

# Introduction to Linear Algebra

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# Basic Definitions

# Vectors and Matrices

A **vector** is a one-dimensional array:  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 1}$

A **matrix** is a two-dimensional array:  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1p} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{np} \end{pmatrix}_{n \times p}$

The **order** of a matrix refers to the number of rows and columns:

- $\mathbf{a}$  has order  $n$ -by-1
- $\mathbf{A}$  has order  $n$ -by- $p$

# Rank of a Matrix

The **rank** of  $\mathbf{A}$  is the number of linearly independent rows/columns.

- **column rank** of  $\mathbf{A}$  is number of linearly independent columns
- **row rank** of  $\mathbf{A}$  is number of linearly independent rows

We say that  $\mathbf{A}$  is **full rank** if  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = \min(n, p)$ .

- If  $n < p$ , **full rank** implies **full row rank**, i.e.,  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = n$
- If  $n > p$ , **full rank** implies **full column rank**, i.e.,  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = p$

# Rank Example

The matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is NOT full rank

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \\ 5 & 15 \end{pmatrix}$$

because we have  $3\mathbf{a}_1 = \mathbf{a}_2$  where  $\mathbf{a}_j$  denotes the  $j$ -th column of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

In contrast, the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is full rank

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \\ 4 & 15 \end{pmatrix}$$

because we cannot write  $\sum_{j=1} b_j \mathbf{a}_j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  unless we set  $b_j = 0 \forall j$ .

# Matrix Transpose: Definition

We will denote the **transpose** with a prime symbol (i.e., ').

The **transpose** of a vector turns a column vector into a row vector:

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 1} \iff \mathbf{a}' = (a_1 \ a_2 \ \cdots \ a_n)_{1 \times n}$$

The **transpose** of a matrix exchanges rows and columns, such as

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1p} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{np} \end{pmatrix}_{n \times p} \iff \mathbf{A}' = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \cdots & a_{n1} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{1p} & a_{2p} & \cdots & a_{np} \end{pmatrix}_{p \times n}$$



# Matrix Transpose: Example

The transpose of  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ 5 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}_{4 \times 1}$  is given by  $\mathbf{a}' = (1 \ 7 \ 5 \ 9)_{1 \times 4}$

The transpose of  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 7 & 2 \\ 5 & 7 \\ 9 & 4 \end{pmatrix}_{4 \times 2}$  is given by  $\mathbf{A}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 7 & 5 & 9 \\ 3 & 2 & 7 & 4 \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 4}$

# Matrix Transpose: Properties

Some useful properties of matrix transposes include:

- $(\mathbf{A}')' = \mathbf{A}$
- $(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})' = \mathbf{A}' + \mathbf{B}'$  (where  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$  is matrix addition, later defined)
- $(b\mathbf{A})' = b\mathbf{A}'$  (where  $b\mathbf{A}$  is scalar multiplication, later defined)
- $(\mathbf{AB})' = \mathbf{B}'\mathbf{A}'$  (where  $\mathbf{AB}$  is matrix multiplication, later defined)
- $(\mathbf{A}^{-1})' = (\mathbf{A}')^{-1}$  (where  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  is matrix inverse, later defined)

# Matrix Trace: Definition

The **trace** of a square matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1p} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{p1} & a_{p2} & \cdots & a_{pp} \end{pmatrix}_{p \times p}$  is

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{j=1}^p a_{jj} \quad (1)$$

which is the sum of the diagonal elements.

# Matrix Trace: Example

The trace of the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 8 & 13 \\ 2 & 8 & 11 & 2 \\ 7 & 2 & 6 & 9 \\ 5 & 9 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  is

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{A}) &= 1 + 8 + 6 + 3 \\ &= 18\end{aligned}$$

# Matrix Trace: Properties

Some useful properties of matrix traces include:

- $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}')$
- $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{B})$
- $\text{tr}(b\mathbf{A}) = b\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})$
- $\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{BA})$  if both products are defined
- If  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric,  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{j=1}^p \lambda_j$  where  $\lambda_j$  is  $j$ -th eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

# Symmetric Matrix: Definition

A **symmetric** matrix is square and symmetric along the main diagonal:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n} \quad (2)$$

with  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$  for all  $i \neq j$ .

Note that  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}'$  for all symmetric matrices (by definition).

# Symmetric Matrix: Example

The matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 6 \\ 4 & 1 & 6 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$  is a symmetric  $4 \times 4$  matrix.

The matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 6 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$  is NOT a symmetric  $4 \times 4$  matrix.

# Diagonal Matrix

A **diagonal** matrix is a square matrix that has zeros in the off-diagonals:

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_3 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & d_p \end{pmatrix}_{p \times p} \quad (3)$$

We often write  $\mathbf{D} = \text{diag}(d_1, \dots, d_p)$  to define a diagonal matrix.



# Identity Matrix

The **identity matrix** of order  $p$  is a  $p \times p$  matrix that has ones along the main diagonal and zeros in the off-diagonals:

$$\mathbf{I}_p = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix}_{p \times p} \quad (4)$$

Note that  $\mathbf{I}_p$  is a special type of diagonal matrix.

# Zero and One Matrices

A vector or matrix of all zeros will be denoted using the notation:

$$\mathbf{0}_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 1}$$

$$\mathbf{0}_{n \times p} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times p}$$

A vector or matrix of all ones will be denoted using the notation:

$$\mathbf{1}_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 1}$$

$$\mathbf{1}_{n \times p} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times p}$$

# Basic Calculations

# Matrix Equality

Given two matrices of the same order  $\mathbf{A} = \{a_{ij}\}_{n \times p}$  and  $\mathbf{B} = \{b_{ij}\}_{n \times p}$ , we say that  $\mathbf{A}$  is equal to  $\mathbf{B}$  (written  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}$ ) if and only if  $a_{ij} = b_{ij} \forall i, j$ .

$$\text{If } \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 8 & 13 \\ 2 & 8 & 11 & 2 \\ 7 & 2 & 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 8 & 13 \\ 2 & 8 & 11 & 2 \\ 7 & 2 & 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ then } \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}.$$

$$\text{If } \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 8 & 13 \\ 2 & 8 & 11 & 2 \\ 7 & 2 & 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 8 & 13 \\ 2 & 8 & 11 & 2 \\ 7 & 2 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ then } \mathbf{A} \neq \mathbf{B}.$$

# Matrix Addition and Subtraction: Definition

Given two matrices of the same order  $\mathbf{A} = \{a_{ij}\}_{n \times p}$  and  $\mathbf{B} = \{b_{ij}\}_{n \times p}$ , the addition  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$  produces  $\mathbf{C} = \{c_{ij}\}_{n \times p}$  such that  $c_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij}$ .

Given two matrices of the same order  $\mathbf{A} = \{a_{ij}\}_{n \times p}$  and  $\mathbf{B} = \{b_{ij}\}_{n \times p}$ , the subtraction  $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}$  produces  $\mathbf{C} = \{c_{ij}\}_{n \times p}$  such that  $c_{ij} = a_{ij} - b_{ij}$ .

Note: matrix addition and subtraction is only defined for two matrices of the same order.

# Matrix Addition and Subtraction: Example

Given  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 8 & 13 \\ 2 & 8 & 11 & 2 \\ 7 & 2 & 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 6 & 1 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ , we have that

$$\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1+5 & 4+6 & 8+1 & 13+7 \\ 2+1 & 8+3 & 11+0 & 2+2 \\ 7+2 & 2+5 & 6+3 & 9+5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 10 & 9 & 20 \\ 3 & 11 & 11 & 4 \\ 9 & 7 & 9 & 14 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-5 & 4-6 & 8-1 & 13-7 \\ 2-1 & 8-3 & 11-0 & 2-2 \\ 7-2 & 2-5 & 6-3 & 9-5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -2 & 7 & 6 \\ 1 & 5 & 11 & 0 \\ 5 & -3 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Vector Inner Products: Definition

The **inner product** of  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)'$  and  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)'$  is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{y} &= (x_1 \cdots x_n) \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \right)_{1 \times 1}\end{aligned}\tag{5}$$

Note that  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  must have the same length (i.e.,  $n$ ).

# Vector Inner Products: Example

Given  $\mathbf{x} = (3, 9, -2, 5)'$  and  $\mathbf{y} = (2, 0, 2, 1)'$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{y} &= (3 \quad 9 \quad -2 \quad 5) \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 3(2) + 9(0) - 2(2) + 5(1) \\ &= 7\end{aligned}$$



# Vector Outer Products: Definition

The **outer product** of  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_m)'$  and  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)'$  is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{xy}' &= \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{pmatrix} (y_1 \cdots y_n) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} x_1 y_1 & x_1 y_2 & \cdots & x_1 y_n \\ x_2 y_1 & x_2 y_2 & \cdots & x_2 y_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_m y_1 & x_m y_2 & \cdots & x_m y_n \end{pmatrix}_{m \times n}\end{aligned}\tag{6}$$

Note that  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  can have different lengths (i.e.,  $m$  and  $n$ ).

# Vector Outer Products: Example

Given  $\mathbf{x} = (3, 9, -2, 5)'$  and  $\mathbf{y} = (2, 0, 2, 1)'$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{xy}' &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 9 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} (2 \quad 0 \quad 2 \quad 1) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 & 6 & 3 \\ 18 & 0 & 18 & 9 \\ -4 & 0 & -4 & -2 \\ 10 & 0 & 10 & 5 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

# Matrix-Scalar Products: Definition

The **matrix-scalar product** of  $\mathbf{A} = \{a_{ij}\}_{n \times p}$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  is

$$\mathbf{A}b = b\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} ba_{11} & ba_{12} & \cdots & ba_{1p} \\ ba_{21} & ba_{22} & \cdots & ba_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ ba_{n1} & ba_{n2} & \cdots & ba_{np} \end{pmatrix}_{n \times p} \quad (7)$$

which is the matrix  $\mathbf{C} = \{c_{ij}\}_{n \times p}$  such that  $c_{ij} = ba_{ij}$ .

# Matrix-Scalar Products: Example

Given  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 8 & 13 \\ 2 & 8 & 11 & 2 \\ 7 & 2 & 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $b = 2$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} b\mathbf{A} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 8 & 13 \\ 2 & 8 & 11 & 2 \\ 7 & 2 & 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix} 2 \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 8 & 16 & 26 \\ 4 & 16 & 22 & 4 \\ 14 & 4 & 12 & 18 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

# Matrix-Vector Products: Definition

The **matrix-vector product** of  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1p} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{np} \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_p \end{pmatrix}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Ax} &= \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1p} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{np} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_p \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^p a_{1j}x_j \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^p a_{nj}x_j \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 1} \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Note that length of  $\mathbf{x}$  must match number of columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  (i.e.,  $p$ ).

# Matrix-Vector Products: Example

Given  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 7 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Ax} &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 7 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 3(1) + 4(6) + 1(3) \\ 4(1) + 7(6) + 5(3) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 30 \\ 61 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

# Matrix-Matrix Products: Definition

The **matrix-matrix product** of  $\mathbf{A} = \{a_{ij}\}_{m \times n}$  and  $\mathbf{B} = \{b_{jk}\}_{n \times p}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{AB} &= \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & \cdots & b_{1p} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & \cdots & b_{np} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^n a_{1j}b_{j1} & \sum_{j=1}^n a_{1j}b_{j2} & \cdots & \sum_{j=1}^n a_{1j}b_{jp} \\ \sum_{j=1}^n a_{2j}b_{j1} & \sum_{j=1}^n a_{2j}b_{j2} & \cdots & \sum_{j=1}^n a_{2j}b_{jp} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^n a_{mj}b_{j1} & \sum_{j=1}^n a_{mj}b_{j2} & \cdots & \sum_{j=1}^n a_{mj}b_{jp} \end{pmatrix}_{m \times p} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Note that # of rows of  $\mathbf{B}$  must match # of columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  (i.e.,  $n$ ), and note that  $\mathbf{AB} \neq \mathbf{BA}$  even if both products are defined.

# Matrix-Matrix Products: Example

Given  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 7 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 6 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{AB} &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 7 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 6 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 3(1) + 4(6) + 1(3) & 3(2) + 4(1) + 1(4) \\ 4(1) + 7(6) + 5(3) & 4(2) + 7(1) + 5(4) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 30 & 14 \\ 61 & 35 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$



# Multiplying by Identity Matrix

Given  $\mathbf{A} = \{a_{ij}\}_{m \times n}$ , pre-multiplying by the identity matrix returns  $\mathbf{A}$

$$\mathbf{I}_m \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}$$

and post-multiplying by the identity matrix returns  $\mathbf{A}$

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{I}_n = \mathbf{A}$$

This is the reason we call  $\mathbf{I}_m$  and  $\mathbf{I}_n$  “identity” matrices.

# Matrix Decompositions

# Overview of Matrix Decompositions

A **matrix decomposition** decomposes (i.e., separates) a given matrix into a matrix multiplication of two (or more) simpler matrices.

Matrix decompositions are useful for many things:

- Solving systems of equations
- Obtaining low-rank approximations
- Finding important features of data

We will briefly discuss four matrix decompositions:

- Eigenvalue Decomposition
- Cholesky Decomposition
- Singular Value Decomposition
- QR Decomposition

# Eigenvalue (Spectral) Decomposition

The **eigenvalue decomposition** (EVD) decomposes a symmetric<sup>1</sup> matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \{a_{ij}\}_{n \times n}$  into a product of three matrices:

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{\Gamma} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{\Gamma}' \quad (10)$$

such that

- $\mathbf{\Gamma} = (\gamma_1 \cdots \gamma_n)_{n \times n}$  where  $\gamma_j = (\gamma_{1j}, \dots, \gamma_{nj})'$  is  $j$ -th **eigenvector**
- $\mathbf{\Lambda} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$  where  $\lambda_j$  is  $j$ -th **eigenvalue**
- Eigenvalues/vectors are ordered such that  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \cdots \geq \lambda_n$

Note that  $\mathbf{\Gamma}$  is an **orthogonal matrix**:  $\mathbf{\Gamma} \mathbf{\Gamma}' = \mathbf{\Gamma}' \mathbf{\Gamma} = \mathbf{I}_n$

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<sup>1</sup>EVD is defined for asymmetric matrices, but we will only consider symmetric case.

# Cholesky Decomposition

The **Cholesky decomposition** (CD) decomposes a positive definite matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \{a_{ij}\}_{n \times n}$  into a product of a two matrices:

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{L}' \quad (11)$$

where

•  $\mathbf{L} = \begin{pmatrix} l_{11} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & l_{33} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ l_{n1} & l_{n2} & l_{n3} & \cdots & l_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$  is a **lower (left) triangular** matrix

# Singular Value Decomposition

The **singular value decomposition** (SVD) decomposes any matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \{a_{ij}\}_{n \times p}$  into a product of three matrices:

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{V}' \quad (12)$$

such that

- $\mathbf{U} = (\mathbf{u}_1 \cdots \mathbf{u}_r)_{n \times r}$  where  $\mathbf{u}_k = \{u_{ik}\}_{n \times 1}$  is  $k$ -th **left singular vector**
- $\mathbf{S} = \text{diag}(s_1, \dots, s_r)$  where  $s_k > 0$  is  $k$ -th **singular value**
- $\mathbf{V} = (\mathbf{v}_1 \cdots \mathbf{v}_r)_{p \times r}$  where  $\mathbf{v}_k = \{v_{jk}\}_{p \times 1}$  is  $k$ -th **right singular vector**
- $r \leq \min(m, n)$  and  $r = \min(m, n)$  if  $\mathbf{A}$  is full-rank

Note that  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  are **columnwise orthogonal**:  $\mathbf{U}'\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{V}'\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}_r$

# QR Decomposition

The **QR decomposition** (QRD) decomposes any long (i.e.,  $n \geq p$ ) matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \{\mathbf{a}_{ij}\}_{n \times p}$  into a product of two matrices:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A} &= \mathbf{QR} \\ &= (\mathbf{Q}_1 \quad \mathbf{Q}_2) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_1 \\ \mathbf{0}_{(n-p) \times p} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{R}_1\end{aligned}\tag{13}$$

such that

- $\mathbf{Q}$  is an orthogonal matrix

- $\mathbf{R}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & \cdots & r_{1p} \\ 0 & r_{22} & r_{23} & \cdots & r_{2p} \\ 0 & 0 & r_{33} & \cdots & r_{3p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & r_{pp} \end{pmatrix}$  is upper (right) triangular matrix

# Miscellaneous Topics



# Quadratic Forms

The **quadratic form** of a symmetric matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} &= (x_1 \quad \cdots \quad x_n) \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n x_i x_j a_{ij} \right)_{1 \times 1} \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

where  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1 \quad \cdots \quad x_n)'$  is any arbitrary vector of length  $n$ .

# Positive, Negative, and Semi-Definite Matrices

A symmetric matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \{a_{ij}\}_{n \times n}$  is said to be

- **positive definite** if  $\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} > 0$  for every  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}_n$
- **positive semi-definite** if  $\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \geq 0$  for every  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}_n$
- **negative definite** if  $\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} < 0$  for every  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}_n$
- **negative semi-definite** if  $\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \leq 0$  for every  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}_n$

Note if  $\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \geq 0$  for some  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} < 0$  for other  $\mathbf{x}$ , then  $\mathbf{A}$  is said to be an **indefinite** matrix.

# Matrix Definiteness: Example

The matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  is positive definite:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} &= (x_1 \ x_2) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (x_1 \ x_2) \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 - x_2 \\ -x_1 + 2x_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 2x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 + 2x_2^2 \\ &= x_1^2 + x_2^2 + (x_1 - x_2)^2 \\ &\geq 0\end{aligned}$$

with the equality holding only when  $x_1 = x_2 = 0$ .

# Matrix Definiteness: Properties

Let  $\lambda_j$  denote the  $j$ -th eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$  for  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ .

Some useful properties of matrix definiteness include:

- If  $\mathbf{A}$  is positive definite, then  $\lambda_j > 0 \forall j$
- If  $\mathbf{A}$  is positive semi-definite, then  $\lambda_j \geq 0 \forall j$
- If  $\mathbf{A}$  is negative definite, then  $\lambda_j < 0 \forall j$
- If  $\mathbf{A}$  is negative semi-definite, then  $\lambda_j \leq 0 \forall j$
- If  $\mathbf{A}$  is indefinite, then  $\lambda_i > 0$  and  $\lambda_j < 0$  for some  $i \neq j$

# Matrix Determinant: Definition

The **determinant** of a square matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$  is a real-valued function from  $\mathbb{R}^{p \times p} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and is typically denoted by  $|\mathbf{A}|$  or  $\det(\mathbf{A})$ .

Determinants provide information about systems of linear equations:

- Suppose that  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times 1}$ , and  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times 1}$
- System  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  has a unique solution if and only if  $|\mathbf{A}| \neq 0$

Determinants provide information about linear transformations:

- Magnitude of  $|\mathbf{A}|$  is the transformation's **scale factor**
- Sign of  $|\mathbf{A}|$  is the transformation's **orientation**

# Matrix Determinant: Calculation

- For  $1 \times 1$  matrix  $\mathbf{A} = (a)$ , we have  
 $|\mathbf{A}| = a$
- For  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ , we have  
 $|\mathbf{A}| = ad - bc$
- For  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}$ , we have  
 $|\mathbf{A}| = aei + bfg + cdh - (ceg + bdi + afh)$

# Matrix Determinant: Calculation (continued)

For  $p \times p$  matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1p} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{p1} & a_{p2} & \cdots & a_{pp} \end{pmatrix}$ , we have

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \sum_{j=1}^p (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} M_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^p (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} M_{ij}$$

where

- $M_{ij} = |\mathbf{A}_{-ij}|$  is the **minor** corresponding to cell  $(i, j)$  of  $\mathbf{A}$
- $(-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$  is the **cofactor** corresponding to cell  $(i, j)$  of  $\mathbf{A}$
- $\mathbf{A}_{-ij}$  is the  $(p-1) \times (p-1)$  matrix formed by deleting the  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th column of  $\mathbf{A}$

Note: can use any column (or row) to define the determinant of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

# Properties of Matrix Determinants

Some useful properties of matrix determinants include:

- $|\mathbf{A}| = |\mathbf{A}'|$
- $|\mathbf{A}^{-1}| = |\mathbf{A}|^{-1}$  (where  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  is defined on the next slide)
- $|\mathbf{AB}| = |\mathbf{A}||\mathbf{B}|$  (if  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are both square)
- $|b\mathbf{A}| = b^p|\mathbf{A}|$  (if  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $p \times p$ )
- If  $\mathbf{A}$  is square mat.,  $|\mathbf{A}| = \prod_{j=1}^p \lambda_j$  where  $\lambda_j$  is  $j$ -th eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$ .



# Matrix Inverses: Definition

A square (not necessarily symmetric) matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \{a_{ij}\}_{n \times n}$  is **invertible** (or **nonsingular**) if there exists another matrix  $\mathbf{B} = \{b_{ij}\}_{n \times n}$  such that

$$\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{I}_n \tag{15}$$

where  $\mathbf{I}_n$  is the  $n \times n$  **identity matrix**.

If  $\mathbf{B}$  exists, the matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  is called the **inverse** of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  and is denoted by  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  (so that  $\mathbf{AA}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}_n$ ).

# Matrix Inverses: Calculation for $2 \times 2$ Case

Claim:

For  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ , we have  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} &= \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} da-bc & db-bd \\ -ca+ac & -cb+ad \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

# Matrix Inverses: Example

Given  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , the inverse is  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1/5 & 3/5 \\ 2/5 & -1/5 \end{pmatrix}$ :

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1/5 & 3/5 \\ 2/5 & -1/5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -1/5 & 3/5 \\ 2/5 & -1/5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Matrix Inverses: Properties

Some useful properties of matrix inverses include:

- $(\mathbf{A}^{-1})^{-1} = \mathbf{A}$
- $(b\mathbf{A})^{-1} = b^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1}$
- $(\mathbf{A}^{-1})' = (\mathbf{A}')^{-1}$
- $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}'$  if and only if  $\mathbf{A}$  is orthogonal
- $|\mathbf{A}^{-1}| = |\mathbf{A}|^{-1}$
- $(\mathbf{AB})^{-1} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  if both  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  and  $\mathbf{B}^{-1}$  exist
- $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  exists only if  $|\mathbf{A}| \neq 0$
- If  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric, then  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{\Gamma}\mathbf{\Lambda}^{-1}\mathbf{\Gamma}' = (\mathbf{L}^{-1})'\mathbf{L}^{-1}$ , where  $\mathbf{\Gamma}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{\Gamma}'$  and  $\mathbf{L}\mathbf{L}'$  denote the EVD and CD of  $\mathbf{A}$ , respectively

# Matrix Function: Overview

To create a matrix in R, we use the `matrix` function.

The relevant inputs of the `matrix` function include

- `data`: the data that will be arranged into a matrix
- `nrow`: the number of rows of the matrix
- `ncol`: the number of columns of the matrix
- `byrow`: logical indicating if the data should be read-in by rows (default reads in data by columns)

# Matrix Function: Example

```
> x = 1:9
> x
[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
> matrix(x,nrow=3,ncol=3)
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]    1    4    7
[2,]    2    5    8
[3,]    3    6    9
> matrix(x,nrow=3,ncol=3,byrow=TRUE)
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]    1    2    3
[2,]    4    5    6
[3,]    7    8    9
```

# Matrix Function: Warning

R recycles numbers if the dimensions do not conform:

```
> x = 1:9
> x
[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
> matrix(x,nrow=3,ncol=4)
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,]     1     4     7     1
[2,]     2     5     8     2
[3,]     3     6     9     3
```

Warning message:

```
In matrix(x, nrow = 3, ncol = 4) :
  data length [9] is not a sub-multiple or multiple
of the number of columns [4]
```

# R Matrix Calculations: Overview

Remember: scalar multiplication is performed using:

$*$

In contrast, matrix multiplication is performed using:

$\% * \%$

Note: the matrix multiplication symbol is really three symbols in a row:

- percent sign
- asterisk
- percent sign



# R Matrix Calculations: Example

```
> x = 1:9
> y = 9:1
> X = matrix(x, 3, 3)
> Y = matrix(y, 3, 3)
> X
```

```
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]     1     4     7
[2,]     2     5     8
[3,]     3     6     9
```

```
> Y
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]     9     6     3
[2,]     8     5     2
[3,]     7     4     1
```

```
> X * Y
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]     9    24    21
[2,]    16    25    16
[3,]    21    24     9
```

```
> X %*% Y
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]    90    54    18
[2,]   114    69    24
[3,]   138    84    30
```

# R Matrix Calculations: Error Messages

```
> x = 1:6
> y = 6:1
> X = matrix(x,2,3)
> Y = matrix(y,3,2)
> X
```

```
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]     1     3     5
[2,]     2     4     6
```

```
> Y
      [,1] [,2]
[1,]     6     3
[2,]     5     2
[3,]     4     1
```

```
> X * Y
Error in X * Y :
non-conformable arrays
```

```
> X %*% Y
      [,1] [,2]
[1,]    41    14
[2,]    56    20
```

# R Matrix Calculations: Error Messages (continued)

```
> x = 1:6
> y = 6:1
> X = matrix(x,2,3)
> Y = matrix(y,2,3)
> X
```

```
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]     1     3     5
[2,]     2     4     6
```

```
> Y
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]     6     4     2
[2,]     5     3     1
```

```
> X * Y
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]     6    12    10
[2,]    10    12     6
```

```
> X %*% Y
Error in X %*% Y :
non-conformable arguments
```

# Transpose Function

To obtain the transpose of a matrix in R, we use the `t` function.

```
> X = matrix(1:6,2,3)
```

```
> X
```

	[, 1]	[, 2]	[, 3]
[1, ]	1	3	5
[2, ]	2	4	6

```
> t(X)
```

	[, 1]	[, 2]
[1, ]	1	2
[2, ]	3	4
[3, ]	5	6

# Dimension Function

To obtain the dimensions of a matrix in R, we use the `dim` function.

```
> X = matrix(1:6, 2, 3)
```

```
> X
```

	[, 1]	[, 2]	[, 3]
[1, ]	1	3	5
[2, ]	2	4	6

```
> dim(X)
```

```
[1] 2 3
```

```
> dim(t(X))
```

```
[1] 3 2
```

# Crossproduct Function

Given  $\mathbf{X} = \{x_{ij}\}_{n \times p}$  and  $\mathbf{Y} = \{y_{ik}\}_{n \times q}$ , we can obtain the crossproduct  $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y}$  using the `crossprod` function.

```
> X = matrix(1:6, 3, 2)
> Y = matrix(1:9, 3, 3)
> crossprod(X, Y)
```

```
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]    14    32    50
[2,]    32    77   122
```

```
> t(X) %*% Y
```

```
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]    14    32    50
[2,]    32    77   122
```

Note that `crossprod` produces same result as using transpose and matrix multiplication symbol.

However, you should prefer `crossprod` because it is faster.

# Transpose-Crossproduct Function

Given  $\mathbf{X} = \{x_{ij}\}_{n \times p}$  and  $\mathbf{Y} = \{y_{hj}\}_{m \times p}$ , we can obtain the transpose-crossproduct  $\mathbf{XY}'$  using the `tcrossprod` function.

```
> X = matrix(1:6, 2, 3)
> Y = matrix(1:9, 3, 3)
> tcrossprod(X, Y)
```

```
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]    48    57    66
[2,]    60    72    84
```

```
> X %*% t(Y)
```

```
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]    48    57    66
[2,]    60    72    84
```

Note that `tcrossprod` produces same result as using transpose and matrix multiplication symbol.

However, you should prefer `tcrossprod` because it is faster.

# Row and Column Summation Functions

We can obtain rowwise and columnwise summations using the `rowSums` and `colSums` functions.

```
> X = matrix(1:6,2,3)
```

```
> X
```

```
      [,1] [,2] [,3]  
[1,]     1     3     5  
[2,]     2     4     6
```

```
> rowSums(X)
```

```
[1]  9 12
```

```
> colSums(X)
```

```
[1]  3  7 11
```



# Row and Column Mean Functions

We can obtain rowwise and columnwise means using the `rowMeans` and `colMeans` functions.

```
> X = matrix(1:6,2,3)
```

```
> X
```

```
      [,1] [,2] [,3]  
[1,]     1     3     5  
[2,]     2     4     6
```

```
> rowMeans(X)
```

```
[1] 3 4
```

```
> colMeans(X)
```

```
[1] 1.5 3.5 5.5
```

# Diagonal Function

The `diag` function has multiple purposes:

- If you input a square matrix, `diag` returns the diagonal elements
- If you input a vector, `diag` creates a diagonal matrix
- If you input a scalar, `diag` creates an identity matrix

```
> X = matrix(1:4,2,2)
```

```
> X
```

```
      [,1] [,2]
[1,]     1     3
[2,]     2     4
```

```
> diag(X)
```

```
[1] 1 4
```

```
> diag(1:3)
```

```
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]     1     0     0
[2,]     0     2     0
[3,]     0     0     3
```

```
> diag(2)
```

```
      [,1] [,2]
[1,]     1     0
[2,]     0     1
```

# Functions for Matrix Decompositions

R has built-in functions for popular matrix decompositions:

- Eigenvalue Decomposition: `eigen`
- Cholesky Decomposition: `chol`
- Singular Value Decomposition: `svd`
- QR Decomposition: `qr`

We will not directly use these functions, but some of the methods we will use call these functions internally.

# Eigenvalue Decomposition

```
> X = matrix(1:9,3,3)
> X = crossprod(X)
> x eig = eigen(X,symmetric=TRUE)
> x eig$val
[1] 2.838586e+02 1.141413e+00 6.308738e-15
> x eig$vec
      [,1]      [,2]      [,3]
[1,] -0.2148372  0.8872307  0.4082483
[2,] -0.5205874  0.2496440 -0.8164966
[3,] -0.8263375 -0.3879428  0.4082483
> Xhat = x eig$vec %*% diag(x eig$val) %*% t(x eig$vec)
> sum( (X - Xhat)^2 )
[1] 1.178874e-26
```

# Cholesky Decomposition

```
> set.seed(1)
> X = matrix(runif(9), 3, 3)
> X = crossprod(X)
> xchol = chol(X)
> t(xchol)
      [,1]      [,2]      [,3]
[1,] 0.7328929 0.0000000 0.0000000
[2,] 1.1336353 0.6224886 0.0000000
[3,] 1.1694863 0.3705306 0.4688907
> Xhat = crossprod(xchol)
> sum( (X - Xhat)^2 )
[1] 0
```

# Singular Value Decomposition

```
> X = matrix(1:6,3,2)
> xsvd = svd(X)
> xsvd$d
[1] 9.5080320 0.7728696
> xsvd$u
      [,1]      [,2]
[1,] -0.4286671  0.8059639
[2,] -0.5663069  0.1123824
[3,] -0.7039467 -0.5811991
> xsvd$v
      [,1]      [,2]
[1,] -0.3863177 -0.9223658
[2,] -0.9223658  0.3863177
> Xhat = xsvd$u %*% diag(xsvd$d) %*% t(xsvd$v)
> sum( (X - Xhat)^2 )
[1] 3.808719e-30
```

# QR Decomposition

```
> X = matrix(1:6,3,2)
```

```
> xqr = qr(X)
```

```
> Q = qr.Q(xqr)
```

```
> Q
```

```
           [,1]      [,2]  
[1,] -0.2672612  0.8728716  
[2,] -0.5345225  0.2182179  
[3,] -0.8017837 -0.4364358
```

```
> R = qr.R(xqr)
```

```
> R
```

```
           [,1]      [,2]  
[1,] -3.741657 -8.552360  
[2,]  0.000000  1.963961
```

```
> Xhat = Q %*% R[,sort(xqr$pivot,index=TRUE)$ix]
```

```
> sum( (X - Xhat)^2 )
```

```
[1] 8.997945e-31
```