

Matrix Algebra

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Major warning: Matrix multiplication is **not commutative**. That is, in general, $AB \neq BA$

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Example of both: Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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But mostly the properties are nice:

Theorem

If A , B , and C are sized so that the products are defined, and $t \in \mathbb{R}$, then

- 1 $A(BC) = (AB)C$ (associative),
- 2 $A(B + C) = AB + AC$ (distributes),
- 3 $(B + C)A = BA + CA$ (distributes),
- 4 $t(AB) = (tA)B = A(tB)$ (associative)

Only the first rule is not easy to see (it takes a bit of computation).

Definition

The $n \times n$ diagonal matrix

$$I_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is called the **identity matrix**.

Easy to check:

- For A any $m \times n$ matrix, $AI_n = A$.
- For B any $n \times p$ matrix, $I_n B = B$.
- So if A is a square $n \times n$ matrix then $I_n A = A = AI_n$.

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The matrix transpose A^T is obtained from A by swapping the rows for columns (and columns for rows). I.e. $(A^T)_{ij} = (A)_{ji}$.

It enjoys the following properties.

Theorem

For any matrices A and B (of the same size) and $s \in \mathbb{R}$, we have

- 1 $(A^T)^T = A$,
- 2 $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$,
- 3 $(sA)^T = sA^T$.
- 4 $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$. (Order of multiplication reversed!)

Check by computations