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Q Given: Matrix $M \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$
~~det~~ vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$

Prove: $E[x^T M x] = x^T E[M] x$

Ans:- Given:-

M is a random variable (r.v.)
and, $M \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$

also, ' x ' is a deterministic vector of format:-

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

hence,

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1d} \\ A_{21} & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & A_{2d} \\ A_{d1} & \dots & & A_{dd} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_d \end{bmatrix}$$

To prove: $E[x^T M x] = x^T E[M] x$

We know that,

$$E[x^T M x] = E\left[\sum_{i,j=1}^d x_i m_{ij} x_j\right]$$

\therefore Since ' x ' is a deterministic vector, and M is the only random variable (r.v.) in the equation,
~~we can see~~ $E[x]$ will be constant and the above equation can take following form :-

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow E\left[\sum_{i,j=1}^d x_i m_{ij} x_j\right] &= \sum_{i,j=1}^d x_i E[m_{ij}] x_j \\
 &= \sum_{i,j=1}^d x_i x_j E[m_{ij}] \\
 &= x^T E[m_{ij}] \quad \dots \text{(for def. vector } x = x^T x \text{)} \\
 &= x^T E[m] x
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\Rightarrow E[x^T M x] = x^T E[M] x$$

$$x^T M x = [x^T M x] \quad \text{-- every row}$$

$$x^T M x = [x^T M x] \quad \text{-- every column}$$