

Mathematics 2  
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## The matrix-vector product

Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}(k \times n)$  and  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $\mathbf{w} = A \cdot \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^k$  given by

$$\mathbf{w} = u_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + u_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + \cdots + u_n \mathbf{a}_n$$

where  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$  are the columns of the matrix  $A$  and  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$ .

**A special case:** Let  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^k$ , then  $\mathbf{u}^T \cdot \mathbf{v}$  is a real number given by

$$\mathbf{u}^T \cdot \mathbf{v} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + \cdots + u_k v_k$$

## The (square) identity matrix

### Definition

The *identity matrix*  $I_n \in \mathcal{M}(n \times n)$  is a square matrix with entries equal to 1 on the diagonal and 0 otherwise,

$$I_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## The (square) identity matrix

### Definition

The **identity matrix**  $I_n \in \mathcal{M}(n \times n)$  is a square matrix whose columns are the standard vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Property:** The identity matrix is a **multiplicative identity**, that is for any vector  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  we have that

$$I_n \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}.$$

*Proof.* @ the blackboard

## Properties of the matrix-vector product

## Theorem

Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{M}(k \times n)$ ,  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

- 1  $A \cdot (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = A \cdot \mathbf{u} + A \cdot \mathbf{v}$
- 2  $A \cdot (\lambda \mathbf{u}) = \lambda A \cdot \mathbf{u}$
- 3  $(A + B) \cdot \mathbf{u} = A \cdot \mathbf{u} + B \cdot \mathbf{u}$
- 4  $A \cdot \mathbf{e}_j = \mathbf{a}_j$  where  $\mathbf{a}_j$  is the  $j$ -th column of  $A$
- 5  $A \cdot \mathbf{o}_n = \mathbf{o}_k$ , where  $\mathbf{o}_n$  is the zero vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbf{o}_k$  is the zero vector in  $\mathbb{R}^k$
- 6  $O_{k \times n} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{o}_k$  where  $O_{k \times n}$  is the null  $k \times n$ -matrix
- 7  $I_n \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$ , where  $I_n$  is the  $n \times n$ -identity matrix

## Matrix multiplication

Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}(k \times n)$  and  $B \in \mathcal{M}(n \times m)$ , then  $P = A \cdot B$  is a  $k \times m$  matrix whose columns are given by

$$\mathbf{p}_1 = A \cdot \mathbf{b}_1, \quad \mathbf{p}_2 = A \cdot \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{p}_m = A \cdot \mathbf{b}_m$$

Notice that this is just a repetition of the matrix-vector product.

Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}(3 \times 2), \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}(2 \times 2)$$

Then  $P = AB \in \mathcal{M}(3 \times 2)$  with columns

$$\mathbf{p}_1 = A\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{p}_2 = A\mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

That is

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 \\ 10 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}(2 \times 3), \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}(3 \times 2)$$

Then  $P = AB \in \mathcal{M}(2 \times 2)$  with columns

$$p_1 = Ab_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p_{11} \\ p_{21} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p_{11} = \text{1st row of } A \text{ times 1st column of } B \Rightarrow (2 \ -1 \ 3) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p_{21} = \text{2nd row of } A \text{ times 1st column of } B \Rightarrow -5$$

$$\mathbf{p}_2 = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p_{12} \\ p_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$p_{12}$  = 1st row of  $\mathbf{A}$  times 2nd column of  $\mathbf{B} \Rightarrow 5$

$p_{22}$  = 2nd row of  $\mathbf{A}$  times 2nd column of  $\mathbf{B} \Rightarrow 0$

Finally,

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 5 \\ -5 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Remark

*An important property! The matrix product is NOT commutative*

## Theorem

*Properties of the matrix product Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{M}(k \times n)$ ,  $C \in \mathcal{M}(n \times m)$  and  $P, Q \in \mathcal{M}(m \times l)$ . We get that:*

- 1  $\lambda(AC) = (\lambda A)C = A(\lambda C)$ , for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$
- 2  $(AC)P = A(CP)$
- 3  $(A + B)C = AC + BC$
- 4  $C(P + Q) = CP + CQ$
- 5  $I_k A = A = A I_n$
- 6  $A O_{n \times m} = O_{k \times m}$
- 7  $(AC)^T = C^T A^T$

By now we know how to *multiply* matrices. Can we *divide* matrices?

For real numbers, we know that  $\frac{a}{b} = ab^{-1}$ . Similarly we want to define the operation of multiplication by the *inverse* of matrix.

### Definition

Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{n})$ . We say that  $A$  is **invertible** if there exists a matrix  $B \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{n})$  such that

$$AB = BA = I_n.$$

$B$  is called the *inverse* of  $A$

In the sequel we will denote the inverse of  $A$  by  $A^{-1}$ .

The inverse of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix

### Theorem

Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}(2 \times 2)$  given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $ad - cb \neq 0$ . Then

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - cb} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

### Remark

A  $2 \times 2$  matrix is invertible if and only if  $ad - cb \neq 0$  (we will see later why and where this condition comes from).

What about higher dimension matrices? We need more mathematical instruments

## Theorem

Let  $A, P \in \mathcal{M}(n \times n)$  and **invertible**. Then

①  $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$

②  $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$

③  $AP$  is invertible and  $(AP)^{-1} = P^{-1}A^{-1}$

When is a matrix invertible? (conditions will be provided later in the lecture)

## Determinant

- $n = 1$  A  $1 \times 1$  matrix is a real number  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . We define  $\det(a) = a$ .
- $n = 2$  Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

we define  $\det(A) = ad - cb$

- $n \geq 3$  For higher dimension the determinant has a more complicated definition which requires additional definitions

## Determinant

For any square matrix  $A \in \mathcal{M}(n \times n)$  we denote by  $A_{ij}$  the matrix obtained from  $A$  by deleting the row  $i$  and the column  $j$

Notice that we can express the determinant of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix in terms of these *reduced* matrices:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = a \det(A_{11}) - b \det(A_{12})$$

## Definition (Determinant)

For any  $A \in \mathcal{M}(n \times n)$  the determinant of  $A$  is given by

$$\det(A) = (-1)^{i+1} a_{i1} \det(A_{i1}) + (-1)^{i+2} a_{i2} \det(A_{i2}) + \cdots + (-1)^{i+n} a_{in} \det(A_{in})$$

Define  $c_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det(A_{ij})$ . This coefficient is called **cofactor**. Then we can rewrite the determinant as:

$$\det(A) = a_{i1}c_{i1} + a_{i2}c_{i2} + \cdots + a_{in}c_{in}$$

This equation is called the **cofactor expansion**.

## Definition (Determinant (equivalent definition))

For any  $A \in \mathcal{M}(n \times n)$  the determinant of  $A$  is given by

$$\det(A) = a_{1j}c_{1j} + a_{2j}c_{2j} + \cdots + a_{nj}c_{nj}$$

## Theorem

The determinant of a **diagonal, lower triangular or upper triangular** matrix is the product of its diagonal elements

Proof. @ the blackboard

## Theorem (Properties of determinants)

Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{M}(n \times n)$ . Then the following properties hold:

- ①  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $\det A \neq 0$
- ②  $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$
- ③  $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$
- ④ If  $A$  is invertible then  $\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}$
- ⑤  $\det(\lambda A) = \lambda^n \det(A)$

Remark:  $\det(A + B) \neq \det(A) + \det(B)$

## Inverse of a matrix

## Definition

Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}(n \times n)$ . We define the *cofactor matrix* of  $A$ ,  $\text{Cof}(A)$ , the matrix of all cofactors of  $A$ , that is the matrix with entries  $c_{ij}$ .

## Theorem

Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}(n \times n)$  be invertible. Then

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} (\text{Cof}(A))^T$$