

Ch 2 Matrices and Systems of Linear

Equations

In this chapter we learn how to do arithmetic with matrices.

2.1 Matrices: Definitions and Notation

A ^{rows first} $m \times n$ ^{columns second} matrix is a rectangular array of numbers arranged in m horizontal rows and n vertical columns.

$m \times n$ is the size of the matrix.

Matrices are usually denoted by upper case letters such as A and B .

The entries of a matrix are called the elements of the matrix.

Ex

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 7 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

is

a

5×3

matrix

We use indices to refer to the elements of a matrix

In the matrix B , b_{ij} refers to the entry in the i th row and j th column of B .

Ex

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 6 & 1 \\ 3 & 7 & 5 & 6 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b_{23} =$$

5

$$b_{32} =$$

2

$$b_{15} =$$

1

HW1

$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 6 & 1 \\ 3 & 7 & 5 & 6 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ is a matrix.

HW2

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find C_{23} , C_{32} , and C_{41}

Using index notation, a general $m \times n$

matrix A is written

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

or abbreviated by $A = [a_{ij}]$

Two matrices A and B are equal if

1. They both have same size $m \times n$

2. All corresponding elements in the matrices are equal $a_{ij} = b_{ij} \quad 1 \leq i \leq m, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n$

Ex /

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

\neq

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$


A $1 \times n$ matrix is called a

row vector (or row n-vector)


A $n \times 1$ matrix is called a

column vector (or column n-vector)

$[1 \ 3 \ 5 \ 7]$


row vector

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$


column vector

Note that a matrix is comprised of either row vectors or column vectors, depending on how you want to look at it.

Ex / Pagerank matrix from last class

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/2 \\ 1/3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/3 & 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 1/3 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let $a_1 = [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1/2]$

$$a_2 = [1/3 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]$$

$$a_3 = [1/3 \ 1/2 \ 0 \ 1/2]$$

$$a_4 = [1/3 \ 1/2 \ 0 \ 0]$$

$$\begin{array}{c} b_1 \\ \text{"} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} b_2 \\ \text{"} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1/2 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} b_3 \\ \text{"} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} b_4 \\ \text{"} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 0 \\ 1/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

Then $M = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \end{bmatrix} = [b_1 \ b_2 \ b_3 \ b_4]$

row vectors \nearrow

\nwarrow column vectors

A row or column vector is typically written in bold print (although we will likely not do this at times)

If we interchange the row vectors and column vectors in an $m \times n$ matrix A we obtain an $n \times m$ matrix called the transpose of A .

We denote this matrix by A^T .

In index notation, the (i, j) th

element of A^T denoted a_{ij}^T is given by

$$a_{ij}^T = a_{ji}.$$

Ex

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that the transpose of a row vector
is a column vector (and vice versa)

An $n \times n$ matrix is called

a square matrix

If A is an $n \times n$ square matrix

the entries $a_{ii} \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$ make up

the main diagonal of the matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{bmatrix}$$

↖ main diagonal of 4×4 matrix

The sum of the main diagonal elements of an $n \times n$ matrix A is called the trace of A and is written $\text{tr}(A)$.

Although it looks like a silly calculation it is one of the most important invariants in mathematics.

$$E_x / A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 7 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{tr}(A) = 7$$

HW3

Let $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 3 & 5 \\ 5 & 6 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Find B^T .

HW4

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find $\text{tr}(B)$

An $n \times n$ matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$ is

lower triangular if $a_{ij} = 0$ whenever

$i < j$ and is upper triangular

if $a_{ij} = 0$ whenever $i > j$

An $n \times n$ matrix D is diagonal

if $a_{ij} = 0$ whenever $i \neq j$.

Ex

$A = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$ is lower Δ

$B = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ is upper Δ

$D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ is a diagonal matrix

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

If $A = [a_{ij}]$ then $-A$ is the matrix
with elements $-a_{ij}$.

A matrix satisfying $A^T = -A$ is called
a skew-symmetric matrix.

The general form of a 3×3 matrix is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$$

However the general form of a 3×3 symmetric matrix is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & e & d \\ c & d & f \end{bmatrix}$$

HWS Determine whether a matrix of the

form $\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$ is skew-

symmetric.

We will see that this matrix describes a geometric transformation of \mathbb{R}^2 .

It yields a counterclockwise rotation by angle θ in the xy -plane

In a picture, for $\theta = \pi/2$.

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \pi/2 & -\sin \pi/2 \\ \sin \pi/2 & \cos \pi/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

