

# COMP1046 Tutorial 1 : Matrices

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$$\text{Let } \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

1. Based on  $\mathbf{A}$ , what is  $\mathbf{a}_2$  and  $\mathbf{a}^1$ ?

**Answer:** This is the second row and first column of  $\mathbf{A}$  respectively, given as vectors:  $(-1, 0)$  and  $(3, -1, 2)$ .

2. Compute  $2\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}^T$ .

$$\text{Answer: } \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & -4 \\ 2 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -1 & -2 \\ 4 & 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

3. Suppose  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{D} = \mathbf{0}$ . Compute  $\mathbf{D}$ .

$$\text{Answer: } \mathbf{D} = -\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

4. Compute  $\mathbf{AB}$ .

$$\text{Answer: } \begin{pmatrix} 3 \times 2 + 2 \times 1 & 3 \times 0 + 2 \times 3 & 3 \times -2 + 2 \times 1 \\ -1 \times 2 + 0 \times 1 & -1 \times 0 + 0 \times 3 & -1 \times -2 + 0 \times 1 \\ 2 \times 2 + 3 \times 1 & 2 \times 0 + 3 \times 3 & 2 \times -2 + 3 \times 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 6 & -4 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 7 & 9 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

5. Compute  $\mathbf{BA}$ .

$$\text{Answer: } \begin{pmatrix} 2 \times 3 + 0 \times -1 + -2 \times 2 & 2 \times 2 + 0 \times 0 + -2 \times 3 \\ 1 \times 3 + 3 \times -1 + 1 \times 2 & 1 \times 2 + 3 \times 0 + 1 \times 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

6. What is the submatrix of  $\mathbf{C}$  when the 1st row and 2nd and 3rd columns are cancelled?

$$\text{Answer: } \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

7. What is the minor for this submatrix?

**Answer:**  $\det \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = 4 \times -2 - 1 \times -1 = -7.$

8. Compute the complement minor  $M_{1,3}$  and cofactor  $A_{1,3}$  of  $\mathbf{AB}$ .

**Answer:** Cancel row 1 and column 3 of  $\mathbf{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 6 & -4 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 7 & 9 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and compute its

determinant:  $M_{1,3} = \det \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 7 & 9 \end{pmatrix} = -2 \times 9 - 7 \times 0 = -18.$

$A_{1,3} = (-1)^{3-1} M_{1,3} = M_{1,3} = -18.$

9. Compute  $\det(\mathbf{BA})$  and  $(\mathbf{BA})^{-1}$ .

**Answer:**  $\det(\mathbf{BA}) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \times 5 - 2 \times -2 = 14.$

$(\mathbf{BA})^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{BA})} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5/14 & 1/7 \\ -1/7 & 1/7 \end{pmatrix}.$

10. Confirm that your answer is correct by taking the product of  $\mathbf{BA}$  with its inverse.

Let  $\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 4 & 0 \\ -4 & 9 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 6 & -2 \\ -3 & -9 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$

11. Compute  $\det(\mathbf{D})$ .

**Answer:** Convenient to work on column 3 with I Laplace Theorem:-

$\det(\mathbf{D}) = \sum_{i=1}^3 a_{i,3} A_{i,3} = 1 \times \det \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ -4 & 9 \end{pmatrix} - 0 + (-1) \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = 7 - 7 = 0.$

12. Compute  $\mathbf{D}^{-1}$ , or explain if it cannot be computed.

**Answer:** Since  $\det(\mathbf{D}) = 0$ , the inverse  $\mathbf{D}^{-1}$  cannot be computed.

13. Compute the ranks of  $\mathbf{C}$ ,  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$ .

**Answer:** The largest square matrix for  $\mathbf{C}$  is  $3 \times 3$ . Consider the first three columns

to form square matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Using I Laplace Theorem with column

2, the determinant is non-zero,  $-1 \times -1 \times (4 \times 2 - 1 \times 1) = 7$  hence the rank  $\rho_{\mathbf{C}} = 3$ .

The largest square matrix for  $\mathbf{D}$  is  $3 \times 3$ , i.e. itself. However from Q11, we know its determinant is zero, so  $\rho_{\mathbf{D}} < 3$ . Try order 2: top left  $2 \times 2$

matrix,  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  has non-zero determinant,  $2 \times 4 - (-1) \times (-1) = 7$ ,  
hence  $\rho_{\mathbf{D}} = 2$ .

For  $\mathbf{E}$ , observe that all three rows are linearly dependent. Even picking any two rows are linearly dependent. Hence,  $\rho = 1$  (see Theorem on slide 13 of Lecture 4).

14. Suppose that matrix  $\mathbf{X}$  has an inverse  $\mathbf{X}^{-1}$ . Prove that the inverse of  $\mathbf{X}^T$  is  $(\mathbf{X}^{-1})^T$ .

*Hint: You should use a property of the matrix product from Lecture 2.*

**Answer:**

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{X}^{-1})^T \mathbf{X}^T &= (\mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^{-1})^T && \text{using transpose of the product;} \\ &= \mathbf{I}^T = \mathbf{I} && \text{since the identity matrix is symmetrical.} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $(\mathbf{X}^{-1})^T$  must be the inverse of  $\mathbf{X}^T$  since their product is the identity matrix.