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# MATRIX CALCULUS (brief revision)

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# What is a **matrix**?

## Definition:

- A rectangular array of numbers
- in ***m*** rows
- and ***n*** columns
- is called an ***(m × n)*** matrix ***A***

Use boldface italics upper case letters to indicate matrix, e.g. ***A***, ***B***, ***W***.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & A_{m2} & \dots & A_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

An item in a matrix is called an **entry** or **element**

## Square Matrix:

An  $(n \times n)$  matrix  
# rows = # columns

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{n1} & A_{n2} & \dots & A_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Column Matrix:

An  $(m \times 1)$  matrix  
Row index changes

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} \\ A_{21} \\ \vdots \\ A_{m1} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Row Matrix:

A  $(1 \times n)$  matrix  
Column index changes

$$(A_{11} \quad A_{12} \quad \dots \quad A_{1n})$$

Index 1 is often omitted for column and row matrices.

# Transposed Matrix $A^T$

Let  $A$  be a  $(m \times n)$  matrix

The  $(n \times m)$  matrix obtained from

$A = (A_{ik})$  by **exchanging rows** and **columns** is called the **transposed matrix  $A^T$** .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \bar{1} \\ 2 & 4 & \bar{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \\ \bar{1} & \bar{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

Reminder:  $\bar{z}$  means  $-z$

# Example 1: Transposed Matrix

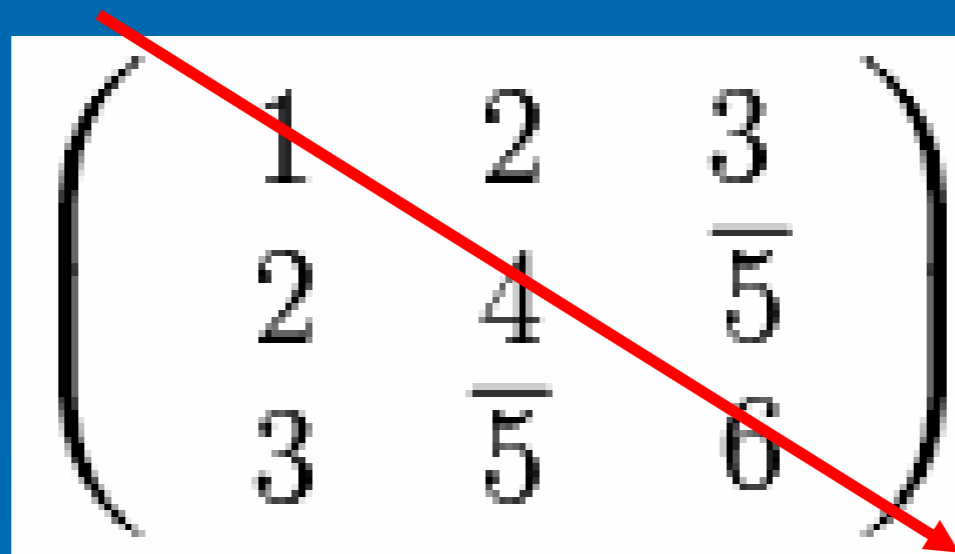
Given that

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ \bar{1} & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & \bar{1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

determine  $A^T$ .

# Symmetric Matrix

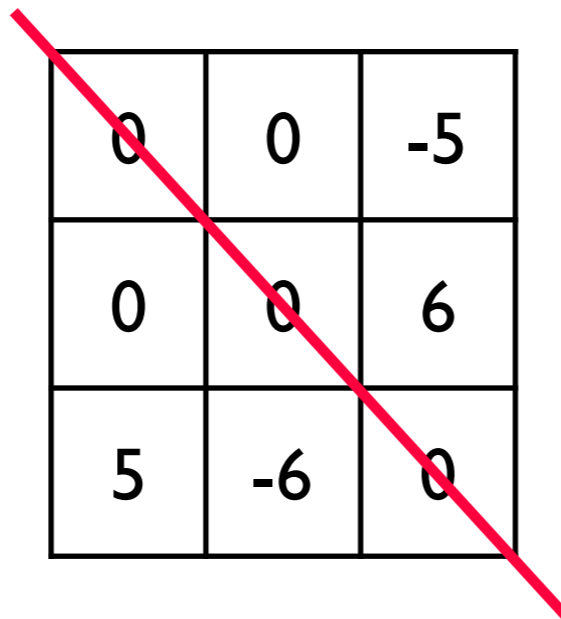
A square matrix is symmetric if  $\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A}$   
i.e. if  $A_{ik} = A_{ki}$  for any pair  $i, k$ .


$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Symmetric with respect to **main diagonal**  
- Top left to bottom right

# SKEW-SYMMETRIC MATRIX

$$\mathbf{A}^T = -\mathbf{A}$$



0	0	-5
0	0	6
5	-6	0

If  $\mathbf{A}$  is a skew-symmetric matrix, then

$$A_{ii} = 0, i = 1, 2, 3$$

as  $A_{ik} = -A_{ki}$



## EXERCISE 2.1.1

## Problems

1. Construct the transposed matrix of the  $(3 \times 1)$  row matrix:

1	3	4
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2. Determine which of the following matrices are symmetric and which are skew-symmetric:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = (3)$$

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Matrix Calculations

## Multiplication with a number (scalar product):

An  $(m \times n)$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is multiplied with a number  $\lambda$  by multiplying each element with  $\lambda$ :

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & A_{m2} & \dots & A_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \lambda \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda A_{11} & \lambda A_{12} & \dots & \lambda A_{1n} \\ \lambda A_{21} & \lambda A_{22} & \dots & \lambda A_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \lambda A_{m1} & \lambda A_{m2} & \dots & \lambda A_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Example 2: Scalar product

Given that

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ \bar{1} & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & \bar{1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

determine  $3A$ .

## Matrix addition and subtraction:

Let  $A_{ik}$  and  $B_{ik}$  be general elements of matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ .

$\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  must be of the same size (i.e. same number of rows and columns). Then the sum and the difference  $\mathbf{A} \pm \mathbf{B}$  is:

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} \pm \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & A_{m2} & \dots & A_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \pm \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} & \dots & B_{1n} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} & \dots & B_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ B_{m1} & B_{m2} & \dots & B_{mn} \end{pmatrix} =$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} \pm B_{11} & A_{12} \pm B_{12} & \dots & A_{1n} \pm B_{1n} \\ A_{21} \pm B_{21} & A_{22} \pm B_{22} & \dots & A_{2n} \pm B_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{m1} \pm B_{m1} & A_{m2} \pm B_{m2} & \dots & A_{mn} \pm B_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

Element  $C_{ik}$  of  $\mathbf{C}$  is equal to the sum or difference of the elements  $A_{ik}$  and  $B_{ik}$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  for any pair  $i,k$ :

$$C_{ik} = A_{ik} \pm B_{ik}$$

1. Find  $3\mathbf{A}-2\mathbf{B}$ , where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Show that the sum of any matrix and its transpose is a symmetric matrix, *i.e.*

$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^T)^T = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^T$$

3. Show that the difference of any matrix and its transpose is a skew-symmetric matrix, *i.e.*

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}^T)^T = -(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}^T)$$

# Matrix multiplication

The multiplication of two matrices is only defined when:

- the number  $n_{(lema)}$  of columns of the *left matrix* is the same as
- the number of  $m_{(rima)}$  of rows on the *right matrix*
- no restriction on  $m_{(lema)}$  or rows of the *left matrix*
- no restriction on  $n_{(rima)}$  or rows of the *right matrix*

**# columns of left matrix = # rows of right matrix**

# Multiplication

## Product of two matrices $A$ and $B$ :

The matrix product  $C = AB$  or

$$\begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & \dots & C_{1k} & \dots & C_{1n} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & \dots & C_{2k} & \dots & C_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ C_{i1} & C_{i2} & \dots & C_{ik} & \dots & C_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ C_{m1} & C_{m2} & \dots & C_{mk} & \dots & C_{mn} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1j} & \dots & A_{1r} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{2j} & \dots & A_{2r} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{i1} & A_{i2} & \dots & A_{ij} & \dots & A_{ir} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & A_{m2} & \dots & A_{mj} & \dots & A_{mr} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} & \dots & B_{1k} & \dots & B_{1n} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} & \dots & B_{2k} & \dots & B_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ B_{j1} & B_{j2} & \dots & B_{jk} & \dots & B_{jn} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ B_{r1} & B_{r2} & \dots & B_{rk} & \dots & B_{rn} \end{pmatrix}$$

is defined by  $C_{ik} = A_{i1} B_{1k} + A_{i2} B_{2k} + \dots + A_{ij} B_{jk} + \dots + A_{ir} B_{rk}$ .

# Examples: Matrix Multiplication

$$\text{If } A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\text{then } C = AB = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D = BA = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$C \neq D$ , *i. e.* matrix multiplication is *not always commutative*.  
However, it is *associative*, *e. g.*,  $(AB)D = A(BD)$   
and *distributive*, *i. e.*  $(A + B)C = AC + BC$ .



# Example 5: Multiplication

Given that

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ \bar{1} & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & \bar{1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AB}$ .

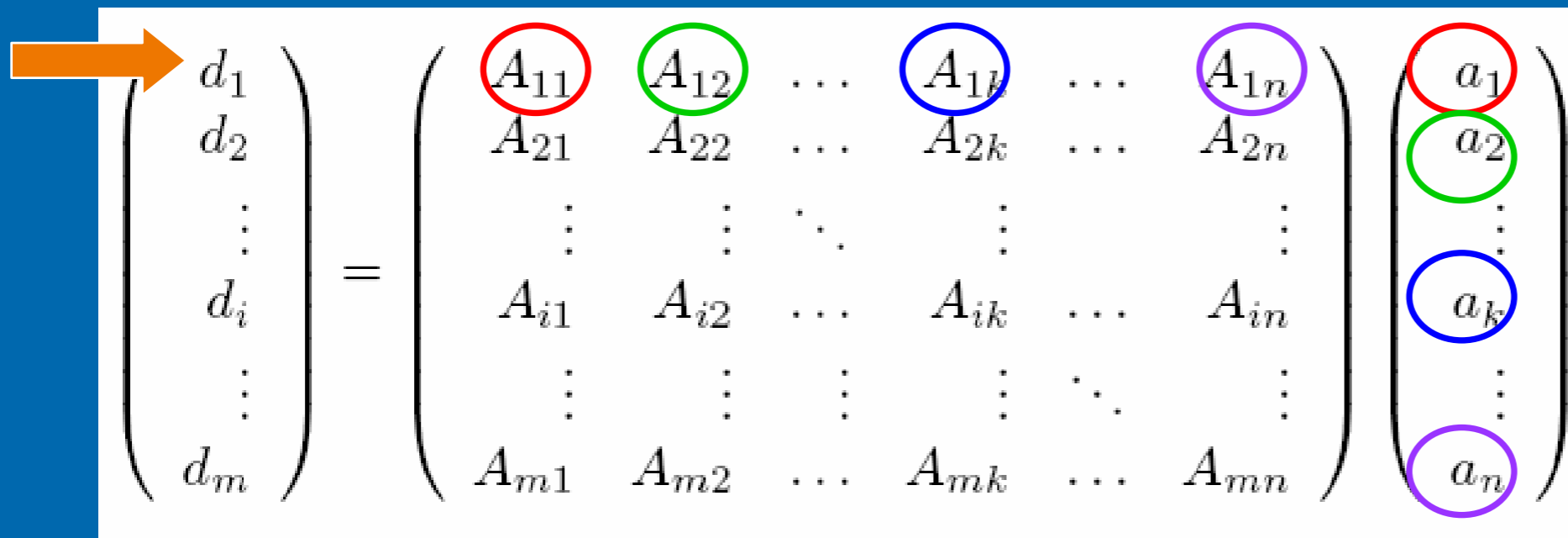
Determine  $\mathbf{C}$ .

Determine  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{BA}$ , check if  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{D}$  or not.

# Multiplication

## Product of matrix $A$ with column $a$ :

Example: How to get element  $d_1$ :


$$\begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ \vdots \\ d_i \\ \vdots \\ d_m \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1k} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{2k} & \dots & A_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ A_{i1} & A_{i2} & \dots & A_{ik} & \dots & A_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & A_{m2} & \dots & A_{mk} & \dots & A_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_k \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$d_1 = A_{11} a_1 + A_{12} a_2 + \dots + A_{1k} a_k + \dots + A_{1n} a_n$$

# Example 3: Multiplication

Given that

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ \bar{1} & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & \bar{1} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $C = AB$ .

Determine  $C$ .

# Multiplication

## Product of matrix $A$ with row $a^T$ :

Example: How to get elements  $d_1$  and  $d_2$ :

$$(d_1 \ d_2 \ \dots \ d_i \ \dots \ d_n) = (a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_k \ \dots \ a_n)$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1i} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{2i} & \dots & A_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{k1} & A_{k2} & \dots & A_{ki} & \dots & A_{kn} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & A_{m2} & \dots & A_{mi} & \dots & A_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$d_1 = a_1 A_{11} + a_2 A_{21} + \dots + a_k A_{k1} + \dots + a_n A_{m1}$$

$$d_2 = a_1 A_{12} + a_2 A_{22} + \dots + a_k A_{k2} + \dots + a_n A_{m2}$$

# Example 4: Multiplication

Given that

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $C = AB$ .

Determine  $C$ .

## EXERCISE 2.1.3

## Problems

1. Find the products  $\mathbf{AB}$  and  $\mathbf{BA}$ , if they exist, where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Find the matrix products  $\mathbf{AB}$  and  $\mathbf{BA}$  of the row vector  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , and the column vector  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

3. Prove that  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{BC}) = (\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C}$  where

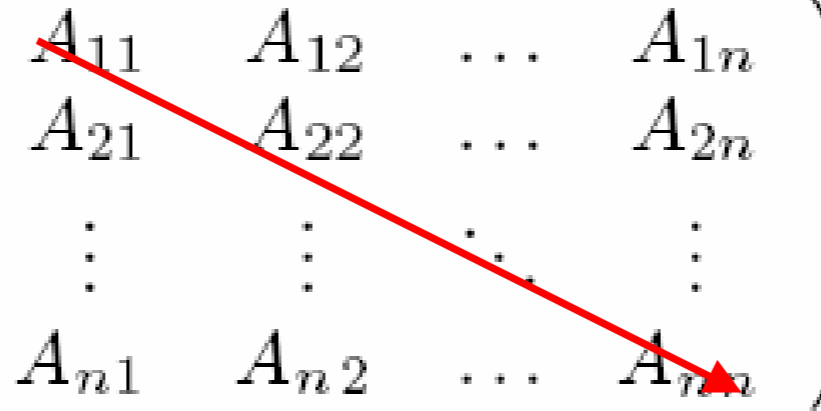
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Trace of a Matrix

The trace of a  $(n \times n)$  square matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is the **sum** of the elements on the main diagonal.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{n1} & A_{n2} & \dots & A_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$


$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = A_{11} + A_{22} + \dots + A_{nn}$$

# Determinants

The determinant  $\det(\mathbf{A})$  or  $|\mathbf{A}|$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  can be calculated for any  $(n \times n)$  square matrix.

$(2 \times 2)$  matrix

$$\text{Let } \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = \begin{vmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = \boxed{A_{11} A_{22}} - \boxed{A_{12} A_{21}}$$



# Determinants

(3 × 3) matrix

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} & B_{13} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} & B_{23} \\ B_{31} & B_{32} & B_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(B) = \begin{vmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} & B_{13} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} & B_{23} \\ B_{31} & B_{32} & B_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\det(B) = \boxed{B_{11} B_{22} B_{33}} + \boxed{B_{12} B_{23} B_{31}} + \boxed{B_{13} B_{21} B_{32}} - \boxed{B_{11} B_{23} B_{32}} - \boxed{B_{12} B_{21} B_{33}} - \boxed{B_{13} B_{22} B_{31}}$$

# Example 6: Determinant

Given that

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ \bar{1} & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & \bar{1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Determine  $\det(\mathbf{A})$ .

## EXERCISE 2.1.4

## Problems

1. Find the values of the traces and the determinants of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & -2 & -1 \\ 5 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Show that  $\det(\mathbf{AB}) = \det(\mathbf{A})\det(\mathbf{B})$  where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Show that  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = \det(\mathbf{A}^T)$  where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Inverse of a Matrix

A matrix  $\mathbf{C}$  which fulfills the condition  $\mathbf{CA} = \mathbf{I}$  for a square matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , is the inverse matrix  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  of  $\mathbf{A}$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{AA}^{-1} = \mathbf{I}$ .

$\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  exists if and only if  $\det(\mathbf{A}) \neq 0$ .

Not all matrices have an inverse matrix.

Assume that  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  exists. If  $\mathbf{CA} = \mathbf{I}$  then  $\mathbf{AC} = \mathbf{I}$  also holds.

A matrix is called orthogonal if  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^T$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{AA}^T = \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$

EXAMPLE

Inverse of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ :

$$(\mathbf{A}^{-1})_{ik} = (\det \mathbf{A})^{-1} (-1)^{i+k} \mathbf{B}_{ki}$$

Find the inverse, if it exists of  $\mathbf{A}$ , where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 5 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

(i)  $\det \mathbf{A} = 3, \det \mathbf{A} \neq 0$

(ii)  $(\mathbf{A}^{-1})_{11}: (1/3)(-1)^{1+1} \mathbf{B}_{11} = 1/3$

$$\mathbf{B}_{11} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \cancel{1} & \cancel{2} & \cancel{3} \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 5 & 12 \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 5 & 12 \end{bmatrix} = 11$$

(iii)  $(\mathbf{A}^{-1})_{12}: (1/3)(-1)^{1+2} \mathbf{B}_{21} = -9/3$

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$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = 1/3 \begin{bmatrix} 11 & -9 & 1 \\ -7 & 9 & -2 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Is it correct?

1. Determine the inverses of the following matrices:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Given that  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , determine  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .

## EXERCISE 2.1.5

## Problems

Given that  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , determine  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .

## SOLUTION

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/5 & 0 & 2/5 \\ 2/5 & 0 & -1/5 \\ 1/15 & 1/3 & 2/15 \end{bmatrix}$$