

Introduction to Matrix Algebra:

Matrices, vectors, and what you can do with them.

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Why Matrix Algebra?

Matrix notation originally invented to express linear algebra relations (*Cayley & Sylvester, Cambridge 1858*)

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_1 + a_{13}x_1 = y_1$$
$$a_{21}x_2 + a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_2 = y_2$$

- Compact notation for describing sets of data & sets of linear equations.
- Enhances visualisation and understanding of essentials.

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

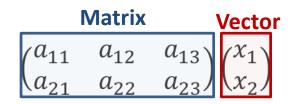
- Efficient for manipulating sets of data & solving sets of linear equations.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{pmatrix}; \ \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}; \ \mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix};$$

$$Ax = y$$

- Translates directly to the implementation of linear algebra processes in languages that offer array data structures (e.g. **MAT**(rix)**LAB**(oratory)).

Basics: Taxonomy



Matrix: A collection of numbers ordered by rows and columns.

Example: a 2 rows by 3 columns matrix.

Square matrix
 Symmetric matrix
 Identity matrix
 Diagonal matrix
 Zero matrix
 All-ones matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 9 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 7 \\ 5 & 7 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$
 $\begin{pmatrix} 9 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 7 \\ 5 & 7 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\begin{pmatrix} 9 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$A = [9 \ 1 \ 1; ...$$
 $S = A;$
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Vector: In most cases a vector can be defined as a one-dimensional matrix (Matlab always does!).

Column Vector $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$ C = [1; 2];Row Vector $(x_1 x_2)$ V = [1 2];

Basics

The dimension (order) of a matrix is given by the number of its rows and columns.

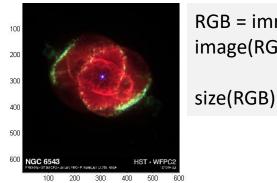
Example: 2 rows x 3colums

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{pmatrix}$$

NOTE: Matlab uses **multidimensional arrays** which are an extension of the normal 2-dimensional matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{111} & a_{121} & a_{131} \\ a_{211} & a_{221} & a_{231} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} a_{112} & a_{122} & a_{132} \\ a_{212} & a_{222} & a_{232} \end{pmatrix} \dots \dots \begin{pmatrix} a_{11n} & a_{12n} & a_{13n} \\ a_{21n} & a_{22n} & a_{23n} \end{pmatrix}$$

Example: colour images in Matlab are 3-D arrays. The 3rd dimension encodes the primary colours (i.e. Red, Green, Blue).



RGB = imread('ngc6543a.jpg'); image(RGB); axis image;

GB = RGB; GB(:,:,1)=0; RB = RGB; RB(:,:,2)=0; Etc... image(....); axis image;

Try it out

Operations

Transposition:

$$a_{ij} \rightarrow a_{ji}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 8 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}; \ \mathbf{A}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 8 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$At = A';$$

Addition/Subtraction:

Matrices/vectors need to have the **same dimensions** (i.e. nrows & ncols).

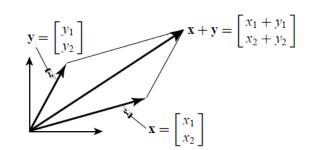
$$a_{ij} \pm b_{ij} = r_{ij}$$

Properties of addition:

- **Commutative:** A+B=B+A
- **Associative:** A+(B+C) = (A+B)+C;

Geometric interpretation (parallelogram law)

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$
; $y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$; $x + y$



Operations: Multiplication (& Division)

Multiplication by scalar:

$$c * A = c * a_{11} \dots c * a_{nn}$$

$$3*A = 3*\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 8 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 9 & 24 \\ 0 & 12 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

NOTE: **Division** is equivalent to multiplication by 1/c (e.g. 1/3).

Geometric interpretation

This operation is also called **scaling of a vector**: the scaled vector points the same way, but its magnitude is multiplied by c.

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V = [2 5];
C = 2; sV = C*V;
plot([0 V(1)],[0 V(2)],'r');
hold on;
plot([0 sV(1)],[0 sV(2)],'b');
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If c < 0 the direction of the vector is reversed (reflexion about the origin).

Operations: Multiplication (& Division)

Inner product (or scalar product) of two column vectors (of same order)

$$X^TY = Y^TX = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

$$X^{T}Y = Y^{T}X = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i} y_{i}$$
 $X = {2 \choose 3}; Y = {1 \choose 5}; X^{T}Y = (2 3) {1 \choose 5} = 2x1 + 3x5 = 17$

Properties: Commutative

NOTE: Matlab's ".*" is an **Array operator** that multiplies two vectors of the same order element by element. $XY = Z \rightarrow size(Z) = size(X) = size(Y)$;

Geometric interpretation

The angle in radians between two arbitrary vectors is defined as

$$cos\theta = \frac{(x,y)}{|x||y|}$$
 $cos\theta = 0$

The cosine function is closely related to **covariance**

Example

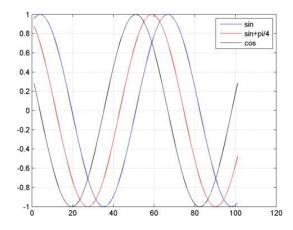
% generate 3 sinusoids of different phases

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Phi = [0, pi/4, pi/2];
x = [-5:0.1:5]'; %NOTE: transposition
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 $S1 = \sin(x+Phi(1))$; $S2 = \sin(x+Phi(2))$; $S3 = \sin(x+Phi(3))$; % NOTE: we should have 3 column vectors, check!

%Plot them

plot(S1,'b');hold on; plot(S2,'r');plot(S3,'k');



% Create an anonymous function to calculate the Euclidean norm

Enorm = $@(x) \operatorname{sqrt}(\operatorname{sum}(x.^2))$

%Calculate the cosine between vectors

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$$C1 = \frac{(S1'*S2)}{(Enorm(S1)*Enorm(S2))}; \qquad cos\theta = \frac{(x,y)}{|x||y|}$$

Operations: Multiplication

Multiplication of matrix with vector:

$$y = Ax; y_i = \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{ij} x_j i = 1..m$$

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$$3 \text{ Columns} \\ \binom{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \times \binom{3}{4} = \binom{1*3+1*4+1*5}{2*3+2*4+2*5} = \binom{12}{24}$$

Remember that earlier we multiplied row vectors with column vectors? This makes sense now, because vectors are special cases of matrices.

Multiplication of matrix with matrix:

Properties:

$$C = AB$$
; $c_{ik} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{ii} b_{ik} i = 1..m, k = 1,..p.$

Every element ik of C is the scalar product of the i-th row of A with the k-th column of B

Operations:

Inverse of a (square) matrix

In scalar algebra, the inverse of a number x is x^{-1} so that $x^*x^{-1} = 1$. In matrix algebra the inverse of a matrix is that matrix that multiplied by the original matrix gives an identity matrix: $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$

A matrix must be square, but not all square matrices have an inverse (e.g. singular matrices).

IA = inv(A)A*IA

Example: simple linear regression

Regression Coefficient
$$y = b_0 + b_1 x + e$$
Intercept Error term
$$y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n = 1 \\ x_n \\ x_$$

load accidents

x = hwydata(:,14); %Population of states

X = [ones(length(x),1) x];%add a column of 1s to calculate intercept

Y = hwydata(:,4); %Accidents per state

format long

"\" operator mldivide: solve systems of linear equations Y=BX for B (similar to X-1Y)

```
B = X\Y
yCalc = X*B; %NOTE: vector by matrix product

scatter(x,Y)
hold on;
plot(x,yCalc,'-')
legend('Data','Fitted function','Location','best');
xlabel('Population of state')
ylabel('Fatal traffic accidents per state')
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