

linear algebra basics ➡ for machine learning

matrices and vectors

a **matrix** is a rectangular array of numbers:

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

4 x 2 matrix

$$\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 4}$$

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

2 x 4 matrix

$$\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 4}$$

the **dimensions** of a matrix are donated as **rowsⁿ x columnsⁿ**

Which of the following statements are true? Check all that apply.

☒ $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is a 3×2 matrix.

Correct Response

☐ $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ is a 4×2 matrix.

Correct Response

☒ $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 9 \\ 5 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is a 3×3 matrix.

Correct Response

☒ $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ is a 1×2 matrix.

Correct Response

matrix elements (entries of a matrix):

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow A_{ij} = i,j \text{ entry in the } i^{th} \text{ row, } j^{th} \text{, column}$$

for example: $A_{11} = 1$, $A_{12} = 2$, $A_{32} = 6$, and $A_{41} = 7$; $A_{43} = \text{undefined (error)}$

a **vector** is an **n x 1** matrix:

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow 4 - \text{dimensional vector; } \mathbb{R}^4$$

$$y_i = i^{th} \text{ element} \rightarrow y_1 = 1, y_2 = 2, y_3 = 3$$

1-indexed vs 0-indexed

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \end{bmatrix} \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

addition and scalar multiplication

matrix addition only applies when matrices have the same dimensions:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0.5 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0.5 \\ 2 & 10 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2}$ $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2}$ $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2}$

~~$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0.5 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \text{error}$$

$\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2}$ $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$~~

scalar (real number) matrix multiplication

$$3 \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 15 \\ 9 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2}$ $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} / 4 = \frac{1}{4} \times \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{3}{2} & \frac{3}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$

combination of operands:

$$3 \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} / 3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 12 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 12 \\ 10 \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} / 2 - 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 3.5 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 3.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

matrix vector multiplication

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 + 3 \times 5 = 16 \\ 4 \times 1 + 0 \times 5 = 4 \\ 2 \times 1 + 1 \times 5 = 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 16 \\ 4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2}$ $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 1}$ \longrightarrow $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$

Details:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{---} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} \end{bmatrix}$$

$m \times n$ matrix (m rows, n columns) $n \times 1$ matrix (n-dimensional vector) m -dimensional vector

To get y_i , multiply A 's i^{th} row with elements of vector x , and add them up.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 4 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 + 2 \times 3 + 1 \times 2 + 5 \times 1 = 14 \\ 0 \times 1 + 3 \times 3 + 0 \times 2 + 4 \times 1 = 13 \\ -1 \times 1 + (-2) \times 3 + 0 \times 2 + 0 \times 1 = -7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ 13 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4} \quad \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 1} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 + 0 \times 6 + 3 \times 2 = 7 \\ 2 \times 1 + 1 \times 6 + 5 \times 2 = 18 \\ 3 \times 1 + 1 \times 6 + 2 \times 2 = 13 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 18 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \quad \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$

applying **matrix vector** multiplication to a function $h_{\theta}(x)$:

examples:

hypothesis:

2104
1416
1534
852

$$h_{\theta}(x) = -40 + 0.25x$$

matrix	x	vector =	predicted values $h_{\theta}(x)$	=	$h_{\theta}(x)$
$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2104 \\ 1 & 1416 \\ 1 & 1534 \\ 1 & 852 \end{bmatrix}$	\times	$\begin{bmatrix} -40 \\ 0.25 \end{bmatrix}$	$= \begin{bmatrix} -40 \times 1 + 0.25 \times 2104 = 486 \\ -40 \times 1 + 0.25 \times 1416 = 314 \\ -40 \times 1 + 0.25 \times 1534 = 343.5 \\ -40 \times 1 + 0.25 \times 852 = 173 \end{bmatrix}$	$=$	$\begin{bmatrix} 486 \\ 314 \\ 343.5 \\ 173 \end{bmatrix}$
$\mathbb{R}^{4 \times 2}$		$\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 1}$	\longrightarrow		$\mathbb{R}^{4 \times 1}$

matrix matrix multiplication

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 10 \\ 9 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3} \quad \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 + 3 \times 0 + 2 \times 5 = 11 \\ 4 \times 1 + 0 \times 0 + 1 \times 5 = 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 3 + 3 \times 1 + 2 \times 2 = 10 \\ 4 \times 3 + 0 \times 3 + 1 \times 2 = 14 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix}$

Details:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \times & B = C \\
 \left[\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \right] & \times & \left[\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \right] \\
 \begin{array}{c} m \times n \text{ matrix} \\ (m \text{ rows,} \\ n \text{ columns}) \end{array} & & \begin{array}{c} n \times o \text{ matrix} \\ (n \text{ rows,} \\ o \text{ columns}) \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} m \times o \\ \text{matrix} \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

The i^{th} column of the matrix C is obtained by multiplying A with the i^{th} column of B . (for $i = 1, 2, \dots, o$)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} & = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 4 \\ 15 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} & \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2} & \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 0 + 3 \times 3 = 9 \\ 2 \times 0 + 5 \times 3 = 15 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 + 3 \times 2 = 7 \\ 2 \times 1 + 5 \times 2 = 12 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

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applying **matrix matrix** multiplication to a function $h_{\theta}(x)$:

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$h_{\theta}(x) = -40 + 0.25x$
 $h_{\theta}(x) = 200 + 0.10x$
 $h_{\theta}(x) = -150 + 0.40x$

matrix \times matrix = predicted values $h_{\theta}(x)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2104 \\ 1 & 1416 \\ 1 & 1534 \\ 1 & 852 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathbb{R}^{4 \times 2}} \times \begin{bmatrix} -40 & 200 & -150 \\ 0.25 & 0.10 & 0.40 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}} = \begin{bmatrix} 486 & 410.4 & 692.6 \\ 314 & 341.6 & 416.4 \\ 343.5 & 353.4 & 464.6 \\ 173 & 285.2 & 191.8 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathbb{R}^{4 \times 3}}$$

$\mathbb{R}^{4 \times 2} \quad \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 3}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2104 \\ 1 & 1416 \\ 1 & 1534 \\ 1 & 852 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} -40 \\ 0.25 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times -40 + 2104 \times 0.25 = 486 \\ 1 \times -40 + 1416 \times 0.25 = 314 \\ 1 \times -40 + 1534 \times 0.25 = 343.5 \\ 1 \times -40 + 852 \times 0.25 = 173 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 486 \\ 314 \\ 343.5 \\ 173 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2104 \\ 1 & 1416 \\ 1 & 1534 \\ 1 & 852 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 200 \\ 0.10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 200 + 2104 \times 0.10 = 410.4 \\ 1 \times 200 + 1416 \times 0.10 = 341.6 \\ 1 \times 200 + 1534 \times 0.10 = 353.4 \\ 1 \times 200 + 852 \times 0.10 = 285.2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 410.4 \\ 341.6 \\ 353.4 \\ 285.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2104 \\ 1 & 1416 \\ 1 & 1534 \\ 1 & 852 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} -150 \\ 0.40 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times -150 + 2104 \times 0.40 = 691.6 \\ 1 \times -150 + 1416 \times 0.40 = 416.4 \\ 1 \times -150 + 1534 \times 0.40 = 463.6 \\ 1 \times -150 + 852 \times 0.40 = 190.8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 691.6 \\ 416.4 \\ 463.6 \\ 190.8 \end{bmatrix}$$

matrix multiplication properties

multiplication is **not commutative** when working with the multiplication of matrices and scalars:

in multiplication of real numbers 3×5 is the same as multiplying 5×3 ; this is the property of being mathematically commutative

for matrices A and B ; in general $A \times B \neq B \times A$ (not commutative):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

if A is a $m \times n$ and B is a $n \times m$ matrix; $A \times B$ is a $m \times m$ and $B \times A$ is an $n \times n$ matrix

multiplication of real numbers have an **associative** property and shares this property with the multiplication of matrices:

multiplying real number $3 \times (5 \times 2) = 3 \times 10 = (3 \times 5) \times 2 = 15 \times 2$ equally

for matrices A , B and C ; the computation $A \times (B \times C) = (A \times B) \times C$ equally:

let $D = B \times C$; compute $A \times D \rightarrow A \times (B \times C)$
 let $E = A \times B$; compute $E \times C \rightarrow (A \times B) \times C$] the results are **associative**

identity matrix

a matrix with the property of 1's along the diagonals and 0's everywhere else:

denoted I or $I_{n \times n}$ with examples as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$I_{2 \times 2} \quad I_{3 \times 3} \quad I_{4 \times 4}$

for any matrix A , $A \times I = I \times A = A$

$m \times n \quad n \times n \quad m \times m \quad m \times n \quad m \times n$

although matrix matrix multiplication is generally **not commutative**, matrix matrix multiplication is **commutative** when the product involves an identity matrix: $AB \neq BA$ in general, however $AI = IA$ as described in the latter

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 + 0 \times 3 + 0 \times 2 = 1 \\ 0 \times 1 + 1 \times 3 + 0 \times 2 = 3 \\ 0 \times 1 + 0 \times 3 + 1 \times 2 = 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

inverse and transpose

$$1 = \text{"identity"} \quad 3(3^{-1}) = \frac{1}{3} = 1 \quad 12 \times (12^{-1}) = 1$$

not all numbers have an inverse: $0(0^{-1}) = \text{undefined}$

Matrix inverse:

If A is an $m \times m$ matrix, and if it has an inverse,

$$AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I.$$

an $m \times m$ matrix is also a square matrix (number of rows = number of columns)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & -0.1 \\ -0.05 & 0.075 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I_{2 \times 2}$$

$A \quad A^{-1} \quad A^{-1}A$; computation of A^{-1} through `pinv(A)` in octave

matrices that do not have an inverse are "**singular**" or "**degenerate**" matrices

Matrix Transpose

Example: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ $A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix, and let $B = A^T$.

Then B is an $n \times m$ matrix, and

$$B_{ij} = A_{ji}.$$

for example: $B_{12} = A_{21} = 2$ and $B_{32} = A_{23} = 9$ e.g. $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$