

# Linear Algebra

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## MATRIX ALGEBRA

– sum, scalar multiple, product, powers, inverse, transpose –

- **Properties of matrix addition and scalings**

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

**a.**  $A + B = B + A$

**b.**  $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$

**c.**  $A + 0 = A$

**d.**  $r(A + B) = rA + rB$

**e.**  $(r + s)A = rA + sA$

**f.**  $r(sA) = s(rA)$

- **Matrix multiplication**

If  $A$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix and  $B$  is a  $n \times p$  matrix and  $b_1, \dots, b_p$  are the columns of  $B$ , then the product  $AB$  is

$$AB = A [b_1 \cdots b_p] = [Ab_1 \cdots Ab_p]$$

- **Row-Column rule for matrix multiplication**

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1j} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \cdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & \cdots & a_{ij} & \cdots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & \cdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mj} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Properties of matrix multiplication**

Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $B, C$  such that all the sums and products are defined.

**a.**  $A(BC) = (AB)C$  (associative law)

**b.**  $A(B + C) = AB + AC$  (left distributive law)

**c.**  $(B + C)A = BA + CA$  (right distributive law)

**d.**  $r(AB) = (rA)B = A(rB)$  (scaling products)

**e.**  $I_m A = A = A I_n$  (identity for matrix multiplication)

- **Peculiarities of matrix multiplication**

1. In general,  $AB \neq BA$ .
2. If  $AB = AC$  it is in general not true that  $B = C$ .
3. If  $AB = 0$ , then you cannot conclude that either  $A = 0$  or  $B = 0$ .

- **Powers of a matrix  $A^k$**

If  $A$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $A^k = \underbrace{A \cdots A}_{k \text{ times}}$ . If  $k = 0$ , then  $A^k = A^0 = I$ .

- **Transpose of a matrix  $A^T$**

For a given  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , its transpose  $A^T$  has as columns the rows of  $A$ , so  $A^T$  is a  $n \times m$  matrix.

- **Inverse of a matrix  $A^{-1}$**

A matrix  $A$  of size  $n \times n$  is said to be invertible if there is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $X$  such that

$$XA = I \quad AX = I$$

where  $I = I_n$  is the identity matrix. This matrix  $X$  is called the inverse of  $A$  and is usually denoted by  $A^{-1}$ . In other words,

$$A^{-1}A = I \quad AA^{-1} = I$$

Analogy with numbers:  $5^{-1}5 = 1, 55^{-1} = 1$       Note: The inverse might not always exist!

- **Algorithm for finding  $A^{-1}$**

Row reduce the augmented matrix for  $AX = I$ :

$$[A \mid I] \sim [I \mid A^{-1}]$$



- **Formula for finding  $A^{-1}$  for in the  $2 \times 2$  case and the determinant of a matrix**

If for a matrix

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

the **determinant** does not vanish, so

$$\det(A) = ad - bc \neq 0,$$

then

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}.$$

*“ Switch diagonally, negate the wings and scale with a cross.”*