Chapter 2

Matrix Algebra

Section 2.1

Matrix Operations

Motivation

We can turn any system of linear equations into a matrix equation

$$Ax = b.$$

This notation is suggestive. Can we solve the equation by **"dividing by A"**?

$$x \stackrel{??}{=} \frac{b}{A}$$

Answer: Only sometimes.

Today: *matrix algebra*: adding and multiplying matrices.
Wednesday: **Invertibility**: "dividing" by a matrix.

Main

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix.

We write a_{ij} for the entry in the ith row and the jth column. It is called the ***ij*th entry** of the matrix.

$$\begin{array}{cc} \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1j} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & \cdots & a_{ij} & \cdots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mj} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} & \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ i\text{th row} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \\ j\text{-th column} & \end{array}$$

The entries $a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{33}, \ldots$ are the **diagonal entries**; they form the **main diagonal** of the matrix.

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{pmatrix}$$

- The columns of a matrix are vectors denoted $c_1, c_2, \ldots,$
- The rows of a a matrix are *transposed vectors* denoted $r_1, r_2, \ldots$
- Warning: you will need to recognize when notation refers to scalars, or vectors, or transposed vectors.

Special Notation for Matrices

A **diagonal matrix** is a *square* matrix whose only nonzero entries are on the main diagonal.

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

The $n \times n$ **identity matrix** I_n is the diagonal matrix with all diagonal entries equal to 1. It is special because $I_n v = v$ for *all* v in $\mathbf{R}^n$.

$$I_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The **zero matrix** (of size $m \times n$) is the $m \times n$ matrix 0 with all zero entries.

$$0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The **transpose** of an $m \times n$ matrix A is the $n \times m$ matrix A^T whose rows are the columns of A. In other words, the ij entry of A^T is a_{ji}.

$$\overset{A}{\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{pmatrix}} \rightsquigarrow \overset{A^T}{\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} \\ a_{13} & a_{23} \end{pmatrix}}$$

flip

The (old) Row-Column Rule for Matrix Multiplication

The ij entry of $C = AB$ is the ith row of A times the jth column of B:

$$c_{ij} = (AB)_{ij} = a_{i1}b_{1j} + a_{i2}b_{2j} + \cdots + a_{in}b_{nj}.$$

This is how everybody on the planet actually computes AB. Diagram ($AB = C$):

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1k} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & \cdots & a_{ik} & \cdots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mk} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ i\text{th row} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & \cdots & b_{1j} & \cdots & b_{1p} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ b_{k1} & \cdots & b_{kj} & \cdots & b_{kp} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & \cdots & b_{nj} & \cdots & b_{np} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & \cdots & c_{1j} & \cdots & c_{1p} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ c_{i1} & \cdots & c_{ij} & \cdots & c_{ip} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ c_{m1} & \cdots & c_{mj} & \cdots & c_{mp} \end{pmatrix}$$

jth column

ij entry

Example

Caveats of Matrix Multiplication

Beware: matrix multiplication is very subtle:

- AB is *usually not equal* to BA.

  In fact, AB may be defined when BA is not.

- *No cancellation*: $AB = AC$ does not imply $B = C$, even if $A \neq 0$.

- *Not necessarily zero matrices*: $AB = 0$ does not imply $A = 0$ or $B = 0$.

New definition: Matrix Multiplication

must be equal

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix and let B be an $n \times p$ matrix with columns $v_1, v_2 \ldots, v_p$:

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & & | \\ v_1 & v_2 & \cdots & v_p \\ | & | & & | \end{pmatrix}.$$

The **product** AB is the $m \times p$ matrix with columns $Av_1, Av_2, \ldots, Av_p$:

The equality is a definition

$$AB \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} | & | & & | \\ Av_1 & Av_2 & \cdots & Av_p \\ | & | & & | \end{pmatrix}.$$

In order for $Av_1, Av_2, \ldots, Av_p$ to make sense, the number of columns of A has to be the same as the number of rows of B.

Example

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 2 & -2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} =$$

Composition of Transformations

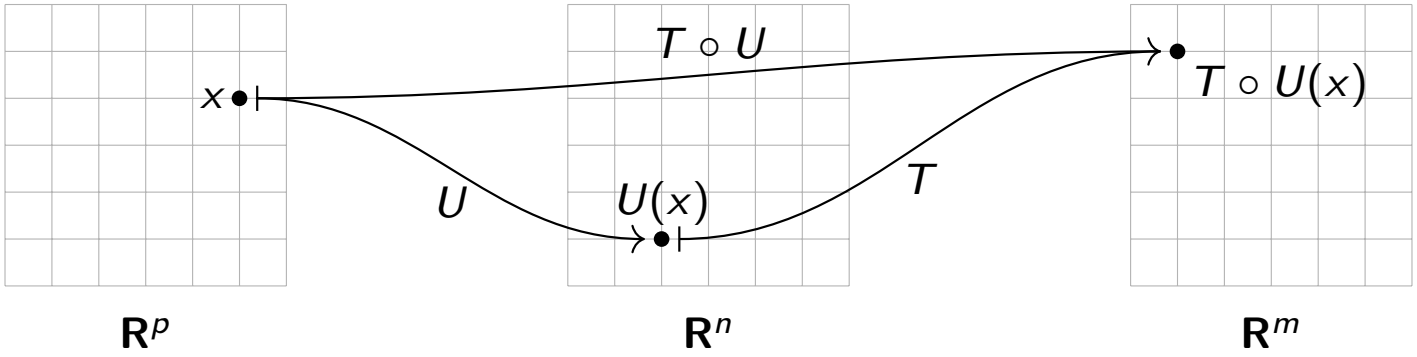
Why redefine matrix multiplication?

Definition

Let $T\colon \mathbf{R}^n \to \mathbf{R}^m$ and $U\colon \mathbf{R}^p \to \mathbf{R}^n$ be transformations. The **composition** is the transformation

$$T \circ U\colon \mathbf{R}^p \to \mathbf{R}^m \quad \text{defined by} \quad T \circ U(x) = T(U(x)).$$

This makes sense because $U(x)$ (*the output of U*) is in $\mathbf{R}^n$, that is, is *in the domain of T* (the inputs of T).



Fact: If T and U are linear then so is $T \circ U$.

Poll

Composition of Linear Transformations

The matrix of the composition is the product of the matrices!

Let $T\colon \mathbf{R}^n \to \mathbf{R}^m$ and $U\colon \mathbf{R}^p \to \mathbf{R}^n$ be *linear* transformations. Let A and B be their matrices:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & & | \\ T(e_1) & T(e_2) & \cdots & T(e_n) \\ | & | & & | \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & & | \\ U(e_1) & U(e_2) & \cdots & U(e_p) \\ | & | & & | \end{pmatrix}$$

Question

What is the matrix for $T \circ U$?

Composition of Linear Transformations

Example

Let $T\colon \mathbf{R}^2 \to \mathbf{R}^2$ be rotation by 45°, and let $U\colon \mathbf{R}^2 \to \mathbf{R}^2$ be projection onto the x-axis. Let's compute their standard matrices A and B:

$$\implies \quad A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Composition of Linear Transformations

Example, continued

So the matrix C for $T \circ U$ is

Check:

$$\Longrightarrow \; C = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

Composition of Linear Transformations

Another example

Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \qquad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 2 & -2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let $T(x) = Ax$ and $U(y) = By$, so

$$T\colon \mathbf{R}^3 \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}^2 \qquad U\colon \mathbf{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}^3 \qquad T \circ U\colon \mathbf{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}^2.$$

Let's find the matrix for $T \circ U$:

$$T \circ U(e_1) =$$

$$T \circ U(e_2) =$$

Before we computed $AB = \begin{pmatrix} 14 & -10 \\ 32 & -28 \end{pmatrix}$, so AB is the matrix of $T \circ U$.

Back to Addition and Scalar Multiplication

You add two matrices component by component, like with vectors.

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

Note you can only add two matrices *of the same size*.

You multiply a matrix by a scalar by multiplying each component, like with vectors.

$$c\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ca_{11} & ca_{12} & ca_{13} \\ ca_{21} & ca_{22} & ca_{23} \end{pmatrix}.$$

These satisfy the expected rules, like with vectors:

$$\begin{aligned} A+B &= B+A & (A+B)+C &= A+(B+C) \\ c(A+B) &= cA+cB & (c+d)A &= cA+dA \\ (cd)A &= c(dA) & A+0 &= A \end{aligned}$$

Properties of Matrix Multiplication

Mostly matrix multiplication works like you'd expect. Suppose A has size $m \times n$, and that the other matrices below have the right size to make multiplication work.

$$\begin{aligned} A(BC) &= (AB)C & A(B+C) &= (AB+AC) \\ (B+C)A &= BA+CA & c(AB) &= (cA)B \\ c(AB) &= A(cB) & I_nA &= A \\ AI_m &= A \end{aligned}$$

Most of these are easy to verify.

Associativity is $A(BC) = (AB)C$. It is a pain to verify using the row-column rule! Much easier: use associativity of linear transformations:

$$S \circ (T \circ U) = (S \circ T) \circ U.$$

This is a good example of an instance where *having a conceptual viewpoint saves you a lot of work*.

Remember: some properties of real numbers do not apply to matrices.

Other Reading

Read about powers of a matrix and multiplication of transposes in §2.1.

Extra: The Row-Column Rule explained

Recall: A row vector of length n times a column vector of length n is a scalar:

$$a^T b = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & \cdots & a_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix} = a_1 b_1 + \cdots + a_n b_n.$$

So one way of multiplying a matrix by a vector is:

$$Ax = \begin{pmatrix} — r_1 — \\ \vdots \\ — r_m — \end{pmatrix} x = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 x \\ \vdots \\ r_m x \end{pmatrix}.$$

On the other hand, new definition of matrix multiplication gives

$$AB = A \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ c_1 & \cdots & c_p \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ Ac_1 & \cdots & Ac_p \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix}.$$

It follows that

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} — r_1 — \\ \vdots \\ — r_m — \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ c_1 & \cdots & c_p \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 c_1 & r_1 c_2 & \cdots & r_1 c_p \\ r_2 c_1 & r_2 c_2 & \cdots & r_2 c_p \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ r_m c_1 & r_m c_2 & \cdots & r_m c_p \end{pmatrix}$$