

7.2 Notes: Matrix Algebra

Matrices

Definition of Matrix
If m and n are positive integers, then an $m \times n$ (read “ m by n ”) matrix is a rectangular array

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	...	Column n
Row 1	a_{11}	a_{12}	a_{13}	...	a_{1n}
Row 2	a_{21}	a_{22}	a_{23}	...	a_{2n}
Row 3	a_{31}	a_{32}	a_{33}	...	a_{3n}
...
Row m	a_{m1}	a_{m2}	a_{m3}	...	a_{mn}

in which each entry a_{ij} of the matrix is a number. An $m \times n$ matrix has m rows and n columns. Matrices are usually denoted by capital letters.

The entry in the i th row and j th column is denoted by the a_{ij} notation. For instance, a_{23} refers to the entry in the second row, third column. A matrix that has only one row is called a _____, and a matrix that has only one column is called a _____. A matrix having m rows and n columns is said to be _____ \times _____. If $m = n$, then the matrix is square of order $m \times m$ (or $n \times n$). For a square matrix, the entries $a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{33}, \dots$ are the main diagonal entries.

Example 1: Determine the order of each matrix.

a. $[2]$

b. $[-1 \ -3 \ 0 \ \frac{1}{2}]$

c. $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

d. $\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 \\ 5 & 0 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Example 2: Solve for $a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{21},$ and a_{22} in the following matrix equation.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Definition of matrix Addition

If $A = [a_{ij}]$ and $B = [b_{ij}]$ are matrices of order $m \times n$, then their sum is the $m \times n$ matrix given by

$$A + B = [a_{ij} + b_{ij}].$$

The sum of two matrices of **different** orders is **undefined**.

Definition of Scalar Multiplication

If $A = [a_{ij}]$ is an $m \times n$ matrix and c is a scalar, then the **scalar multiple** of A by c is the $m \times n$ matrix given by

$$cA = [ca_{ij}].$$

Example 3: For the following matrices, find (a) $A + B$, (b) $A - B$, (c) $3A$, and (d) $3A - 2B$.

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

Example 4: Perform the indicated matrix operations.

$$3 \left(\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Example 5: Solve for X in the equation $3X + A = B$ where

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

Definition of Matrix Multiplication

If $A = [a_{ij}]$ is an $m \times n$ matrix and $B = [b_{ij}]$ is an $n \times p$ matrix, then the product AB is an $m \times p$ matrix

$$AB = [c_{ij}]$$

Where $c_{ij} = a_{i1}b_{1j} + a_{i2}b_{2j} + a_{i3}b_{3j} + \dots + a_{in}b_{nj}$.

Example 6: Find the product AB using $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 4 & -2 \\ 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Example: 7 Find the product AB and BA using $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Example 8: Find the product of each of the following or state that the product is not defined.

a. $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

b. $\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$

c. $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Definition of Identity Matrix

The $n \times n$ matrix that consists of 1's on its main diagonal and 0's elsewhere is called the **identity matrix of order $n \times n$** and is denoted by

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

Note that an identity matrix must be *square*. When the order is understood to be $n \times n$, you can denote I_n simply by I .

For example, $AI_n = A$ and $I_nA = A$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The Inverse of a Square Matrix

Definition of the Inverse of a Square Matrix

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix and let I_n be the $n \times n$ identity matrix. If there exists a matrix A^{-1} such that

$$AA^{-1} = I_n = A^{-1}A$$

Then A^{-1} is called the inverse of A . The symbol A^{-1} is read "*A inverse*."

Example 9: Show that B is the inverse of A , where

a) $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

b) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

If a matrix A has an inverse, then A is called _____ or _____; otherwise A is called _____. A nonsquare matrix **cannot** have an inverse.

The inverse of a 2 x 2 matrix: If A is a 2 x 2 matrix given by $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ then A is invertible if and only if

$ad - bc \neq 0$. Moreover, if $ad - bc \neq 0$, then the inverse is given by:

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{The denominator } ad - bc \text{ is called the determinant of the } 2 \times 2 \text{ matrix } A.$$

Example 10: If possible, find the inverse of each matrix

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

b) $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

c) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$