

# CHAPTER 9

## MATRICES

*In rows and columns, numbers align,  
A silent language, ordered, fine.  
From equations solved to worlds transformed,  
Matrices shape the laws we find.*

### 9.1 INTRODUCTION

Matrices are rectangular arrangements of numbers, algebraic expressions, or symbols organized into rows and columns. The individual elements of a matrix are referred to as its *entries*. Owing to their structured representation and powerful algebraic properties, matrices form an indispensable mathematical tool for modeling and solving a wide range of practical problems.

Matrices have extensive applications across diverse domains, including engineering analysis and design, physics, economics, and statistics. They provide a compact and systematic framework for representing systems of linear equations, transformations, and data relationships. In computer graphics, matrices play a central role in image processing and geometric transformations such as rotation, scaling, and translation.

In recent years, matrices have gained even greater prominence with the rapid growth of Machine Learning (ML) and data-driven computation, where large-scale matrix operations underpin algorithms for training and inference. Modern computing systems are therefore equipped with specialized hardware, known as Graphics Processing Units (GPUs), which enable highly parallelized matrix computations, delivering significantly faster performance compared to traditional sequential processing.

### 9.2 DEFINITION OF A MATRIX

A matrix of order  $m \times n$ , or  $m$  by  $n$  matrix, is a rectangular array of numbers having  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns. It is represented as:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

### 9.3 DEFINITIONS & OPERATIONS INVOLVING MATRICES

### 9.3.1 EQUALITY

Two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are equal, i.e.,  $A = B$ , if and only if they are of the same size and their corresponding entries are equal, i.e.,  $a_{ij} = b_{ij}$ .

### 9.3.2 ADDITION (OR SUBTRACTION):

If two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  have the same size, then  $A + B$  has the entries  $[a_{ij} \pm b_{ij}]$ . Example,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ 6 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

### 9.3.3 SCALAR MULTIPLICATION

$cA = [ca_{ij}]$  where  $c$  is a number. Example,

$$2 \times \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 \\ 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

### 9.3.4 MATRIX MULTIPLICATION

$AB = C$ , the entries of  $C$  are given by:

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}b_{kj}$$

If  $A$  is matrix of size  $m \times n$ ,  $B$  is a matrix of size  $n \times p$ , then the resulting matrix  $C$  from their multiplication is of size  $m \times p$ . Example,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 13 & 11 \\ 16 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix addition is commutative and associative. Matrix Multiplication is not commutative.

### 9.3.5 TRANSPOSE OF A MATRIX

The transpose of matrix  $a_{ij}$  is a matrix with its elements as  $a_{ji}$ . The rows of  $A$  become the columns of  $A^T$ , i.e., the entries of  $A^T = [a_{ji}]$ . Example,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

### 9.3.6 PRINCIPAL DIAGONAL

If  $A$  is a square matrix, then the diagonal which contains all elements  $a_{jk}$  for which  $j = k$  is called the *principal* or *main diagonal*. Example: *Principal Diagonal* of  $A$  is  $[3 \ 5 \ 1]$ .

### 9.3.7 TRACE OF A MATRIX

The sum of elements of the principal diagonal of a matrix is called the *trace* of  $A$ .

## 9.4 TYPES OF MATRICES

### 9.4.1 DIAGONAL MATRIX

A *Diagonal* matrix is a square matrix that has non-zero entries on its diagonal while all other entries above and below the the diagonal are 0. Example,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

### 9.4.2 ZERO OR NULL MATRIX

A matrix whose elements are all equal to zero is called the null or zero matrix and is often denoted by  $O$  or simply 0. Example,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

### 9.4.3 UNIT OR IDENTITY MATRIX

All entries in the diagonal matrix are 1 and all other elements are 0. This implies  $AI = IA$ , where  $I$  is the *Identity Matrix*. Example,

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

### 9.4.4 SYMMETRIC MATRIX & SKEW SYMMETRIC MATRIX

Symmetric matrices are square matrices whose transpose equals the matrix itself, i.e.,  $A^T = A$ .

Skew-symmetric matrices are square matrices whose transpose equals the negative of the matrix, i.e.,

$A^T = -A$ . Example,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (Symmetric)} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 4 & -5 \\ -3 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (Skew Symmetric)}$$

### 9.4.5 ORTHOGONAL MATRIX

A square matrix  $A$  is called an *orthogonal matrix* if its transpose is the same as its inverse, i.e.,

$A^T = A^{-1}$  or  $A^T A = I$ . Example,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad A \cdot A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

#### 9.4.6 COMPLEX CONJUGATE OF A MATRIX

$i$  is defined as a number whose square gives  $-1$ , something no ordinary real number can do. A complex number is just a combination of an ordinary real number and a multiple of this new unit  $i$ . We write it as  $a + ib$ .

A complex conjugate is formed by changing the sign between two terms in a complex number. If all elements  $a_{jk}$  of a matrix  $A$  are replaced by their complex conjugates  $\bar{a}_{jk}$ , the matrix obtained is called the complex conjugate of  $A$ . **The complex conjugate of  $A$  is denoted by  $\bar{A}$ .** Example,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + 5i & 3 - 2i \\ 2 - 6i & 4 + 4i \end{bmatrix} \quad \bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 5i & 3 + 2i \\ 2 + 6i & 4 - 4i \end{bmatrix}$$

#### 9.4.7 HERMITIAN & SKEW-HERMITIAN MATRICES

A square matrix  $A$ , which is the same as the complex conjugate of its transpose, i.e. if  $A = \bar{A}^T$ , is called *Hermitian* matrix. If  $A = -\bar{A}^T$ , then  $A$  is called *skew-Hermitian* matrix. If  $A$  is real, these reduce to symmetric and skew-symmetric matrices respectively. Example,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 - i \\ 1 + i & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 + i \\ 1 - i & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \bar{A}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 - i \\ 1 + i & -2 \end{bmatrix} = A \text{ (Hermitian)}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3i & 1 + i \\ -1 + i & -i \end{bmatrix} \quad \bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -3i & 1 - i \\ -1 - i & i \end{bmatrix} \quad \bar{A}^T = \begin{bmatrix} -3i & -1 - i \\ 1 - i & i \end{bmatrix} = -A \text{ (Skew Hermitian)}$$

#### 9.4.8 UNITARY MATRIX

A complex square matrix  $A$  is called a *unitary matrix* if its complex conjugate transpose is the same as its inverse, i.e.,  $\bar{A}^T = A^{-1}$  or  $\bar{A}^T A = I$ . Example,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i \end{bmatrix} \quad \bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i \end{bmatrix} \quad \bar{A}^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i \end{bmatrix} \quad A \cdot \bar{A}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I \text{ (Unitary)}$$

The real analogue of a unitary matrix is an orthogonal matrix, i.e., if all the entries of a unitary matrix are real (i.e., their complex parts are all zero), then the matrix is orthogonal.

## 9.5 LINEAR SYSTEM OF EQUATIONS

$$\begin{aligned}a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n &= b_1 \\a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n &= b_2 \\&\vdots \\a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{mn}x_n &= b_m\end{aligned}$$

The matrix form is:  $Ax = b$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_1 \\ \cdot \\ x_m \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_1 \\ \cdot \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

Augmented matrix is given by:

$$\tilde{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

### 9.5.1 GAUSSIAN ELIMINATION

Consider a system of 3 equations:

$$\begin{aligned}a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 &= b_1 \\a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 &= b_2 \\a_{31}x_1 + a_{32}x_2 + a_{33}x_3 &= b_3\end{aligned}$$

Eliminating  $x_1$  using the 2nd and 3rd equations:

$$\begin{aligned}a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 &= b_1 \\a'_{22}x_2 + a'_{23}x_3 &= b'_2 \\a'_{32}x_2 + a'_{33}x_3 &= b'_3\end{aligned}$$

Eliminating  $x_2$  using the 2nd and 3rd equations:

$$\begin{aligned}a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 &= b_1 \\a'_{22}x_2 + a'_{23}x_3 &= b'_2 \\a''_{33}x_3 &= b''_3\end{aligned}$$

We can then solve for  $x_3$ , then  $x_2$  and then  $x_1$  from the 3rd, 2nd and 1st equations in that order.

$$\begin{aligned}x_3 &= b''_3/a''_{33} \\x_2 &= (b'_2 - a'_{23}x_3)/a'_{22} \\x_1 &= (b_1 - a_{12}x_2 - a_{13}x_3)/a_{11}\end{aligned}$$

At the end of the Gauss elimination the form of the coefficient matrix and the augmented matrix is called the **row echelon form**. For the above system of 3 equations, the augmented matrix is:

$$\tilde{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & b_1 \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} & b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

### 9.5.2 JACOBI'S ITERATIVE METHOD

Consider the linear system of equations  $AX = B$  where,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the solution can be obtained iteratively from:

$$x_i^{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left( b_i - \sum_{j \neq i} a_{ij} x_j^{(k)} \right) \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \quad x^{(k)} \text{ \& } x^{(k+1)} \text{ are } k^{th} \text{ \& } (k+1)^{th} \text{ iteration of } x$$

### 9.5.3 GAUSS - SEIDEL METHOD

The Gauss-Seidel method is a modification of the Jacobi method that results in higher degree of accuracy within fewer iterations. In Jacobi method the value of the variables is not modified until next iteration. In Gauss-Seidel method the value of the variables are modified as soon as new value is evaluated, i.e., in iteration  $(k+1)$ , use previously computed value  $x_i^{(k+1)}$  if available, otherwise use  $x_i^{(k)}$ .

## 9.6 RANK OF A MATRIX, LINEAR INDEPENDENCE

### 9.6.1 RANK

Rank of a matrix  $A$ , denoted as **rank (A)**, is the maximum number of linearly independent row vectors of  $A$ . It is the number of non-zero rows in its row echelon form.

### 9.6.2 EXISTENCE & UNIQUENESS OF SOLUTIONS IN LINEAR SYSTEMS

A **consistent system of equations** has at least one solution. A linear system of  $n$  equations with  $n$  unknowns has a unique solution. This holds true when the *rank of coefficient matrix  $A$ ,  $r$* , is the same as *rank of augmented matrix  $\tilde{A}$* . An **inconsistent system has no solution**. If  $r < n$ , then the number of solutions is  $\infty$ .

### 9.6.3 NULL SPACE AND NULLITY

**The null space of any matrix  $A$  consists of all the vectors  $B$  such that  $AB = 0$  and  $B$  is not zero.**

It can also be thought as the solution obtained from  $AB = 0$  where  $A$  is a known matrix of size  $m \times n$  and  $B$  is a matrix to be found of size  $n \times k$ . The size of the null space of the matrix provides us with the number of linear relations among attributes.  $AB = 0$  implies every row of  $A$  when multiplied by  $B$  goes to zero. This establishes the linear relationships between the variables. Every null space vector corresponds to one linear relationship. **Nullity** is number of vectors in the null space of matrix  $A$ .

### 9.6.4 RANK NULLITY THEOREM

Rank of  $A$  + Nullity of  $A$  = Total number of columns of  $A$  Example,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The rank of the matrix  $A$  which is the number of non-zero rows in its echelon form is 2. With  $AB = 0$ ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow b_1 + 2b_2 = 0, b_3 = 0 \Rightarrow B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow b_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus nullity, i.e., the dimension of the null space is 1. Thus, the sum of the rank and the nullity of  $A$  is  $2 + 1 = 3$  which is equal to the number of columns of  $A$ .

## 9.7 DETERMINANT

A **determinant** of order  $n$  is a scalar of an  $n \times n$  (square) matrix  $A[ij]$  is given by:

$$D = \det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} M_{ij} \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, n) \text{ where } M_{ij} \text{ is a determinant of order } n - 1$$

The determinant  $M_{ij}$  is obtained by removing the row and column in  $A$  corresponding to the element  $a_{ij}$ .  $M_{ij}$  is called the **minor** of  $a_{ij}$ .  $C_{ij}$ , called the **cofactor** of  $a_{ij}$ , is defined as  $(-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$ . Hence,  $D = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} C_{ij}$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) where  $C_{ij}$  is a determinant of order  $n - 1$ . **Adjoint** of a matrix, written as  $\text{adj}(A)$ , is defined as the transpose of the cofactor matrix of  $A$ . Example,

$$\begin{aligned} \det \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} &= 2 \det \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} - (-3) \det \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \det \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2(0 + 4) + 3(10 + 1) + 1(8 - 0) = 49 \end{aligned}$$

### 9.7.1 PROPERTIES OF DETERMINANTS

1. The value of the determinant is unchanged if the rows and columns are interchanged.
2. Addition of a multiple of a row to another row does not alter the value of the determinant.
3. A zero row or column renders the value of a determinant zero.
4. A determinant with two identical rows or columns has the value zero. Proportional rows or columns render the value of a determinant zero.
5. Interchange of two rows multiplies the value of the determinant by  $-1$ .
6. Multiplication of a row by a non zero constant  $c$  multiplies the value of the determinant by  $c$ .  
 $\det(cA) = c \det(A)$ .
7. A  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  has rank  $r \geq 1$  iff  $A$  has a  $r \times r$  submatrix whose determinant  $\neq 0$ .
8. An  $n \times n$  square matrix  $A$  has rank  $n$  iff  $\det A \neq 0$ .
9.  $\det(AB) = \det(BA) = \det(A)\det(B)$

### 9.7.2 CRAMER'S RULE

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n &= b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n &= b_2 \\ &\vdots \\ a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n &= b_n \end{aligned}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{D_1}{D}, x_2 = \frac{D_2}{D}, \dots, x_n = \frac{D_n}{D} \quad (\text{Cramer's Rule})$$

where  $D_k$  is the determinant obtained by replacing the  $k^{\text{th}}$  column by the entries  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$ .

The proof is simple. Let  $A = [a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_n]$  where  $a_i$  is a column vector.

$$\text{Let } I_i(X) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & x_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & x_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & x_n & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [e_1 \ e_2 \ \dots \ x_i \ e_{i+1} \ e_n]$$

$$\begin{aligned} AI_i(X) &= [Ae_1 \ Ae_2 \ \dots \ Ax_i \ Ae_{i+1} \ Ae_n] \\ &= [a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_{i-1} \ b \ a_{i+1} \ \dots \ a_n] = A_i(b) \quad (\text{replace } i^{\text{th}} \text{ column of } A \text{ with } b) \\ \det(A_i(b)) &= \det(A) I_i(X) = \det(A) \det(I_i(X)) = \det(A) x_i \\ \implies x_i &= \frac{\det(A_i(b))}{\det(A)} \end{aligned}$$

Example,



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = -5, \quad x = -\frac{1}{5} \det \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = 11/5, \quad y = -\frac{1}{5} \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = 14/5$$

## 9.8 INVERSE OF A MATRIX

The inverse of a **square** matrix  $A$ , denoted by  $A^{-1}$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix that satisfies the following:

$$AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I \quad (I \text{ is an } n \times n \text{ unit matrix})$$

If  $A^{-1}$  exists,  $A$  is called a **non-singular** matrix, else it is called a **singular** matrix. If the inverse exists, it is always **unique**.  $A$  has an inverse *iff* rank  $A = r$ .

### 9.8.1 INVERSE BY GAUSS JORDAN METHOD

To determine  $A^{-1}$ ,

1. Create augmented matrix  $\tilde{A} = [A \ I]$  of size  $n \times 2n$ .
2. Apply Gauss elimination to  $\tilde{A}$  to reduce to upper triangular form  $[UH]$ .
3. Eliminate the entries of  $U$  above the diagonal and make the diagonal entries 1 to get to arrive at the form  $[IK]$ .
4. Then,  $A^{-1} = K$

### 9.8.2 INVERSE BY COFACTORS

$$\text{WE SHOW THAT } A \operatorname{adj}(A) = \det(A)I \implies A^{-1} = \frac{\operatorname{adj}(A)}{\det(A)}$$

#### COFACTORS AND THE ADJUGATE

For an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$ , the minor  $M_{ij}$  is the determinant of the matrix obtained by deleting row  $i$  and column  $j$ . The cofactor is

$$C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$$

The adjugate (classical adjoint) is the transpose of the cofactor matrix:

$$\operatorname{adj}(A) = (C_{ji})_{i,j}$$

**2. Entry of the product  $A \operatorname{adj}(A)$**  The  $(i, j)$  entry of the product is

$$(A \operatorname{adj}(A))_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} C_{jk}$$

**3. Diagonal entries** If  $i = j$ , then

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}C_{ik}$$

is exactly the cofactor expansion of  $\det(A)$  along row  $i$ . Thus,

$$(A \operatorname{adj}(A))_{ii} = \det(A)$$

**4. Off-diagonal entries** If  $i \neq j$ , consider the matrix obtained by replacing row  $j$  of  $A$  with row  $i$ . This new matrix has two identical rows, hence determinant 0. Expanding that determinant along row  $j$  gives

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}C_{jk} = 0$$

Thus,

$$(A \operatorname{adj}(A))_{ij} = 0 \quad (i \neq j)$$

**5. Combine the results** All diagonal entries equal  $\det(A)$  and all off-diagonal entries are 0. Therefore,

$$A \operatorname{adj}(A) = \det(A) I$$

**6. Obtaining the inverse** If  $\det(A) \neq 0$ , divide both sides by  $\det(A)$ :

$$A \left( \frac{\operatorname{adj}(A)}{\det(A)} \right) = I$$

Hence,

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

**7. A  $2 \times 2$  example** Let

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

Then the adjugate is

$$\operatorname{adj}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

and the determinant is  $\det(A) = ad - bc$ . Multiplying,

$$A \operatorname{adj}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ad - bc & 0 \\ 0 & ad - bc \end{pmatrix} = (ad - bc)I$$

Thus,

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

Consider,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = 10, \quad \text{cof}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^{-1} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

### 9.8.3 PROPERTY OF MATRIX INVERSE

$$(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1} \text{ because } (AB)(AB)^{-1} = ABB^{-1}A^{-1} = AIA^{-1} = AA^{-1} = I \text{ or } I = I$$

$$\text{Generalizing, } (ABC \dots PQR)^{-1} = R^{-1}Q^{-1}P^{-1} \dots C^{-1}B^{-1}A^{-1}$$

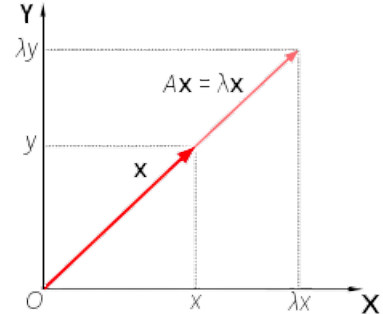
## 9.9 EIGENVALUE & EIGENVECTOR

Consider the following system of equations in matrix form.

$$AX = \lambda X \quad (\text{where } A \text{ is a } n \times n \text{ matrix and } \lambda \text{ is a scalar})$$

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

The number, i.e., the scalar value  $\lambda$  is an **eigenvalue** of  $A$  and  $X$ , a non zero vector, is called an **eigenvector** of  $A$ . Geometrically, an eigenvector, corresponding to a real nonzero eigenvalue, points in a direction in which it is stretched by the transformation and the eigenvalue is the factor by which it is stretched. If the eigenvalue is negative, the direction is reversed.  $A^T$  has the same eigenvalues as  $A$ .



Using Cramer's rule:

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

Solve for  $\lambda$ , substitute in equation, and determine  $x$ .  $\det(\lambda)$  is called the **characteristic determinant** and the polynomial is called the **characteristic polynomial**. A  $n \times n$  matrix has at least 1 eigenvalue, at most  $n$  different eigenvalues.

### 9.9.1 ALGEBRAIC MULTIPLICITY

The algebraic multiplicity of an eigenvalue,  $\mu$ , is the number of times it appears, i.e., repeated, as a root of the characteristic polynomial. Example,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 4 - \lambda & 2 \\ 1 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 6 = 0, \quad \lambda_1 = 3 + \sqrt{3}, \quad \lambda_2 = 3 - \sqrt{3}$$

$$\mu(\lambda_1) = 1, \quad \mu(\lambda_2) = 1 \quad \text{Hence, the algebraic multiplicity of the eigenvalue 1 is 2.}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 0 \\ 2 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - 1)^2 = 0, \quad \lambda_1 = 1, \quad \lambda_2 = 1$$

$\mu(\lambda_1) = 2, \quad \mu(\lambda_2) = 2$  Hence, the algebraic multiplicity of the eigenvalue 2 is 2.

### 9.9.2 GEOMETRIC MULTIPLICITY

**Eigenspace** of an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  is the set of all vectors  $x$  satisfying  $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$ ; it consists of all eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda$  together with the zero vector.

**Geometric multiplicity of an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  is the dimension of its eigenspace .**

#### EXAMPLE

Let

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

The characteristic determinant is

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 0 \\ 1 & 1 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = (2 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda).$$

Hence the eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1 = 2$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1$ .

For  $\lambda_1 = 2$  we have

$$(A - 2I) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

This gives the equation  $x_1 - x_2 = 0$ , hence  $x_1 = x_2$ . The eigenspace is

$$E_2 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

For  $\lambda_2 = 1$  we have

$$(A - I) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

which forces  $x_1 = 0$  while  $x_2$  is free. Thus

$$E_1 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

This yields  $x_{11} = x_{21}$ . Thus every eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda_1 = 2$  is a non-zero scalar multiple of

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence the eigenspace is

$$E_{\lambda_1} = \text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\},$$

which has dimension 1. Therefore the geometric multiplicity of  $\lambda_1$  is 1.

For  $\lambda_2 = 1$ , solving  $(A - I)x = 0$  gives  $x_1 = 0$  while  $x_2$  is free. Thus the eigenvectors are all non-zero multiples of

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

and the eigenspace is

$$E_{\lambda_2} = \text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\},$$

which also has geometric multiplicity 1.

Now consider,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 2 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = (2 - \lambda)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 2 \text{ (algebraic multiplicity 2)}$$

$$A - 2I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (A - 2I) \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This system is satisfied for all  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Hence the eigenspace of  $\lambda = 2$  consists of all vectors

$$X = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

The eigenspace is therefore

$$E_2 = \text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\},$$

a 2-dimensional space generated by two linearly independent vectors.

Hence the **geometric multiplicity** of  $\lambda = 2$  is 2, which equals its algebraic multiplicity.

**Dimension refers to how many linearly independent eigenvectors you have for that eigenvalue. Here, we have exactly one independent direction, so the dimension is 1.**

### 9.9.3 DEFECTIVE EIGENVALUES

The algebraic and geometric multiplicity of an eigenvalue do not necessarily coincide.

When the geometric multiplicity of a repeated eigenvalue is strictly less than its algebraic multiplicity, then that eigenvalue is said to be defective.

If an eigenvalue is not repeated, then it always has a nonzero eigenvector, so its eigenspace is one-dimensional. Hence its geometric multiplicity is 1, which equals its algebraic multiplicity, and the eigenvalue is non-defective.

#### 9.9.4 REAL EIGENVALUES

Let  $A$  be a real symmetric matrix and let  $\lambda$  be a complex eigenvalue of  $A$ .

$$Ax = \lambda x, x \neq 0$$

Taking complex conjugates of both sides, and since  $A$  is real we have,

$$A\bar{x} = \bar{\lambda}\bar{x}$$

Taking transpose and with  $A$  as symmetric we have,

$$\bar{x}^T A = \bar{\lambda} \bar{x}^T$$

$$\bar{x}^T Ax = \bar{\lambda} \bar{x}^T x$$

$$\bar{x}^T \lambda x = \bar{\lambda} \bar{x}^T x$$

$$\lambda = \bar{\lambda}$$

The eigenvalues of a symmetric matrix are real.  
Similarly, the eigenvalues of a skew-symmetric matrix are pure imaginary or zero.

#### 9.9.5 MATRIX DIAGONALIZATION

Two square matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be **similar** if there exists an invertible  $P$  such that,

$$B = P^{-1}AP$$

If two matrices are similar, then they have the same rank, trace, determinant, and eigenvalues, including the same algebraic and geometric multiplicities. When a matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable, there exists an invertible matrix  $P$  such that

$$D = P^{-1}AP,$$

where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix. This is because multiplying the above with  $P$  we have,

$$AP = PD$$

Since  $D$  is diagonal, each column  $P_k$  of  $P$  is an eigenvector associated with the diagonal entry  $D_{kk}$ . Because  $P$  must be invertible, its columns must be linearly independent. Thus  $A$  must have  $k$  linearly independent eigenvectors.

Some matrices, called defective matrices, do not have  $k$  linearly independent eigenvectors. A matrix is defective when at least one repeated eigenvalue has geometric multiplicity strictly less than its algebraic multiplicity; such an eigenvalue is called defective. Hence, defective matrices cannot be diagonalized.

Matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable if and only if it does not have any defective eigenvalue. If all the eigenvalues of  $A$  are distinct, then  $A$  does not have any defective eigenvalue. Therefore, possessing distinct eigenvalues is a sufficient condition for diagonalizability.

### 9.9.6 POSITIVE DEFINITE MATRIX

A square matrix  $A$  is *positive definite* if

$$x^T A x > 0$$

for every nonzero vector  $x$ . If  $A$  is symmetric and positive definite, then all of its eigenvalues are positive.

### 9.9.7 QUADRATIC FORM & POSITIVE DEFINITENESS

A quadratic form associated with a matrix  $A$  is the scalar expression

$$x^T A x.$$

When  $A$  is not symmetric, we may replace it with its symmetric part, since

$$x^T A x = x^T \left( \frac{A + A^T}{2} \right) x.$$

A matrix  $A$  is said to be *positive definite* iff

$$x^T A x > 0 \quad \text{for all } x \neq 0.$$

It is *positive semidefinite* iff

$$x^T A x \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } x \neq 0.$$

If  $A$  is positive definite, then it is full rank. A matrix is said to be full rank if its rank equals the largest possible value for its size, that is,

$$\text{rank}(A) = \min(m, n).$$

For a square matrix, this means simply that  $\det(A) \neq 0$ .

## 9.10 SyMPy

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1 import sympy as sp
2 from sympy.parsing.latex import parse_latex
3 from IPython.display import display, Math
4
5 x, y, p, q, r, s, t = sp.symbols('x y p q r s t') # Define symbols
6
7 # Define matrix entries using LaTeX
8 a = parse_latex(r"\frac{1}{x} + \sin(y)")
9 b = parse_latex(r"3x^2")
10 c = parse_latex(r"\frac{p+q}{r-s}")
11 d = parse_latex(r"e^t")
12
13 # Build matrices A and B
14 A = sp.Matrix([[a, b], [c, d]])
15
16 B = sp.Matrix([[1, 2], [3, 4]])
17
18 # Display A and B
19 display(Math("A = " + sp.latex(A)))
20 display(Math("B = " + sp.latex(B)))
21
22 C = A * B # Multiply
23 display(Math("(A B) = " + sp.latex(C)))
24
25 C_T = C.T # Transpose
26 display(Math("(A B)^T = " + sp.latex(C_T)))
27
28 C_T_inv = C_T.inv() # Inverse of the transpose
29 display(Math("((A B)^T)^{-1} = " + sp.latex(C_T_inv)))
30
31 subs_dict = {x:1, y:2, p:3, q:4, r:5, s:6, t:7} # Substitution
32 C_T_inv_num = C_T_inv.subs(subs_dict)
33
34 display(Math("(((AB)^T)^{-1})_{num} = " + sp.latex(C_T_inv_num)))
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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(y) + \frac{1}{x} & 3x^2 \\ \frac{p+q}{r-s} & e^t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(AB) = \begin{bmatrix} 9x^2 + \sin(y) + \frac{1}{x} & 12x^2 + 2\sin(y) + \frac{2}{x} \\ 3e^t + \frac{p+q}{r-s} & 4e^t + \frac{2(p+q)}{r-s} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(AB)^T = \begin{bmatrix} 9x^2 + \sin(y) + \frac{1}{x} & 3e^t + \frac{p+q}{r-s} \\ 12x^2 + 2\sin(y) + \frac{2}{x} & 4e^t + \frac{2(p+q)}{r-s} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$((AB)^T)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2e^t r x - 2e^t s x + p x + q x}{-e^t r x \sin(y) - e^t r + e^t s x \sin(y) + e^t s + 3p x^3 + 3q x^3} & \frac{-3e^t r x + 3e^t s x - p x - q x}{-2e^t r x \sin(y) - 2e^t r + 2e^t s x \sin(y) + 2e^t s + 6p x^3 + 6q x^3} \\ \frac{-6r x^3 - r x \sin(y) - r + 6s x^3 + s x \sin(y) + s}{-e^t r x \sin(y) - e^t r + e^t s x \sin(y) + e^t s + 3p x^3 + 3q x^3} & \frac{9r x^3 + r x \sin(y) + r - 9s x^3 - s x \sin(y) - s}{-2e^t r x \sin(y) - 2e^t r + 2e^t s x \sin(y) + 2e^t s + 6p x^3 + 6q x^3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(((AB)^T)^{-1})_{num} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{7-2e^7}{e^7 \sin(2) + e^7 + 21} & \frac{3e^7-7}{2e^7 \sin(2) + 2e^7 + 42} \\ \frac{\sin(2)+7}{e^7 \sin(2) + e^7 + 21} & \frac{-10-\sin(2)}{2e^7 \sin(2) + 2e^7 + 42} \end{bmatrix}$$