01204211 Discrete Mathematics
Lecture 10c: Matrices

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The **size** of a matrix is determined by the number of rows and columns. A matrix with m rows and n columns is referred to as an m-by-n matrix or an $m \times n$ matrix. We refers to m and n as its **dimensions**.

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Review: Dot product

Definition

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Dimensions

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$$sim(d_i, q),$$

where $sim(d, d')$ is the similarity score between documents d and d'.

Document vector models

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- In fact, the dot product measures the "angle" between vectors. For vectors over $\mathbb{R}$, we have that

  $$\boldsymbol{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{v} = |\boldsymbol{u}||\boldsymbol{v}| \cos \theta,$$

  where θ is the angle between vectors $\boldsymbol{u}$ and $\boldsymbol{v}$.

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