

## Homework 4: Matrices

*Due Friday, Week 3**UCSB 2015*

This problem set is structured somewhat differently. Do the **three** problems in the required section! (I switched up the style here because there are a few things I really want you to do here in order for matrices to make sense.) As always, prove all of your claims, and have fun!

## 1 Required Problems

Take any field  $\mathbb{F}$ . In class, we proved that  $\mathbb{F}^n$  was a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$ ; common examples of this vector space were things like  $\mathbb{R}^n$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ , or  $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^n$  over  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .

Given this setup, we define a **matrix** as follows:

**Definition.** A  $n \times n$  **matrix**  $A$  over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  is a particular kind of function from  $\mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^n$ . A matrix is specified by giving a  $n \times n$  array of elements from  $\mathbb{F}$ , drawn as follows:

$$A := \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & \dots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & a_{n3} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

With this array of elements specified, we can define the function  $A : \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^n$  as follows: for any vector  $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \in \mathbb{F}^n$ , write

$$A(\vec{v}) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i}v_i, \sum_{i=1}^n a_{2i}v_i, \sum_{i=1}^n a_{3i}v_i, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ni}v_i \right).$$

For example, the following object

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \pi & \pi & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -21 \end{bmatrix}$$

can be thought of as a  $3 \times 3$  matrix over  $\mathbb{R}$ , and thus is a function from  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ . If we wanted to know where  $A$  sends the vector  $(1, 2, 1)$ , we could just use the definition above to calculate

$$\begin{aligned} A((1, 2, 1)) &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 a_{1i}v_i, \sum_{i=1}^3 a_{2i}v_i, \sum_{i=1}^3 a_{3i}v_i \right) \\ &= (\pi \cdot 1 + \pi \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 1, 0 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 1, 1 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 2 + (-21) \cdot 1) \\ &= (3\pi, 5, -14). \end{aligned}$$

1. (Warm-ups.) To get used to the above notation, calculate the following values:

(a) For  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ , thought of as a matrix over  $\mathbb{R}$ , find  $A((0, 0, 0))$ ,  $A((3, 4, 2))$ , and  $A((1, -2, 1))$ .

(b) For  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , thought of as a matrix over  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , find  $A((0, 0, 0))$  and  $A((1, 0, 1))$ .

(c) Take any field  $\mathbb{F}$ ; because  $\mathbb{F}$  is a field, it contains an additive identity 0 and a multiplicative identity 1. Look at the  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  defined by putting 1 on the diagonal and 0's elsewhere: in other words,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Show that for any  $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \in \mathbb{F}^n$ , we have  $A(\vec{v}) = \vec{v}$ .

(d) Again, take any field  $\mathbb{F}$ . Consider the “all-zeroes”  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , given by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Show that for any  $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \in \mathbb{F}^n$ , we have  $A(\vec{v}) = \vec{0}$ .

2. Take any two vectors  $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{F}^n$ . Define the **dot product** of  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}$  as follows:

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i w_i.$$

For example, the dot product of  $(1, 2, 3)$  and  $(2, 2, 4)$ , if both are thought of as vectors in  $(\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})^3$ , is

$$1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 4 = 18.$$

Take any  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  over a field  $\mathbb{F}$ . Let  $\vec{a}_{r_i}$  denote the  $i$ -th row of  $A$ : that is,  $\vec{a}_{r_i} = (a_{i,1}, a_{i,2}, \dots, a_{i,n})$ .

Prove that for any vector  $\vec{v}$ , we have

$$A(\vec{v}) = (\vec{a}_{r_1} \cdot \vec{v}, \vec{a}_{r_2} \cdot \vec{v}, \dots, \vec{a}_{r_n} \cdot \vec{v}).$$

3. Take any two  $n \times n$  matrices  $A, B$  over a field  $\mathbb{F}$ . We think of these two objects as maps  $\mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^n$ ; consequently, we can talk about **composing** these maps: that is, we can form the map  $B \circ A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  that sends a vector  $\vec{v}$  to  $B(A(\vec{v}))$ .

For example, if  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  are two matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$ , then we can find  $(B \circ A)((-1, 1, 0))$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} (B \circ A)((-1, 1, 0)) &= B(A((-1, 1, 0))) \\ &= B((1 \cdot -1 + 2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 0, 2 \cdot -1 + 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 0, 1 \cdot -1 + 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0)) \\ &= B((1, -1, 0)) \\ &= (-1 \cdot 1 + -2 \cdot -1 + -3 \cdot 0, 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot -1 + 0 \cdot 0, 0 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot -1 + 3 \cdot 0) \\ &= (1, 0, -1). \end{aligned}$$

- (a) For  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  a pair of  $2 \times 2$  matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$ , find  $(B \circ A)((1, 1))$  and  $(B \circ A)((-2, 0))$ .
- (b) Find two matrices  $A, B$  and a vector  $\vec{v}$  such that  $(B \circ A)(\vec{v}) \neq (A \circ B)(\vec{v})$ . (In other words, the order of composition is important when working with matrices!)
- (c) Take any two  $n \times n$  matrices  $A, B$  over some field  $F$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & \dots & a_{1,n} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & \dots & a_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n,1} & a_{n,2} & \dots & a_{n,n} \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} b_{1,1} & b_{1,2} & \dots & b_{1,n} \\ b_{2,1} & b_{2,2} & \dots & b_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{n,1} & b_{n,2} & \dots & b_{n,n} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Denote the row vectors of  $B$  as  $\vec{b}_{r_i}$ 's and the column vectors of  $A$  as  $\vec{a}_{c_j}$ 's.

Consider the following  $n \times n$  matrix  $C$ , made by placing  $\vec{b}_{r_i} \cdot \vec{a}_{c_j}$  in each entry  $(i, j)$ :

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_{r_1} \cdot \vec{a}_{c_1} & \vec{b}_{r_1} \cdot \vec{a}_{c_2} & \dots & \vec{b}_{r_1} \cdot \vec{a}_{c_n} \\ \vec{b}_{r_2} \cdot \vec{a}_{c_1} & \vec{b}_{r_2} \cdot \vec{a}_{c_2} & \dots & \vec{b}_{r_2} \cdot \vec{a}_{c_n} \\ \dots & \dots & \ddots & \dots \\ \vec{b}_{r_n} \cdot \vec{a}_{c_1} & \vec{b}_{r_n} \cdot \vec{a}_{c_2} & \dots & \vec{b}_{r_n} \cdot \vec{a}_{c_n} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Take any vector  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{F}^n$ . Prove that  $(B \circ A)(\vec{v}) = C(\vec{v})$ . (This process is what we refer to by “matrix multiplication;” we will usually denote the matrix  $C$  above as  $B \cdot A$ .)