

$$(AB)_{ij} = A_{i1}B_{1j} + A_{i2}B_{2j} + \dots + A_{in}B_{nj}$$

Remark: this agrees with the defⁿ for column vectors

Fact: $ABC = (AB)C$ whenever the sizes are such that the products are defined.

suppose we have the following systems of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 &= y_1 \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 &= y_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$y_1 + y_2 = 3$$

$$3y_1 - 2y_2 = 6$$

We want to solve for x_1, x_2, x_3

i.e. find which values of x_1, x_2, x_3

make the second system hold

when y_1, y_2 are set by the first system.

Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

so we have $A\underline{x} = \underline{y}$ and $B\underline{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$

i.e. $B(A\underline{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$ i.e. $(BA)\underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$

so if we calculate BA ,

we'll have a single linear system in x

$$(BA) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2$

$3 \cdot 2 + (-2 \cdot 3)$

Remark: The procedure we gave for Gaussian elimination is sometimes called "Gauss-Jordan" elimination

Definitions:

- The transpose of an $m \times n$ matrix A is the $n \times m$ matrix A^T with entries

$$(A^T)_{ij} = A_{ji} \quad \text{e.g.} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

- The trace of an $n \times n$ matrix A is the number

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

$$\text{tr} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 1 + 5 + 9 = 15$$

trace is undefined for matrices which aren't square

Matrix Algebra

Theorem: If A, B and C are matrices, then

$$(a) A + B = B + A$$

$$(b) (A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$$

$$(c) A(B + C) = AB + AC$$

$$(d) (A + B)C = AC + BC$$

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

when the sizes are such that the operations are defined

Remarks:

Following are not true in general:

$$\bullet AB = BA$$

e.g. $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

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

$$\bullet AB = AC \Rightarrow B = C$$

e.g. A, B as above

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

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

$$AC = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

so $AB = AC$

but $B \neq C$

$$\bullet BA = CA \Rightarrow B = C$$

(same counter example)

Proof: (a), (b) Easy

$$\begin{aligned}(c): (A(B+C))_{ij} &= A_{i1}(B+C)_{1j} + \dots + A_{in}(B+C)_{nj} \\&= A_{i1}(B_{1j} + C_{1j}) + \dots + A_{in}(B_{nj} + C_{nj}) \\&= A_{i1}B_{1j} + A_{i1}C_{1j} + \dots + A_{in}B_{nj} + A_{in}C_{nj} \\&= (AB)_{ij} + (AC)_{ij} \\&= (AB+AC)_{ij}\end{aligned}$$

(d) similar

(e) omitted



Definitions:

• For any m and n , the zero matrix of size $m \times n$, written $0_{m \times n}$ or 0 is the $m \times n$ matrix with all entries 0

$$(0)_{ij} = 0 \quad \text{e.g.} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0_{2 \times 3}$$

• For any n , the identity matrix of size $n \times n$, written I_n or just I

has entries

$$(I)_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases} \quad \text{e.g. } I_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Lemma: For any A

$$(a) A + 0 = A = 0 + A$$

$$(b) A 0 = 0$$

$$(c) 0 A = 0$$

$$(d) A I = A$$

$$(e) I A = A$$

where 0 is a zero matrix
of a size such that
the operations are defined

e.g.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

e.g. $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$