

Section 5.5

Matrix Operations

Definition A matrix is a rectangular array. Saying that A is an $m \times n$ matrix means that A has m rows and n columns. The numbers m and n are called the dimensions of A . When A is a matrix, A_{ij} denotes the entry in the i th row and j th column. Some sources including your text and online material use lower case letters for the entries. Unless stated otherwise, all matrix entries will be numbers or numerically valued functions.

Definition When each of A and B is an $m \times n$ matrix, $A + B$ is the $m \times n$ matrix such that

$$(A + B)_{ij} = A_{ij} + B_{ij}$$

and $A - B$ is the $m \times n$ matrix such that

$$(A - B)_{ij} = A_{ij} - B_{ij}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, m$ and $j = 1, \dots, n$. These operations are not defined unless the dimensions of A and the dimensions of B are the same.

Example

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 & -8 & 3 \\ 12 & -3 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & -7 & 5 & 16 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 8 & -6 & 4 \\ 3 & 14 & -6 & 5 \\ 13 & 12 & 5 & -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 14 & -14 & 7 \\ 15 & 11 & -3 & 12 \\ 13 & 5 & 10 & 13 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 & -8 & 3 \\ 12 & -3 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & -7 & 5 & 16 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 8 & -6 & 4 \\ 3 & 14 & -6 & 5 \\ 13 & 12 & 5 & -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -2 & -2 & -1 \\ 9 & -17 & 9 & 2 \\ -13 & -19 & 0 & 19 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 & -8 & 3 \\ 12 & -3 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & -7 & 5 & 16 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 8 & -6 & 4 \\ 3 & 14 & -6 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is not defined.}$$

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Definition When A is an $m \times n$ and c is a number, cA is the $m \times n$ matrix such that

$$(cA)_{ij} = cA_{ij}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, m$ and $j = 1, \dots, n$.

Example

$$3 \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 8 & -6 & 4 \\ 3 & 14 & -6 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 15 & 24 & -18 & 12 \\ 9 & 42 & -18 & 15 \end{pmatrix}$$

Definition A row vector is a matrix with only one row and a column vector is a matrix with only one column

Example

$(2, -5, 7)$ is a row vector

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 8 \\ -12 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is a column vector}$$

Definition The product of a p -dimensional row vector (on the left) and a p -dimensional column vector (on the right) is defined as follows.

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_2 & \cdots & A_p \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \\ \vdots \\ B_p \end{pmatrix} = A_1 B_1 + A_2 B_2 + \cdots + A_p B_p$$

Example

$$(2, -5, 7) \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 8 \\ -12 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \cdot 3 + (-5) \cdot 8 + 7 \cdot (-12) = -118$$

Definition When A is an $m \times p$ matrix and B is a $p \times n$ matrix, the matrix product AB is the $m \times n$ matrix whose i -th row and j -th column entry is the i -th row of A times the j -th column of B . The matrix product AB is not defined unless the number of columns in A is the same as the number of rows in B .

Example

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & 2 \\ 4 & -5 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -15 & -15 & 10 \\ -26 & -26 & 17 \\ -7 & -2 & 19 \end{pmatrix}$$

Remark Even when each of A and B is $n \times n$ so that each of AB and BA is defined, it is usually the case that

$$AB \neq BA.$$

Matrix multiplication is not commutative.

Example

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 19 & 22 \\ 43 & 50 \end{pmatrix}$$

while

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 23 & 34 \\ 31 & 46 \end{pmatrix}$$

Remark Whenever the operations are defined

$$A + B = B + A$$

$$(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$$

$$(AB)C = A(BC)$$

$$A(B + C) = AB + AC$$

$$(A + B)C = AC + BC$$

Special Matrices

Definition The $m \times n$ zero matrix, $0_{m \times n}$ or 0 if the dimension is clear, is the $m \times n$ matrix with every entry 0. The $n \times n$ identity matrix, I_n or I if the dimension is clear, is the $n \times n$ matrix whose i -row and j -th column entry is 1 when $i = j$ and is 0 when $i \neq j$.

Remark $A + 0 = A$, $0 + A = A$, $AI = A$, and $IA = A$ whenever the indicated operations are defined.

Matrix Formulation

Remark The system (1) in section 5.3 can be expressed

$$AX = B$$

where A is the $m \times n$ coefficient matrix,

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \\ \vdots \\ B_m \end{bmatrix}.$$

Problems

Do the odd numbered problems 1-15 of Sections 5.5.