

# Chapter 2 Matrix Algebra

In the theory of equations, the simplest equations are the linear ones. More generally, any equation of the form

$$\mathbf{a}_1\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{a}_2\mathbf{x}_2 + \cdots + \mathbf{a}_n\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{b}$$

is called a linear equation, where  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are constants, and  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$  are unknowns. Often, several linear equations need to be considered at once, in which case we can refer to a system of linear equations. The next two chapters are concerned with giving a detailed introduction to the theory and solution techniques for such systems.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_1 & +4x_3 & = 0 \\ x_1 + x_2 & -3x_3 & = 4 \\ 3x_1 + x_2 & +5x_3 & = -3 \\ 3x_1 - x_2 & +19x_3 & = 0 \end{array}$$

We see that this system is completely determined by the array of numbers (matrix)

## Section 2.1 Matrix Notations

### Notations.

A general matrix  $A$  of **size**  $m \times n$  is written

$$A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1j} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & \cdots & a_{ij} & \cdots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mj} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n} \quad \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1j} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & \cdots & a_{ii} & \cdots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{ni} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

If  $m = n$ ,  $A$  is called a **square matrix**.

#### Equal Matrices

Two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are equal, written  $A = B$ , if

1. They both have the same size,  $m \times n$ .
2. All corresponding elements in the matrices are equal:  $a_{ij} = b_{ij}$  for all  $i$  and  $j$  with  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ .

#### Row Vectors and Column Vectors

Two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are equal, written  $A = B$ , if

A  $1 \times n$  matrix is called a **row  $n$ -vector**. An  $n \times 1$  matrix is called a **column  $n$ -vector**. The elements of a row or column  $n$ -vector are called the **components** of the vector

## Some Specific Matrices

In an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , **Diagonal Entries:** are  $a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{nn}$

$$\text{-Diagonal Matrix : } \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n} \quad \text{-Identity Matrix : } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

### Lower Triangular Matrix

An  $nn$  matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is said to be **lower triangular** if  $a_{ij} = 0$  whenever  $i < j$  (zeros everywhere above (i.e., “northeast of”) the main diagonal),

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & a_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{i1} & \cdots & a_{ii} & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & 0 \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{ni} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

and it is said to be upper triangular if  $a_{ij} = 0$  whenever  $i > j$  (zeros everywhere below (i.e., “southwest of”) the main diagonal).

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1j} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & a_{ii} & \cdots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

## THE TRANSPOSE OF A MATRIX

Given an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , the **transpose** of  $A$  is the  $n \times m$  matrix, denoted by  $A^T$ , whose columns are formed from the corresponding rows of  $A$ .

### Symmetric Matrix

A square matrix  $A$  satisfying  $A^T = A$  is called a **symmetric matrix**.

If  $A$  satisfying  $A^T = -A$ , is called a **skew-symmetric** (or anti-symmetric)

## Section 2.2 Matrix Algebra

### Sums and Scalar Multiplication

$$A + B =$$

$$rA =$$

#### Properties of Sum and Scalar Multiplication

Let  $A, B$ , and  $C$  be matrices of the same size, and let  $r$  and  $s$  be scalars.

1.  $A + B = B + A$
2.  $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$
3.  $r(A + B) = rA + rB$
4.  $(r + s)A = rA + sA$
5.  $r(sA) = (rs)A$

### MATRIX MULTIPLICATION

If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $B$  is an  $n \times p$  then the product  $AB$  is an  $m \times p$  matrix. The entry in row  $i$  and column  $j$  of  $AB$  is the sum of the products of corresponding entries from row  $i$  of  $A$  and column  $j$  of  $B$ . If  $(AB)_{ij}$  denotes the  $(i, j)$ -entry in  $AB$ , and if  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, then

$$(AB)_{ij} = a_{i1}b_{1j} + a_{i2}b_{2j} + \cdots + a_{in}b_{nj} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}b_{kj}$$

**Example 1.** Compute  $AB$  where  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 6 \\ 1 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

### Properties of Matrix Multiplication

Let  $A, B$ , and  $C$  be matrices of the same size, and let  $r$  be any scalar.

1.  $(AB)C = A(BC)$  (associative law of multiplication)
2.  $A(B + C) = AB + AC$  (left distributive law)
3.  $(B + C)A = BA + CA$  (right distributive law)
4.  $(rAB) = (rA)B = A(rB)$
5.  $I_m A = A = A I_n$  (identity for matrix multiplication)

### WARNINGS:

- In general,  $AB \neq BA$ .
- $AB = AC \nRightarrow B = C$ .
- $AB = \mathbf{0} \nRightarrow A = \mathbf{0}$  or  $B = \mathbf{0}$ .

### Properties of $A^T$

Let  $A, B$ , and  $C$  be matrices of the same size, and let  $r$  be any scalar.

1.  $(A^T)^T = A$ .
2.  $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$ .
3.  $(rA)^T = rA^T$ .
4.  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$ .