



# Matrices

# Handout #8

Topic	Interpretation
<p><b>Matrix Definition</b> A matrix is an array of numbers:</p> $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$ <p>Matrices are denoted by capital letters : <b>A,B,C,.....</b> Matrix size or rank is determined by the number of rows <math>\times</math> the number of columns it has. We say <b>A</b> has <b>m</b> rows and <b>n</b> columns or it is an <b>m<math>\times</math><b>n</b> matrix.</b></p> <p><b>Square Matrix</b> A matrix with the same number of rows as columns: <math>2 \times 2</math> , <math>3 \times 3</math>, <math>4 \times 4</math> are all square matrices.</p> <p><b>Identity Matrix</b> Has <b>1</b> in each of the positions in the main diagonal and <b>0</b> elsewhere.</p> <p><b>Note that</b> : <b>I</b> is a Square matrix.</p> <p><b>Matrix Addition</b> If <b>A</b> and <b>B</b> are two matrices of the same size then we define <b>A+B</b> to be the matrix whose elements are the sums of the corresponding elements in <b>A</b> and <b>B</b>. <b>Only matrices of the same size can be added.</b> <b>A + (B + C) = (A+B) + C</b> <b>A - B = A + (-B)</b> <b>k(A+B) = kA + kB</b></p> <p><b>Matrix Multiplication</b> For the product of two matrices <b>A</b> and <b>B</b> to be defined, the number of columns of <b>A</b> must be the same as the number of rows in <b>B</b>:</p>	<p><u>Example1:</u></p> $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -5 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is } 2 \times 2$ $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 6 & 8 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 7 \\ -5 & -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is } 4 \times 3$ $\mathbf{C} = (1 \ 6 \ 5 \ -2 \ 3) \text{ is } 1 \times 5$ <p><u>Example2:</u></p> $\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is the } 2 \times 2 \text{ Identity matrix}$ $\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is the } 3 \times 3 \text{ Identity matrix}$ <p><u>Example3:</u></p> $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 7 \\ -9 & 1 & -6 \\ 3 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 9 & 0 \\ 1 & 8 & 11 \\ -5 & 6 & -5 \\ 4 & 4 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$ <p><u>Example4:</u></p>



$A : m \times n$  ;  $B : n \times p$  then  $AB$  is defined and of rank  $m \times p$

**Properties**

For any matrices  $A$  ,  $B$  ,  $C$  such that all the indicated sums and products exist:

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

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

**Remark**

In general,  $AB$  may not equal  $BA$ .

Example5: suppose  $A$  is  $2 \times 3$  and  $B$  is  $3 \times 5$  then  $AB$  is defined, but  $BA$  is not defined.  $B(3 \times 5)$  ,  $A(2 \times 3)$

**Remark**

For any matrix  $A$  such that all the indicated products exist:

$$IA = AI = A$$

Where  $I$  is the identity matrix.

**Determinant of a square matrix**

To every **square** matrix  $A$ , there is an assigned number called the determinant of  $A$ . Written **det A** or  $|A|$ .

**Determinant of a 2x2 matrix**

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \text{ then}$$

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} ad - bc$$

**Determinant of a 3x3 matrix**

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} \text{ then}$$

$$|A| = a \begin{vmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{vmatrix} - b \begin{vmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{vmatrix} + c \begin{vmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{vmatrix}$$

**Inverse Matrix**

A **square** matrix  $A$  has an inverse  $A^{-1}$  if  $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I$

**Remarks**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 & 1 \\ 6 & 7 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 14 & 20 & 26 & 17 \\ 38 & 49 & 41 & 24 \end{pmatrix}$$

The product is obtained by multiplying each row of  $A$  by the columns of  $B$ (first by first and so on)

The first entry:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \times 1 + 3 \times 2 + 1 \times 6 = 14$$

The second entry:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \times 2 + 3 \times 3 + 1 \times 7 = 20$$

and so on .....

Example6:

$$1. A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix} ; |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 10 - (-3) = 13$$

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

$$|A| = 2 \begin{vmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ -1 & 5 \end{vmatrix} - 3 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix} + (-4) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$|A| = 2(-20 + 2) - 3(0 - 2) - 4(0 + 4)$$

$$|A| = 2(-18) - 3(-2) - 4(4)$$

$$|A| = -36 + 6 - 16 = -46$$

Example7:



1. Only square matrices may admit an inverse.
2. When a square matrix has an inverse, it has only one (unique)
3. A square matrix may have no inverse. If  $|A| = 0$  then  $A^{-1}$  does not exist.

Inverse of a 2x2 matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{then}$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

Inverse of a 3x3 matrix

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

We define the *cofactor* of  $a_{ij}$  denoted by  $A_{ij}$  as :

$$A_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} |M_{ij}|$$

We call the determinant  $|M_{ij}|$ , the *minor* of  $a_{ij}$ .

The above matrix has 9 cofactors :

$$A_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$A_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

and so on .....

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{21} & A_{31} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & A_{32} \\ A_{13} & A_{23} & A_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Note the way in which  $A_{ij}$ 's are placed.**

**Solving Systems with matrices**

Consider the system:

$$ax + by = c$$

Note that ,for a 2x2 matrix, the inverse is obtained by switching the "diagonal" terms  $a$  and  $d$ , changing the sign of the "off diagonal" terms  $b$  and  $c$  and finally dividing by the determinant of the matrix:  $ad - bc$

**If  $ad - bc = 0$ , then  $A^{-1}$  does not exist.**

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}; \quad ad - bc = (1)(4) - (3)(-2) = 10$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{10} & \frac{2}{10} \\ \frac{-3}{10} & \frac{1}{10} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \\ \frac{-3}{10} & \frac{1}{10} \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  has no inverse

since  $|A| = ad - bc = (2)(3) - (1)(6) = 0$

Example 8:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & -4 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$  we know

$|A| = -46$  from Example 6 above.

$$A_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ -1 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -18$$

$$A_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -(-2) = +2$$

$$A_{13} = (-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 4$$

Similarly:  $A_{21} = -11$ ,  $A_{22} = 14$ ,  $A_{23} = 5$ ,  
 $A_{31} = -10$ ,  $A_{32} = -4$ ,  $A_{33} = -8$ ; then  $A^{-1} =$

$$\frac{1}{-46} \begin{pmatrix} -18 & -11 & -10 \\ 2 & 14 & -4 \\ 4 & 5 & -8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{9}{23} & \frac{11}{46} & \frac{5}{23} \\ \frac{23}{-46} & \frac{46}{-46} & \frac{23}{-46} \\ \frac{23}{-46} & \frac{23}{-46} & \frac{23}{-46} \end{pmatrix}$$

Multiplying each entry by  $-1/46$ .



$$a'x + b'y = c'$$

Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ a' & b' \end{pmatrix}$ ;  $\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$

and  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} c \\ c' \end{pmatrix}$

Since

$$\mathbf{AX} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ a' & b' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax+by \\ a'x+b'y \end{pmatrix}$$

the original system is equivalent to the single matrix system :  $\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{B}$

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{B} \quad (\text{multiplying both sides by } \mathbf{A}^{-1})$$

$$\mathbf{IX} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{B} \quad (\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I})$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{B} \quad (\mathbf{IX} = \mathbf{X})$$

**Conclusion**

$$\text{If } \mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{B} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{B}$$

That is,  $\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{B}$  has a solution if and only if  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  exists

This implies the following:

A square matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible (has an inverse) if and only if  $\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{B}$  has a unique solution.

Example9: Solve the system :

$$x + 1.5y = 8$$

$$2x + 3y = 10$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1.5 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ since the}$$

determinant of  $\mathbf{A}$ :

$$|\mathbf{A}| = (1)(3) - (2)(1.5) = 0$$

then  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  **does not exist** and hence the above system has **no solution**.

Example10:

Solve the system :

$$-x - 2y + 2z = 9$$

$$2x + y - z = -3$$

$$3x - 2y + z = -6$$

We have  $\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{B}$  where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}; \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}; \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ -3 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{B}$

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ \frac{5}{3} & \frac{7}{3} & -1 \\ \frac{7}{3} & \frac{8}{3} & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ \frac{5}{3} & \frac{7}{3} & -1 \\ \frac{7}{3} & \frac{8}{3} & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ -3 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 14 \\ 19 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus the solution is (1, 14, 19)

Example11: Solve the matrix system

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{AX}$$

$$\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{D} \quad \text{with } \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{IX}$$

$$\mathbf{IX} - \mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{D}$$

$$(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{D}$$

$$\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{D}$$



## Solving A system of three equations with three unknowns

when they ask for Matrix method ,you **can not** use Algebra , substitution , manipulation etc...

For example :

$$x+y+z = 6 \text{ -----(1)}$$

$$2x - y + z = 3 \text{ ----- (2)}$$

$$x + z = 4 \text{ ----- (3)}$$

From (1) :  $z = 6 - x - y$

Substitute for z in (2) and (3) :

$$(2): 2x - y + 6 - x - y = 3 \text{ implies } x - 2y = -3 \text{ ----(4)}$$

$$(3): x + 6 - x - y = 4 \text{ implies } y = 2$$

putting this in (4) :  $x - 2(2) = -3 \text{ implies } x = 1$

Finally :  $z = 6 - x - y = 6 - 1 - 2 = 3$

Hence  $(x,y,z) = (1,2,3)$

Instead ,you need to construct the matrix (Read slowly and carefully, don't move to another step before understanding the previous one):

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$1 \ 1 \ 1 \ | \ 6 \text{ -----R1}$$

$$2 \ -1 \ 1 \ | \ 3 \text{ -----R2}$$

$$1 \ 0 \ 1 \ | \ 4 \text{ -----R3}$$

You need to make it(Note the three zeros) :

$$1 \ ? \ ? \ | \ ?$$

$$0 \ 1 \ ? \ | \ ?$$

$$0 \ 0 \ ? \ | \ ?$$

The normal procedure is to manipulate this in **3 steps** :

R1 with R2 ; R1 with R3 ; R2 with R3

Our aim is to:

1.)Make the first element of the second row (which is 2) a zero (this can be done by playing with R1 and R2)

2.)Make the first element in the third row (which is 1) a zero(this can be done by playing with R1 and R3)

3.)Make the second element of the third row a zero we need to play with R2 and R3



Step1 : **R1 with R2** :

We do this by multiplying R1 by - 2 and then add it to R2 :

$$-2R1 + R2 : 0 - 3 - 1 \mid - 9$$

The Matrix becomes:

$$1 \ 1 \ 1 \mid 6 \text{ -----R1}$$

$$0 \ -3 \ -1 \mid -9 \text{ -----R2}$$

$$1 \ 0 \ 1 \mid 4 \text{ -----R3}$$

Note that we only replaced R2 ; R1 is left un tampered.

Step2 : **R1 with R3** :

to make the first element in the third row ( which is 1 ) ,

it is enough to calculate :

$$-R1 + R3 : 0 \ -1 \ 0 \mid -2$$

The matrix becomes :

$$1 \ 1 \ 1 \mid 6 \text{ -----R1}$$

$$0 \ -3 \ -1 \mid -9 \text{ -----R2}$$

$$0 \ -1 \ 0 \mid -2 \text{ -----R3}$$

Step3 : **R2 with R3**

to make the second element of the third row (which is - 1 )

a zero

$$R2 - 3R3 : 0 \ 0 \ -1 \mid -3$$

The Matrix becomes :

$$1 \ 1 \ 1 \mid 6 \text{ -----R1}$$

$$0 \ -3 \ -1 \mid -9 \text{ -----R2}$$

$$0 \ 0 \ -1 \mid -3 \text{ -----R3}$$

Now the last row means :

$$0x + 0y - z = -3 \text{ implies } z = 3$$

Second row :

$$0x - 3y - z = -9 , \text{ substitute for } z \text{ (this is called back-substitution):}$$

$$-3y - 3 = -9 \text{ implies } y = 2$$

First row :

$$x + y + z = 6 \text{ implies } x + 2 + 3 = 6 \text{ implies } x = 1$$

$$\text{Hence } (x,y,z) = (1,2,3)$$



### Special cases :

(1) Case of impossible solution : we say the system is ***inconsistent***

This occurs when the last row in the final matrix looks like:

$$0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \mid N \quad \text{where } N \text{ is any number.}$$

In this case  $0 \times z = N$  which is impossible

(2) Case of infinite number of solutions:

This occurs when the last row in the final matrix looks like:

$$0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \mid 0$$

In this case  $0 \times z = 0$  , here  $z$  could be any real number , and the system has infinite number of solution

Assume  $z = t$  ( $t$  any real number)

e.g.

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

Here  $0 \times z = 0$  , let  $z = t$

Row2:  $y + 2z = 0$  implies  $y = -2z = -2t$

Row1:  $x + y + z = 3$  implies  $x - 2t + t = 3$  ,  $x = t + 3$

Hence  $(x,y,z) = (t+3,-2t,t)$  where  $t$  is any real number.