

Linear Algebra Cheat Sheet

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Core Concepts

Compared to other numerical computing environments, Breeze matrices default to column major ordering, like Matlab, but indexing is 0-based, like Numpy. Breeze has as its core concepts matrices and column vectors. Row vectors are normally stored as matrices with a single row. This allows for greater type safety with the downside that conversion of row vectors to column vectors is performed using a transpose-slice (a.t(::,0)) instead of a simple transpose (a.t).

UFuncs are very important in Breeze. Once you get a feel for the syntax (i.e. what's in this section), it might be worthwhile to read the first half of the UFunc wiki page. (You can skip the last half that involves implementing your own UFuncs...until you're ready to contribute to Breeze!)

Quick Reference

The following table assumes that Numpy is used with from numpy import * and Breeze with

import breeze.linalg._
import breeze.numerics._

Creation

Operation	Breeze	Matlab	Numpy	R
Zeroed matrix	DenseMatrix.zeros[Double](n,m)	zeros(n,m)	zeros((n,m))	mat.or.vec(n, m)
Zeroed vector	DenseVector.zeros[Double](n)	zeros(n,1)	zeros(n)	mat.or.vec(n, 1)
Vector of ones	DenseVector.ones[Double](n)	ones(n,1)	ones(n)	mat.or.vec(n, 1) + 1
Vector of particular number	DenseVector.fill(n){5.0}	ones(n,1) * 5	ones(n) * 5	(mat.or.vec(5, 1) + 1) * 5
range given stepsize	DenseVector.range(start,stop,step) Or Vector.rangeD(start,stop,step)			seq(start,stop,step)
n element range	linspace(start,stop,numvals)	linspace(0,20,15)		
Identity matrix	DenseMatrix.eye[Double](n)	eye(n)	eye(n)	identity(n)
Diagonal matrix	diag(DenseVector(1.0,2.0,3.0))	diag([1 2 3])	diag((1,2,3))	diag(c(1,2,3))
Matrix inline creation	DenseMatrix((1.0,2.0), (3.0,4.0))	[1 2; 3 4]	array([[1,2], [3,4]])	matrix(c(1,2,3,4), nrow = 2, ncol = 2)
Column vector inline creation	DenseVector(1,2,3,4)	[1 2 3 4]	array([1,2,3,4])	c(1,2,3,4)
Row vector				

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inline creation	DenseVector(1,2,3,4).t	[1 2 3 4]'	array([1,2,3]).reshape(-1,1)	t(c(1,2,3,4))
Vector from function	DenseVector.tabulate(3){i => 2*i}			
Matrix from function	<pre>DenseMatrix.tabulate(3, 2){case (i, j) => i+j}</pre>			
Vector creation from array	new DenseVector(Array(1, 2, 3, 4))			
Matrix creation from array	new DenseMatrix(2, 3, Array(11, 12, 13, 21, 22, 23))			
Vector of random elements from 0 to 1	DenseVector.rand(4)			runif(4) (requires stats library)
Matrix of random elements from 0 to 1	DenseMatrix.rand(2, 3)			matrix(runif(6),2) (requires stats library)

Reading and writing Matrices

Currently, Breeze supports IO for Matrices in two ways: Java serialization and csv. The latter comes from two functions: breeze.linalg.csvread and breeze.linalg.csvwrite. csvread takes a File, and optionally parameters for how the CSV file is delimited (e.g. if it is actually a tsv file, you can set tabs as the field delimiter.) and returns a DenseMatrix. Similarly, csvwrite takes a File and a DenseMatrix, and writes the contents of a matrix to a file.

Indexing and Slicing

Operation	Breeze	Matlab	Numpy	R
Basic Indexing	a(0,1)	a(1,2)	a[0,1]	a[1,2]
Extract subset of vector	a(1 to 4) Or a(1 until 5) Or a.slice(1,5)	a(2:5)	a[1:5]	a[2:5]
(negative steps)	a(5 to 0 by -1)	a(6:-1:1)	a[5::-1]	
(tail)	a(1 to -1)	a(2:end)	a[1:]	a[2:length(a)] Or tail(a,n=length(a)-1)
(last element)	a(-1)	a(end)	a[-1]	tail(a, n=1)
Extract column of matrix	a(::, 2)	a(:,3)	a[:,2]	a[,2]

Other Manipulation

Operation	Breeze	Matlab	Numpy	R
Reshaping	a.reshape(3, 2)	reshape(a, 3,	a.reshape(3,2)	matrix(a,nrow=3,byrow=T)
Flatten matrix	a.toDenseVector (Makes copy)	a(:)	a.flatten()	as.vector(a)
Copy lower triangle	lowerTriangular(a)	tril(a)	tril(a)	a[upper.tri(a)] <- 0
Copy upper triangle	upperTriangular(a)	triu(a)	triu(a)	a[lower.tri(a)] <- 0
Copy (note, no parens!!)	a.copy		np.copy(a)	
Create view of matrix diagonal	diag(a)	NA	diagonal(a) (Numpy >= 1.9)	diag(a)

Vector Assignment to subset	a(1 to 4) := 5.0	a(2:5) = 5	a[1:5] = 5	a[2:5] = 5
Vector Assignment to subset	a(1 to 4) := DenseVector(1.0,2.0,3.0,4.0)	a(2:5) = [1 2 3 4]	a[1:5] = array([1,2,3,4])	a[2:5] = c(1,2,3,4)
Matrix Assignment to subset	a(1 to 3,1 to 3) := 5.0	a(2:4,2:4) = 5	a[1:4,1:4] = 5	a[2:4,2:4] = 5
Matrix Assignment to column	a(::, 2) := 5.0	a(:,3) = 5	a[:,2] = 5	a[,3] = 5
Matrix vertical concatenate	DenseMatrix.vertcat(a,b)	[a; b]	vstack((a,b))	rbind(a, b)
Matrix horizontal concatenate	DenseMatrix.horzcat(d,e)	[d , e]	hstack((d,e))	cbind(d, e)
Vector concatenate	DenseVector.vertcat(a,b)	[a b]	concatenate((a,b))	c(a, b)

Operations

Operation	Breeze	Matlab	Numpy	R
Elementwise addition	a + b	a + b	a + b	a + b
Shaped/Matrix multiplication	a * b	a * b	dot(a, b)	a %*% b
Elementwise multiplication	a :* b	a .* b	a * b	a * b
Elementwise division	a :/ b	a ./ b	a / b	a / b
Elementwise comparison	a :< b	a < b (gives matrix of 1/0 instead of true/false)	a < b	a < b
Elementwise equals	a :== b	a == b (gives matrix of 1/0 instead of true/false)	a == b	a == b
Inplace addition	a :+= 1.0	a += 1	a += 1	a = a + 1
Inplace elementwise multiplication	a :*= 2.0	a *= 2	a *= 2	a = a * 2
Vector dot product	a dot b , a.t * b [†]	dot(a,b)	dot(a,b)	crossprod(a,b)
Elementwise max	max(a)	max(a)	a.max()	max(a)
Elementwise argmax	argmax(a)	[v i] = max(a); i	a.argmax()	which.max(a)

Sum

Operation	Breeze	Matlab	Numpy	R
Elementwise sum	sum(a)	sum(sum(a))	a.sum()	sum(a)
Sum down each column (giving a row vector)	<pre>sum(a, Axis0) Or sum(a(::, *))</pre>	sum(a)	sum(a,0)	apply(a,2,sum)
Sum across each row (giving a column vector)	<pre>sum(a, Axis1) Or sum(a(*, ::))</pre>	sum(a')	sum(a,1)	apply(a,1,sum)
Trace (sum of diagonal elements)	trace(a)	trace(a)	a.trace()	sum(diag(a))
Cumulative sum	accumulate(a)	cumsum(a)	a.cumsum()	apply(a,2,cumsum)

Boolean Operators

Operation	Breeze	Matlab	Numpy	R
Elementwise and	a :& b	a && b	a & b	a & b
Elementwise or	a : b	a b	a b	a b
Elementwise xor	a ^^ b		a ^ b	bitwXor(a, b)

Elementwise not	!a	~a	~a	!a
True if any element is nonzero	any(a)	any(a)	any(a)	
True if all elements are nonzero	all(a)	all(a)	all(a)	

Linear Algebra Functions

Operation	Breeze	Matlab	Numpy	R
Linear solve	a \ b	a \ b	linalg.solve(a,b)	solve(a,b)
Transpose	a.t	a'	a.conj.transpose()	t(a)
Determinant	det(a)	det(a)	linalg.det(a)	det(a)
Inverse	inv(a)	inv(a)	linalg.inv(a)	solve(a)
Moore-Penrose Pseudoinverse	pinv(a)	pinv(a)	linalg.pinv(a)	
Vector Frobenius Norm	norm(a)	norm(a)	norm(a)	
Eigenvalues (Symmetric)	eigSym(a)	[v,1] = eig(a)	linalg.eig(a)[0]	
Eigenvalues	<pre>val (er, ei, _) = eig(a) (separate real & imaginary part)</pre>	eig(a)	linalg.eig(a)[0]	eigen(a)\$values
Eigenvectors	eig(a)3	[v,1] = eig(a)	linalg.eig(a)[1]	eigen(a)\$vectors
Singular Value Decomposition	val svd.SVD(u,s,v) = svd(a)	svd(a)	linalg.svd(a)	svd(a)\$d
Rank	rank(a)	rank(a)	rank(a)	rank(a)
Vector length	a.length	size(a)	a.size	length(a)
Matrix rows	a.rows	size(a,1)	a.shape[0]	nrow(a)
Matrix columns	a.cols	size(a,2)	a.shape[1]	ncol(a)

Rounding and Signs

Operation	Breeze	Matlab	Numpy	R
Round	round(a)	round(a)	around(a)	round(a)
Ceiling	ceil(a)	ceil(a)	ceil(a)	ceiling(a)
Floor	floor(a)	floor(a)	floor(a)	floor(a)
Sign	signum(a)	sign(a)	sign(a)	sign(a)
Absolute Value	abs(a)	abs(a)	abs(a)	abs(a)

Constants

Operation	Breeze	Matlab	Numpy	R
Not a Number	NaN Or nan	NaN	nan	NA
Infinity	Inf Or inf	Inf	inf	Inf
Pi	Constants.Pi	pi	math.pi	pi
е	Constants.E	exp(1)	math.e	exp(1)

Complex numbers

If you make use of complex numbers, you will want to include a breeze.math._ import. This declares a i variable, and provides implicit conversions from Scala's basic types to complex types.

Operation	Breeze	Matlab	Numpy	R
Imaginary unit	i	i	z = 1j	1i
Complex numbers	3 + 4 * i Or Complex(3,4)	3 + 4i	z = 3 + 4j	3 + 4i
Absolute Value	abs(z) Or z.abs	abs(z)	abs(z)	abs(z)
Real Component	z.real	real(z)	z.real	Re(z)
Imaginary Component	z.imag	imag(z)	z.imag()	Im(z)
Imaginary Conjugate	z.conjugate	conj(z)	z.conj() Or z.conjugate()	Conj(z)

Numeric functions

Breeze contains a fairly comprehensive set of special functions under the breeze.numerics._ import. These functions can be applied to single elements, vectors or matrices of Doubles. This includes versions of the special functions from scala.math that can be applied to vectors and matrices. Any function acting on a basic numeric type can "vectorized", to a UFunc function, which can act elementwise on vectors and matrices:

```
val v = DenseVector(1.0,2.0,3.0)
exp(v) // == DenseVector(2.7182818284590455, 7.38905609893065, 20.085536923187668)
```

UFuncs can also be used in-place on Vectors and Matrices:

```
val v = DenseVector(1.0,2.0,3.0)
exp.inPlace(v) // == DenseVector(2.7182818284590455, 7.38905609893065, 20.085536923187668)
```

See Universal Functions for more information.

Here is a (non-exhaustive) list of UFuncs in Breeze:

Trigonometry

```
cos, cosh, acos, acoshtan, tanh, atan, atanh
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sin, sinh, asin, asinh

• atan2

• sinc(x) == sin(x)/x

sincpi(x) == sinc(x * Pi)

Logarithm, Roots, and Exponentials

• log, exp log10

• log1p , expm1

• sqrt, sbrt

pow

Gamma Function and its cousins

The gamma function is the extension of the factorial function to the reals. Numpy needs from scipy.special import * for this and subsequent sections.

Operation	Breeze	Matlab	Numpy	R
Gamma function	exp(lgamma(a))	gamma(a)	gamma(a)	gamma(a)
log Gamma function	lgamma(a)	gammaln(a)	gammaln(a)	lgamma(a)
Incomplete gamma function	gammp(a, x)	gammainc(a, x)	gammainc(a,	pgamma(a, x) (requires stats library)
Upper incomplete gamma function	gammq(a, x)	<pre>gammainc(a, x, tail)</pre>	gammaincc(a,	pgamma(x, a, lower = FALSE) * gamma(a) (requires stats library)
derivative of Igamma	digamma(a)	psi(a)	polygamma(0,	digamma(a)

derivative of digamma	trigamma(a)	psi(1, a)	polygamma(1,	trigama(a)
nth derivative of digamma	na	psi(n, a)	polygamma(n,	psigamma(a, deriv = n)
Log Beta function	lbeta(a,b)	betaln(a, b)	betaln(a,b)	lbeta(a, b)
Generalized Log Beta function	lbeta(a)	na	na	

Error Function

The error function...

Operation	Breeze	Matlab	Numpy	R
error function	erf(a)	erf(a)	erf(a)	2 * pnorm(a * sqrt(2)) - 1
1 - erf(a)	erfc(a)	erfc(a)	erfc(a)	2 * pnorm(a * sqrt(2), lower = FALSE)
inverse error function	erfinv(a)	erfinv(a)	erfinv(a)	qnorm((1 + a) / 2) / sqrt(2)
inverse erfc	erfcinv(a)	erfcinv(a)	erfcinv(a)	qnorm(a / 2, lower = FALSE) / sqrt(2)

Other functions

Operation	Breeze	Matlab	Numpy	R
logistic sigmoid	sigmoid(a)	na	expit(a)	sigmoid(a) (requires pracma library)
Indicator function	I(a)	not needed	where(cond, 1, 0)	0 + (a > 0)
Polynominal evaluation	polyval(coef,x)			

Map and Reduce

For most simple mapping tasks, one can simply use vectorized, or universal functions. Given a vector v, we can simply take the log of each element of a vector with log(v). Sometimes, however, we want to apply a somewhat idiosyncratic function to each element of a vector. For this, we can use the map function:

```
val v = DenseVector(1.0,2.0,3.0)
v.map( xi => foobar(xi) )
```

Breeze provides a number of built in reduction functions such as sum, mean. You can implement a custom reduction using the higher order function reduce. For instance, we can sum the first 9 integers as follows:

```
val v = linspace(0,9,10)
val s = v.reduce( _ + _ )
```

Broadcasting

Sometimes we want to apply an operation to every row or column of a matrix, as a unit. For instance, you might want to compute the mean of each row, or add a vector to every column. Adapting a matrix so that operations can be applied columnwise or rowwise is called broadcasting. Languages like R and numpy automatically and implicitly do broadcasting, meaning they won't stop you if you accidentally add a matrix and a vector. In Breeze, you have to signal your intent using the broadcasting operator * . The * is meant to evoke "foreach" visually. Here are some examples:

```
assert(mean(m) === 3.0)
assert(sum(m(*, ::)) === DenseVector(4.0, 8.0))
assert(sum(m(::, *)) === DenseMatrix((5.0, 7.0)))
assert(mean(m(*, ::)) === DenseVector(2.0, 4.0))
assert(mean(m(::, *)) === DenseMatrix((2.5, 3.5)))
```

The UFunc trait is similar to numpy's ufunc. See Universal Functions for more information on Breeze UFuncs.

Casting and type safety

Compared to Numpy and Matlab, Breeze requires you to be more explicit about the types of your variables. When you create a new vector for example, you must specify a type (such as in <code>DenseVector.zeros[Double](n)</code>) in cases where a type can not be inferred automatically. Automatic inference will occur when you create a vector by passing its initial values in (<code>DenseVector</code>). A common mistake is using integers for initialisation (e.g. <code>DenseVector</code>), which would give a matrix of integers instead of doubles. Both Numpy and Matlab would default to doubles instead.

Breeze will not convert integers to doubles for you in most expressions. Simple operations like a :+ 3 when a is a DenseVector[Double] will not compile. Breeze provides a convert function, which can be used to explicitly cast. You can also use v.mapValues(_.toDouble).

Casting

Operation	Breeze	Matlab	Numpy	R
Convert to Int	convert(a, Int)	int(a)	a.astype(int)	as.integer(a)

Performance

Breeze uses netlib-java for its core linear algebra routines. This includes all the cubic time operations, matrix-matrix and matrix-vector multiplication. Special efforts are taken to ensure that arrays are not copied.

Netlib-java will attempt to load system optimised BLAS/LAPACK if they are installed, falling back to the reference natives, falling back to pure Java. Set your logger settings to ALL for the com.github.fommil.netlib package to check the status, and to com.github.fommil.jniloader for a more detailed breakdown. Read the netlib-java project page for more details.

Currently vectors and matrices over types other than <code>Double</code>, <code>Float</code> and <code>Int</code> are boxed, so they will typically be a lot slower. If you find yourself needing other AnyVal types like <code>Long</code> or <code>Short</code>, please ask on the list about possibly adding support for them.

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