lower-case letters

$$\rightsquigarrow x, y, z, \dots$$

$x \in \mathcal{R}^m$  indicates a column-vector  $x$  of dimension  $(m \times 1)$

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## Example

Consider the 2 vectors

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad y = [2 \quad 3 \quad 0 \quad 1.4]$$

The type of vectors

↪ Vector  $x$  has dimension  $(3 \times 1)$ , a column-vector with 3 components

↪ Vector  $y$  has dimension  $(1 \times 4)$ , a row-vector with 4 components

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```
1 x = [1; 0; 2];           % Define x as column vector (3 x 1)
2                               % x is a 1D tall matrix
3
```

```
4 y = [2, 3, 0, 1.4];      % Define y as row vector (1 x 4)
5                               % y is a 1D wide matrix
```

```
1 >> size(x)               % Check dimensions of X
2                               %
3 ans =                     %
4                               %
5      3      1             %
```

```
6
7 >> x = x';               % Redefine x as equal to its transpose
8                               % Symbol ' computes the transpose
9
```

```
10 >> size(x)               % Check dimensions of new x
11                               %
12 ans =                     %
13                               %
14      1      3             %
```



# Matrices and vectors (cont.)

A ( $m \times n$ ) matrix is understood as consisting of  $n$  ( $m \times 1$ ) column-vectors

$$\rightsquigarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \cdots & | \\ a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}$$

$\rightsquigarrow a_i$  is the  $i$ -th column

```
1 n = 10 % Define the number n of column vectors a_in
2 m = 15 % Define the number m of their elements
3
4 A = zeros(m,n) % Create a (m x n) A matrix of zeros (Initialise)
5
6 for in = 1:n % FOR each integer index 'in' between 1 and n,
7     a = rand(m,1); % create a random m-vector 'a', size (m x 1)
8     %
9     A(:,in) = a; % Place column-vector 'a' in the n-th column
10 % of matrix 'A' (overwriting the zeros)
11 end % Close the FOR-loop
12
13 doc for % Extended documentation about FOR-loops
14 help for % Quick documentation about FOR-loops
```

```
1 >> whos A % Return information about variables A
2 Name Size Bytes Class Attributes
3
4 A 15x10 1200 double
```

# Matrices and vectors (cont.)

A ( $m \times n$ ) matrix is understood as consisting of  $m$  ( $1 \times n$ ) row-vectors

$$\rightsquigarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & b_1 & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & b_2 & \text{---} \\ & \vdots & \\ \text{---} & b_n & \text{---} \end{bmatrix} \quad (b_i \text{ is the } i\text{-th row})$$

```
1 n = 10 % Define the number n of column vectors a_in
2 m = 15 % Define the number m of their elements
3
4 A = zeros(m,n) % Create a (n x m) matrix A of zeros (Initialise)
5
6 for im = 1:m % FOR each integer index 'in' between 1 and m,
7     b = rand(1,n); % create a random n-vector 'a', size (1 x n)
8     %
9     A(im,:) = b; % Place row-vector 'a' in the m-th row
10 % of matrix 'A' (overwriting the zeros)
11 end % Close the FOR-loop
```

The same code using the 'cell-array' data structure for storing the vectors **a**

```
1 n = 10; m = 15 % Define the dimensions of A
2 A = zeros(m,n) % Create a (m x n) A matrix of zeros
3
4 for in = 1:n % FOR integer index 'in' between 1 and n,
5     a{in} = rand(m,1); % create a m-vector 'a{in}', size (m x 1)
6     % as in-th cell of a cell array variables
7     A(:,in) = a{in}; % Place 'a{in}' in the n-th column of 'A'
8 end % Close the FOR-loop
```

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## Example

Consider the  $(2 \times 3)$  matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3.5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Extract columns and rows (that is, create column- and row-vectors from  $A$ )

```
1 >> A = [1, 3.5, 2; 0, 1, 3]; % Create matrix A
```

$$a_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad a_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3.5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad a_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{As component columns})$$

```
1 a1 = A(:,1); % Extract vector a1 from A: 1st column, all rows
```

```
2 a2 = A(:,2); % Extract vector a2 from A: 2nd column, all rows
```

```
3 a3 = A(:,3); % Extract vector a3 from A: 3rd column, all rows
```

$$b_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3.5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{As component rows})$$

```
1 b1 = A(1,:); % Extract vector b1 from A: 1st row, all columns
```

```
2 b2 = A(2,:); % Extract vector b2 from A: 2nd row, all columns
```



## Example

Create a  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  of random values, with  $m = 2$  and  $n = 5$

- 1 Display matrix  $A$  and check its size
- 2 Extract element  $a_{2,3}$  and element  $a_{3,2}$
- 3 Extract the 4-th column and the 1-st row of  $A$

Repeat the previous steps on a new matrix  $B$  with  $m = n = 5$



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## Definition

### A square matrix

A matrix  $A$  is said to be a **square matrix** if its dimension is  $(n \times n)$

- The number of rows equals the number of columns

The **diagonal** of a square matrix  $A$  of order  $n$  is the set of elements

$$\{a_{1,1}, a_{2,2}, \dots, a_{n,n}\}$$

They have the same row- and column-number



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```
1 n = 5; % Set number of rows/columns
2 A = rand(n,n); % Create a (n x n) matrix A
```

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```
1 >> A % Check elements of matrix A
```

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```
2
```

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```
3 A =
```

```
4
```

Matrix-vector  
multiplication

```
5      0.9631      0.6241      0.0377      0.2619      0.1068
```

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```
6      0.5468      0.6791      0.8852      0.3354      0.6538
```

Matrix powers

```
7      0.5211      0.3955      0.9133      0.6797      0.4942
```

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```
8      0.2316      0.3674      0.7962      0.1366      0.7791
```

```
9      0.4889      0.9880      0.0987      0.7212      0.7150
```

```
10
```

Determinant

```
11 >> diag(A) % Show diagonal elements of A
```

```
12 % It is a column vector
```

Rank and kernel

```
13 ans = % The size is (n x 1)
```

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```
14 %
15      0.9631 % Type 'help diag'
```

Inverse

```
16      0.6791 % Type 'doc diag'
```

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```
17      0.9133 %
```

```
18      0.1366 %
```

```
19      0.7150 %
```

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## Example

Consider the order 4 square matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3.5 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ , its diagonal elements  $\{1, 4, 6\}$

```
1 A = [1, 3.5, 2; ...           % Create the (3 x 3) matrix A
2     0,   4, 3; ...           % Use triple dots to continue
3     3,   2, 6];              % onto next line

1 >> diag(A)                    % Show the diagonal elements of A
2
3 ans =
4
5     1
6     4
7     6
8
9 >> d = diag(A);               % Create a vector d, size (3 x 1)
10                                % with the diagonal elements of A
```



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## Definition

### Square matrices

#### Diagonal

- All off-diagonal elements are zero

#### Identity matrix

- A diagonal matrix whose diagonal elements are equal to one,  $I$  or  $I_n$

#### Block-diagonal

- All elements are zero except for some square blocks along the diagonal

#### Lower- (upper-) triangular

- All elements above (below) the diagonal are zero



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```
1 >> m = 5; % Define some scalar, (1 x 1) matrix, m
2
3 >> d = 1:m; % Create a n-vector 'd', size (m,1)
4 % The elements of d are (1,2,...,5)
5
6 % Find out how to use ':' in Matlab
7
8 >> D = diag(d) % Create a diagonal matrix D based
9 % on vector 'd', size (5 x 5)
10
11 D =
12
13     1     0     0     0     0
14     0     2     0     0     0
15     0     0     3     0     0
16     0     0     0     4     0
17     0     0     0     0     5
18
19 >> I = eye(m) % Create an identity matrix I of order 'm'
20 % Try 'help eye' and 'doc eye'
21 I =
22
23     1     0     0     0     0
24     0     1     0     0     0
25     0     0     1     0     0
26     0     0     0     1     0
27     0     0     0     0     1
```

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```
1 >> na = 2; A = rand(na,na); % Create (na x na) matrix A
2 >> nb = 1; B = rand(nb,nb); % Create (nb x nb) matrix B
3 >> nc = 3; C = rand(nc,nc); % Create (nc x nc) matrix C
4
5 >> D = blkdiag(A,B,C) % Create a block-diagonal matrix D,
6 % from A, B and C
7 D =
8
9     0.6490     0.4538         0         0         0         0
10     0.8003     0.4324         0         0         0         0
11         0         0     0.8253         0         0         0
12         0         0         0     0.0835     0.3909     0.0605
13         0         0         0     0.1332     0.8314     0.3993
14         0         0         0     0.1734     0.8034     0.5269
```

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## Example

Consider the order 4 square matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

↪ Matrix  $A$  is diagonal

↪ Matrix  $B$  is lower-triangular

↪ Matrix  $C$  is upper-triangular

↪ Matrix  $I$  is an identity of order 3

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Matrix  $\tilde{A}$  is block-diagonal

$$\tilde{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A}_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{A}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \tilde{A}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Three blocks,  $\tilde{A}_1$ ,  $\tilde{A}_2$  and  $\tilde{A}_3$ , one of order 2 and 2 of order 1

Matrix  $\tilde{A}$  is upper-block-triangular

$$\tilde{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{B}_1 & \tilde{B}_3 \\ 0 & \tilde{B}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Two diagonal blocks,  $\tilde{B}_1$  and  $\tilde{B}_2$ , both of order 2



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## Definition

### Matrix transposition

Consider a matrix  $A = \{a_{i,j}\}$  of dimension  $(m \times n)$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & \cdots & a_{1,n} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & \cdots & a_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m,1} & a_{m,2} & \cdots & a_{m,n} \end{bmatrix}$$

The **transpose** of  $A$  is the matrix  $A' = \{a'_{i,j} = a_{j,i}\}$  of dimension  $(n \times m)$

$$A' = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{2,1} & \cdots & a_{m,1} \\ a_{1,2} & a_{2,2} & \cdots & a_{m,2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{1,n} & a_{2,n} & \cdots & a_{m,n} \end{bmatrix}$$

- On the  $j$ -th row of  $A'$ , the elements of the  $j$ -th column of  $A$
- On the  $i$ -th column of  $A'$ , the elements of the  $i$ -th row of  $A$

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## Example

Consider the  $(2 \times 3)$  matrix  $A$  and its transpose  $A'$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3.5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3.5 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 A = [1 3.5 2;           % Create matrix A
2       0 1 3];           %
3
4 At = A';                % Compute its transpose
5                           % Alternatively, At = transp(A)
6                           % The two forms are equivalent
```



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The following properties hold

- If  $D$  is a diagonal matrix, we have  $D = D'$
- If  $A$  is lower-triangular, then  $A'$  is upper-triangular
- If  $A$  is upper-triangular, then  $A'$  is lower-triangular
- If  $A$  is a row-vector,  $A'$  is a column-vector
- If  $A$  is a column-vector,  $A'$  is a row-vector
- If  $B = A'$ , we have  $B' = (A')'$

```
1 >> m = 4; d = rand(m,1); D = diag(d) % Define dimension and a random vector
2 % Use vector to create diagonal matrix
3
4 D = % Show the diagonal matrix D
5
6     0.8147         0         0         0
7         0     0.9058         0         0
8         0         0     0.1270         0
9         0         0         0     0.9134
10
11 >> Dt = D' % Compute the transpose of matrix D
12 % Display Dt
13 Dt =
14
15     0.8147         0         0         0
16         0     0.9058         0         0
17         0         0     0.1270         0
18         0         0         0     0.9134
19
20 >> D == Dt % Check whether D and D'are equal
21 % The check is done elementwise
22 % Return a (m x m) logical array
23 %
24 ans = %
25 %
26     4x4 logical array %
27 %
28     1     1     1     1 %
29     1     1     1     1 % An alternative way of checking
30     1     1     1     1 % >> isequal(D,Dt)
31     1     1     1     1 % Return one logical variable
```

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```
1 >> m = 4; A = rand(m,m); Au = triu(A)
2
3 Au =
4
5     0.6324     0.9575     0.9572     0.4218
6         0     0.9649     0.4854     0.9157
7         0         0     0.8003     0.7922
8         0         0         0     0.9595
9
10 >> Au'
11
12 ans =
13
14     0.6324         0         0         0
15     0.9575     0.9649         0         0
16     0.9572     0.4854     0.8003         0
17     0.4218     0.9157     0.7922     0.9595
18
19 >> (Au')'
20
21 ans =
22
23     0.6324     0.9575     0.9572     0.4218
24         0     0.9649     0.4854     0.9157
25         0         0     0.8003     0.7922
26         0         0         0     0.9595
```

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```
1 >> m = 4; A = rand(m,m); A1 = tril(A)
2
3 A1 =
4
5     0.8147         0         0         0
6     0.9058     0.0975         0         0
7     0.1270     0.2785     0.1576         0
8     0.9134     0.5469     0.9706     0.1419
9
10 >> A1'
11
12 ans =
13
14     0.8147     0.9058     0.1270     0.9134
15         0     0.0975     0.2785     0.5469
16         0         0     0.1576     0.9706
17         0         0         0     0.1419
18
19 >> (A1')' == A1
20
21     4x4 logical array
22
23     1     1     1     1
24     1     1     1     1
25     1     1     1     1
26     1     1     1     1
```

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```
1 >> m = 4; a = rand(1,m)
2
3 a =
4
5     0.2511     0.6160     0.4733     0.3517
6
7 >> at = a'
8
9 at =
10
11     0.2511
12     0.6160
13     0.4733
14     0.3517
15
16 >> (a')'
17
18 ans =
19
20     0.2511     0.6160     0.4733     0.3517
21
22 >> isequal((a')',a)
23
24 ans =
25
26     logical
27
28     1
```

# Sum and difference

## Definition

### Matrix sum and difference

Consider two matrices  $A = \{a_{i,j}\}$  and  $B = \{b_{i,j}\}$  both of dimension  $(m \times n)$

Define the **sum** of  $A$  and  $B$  as the  $(m \times n)$  matrix  $S = \{c_{i,j} = a_{i,j} + b_{i,j}\}$

$$S = A + B$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} + b_{1,1} & a_{1,2} + b_{1,2} & \cdots & a_{1,j} + b_{1,j} & \cdots & a_{1,n} + b_{1,n} \\ a_{2,1} + b_{2,1} & a_{2,2} + b_{2,2} & \cdots & a_{2,j} + b_{2,j} & \cdots & a_{2,n} + b_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{i,1} + b_{i,1} & a_{i,2} + b_{i,2} & \cdots & a_{i,j} + b_{i,j} & \cdots & a_{i,n} + b_{i,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m,1} + b_{m,1} & a_{m,2} + b_{m,2} & \cdots & a_{m,j} + b_{m,j} & \cdots & a_{m,n} + b_{m,n} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Element  $c_{i,j}$  is equal to the sum of elements  $a_{i,j}$  and  $b_{i,j}$

Define the **difference** of  $A$  and  $B$  as the  $(m \times n)$  matrix

$$D = A - B = \{d_{i,j} = a_{i,j} - b_{i,j}\}$$



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## Example

Consider the two ( $2 \times 3$ ) matrices  $A$  and  $B$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3.5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Their sum

$$S = A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3.5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{1+1}_2 & \underbrace{3.5+2}_{5.5} & \underbrace{2+3}_5 \\ \underbrace{0+4}_4 & \underbrace{1+5}_6 & \underbrace{3+6}_9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Their difference

$$D = A - B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3.5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{1-1}_0 & \underbrace{3.5-2}_{1.5} & \underbrace{2-3}_{-1} \\ \underbrace{0-4}_{-4} & \underbrace{1-5}_{-4} & \underbrace{3-6}_{-3} \end{bmatrix}$$

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```
1 >> A = [1, 3.5, 2; 0, 1, 3];
2 >> B = [1, 2, 3; 4, 5, 6];
3
4 >> S = A + B
5
6 S =
7
8     2.0000     5.5000     5.0000
9     4.0000     6.0000     9.0000
10
11 >> D = A - B
12
13 D =
14         0     1.5000    -1.0000
15    -4.0000    -4.0000    -3.0000
```



# Matrix-scalar multiplication

## Definition

### Matrix-scalar product

Consider a number  $s \in \mathcal{R}$  and a  $(m \times n)$  matrix  $A = \{a_{i,j}\}$

Define **matrix-scalar product** of  $A$  and  $s$  as the  $(m \times n)$  matrix  $B = sA$

$$B = sA = \begin{bmatrix} s \cdot a_{1,1} & \cdots & s \cdot a_{1,j} & \cdots & s \cdot a_{1,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ s \cdot a_{i,1} & \cdots & s \cdot a_{i,j} & \cdots & s \cdot a_{i,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ s \cdot a_{m,1} & \cdots & s \cdot a_{m,j} & \cdots & s \cdot a_{m,n} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Element  $b_{i,j}$  is equal to the product of  $s$  and element  $a_{i,j}$

# Matrix-scalar multiplication (cont.)

## Example

Let  $s = 4$  and let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3.5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , we have  $sA = 4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3.5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 14 & 8 \\ 0 & 4 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$

```
1 >> s = 4; A = [1, 3.5, 2; 0, 1 3];
2
3 >> s*A
4
5 ans =
6
7      4      14      8
8      0       4     12
9
10 >> A*s
11
12 ans =
13
14      4      14      8
15      0       4     12
```



# Matrix-vector multiplication

We treated matrices and vectors as simple collection of numbers, or rectangular tables

More mathematically, matrices associate with linear transformations or functions

- A function is an operation that takes an input and returns an output
- (We often denote those as independent and dependent variables)

In matrix algebra, we consider transformations that map vectors into vectors

$$\rightsquigarrow \quad y = A(x), \quad (\text{with } x \text{ and } y \text{ vectors and } A \text{ a transformation})$$

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Think of the usual 2D Cartesian space,  $A$  transforms a vector  $x$  into another vector  $y$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Understanding linear functions means understanding how bases vectors are transformed

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} \\ a_{2,1} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,2} \\ a_{2,2} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Matrix-vector multiplication (cont.)

Consider a transformation  $A$  such that  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} \\ a_{2,1} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,2} \\ a_{2,2} \end{bmatrix}$

For any vector  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{bmatrix}'$ , we have its new (transformed) coordinates

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} \\ a_{2,1} \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,2} \\ a_{2,2} \end{bmatrix}$$

We collect the transformed bases vectors in a  $(2 \times 2)$  matrix  $A$

$$\rightsquigarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} \end{bmatrix}$$

We can write

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Matrix-vector multiplication

## Definition

### Matrix-vector multiplication

Let  $A = \{a_{i,j}\}$  be a  $(m \times n)$  matrix and let  $b = \{b_{i,j}\}$  be a  $(n \times 1)$  matrix (a vector)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & \cdots & a_{1,k} & \cdots & a_{1,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{i,1} & \cdots & a_{i,k} & \cdots & a_{i,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m,1} & \cdots & a_{m,k} & \cdots & a_{m,n} \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_k \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

The product between  $A$  and  $b$  is defined as a  $(m \times 1)$  matrix  $c = \{c_i\}$  (a vector)

$$c = \{c_i = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{i,k} b_k\}$$

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## Example

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3.5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then let  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $c = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$

To compute the vector  $d = Ab$  and  $e = Ac$ , we have

$$d = Ab = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3.5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 1 + 3.5 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 5 \\ 0 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 5 \\ 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 21.5 \\ 18 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$e = Ac = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3.5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 2 + 3.5 \cdot 4 + 2 \cdot 6 \\ 0 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 4 + 3 \cdot 6 \\ 0 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 4 + 1 \cdot 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 28 \\ 22 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$



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```
1 >> A = [1 3.5 2; 0 1 3; 0 0 1];           % Define the matrix the (3x3) matrix A
2
3 >> b = [1; 3; 5];                         % Define the (3x1) vector b
4 >> c = [2; 4; 6];                         % Define the (3x1) vector c
5
6 >> d = A*b                                % Compute the (3x1) vector d
7                                           % Try b*A and comment
8 d =
9
10    21.5000
11    18.0000
12     5.0000
13
14 >> e = A*c                                % Compute the (3x1) vector e
15                                           % Try c*A and comment
16 e =
17
18    28.0000
19    22.0000
20     6.0000
```



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## Example

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3.5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , then let  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $c = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$

Compute the vectors  $d = Ab$  and  $e = Ac$  and comment on the result

$$d = Ab = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3.5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 1 + 3.5 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 5 \\ 0 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 21.5 \\ 18 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e = Ac = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3.5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 2 + 3.5 \cdot 4 + 2 \cdot 6 \\ 0 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 4 + 3 \cdot 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 28 \\ 22 \end{bmatrix}$$



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## Example

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 9 & 8 & 7 \\ 6 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then let  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $c = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$

Compute the vectors  $d = Ab$  and  $e = Ac$  and comment on the results



# Matrix-matrix multiplication

## Definition

### Matrix-matrix multiplication

Let  $A = \{a_{i,j}\}$  be a  $(m \times n)$  matrix and let  $B = \{b_{i,j}\}$  be a  $(n \times p)$  matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & \cdots & a_{1,k} & \cdots & a_{1,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{i,1} & \cdots & a_{i,k} & \cdots & a_{i,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m,1} & \cdots & a_{m,k} & \cdots & a_{m,n} \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} b_{1,1} & \cdots & b_{1,j} & \cdots & b_{1,p} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{k,1} & \cdots & b_{k,j} & \cdots & b_{k,p} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{n,1} & \cdots & b_{n,j} & \cdots & b_{n,p} \end{bmatrix}$$

The product between  $A$  and  $B$  is defined as a  $(m \times p)$  matrix  $C = \{c_{i,j}\}$

$$C = \{c_{i,j} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{i,k} b_{k,j}\}$$

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$$C = \begin{bmatrix} c_{1,1} & c_{1,2} & \cdots & c_{1,j} & \cdots & c_{1,p-1} & c_{1,p} \\ c_{2,1} & c_{2,2} & \cdots & c_{2,j} & \cdots & c_{2,p-1} & c_{2,p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ c_{i,1} & c_{i,2} & \cdots & c_{i,j} & \cdots & c_{i,p-1} & c_{i,p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ c_{m-1,1} & c_{m-1,2} & \cdots & c_{m-1,j} & \cdots & c_{m-1,p-1} & c_{m-1,p} \\ c_{m,1} & c_{m,2} & \cdots & c_{m,j} & \cdots & c_{m,p-1} & c_{m,p} \end{bmatrix}$$

Element  $c_{i,j}$  of matrix  $C$  is given by the scalar product between  $a'_i$  and  $b_j$

$$c_{i,j} = a'_i b_j = \begin{bmatrix} a_{i,1} & a_{i,2} & \cdots & a_{i,k} & \cdots & a_{i,n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{1,j} \\ b_{2,j} \\ \vdots \\ b_{k,j} \\ \vdots \\ b_{n,j} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= a_{i,1} b_{1,j} + a_{i,2} b_{2,j} + \cdots + a_{i,n} b_{n,j} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{i,k} b_{k,j}$$

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## Example

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3.5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ , we have

$$C = AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 1 + 3.5 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 5 & 1 \cdot 2 + 3.5 \cdot 4 + 2 \cdot 6 \\ 0 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 5 & 0 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 4 + 3 \cdot 6 \\ 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot 5 & 0 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 4 + 1 \cdot 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 21.5 & 28 \\ 18 & 22 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 >> A = [1 3.5 2; 0 1 3; 0 0 1];
2 >> B = [1 2; 3 4; 5 6];
3
4 >> C = A*B
5
6 C =
7
8     21.5000     28.0000
9     18.0000     22.0000
10    5.0000     6.0000
```

# Matrix-matrix product (cont.)

Element  $c_{i,j}$  of matrix  $C$  is given by the scalar product between  $a'_i$  and  $b_j$

$$c_{i,j} = a'_i b_j = \begin{bmatrix} a_{i,1} & a_{i,2} & \cdots & a_{i,k} & \cdots & a_{i,n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{1,j} \\ b_{2,j} \\ \vdots \\ b_{k,j} \\ \vdots \\ b_{n,j} \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 clear C
2
3 for i = 1:size(A,1)
4     for j = 1:size(B,2)
5         C(i,j) = A(i,:)*B(:,j);
6     end
7 end
```

```
1 >> isequal(A*B,C)
2
3 ans =
4
5     logical
6
7     1
```



## Matrix-matrix product (cont.)

For every  $(m \times n)$  matrix  $A$ , we have

$$\underbrace{I_m}_{(m \times m)} \underbrace{A}_{(m \times n)} = \underbrace{A}_{(m \times n)} \underbrace{I_n}_{(n \times n)} = \underbrace{A}_{(m \times n)}$$

Right- and left-multiplication of matrix  $A$  by an identity matrix

---

Matrix product is not necessarily commutative,  $AB \neq BA$

$$\underbrace{A}_{(m \times n)} \underbrace{B}_{(n \times p)} = \underbrace{C}_{(m \times p)}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & \cdots & a_{1,k} & \cdots & a_{1,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{i,1} & \cdots & a_{i,k} & \cdots & a_{i,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m,1} & \cdots & a_{m,k} & \cdots & a_{m,n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{1,1} & \cdots & b_{1,j} & \cdots & b_{1,p} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{k,1} & \cdots & b_{k,j} & \cdots & b_{k,p} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{n,1} & \cdots & b_{n,j} & \cdots & b_{n,p} \end{bmatrix}$$

The product  $BA$  is not defined

$A$  and  $B$  must be both square and of the same order (necessary condition)



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A  $(n \times n)$  diagonal matrix  $D$  commutes with any  $(n \times n)$  matrix  $A$

$$DA = AD$$

$$\underbrace{D}_{(n \times n)} \underbrace{A}_{(n \times n)} = \underbrace{C}_{(n \times n)}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} d_{1,1} & \cdots & d_{1,k} & \cdots & d_{1,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ d_{i,1} & \cdots & d_{i,k} & \cdots & d_{i,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ d_{n,1} & \cdots & d_{n,k} & \cdots & d_{n,n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & \cdots & a_{1,j} & \cdots & a_{1,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{k,1} & \cdots & a_{k,j} & \cdots & a_{k,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n,1} & \cdots & a_{n,j} & \cdots & a_{n,n} \end{bmatrix}$$

We have,

$$\rightsquigarrow c_{ij} = \cancel{d_{i,1}} a_{1,j} + \cdots + d_{i,k} a_{k,j} + \cdots + \cancel{d_{i,n}} a_{n,j} = d_{i,k} a_{k,j}$$

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$$\underbrace{A}_{(n \times n)} \underbrace{D}_{(n \times n)} = \underbrace{C}_{(n \times n)}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & \cdots & a_{1,j} & \cdots & a_{1,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{k,1} & \cdots & a_{k,j} & \cdots & a_{k,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n,1} & \cdots & a_{n,j} & \cdots & a_{n,n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_{1,1} & \cdots & d_{1,k} & \cdots & d_{1,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ d_{i,1} & \cdots & d_{i,k} & \cdots & d_{i,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ d_{n,1} & \cdots & d_{n,k} & \cdots & d_{n,n} \end{bmatrix}$$

We have,

$$\rightsquigarrow c_{ij} = a_{k,1} \cancel{d_{1,k}} + \cdots + a_{k,j} d_{i,k} + \cdots + a_{k,n} \cancel{d_{n,k}} = a_{k,j} d_{i,k}$$

# Matrix-matrix product (cont.)

## Example

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , we have that  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 6 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 10 \end{bmatrix} = BA$

```
1 >> A = [1 2; 0 2]; B = [2 0; 2 3];           % Define A and B
2 >> A*B                                         % Compute and display A*B
3
4 ans =
5
6         6         6
7         4         6
8
9 >> B*A                                         % Compute and display B*A
10
11 ans =
12
13         2         4
14         2        10
15
16 >> isequal(A*B,B*A)                         % Uncomment, remove ';', to see the output
17 >> A*B == B*A                               % Uncomment, remove ';', to see the output
```



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## Proposition

Let  $A$  be a  $(m \times n)$  matrix and let  $B$  be a  $(n \times p)$  matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a'_1 \\ a'_2 \\ \vdots \\ a'_m \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = [b_1 | b_2 | \cdots | b_p]$$

Let  $S$  and  $Z$  be order  $m$  and order  $p$  diagonal matrices

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & s_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & s_m \end{bmatrix}, \quad Z = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & z_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & z_p \end{bmatrix}$$

We can state a number of identities

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$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} a'_1 \\ a'_2 \\ \vdots \\ a'_m \end{bmatrix} B = \begin{bmatrix} a'_1 B \\ a'_2 B \\ \vdots \\ a'_m B \end{bmatrix} = A [b_1 | b_2 | \cdots | b_p] = [Ab_1 | Ab_2 | \cdots | Ab_p]$$

$$SA = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & s_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & s_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a'_1 \\ a'_2 \\ \vdots \\ a'_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 a'_1 \\ s_2 a'_2 \\ \vdots \\ s_m a'_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$BZ = [b_1 | b_2 | \cdots | b_p] \begin{bmatrix} z_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & z_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & z_p \end{bmatrix} = [z_1 b_1 | z_2 b_2 | \cdots | z_p b_p]$$

# Matrix powers

## Definition

### Powers of a matrix

Let  $A$  be a square matrix of order  $n$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & \cdots & a_{1,j} & \cdots & a_{1,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{i,1} & \cdots & a_{i,j} & \cdots & a_{i,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n,1} & \cdots & a_{n,j} & \cdots & a_{n,n} \end{bmatrix}$$

The  $k$ -th power of matrix  $A$  is defined as matrix  $A^k$  of order  $n$

$$A^k = \underbrace{AA \cdots A}_{k \text{ times}}$$

Special cases,

$$\rightsquigarrow A^{k=0} = I$$

$$\rightsquigarrow A^{k=1} = A$$

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## Example

Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

We have,

$$A^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad A^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad A^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \dots$$

```
1 >> A = [1 2; 0 1];           % Define matrix A
2
3 >> A0 = A^0;                  % Compute its zero-th power
4 >> A1 = A^1;                  % Compute its first power
5 >> A2 = A^2;                  % Compute its second power
6 >> A3 = A^3;                  % Compute its third power
7
8 >> a3 = A.^3;                 % Compute the third power of its elements
```



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Let  $z$  be some scalar, by definition its exponential is a scalar

$$\rightsquigarrow e^z = 1 + z + \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^3}{3!} + \cdots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k!} \quad (\text{The series always converges})$$

## Definition

**The matrix exponential** Let  $A$  be a  $(n \times n)$  matrix, by definition its exponential is a  $(n \times n)$  matrix

$$\rightsquigarrow e^A = I + A + \frac{A^2}{2!} + \frac{A^3}{3!} + \cdots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^k}{k!} \quad (\text{The series always converges})$$



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## Proposition

### The matrix exponential of block-diagonal matrices

Consider a block-diagonal matrix  $A$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & A_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & A_q \end{bmatrix}$$

We have,

$$\rightsquigarrow e^A = \begin{bmatrix} e^{A_1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & e^{A_2} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & e^{A_q} \end{bmatrix}$$

# The matrix exponential (cont.)

## Proof

For all  $k \in \mathcal{N}$ , we have

$$A^k = \begin{bmatrix} A_1^k & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & A_2^k & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & A_q^k \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus,

$$e^A = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^k}{k!} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{A_1^k}{k!} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{A_2^k}{k!} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{A_q^k}{k!} \end{bmatrix}$$



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## Proposition

### The matrix exponential of diagonal matrixes

Consider a diagonal ( $n \times n$ ) matrix  $A$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

We have,

$$\rightsquigarrow e^A = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & e^{\lambda_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

The result is a special case of the previous proposition

# The matrix exponential (cont.)

## Example

Consider the  $(3 \times 3)$  matrix  $A$ , we are interested in its matrix exponential

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

We have,

$$e^A = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{0.5} \end{bmatrix}$$

```
1 >> A = [-2 0 0; 0 0 0; 0 0 0.5];           % Compute matrix A
2
3 >> expA = expm(A);                           % Compute its exponential
4 >> Aexp = exp(A);                             % Compute the exponential of its elements
5
6 >> isequal(expA,Aexp);                       % Compare the results
7 >> expA == Aexp;                             %
```



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## Definition

### Matrix minors

Consider a square matrix  $A$  of order  $n \geq 2$

The **minor**  $(i, j)$  of matrix  $A$  is a square matrix  $A_{i,j}$  of order  $(n - 1)$

↪ From  $A$  by deleting the  $i$ -th row and the  $j$ -th column

$$A_{i,j} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & \cdots & \cancel{a_{1,j}} & \cdots & a_{1,p} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & \cdots & \cancel{a_{2,j}} & \cdots & a_{2,p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \cancel{a_{i,1}} & \cancel{a_{i,2}} & \cdots & \cancel{a_{i,j}} & \cdots & \cancel{a_{i,p}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m,1} & a_{m,2} & \cdots & \cancel{a_{m,j}} & \cdots & a_{m,p} \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Example

Consider the  $(3 \times 3)$  matrix  $A$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

The minors of order 2

$$A_{1,1} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{1,2} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 7 & 9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{1,3} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{2,1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{2,2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 7 & 9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{2,3} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$



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## Definition

### Matrix determinant

Consider a square matrix  $A$  of order  $n$ , the **determinant** of  $A$  is a real number

$$\rightsquigarrow \det(A) = |A|$$

- For  $n = 1$ , let  $A = [a_{1,1}]$ , we have

$$\rightsquigarrow \det(A) = a_{1,1}$$

- For  $n \geq 2$ , we have

$$\rightsquigarrow \det(A) = a_{1,1}\hat{a}_{1,1} + a_{2,1}\hat{a}_{2,1} + \cdots + a_{n,1}\hat{a}_{n,1} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,1}\hat{a}_{i,1}$$

$\hat{a}_{i,j}$ , the **cofactor** of element  $(i,j)$ , is the determinant of minor  $A_{i,j}$  times  $(-1)^{i+j}$



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## Example

Consider a matrix  $A$  of order  $n = 2$ , we are interested in computing its determinant

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} \end{bmatrix}$$

We have,

$$A_{1,1} = [a_{2,2}], \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \hat{a}_{1,1} = a_{2,2}$$

$$A_{2,1} = [a_{1,2}], \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \hat{a}_{2,1} = -a_{1,2}$$

The determinant

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} \end{vmatrix} = a_{1,1} a_{2,2} - a_{2,1} a_{1,2}$$



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## Example

Consider a matrix  $A$  of order  $n = 3$ , we are interested in computing its determinant

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & a_{1,3} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & a_{2,3} \\ a_{3,1} & a_{3,2} & a_{3,3} \end{bmatrix}$$

The cofactors of the elements along the first column

$$\hat{a}_{1,1} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{2,2} & a_{2,3} \\ a_{3,2} & a_{3,3} \end{vmatrix} = a_{2,2} a_{3,3} - a_{2,3} a_{3,2}$$

$$\hat{a}_{2,1} = (-1) \begin{vmatrix} a_{1,2} & a_{1,3} \\ a_{3,2} & a_{3,3} \end{vmatrix} = -(a_{1,2} a_{3,3} - a_{1,3} a_{3,2})$$

$$\hat{a}_{3,1} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{1,2} & a_{1,3} \\ a_{2,2} & a_{2,3} \end{vmatrix} = a_{1,2} a_{2,3} - a_{1,3} a_{2,2}$$

Sum the product of each element  $a_{i,1}$  along the first column by cofactor  $\hat{a}_{i,1}$

$$\det(A) = a_{1,1}(a_{2,2} a_{3,3} - a_{2,3} a_{3,2}) - a_{2,1}(a_{1,2} a_{3,3} - a_{1,3} a_{3,2}) + a_{3,1}(a_{1,2} a_{2,3} - a_{1,3} a_{2,2})$$



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## Example

Consider a matrix  $A$  of order  $n$ , we are interested in computing its determinant

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & \cdots & a_{1,j} & \cdots & a_{1,n} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & \cdots & a_{2,j} & \cdots & a_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{i,1} & a_{i,2} & \cdots & a_{i,j} & \cdots & a_{i,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n,1} & a_{n,2} & \cdots & a_{n,j} & \cdots & a_{n,n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Computation of  $\det(A)$  develops along the elements of  $A$ 's first column

$$\det(A) = a_{1,1} \hat{a}_{1,1} + a_{2,1} \hat{a}_{2,1} + \cdots + a_{n,1} \hat{a}_{n,1} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,1} \hat{a}_{i,1}$$

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Analogous formulas develop along the elements of any column, so for column  $j$  we have

$$\det(A) = a_{1,j}\hat{a}_{1,j} + a_{2,j}\hat{a}_{2,j} + \cdots + a_{n,j}\hat{a}_{n,j} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,j}\hat{a}_{i,j}$$

Similarly, formulas develop along the elements of any row, so for row  $i$  we have

$$\det(A) = a_{i,1}\hat{a}_{i,1} + a_{i,2}\hat{a}_{i,2} + \cdots + a_{i,n}\hat{a}_{i,n} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{i,j}\hat{a}_{i,j}$$



# Determinant (cont.)

## Some relationships

The determinant of a diagonal or triangular matrix  $A$

- It is equal to the product of the elements along the diagonal

$$\rightsquigarrow \det(A) = a_{1,1} a_{2,2} \cdots a_{n,n}$$

The determinant of a block-diagonal or block-triangular matrix  $A$

- It is equal to the product of the determinants of the blocks along the diagonal

$$\rightsquigarrow \det(A) = \prod_{i=1}^q \det(\tilde{A}_i)$$

The determinant of the product of square matrices  $C = AB$

- It is equal to the product of the determinants

$$\rightsquigarrow \det(C) = \det(A) \det(B)$$

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If  $\det(A) = 0$ , then matrix  $A$  is said to be **singular**, otherwise it is called non-singular

- Understand the determinant of a matrix as the size of a transformation
- (Visually, think of it as the amount of applied stretching/shrinking)

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## Example

Consider the linear transformations  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0.5 & 1 & 1.5 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- Compute their determinant and comment on the results

```
1 >> A = [1 2; 3 6]; detA = det(A)
2
3 detA =
4
5     -3.3307e-16
6
7 >> B = [1 0 1; 0.5 1 1.5; 1 0 1]; detB = det(B)
8
9 detB =
10
11     0
```



# Determinant (cont.)

## Example

Consider the following collection of order-2 square matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We are interested in the corresponding linear transformations

- Determine their size by computing their determinant

```
1 >> A = [3 0; 0 2];
2 >> detA = det(A);
3
4 >> B = [1 3; -2 0];
5 >> detB = det(B);
6
7 >> C = [3 2; -2 1];
8 >> detC = det(C);
9
10 >> D = [2 -2; 1 -1];
11 >> detI = det(I);
12
13 >> DI = eye(2);
14 >> detI = det(I);
```



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## Example

Consider the following collection of order-3 square matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We are interested in the corresponding linear transformations

- Determine their size by computing their determinant

```
1 >> A = [4 0 0; 0 3 0; 0 0 4];
2 >> detA = det(A);
3
4 >> B = [4 0 0; 2 3 0; 6 0 4];
5 >> detB = det(B);
6
7 >> C = [4 2 6; 0 3 0; 0 0 4];
8 >> detC = det(C);
9
10 >> I = [1 0 0; 0 1 0; 0 0 1];
11 >> detI = det(I);
```





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## Definition

### Matrix rank

The **rank** of a  $(m \times n)$  matrix  $A$ , denoted  $\text{rank}(A)$ , is equal to the number of columns (or rows, equivalently) of matrix  $A$  that are linearly independent, a non-negative integer

The set of all possible vectors from transformation  $A$  is the **column space** of  $A$

- The span of the new bases vectors (after they have been projected)
- (The projected bases vectors are the columns of  $A$ )

The rank of  $A$  is thus also defined as the number of dimension in the columns space

↪ The dimension of the vectors from transformation  $A$

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## Example

Consider the square matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , we are interested in its rank

Matrix  $A$  has zero determinant,  $\det(A) = 1 \cdot 4 - 2 \cdot 2 = 4 - 4 = 0$

↪  $A$  is singular and thus its rank is smaller than 2

↪ The column space of  $A$  has dimension 1

```
1 >> A = [1 2; 2 4]
2 >> rank(A)
3
4 ans =
5
6      1
```



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## Definition

### Matrix kernel or null space

Consider a  $(m \times n)$  matrix  $A$ , we define the **null space** or **kernel** of matrix  $A$

$$\rightsquigarrow \ker(A) = \{x \in \mathcal{R}^n | Ax = 0\}$$

The set of all vectors  $x \in \mathcal{R}^n$  that left-multiplied by  $A$  produce the null vector  $0$

$\rightsquigarrow$  The set is a vector space, its dimension is called the **nullity** of matrix  $A$

$$\rightsquigarrow \text{null}(A)$$

The null vector is always in  $\ker(A)$  and if it is the only element, then  $\text{null}(A) = 0$

For a matrix  $A$  with  $n$  columns we have  $n = \text{rank}(A) + \text{null}(A)$

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## Proposition

Consider a system of  $n$  linear equations in  $n$  unknowns

$$Ax = b$$

$\leadsto A$  is a  $(n \times n)$  matrix of **coefficients**

$\leadsto b$  is a  $(n \times 1)$  vector of **known terms**

$\leadsto x$  is a  $(n \times 1)$  vector of **unknowns**

We are looking for a vector  $x$  which, after applying the transformation  $A$ , equals  $b$

If matrix  $A$  is non-singular ( $\det(A) \neq 0$ ), there is one and only one solution

If  $A$  is singular, let  $M = [A|b]$  be a  $[n \times (n + 1)]$  matrix

- If  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(M)$ , system has infinite solutions
- If  $\text{rank}(A) < \text{rank}(M)$ , system has no solutions

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## Example

Consider a system of two equations and two unknowns

$$2x_1 + x_2 = 4$$

$$6x_1 + 4x_2 = 14$$

In matrix form,  $Ax = b$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}; \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}; \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

The determinant of matrix  $A$ ,  $\det(A) = 2$ , one and only one solution

The system can be solved by substitution

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 2 - 1/2x_2 \\ 6x_1 + 4x_2 = 14 \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 2 - 1/2x_2 \\ x_2 = 2 \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 1 \\ x_2 = 2 \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



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## Example

Consider a system of two equations and two unknowns

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 = 1 \\ 2x_1 + 4x_2 = 3 \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}}_x = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}}_b$$

This system of equations has not got any solution, as  $\text{rank}([A|b]) > \text{rank}(A)$

↪ Matrix  $A$  is singular and rank 1

↪ Matrix  $[A|b]$  is rank 2





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## Example

Consider the linear system of two equation and two unknowns

$$\begin{cases} 1 = x_1 + 2x_2 \\ 2 = 2x_1 + 4x_2 \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}_b = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}}_x$$

This system of equations has infinite solutions, as  $\text{rank}([A|b]) = \text{rank}(A)$

↪ Matrix  $A$  is singular and rank 1

↪ Matrix  $[A|b]$  is rank 1



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## Definition

### Matrix inverse

Consider a square matrix  $A$  of order  $n$

Define **inverse** of  $A$  as the square matrix  $A^{-1}$  of order  $n$

$$\rightsquigarrow A^{-1}A = AA^{-1} = I$$

The inverse of  $A$  exists if and only if  $A$  is non-singular

## Inverse (cont.)

### Cofactor matrix and adjunct matrix

Consider a square matrix  $A$  of order  $n \geq 2$

The **cofactor matrix** of  $A$  is a square matrix of order  $n$  whose element  $(i, j)$  is the cofactor  $\hat{a}_{i,j}$  of  $A$

$$\rightsquigarrow \hat{A} = \{\hat{a}_{i,j}\}$$

The **adjunct matrix** of  $A$  is a square matrix of order  $n$  obtained by transposition of the cofactors

$$\rightsquigarrow \text{adj}(A) = \{\alpha_{i,j} = \hat{a}_{j,i}\}$$

### Proposition

Consider a non-singular square matrix  $A$  of order  $n$

- If  $n = 1$ , let  $A = [a_{1,1}]$ , we have  $A^{-1} = [a_{1,1}^{-1}]$
- If  $n \geq 2$ , we have  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \text{adj}(A)$

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## Proposition

Consider a system of  $n$  linear equations in  $n$  unknowns  $Ax = b$

Suppose that matrix  $A$  is non-singular, we have

$$\rightsquigarrow x = A^{-1}b$$

## Proof

Left-multiply both sides of  $b = Ax$  by  $A^{-1}$

$$b = Ax \rightsquigarrow A^{-1}b = A^{-1}Ax \rightsquigarrow Ix = A^{-1}b \rightsquigarrow x = A^{-1}b$$



## Systems of equations (cont.)

Consider a non-singular diagonal matrix  $A$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^{-1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^{-1} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

↪ Its inverse  $A^{-1}$  is obtained by inverting the diagonal elements

Consider a non-singular block-diagonal matrix  $A$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & A_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & A_n \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1^{-1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & A_2^{-1} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & A_n^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

↪ Its inverse  $A^{-1}$  is obtained by inverting the diagonal blocks

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Consider two non-singular matrices  $A$  and  $B$  of order  $n$ , we have

$$\rightsquigarrow (AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$$

Consider a non-singular matrix  $A$  of order  $n$ , we have

$$\rightsquigarrow \det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}$$

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## Definition

### Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{R}$  be some scalar and let  $v \neq 0$  be a  $(n \times 1)$  column vector

Consider a square matrix  $A$  of order  $n$ , we have the identity

$$\leadsto Av = \lambda v$$

$\leadsto$  The scalar quantity  $\lambda$  is an **eigenvalue** of  $A$

$\leadsto$  Vector  $v$  is the associated **eigenvector**

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## Proposition

### Eigenvalues/eigenvectors of triangular/diagonal matrices

Let  $A = \{a_{i,j}\}$  be a triangular or a diagonal matrix

The eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\{a_{i,i}\}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$

$\leadsto$  The  $n$  diagonal elements of  $A$

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## Example

Consider the following diagonal or triangular matrices

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

We are interested in their eigenvalues

The eigenvalues of  $A_1$

- $\lambda_1 = 1$
- $\lambda_2 = 1$
- $\lambda_3 = 2$

```
1 >> A1 = [1, 0, 0; 0, 1, 2; 0, 0, 2];
2
3 >> evalA1 = eig(A1)           % Type 'help eig'
4                               % Type 'doc eig'
5 evalA1 =
6
7     1
8     1
9     2
```

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$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues of  $A_2$

- $\lambda_1 = 1$
- $\lambda_2 = 2$
- $\lambda_3 = 3$

```
1 >> A2 = [1, 1, 2; 0, 2, 2; 0, 0, 3];
2
3 >> evalA2 = eig(A2)           % Type 'help eig'
4                               % Type 'doc eig'
5 evalA2 =
6
7     1
8     2
9     3
```

The eigenvalues of  $A_3$

- $\lambda_1 = 1$
- $\lambda_2 = 3$
- $\lambda_3 = -2$

```
1 >> A3 = [1, 0, 0; 2, 3, 2; 3, 0, -2];
2
3 >> evalA3 = eig(A3)           % Type 'help eig'
4                               % Type 'doc eig'
5 evalA3 =
6
7     1
8     3
9    -2
```



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## Definition

### Characteristic polynomial

The **characteristic polynomial** of a square matrix  $A$  of order  $n$

The  $n$ -order polynomial in the variable  $s$

$$\leadsto P(s) = \det(sI - A)$$

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## Example

Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  We are interested in its characteristic polynomial

We first calculate the matrix  $(sI - A)$

$$(sI - A) = s \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s & 0 \\ 0 & s \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s-2 & -1 \\ -3 & s-4 \end{bmatrix}$$

↪ The elements are function of  $s$

The determinant of the matrix

$$\begin{aligned} \rightsquigarrow \det(sI - A) &= (s-2)(s-4) - 3 \\ &= s^2 - 6s + 5 \end{aligned}$$

This is also the characteristic polynomial  $P(s)$



# Eigenvalues and eigenvectors (cont.)

## Proposition

### Eigenvalues as roots of the characteristic polynomial

The eigenvalues of a matrix  $A$  of order  $n$  are the roots of its characteristic polynomial

- That is, they are the solutions to the equation  $P(s) = \det(sI - A) = 0$

Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of matrix  $A$

Each eigenvector  $v$  associated to it is a non-trivial solution to the system

$$(\lambda I - A)v = 0$$

$0$  is a  $(n \times 1)$  column-vector whose elements are all zero

### Proof

An eigenvalue  $\lambda$  and an eigenvector  $v$  must satisfy  $Av = \lambda v$ ,  $(\lambda I - A)v = 0$  follows

The non-trivial solution  $v \neq 0$  is admissible iff matrix  $(\lambda I - A)$  is singular

$$\rightsquigarrow \det(\lambda I - A) = 0$$

Thus,  $\lambda$  is root to the characteristic polynomial of matrix  $A$

# Eigenvalues and eigenvectors (cont.)

## Example

Consider the matrix  $A$  and its eigenvalues

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \lambda_{1|2} = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 20}}{2} = \frac{6 \pm 4}{2} \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_1 = 1 \\ \lambda_2 = 5 \end{cases}$$

We are interested in its eigenvectors

```
1 >> A = [2 1; 3 4]; [nr,nc] = size(A);           % Define matrix A
2
3 >> P = (A - s*eye(nr))                         % Characteristic polynomial P
4                                           % Variable 's' must be symbolic
5 P =
6
7 s^2 - 6*s + 5
8
9 >> R = solve(P,s)                               % Find the roots of polynomial P
                                           % (The eigenvalues of A)
10
11 R =
12
13 1
14 5
15
16 >> [V,D] = eig(A);                             % An alternative, more Matlab-ish way
17
18 >> R_optional = diag(D);                        %
```



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Consider the eigenvector

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigenvector  $v_1$  corresponds to eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = 1$ , it must satisfy  $(\lambda_1 I - A)v_1 = 0$

$$(\lambda_1 I - A)v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} 0 = -a - b \\ 0 = -3a - 3b \end{cases}$$

If the first equation is satisfied then also the second one will be

$\rightsquigarrow$  The two equations are linearly dependent

- Always with  $(\lambda I - A)v = 0$

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We limit ourselves and consider only one equation, say,  $b = -a$

The choice of the first component is arbitrary, then  $b = -a$

Let  $a = 1$ , then we have

$$\rightsquigarrow v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Consider the eigenvector

$$v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigenvector  $v_2$  corresponds to eigenvalue  $\lambda_2 = 5$ , it must satisfy  $(\lambda_2 I - A)v_2 = 0$

$$(\lambda_2 I - A)v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} 0 = 3c - d \\ 0 = -3c + d \end{cases}$$

If the first equation is satisfied then also the second one will be

- Again, the two equations are linearly dependent

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By considering only the first equation, we have  $d = 3c$

As the choice of the first component is arbitrary, we set  $c = 1$

$$\rightsquigarrow v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$



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We have shown that the system  $(\lambda I - A)v$  has an infinite number of solutions

- Eigenvectors are determined up to a multiplicative constant

↪ We always select the non-trivial (non-null) solution

Let  $v$  be the eigenvector associated to eigenvalue  $\lambda$

↪ Then, also  $y = rv$  is eigenvector for  $\lambda$  ( $r \neq 0$ )

$$Ay = A(rv) = r(Av) = r(\lambda v) = \lambda(rv) = \lambda y$$

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## Proposition

Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  be the eigenvectors of matrix  $A$

Suppose that the corresponding eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$  are distinct

It can be shown that  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  are linearly independent

## Proposition

Let  $A$  be a matrix of order  $n$  with  $n$  distinct eigenvalues

It can be shown that there exists a set of  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors

The eigenvectors are a base for  $\mathcal{R}^n$

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## Definition

### Multiplicity

Consider a square matrix  $A$  or order  $n$

Suppose that  $A$  has  $r \leq n$  distinct eigenvalues

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r \quad (\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j, \text{ for } i \neq j)$$

The characteristic polynomial can be written in the form

$$P(s) = (s - \lambda_1)^{\nu_1} (s - \lambda_2)^{\nu_2} \dots (s - \lambda_r)^{\nu_r}, \quad \sum_{i=1}^r \nu_i = n$$

$\leadsto \nu_i \in \mathcal{N}^+$  (**algebraic multiplicity**)

Define the **geometric multiplicity** of the eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$

- Number  $\nu_i$  of linearly independent eigenvectors associated to it

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## Proposition

Consider a square matrix  $A$

Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue with algebraic multiplicity  $\nu$

The geometric multiplicity  $\mu$  of the eigenvalue

$$\rightsquigarrow \mu = \text{null}(\lambda I - A) \leq \nu$$

## Proof

For each eigenvector  $v$  associated to  $\lambda$ , we have that  $(\lambda I - A)v = 0$

$\rightsquigarrow v$  belongs to the null space of  $(\lambda I - A)$

$\rightsquigarrow$  Dimension of  $(\lambda I - A)$  is  $\text{null}(\lambda I - A)$



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## Example

Consider the matrix of order  $n = 4$  and its characteristic polynomial

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow P(s) = (s - 2)^2(s - 3)^3$$

The roots

$\rightsquigarrow \lambda_1 = 2$ , algebraic multiplicity  $\nu_1 = 2$

$\rightsquigarrow \lambda_2 = 3$ , algebraic multiplicity  $\nu_2 = 2$

We are interested in the geometric multiplicities

## Eigenvalues and eigenvectors (cont.)

The geometric multiplicity of the first eigenvalue

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_1 &= \text{null}(\lambda_1 I - A) = n - \text{rank}(\lambda_1 I - A) = 4 - \text{rank} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= 4 - 3 = 1 < \nu_1\end{aligned}$$

Each eigenvector associated to  $\lambda_1$  is a linear combination of a single vector

$$[1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]'$$

The geometric multiplicity of the second eigenvalue

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_2 &= \text{null}(\lambda_2 I - A) = n - \text{rank}(\lambda_2 I - A) = 4 - \text{rank} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= 4 - 2 = 2 = \nu_2\end{aligned}$$

Each eigenvector associated to  $\lambda_2$  is a linear combination of two vectors

$$v_1 = [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0]'$$

$$v_2 = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1]'$$

