

MATRICES - INTRODUCTION

- A *matrix* is a rectangular array of numbers called *elements*. The array is enclosed by brackets.

- Matrices are usually denoted by capital letters eg. $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 9 \\ -2 & 4.75 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- The *order* or size of a matrix is written as $m \times n$ where m is the number of *rows* and n is the number of *columns*.

eg. $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & -8 \end{pmatrix}$ is a 2 x 3 matrix

- A *row matrix* or *row vector* is a matrix with only one row eg. $(-4 \ 6.3 \ 8)$.

- A *column matrix* or *column vector* is a matrix with only one column eg. $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

- A *square matrix* has the same number of rows as columns.

A $n \times n$ square matrix is said to be of *order* n .

eg. $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 9 \\ -2 & 3\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$ is a square matrix of order 2.

- The elements of a matrix can be identified by subscripts.

eg. a_{21} is the element in the 2nd row and 1st column.

eg. consider the 3 x 3 matrix $\mathbf{A} = (a_{ij})$ or $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$

- The *zero matrix* is a matrix with every element equal to zero.

eg. $\mathbf{0}_{2 \times 3} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is the zero matrix of order 2 x 3

eg. $\mathbf{0}_{2 \times 2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is the zero matrix of order 2

- The *identity matrix* is a square matrix with all elements on the *leading diagonal* equal to 1 and all other elements equal to 0.

eg. $\mathbf{I}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is the identity matrix of order 3

- The transpose of a matrix is the matrix obtained by interchanging the rows and columns.

eg. if $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$ then the transpose \mathbf{B}' or $\mathbf{B}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$

NB. The element 6 is in row 3 and column 2 of \mathbf{B} .
The element 6 is in row 2 and column 3 of \mathbf{B}^T .

For any matrix $\mathbf{A} = (a_{ij})$, we can write $\mathbf{A}^T = (a_{ji})$

- ☺ If $\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A}$, what can you say about a matrix \mathbf{A} ?
- ☺ If matrices \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} have the same order, show that $(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^T = \mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{B}^T$.

- Matrices can be used to store information.

Eg. The stocks of 4 types of walkmans held at the beginning of May at 3 different stores could be recorded in a 3 x 4 matrix \mathbf{T} .

$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 & 7 & 9 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 & 5 \\ 8 & 2 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ie. in store 3, there are 8 walkmans of type 1.

If we wished, we could label the rows S_1, S_2, S_3 to represent the stores and the columns W_1, W_2, W_3, W_4 to represent the walkmans.

- Two matrices are said to be *equal* if they are of the same order and if all the corresponding elements are equal.
- *Addition (or subtraction)* of matrices is possible if they are of the same order. The corresponding elements are added (or subtracted).

In the walkman example, suppose the sales during May are given by \mathbf{M} and the deliveries during the month are given by \mathbf{D} .

$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 7 & 6 & 1 \\ 6 & 3 & 5 & 4 \\ 6 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

$\mathbf{T} + \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{M}$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 12 & 7 & 9 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 & 5 \\ 8 & 2 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 7 & 6 & 1 \\ 6 & 3 & 5 & 4 \\ 6 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 & 1 \\ 6 & 3 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

☺ What is represented by the matrix $\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{T} + \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{M}$?

- Matrices of the same order form a group under addition ie. the closure, associative, identity and inverse properties hold. For $m \times n$ matrices, the additive identity is the zero matrix $\mathbf{0}_{m \times n}$.
- A matrix can be *multiplied by a scalar*. Each element is multiplied by the number.

$$12\mathbf{M} = 12 \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 7 & 6 & 1 \\ 6 & 3 & 5 & 4 \\ 6 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 60 & 84 & 72 & 12 \\ 72 & 36 & 60 & 48 \\ 72 & 12 & 24 & 36 \end{pmatrix}$$

☺ What is represented by the matrix $12\mathbf{M}$?

☺ For any matrix \mathbf{A} and scalar r ($r \neq 0$), show that $(r \mathbf{A})^T = r \mathbf{A}^T$.

- *Two matrices can be multiplied* if the number of columns in the first matrix equals the number of rows in the second matrix. Matrices that fulfil this condition are called *conformable*.

In the walkman example, suppose the selling prices are given by the matrix $\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 90 \\ 70 \\ 50 \\ 30 \end{pmatrix}$.

The total values of sales during May for each store are given by the matrix product \mathbf{MP} .

MP

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 7 & 6 & 1 \\ 6 & 3 & 5 & 4 \\ 6 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 90 \\ 70 \\ 50 \\ 30 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 5 \times 90 + 7 \times 70 + 6 \times 50 + 1 \times 30 \\ 6 \times 90 + 3 \times 70 + 5 \times 50 + 4 \times 30 \\ 6 \times 90 + 1 \times 70 + 2 \times 50 + 3 \times 30 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 450 + 490 + 300 + 30 \\ 540 + 210 + 250 + 120 \\ 540 + 70 + 100 + 90 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1270 \\ 1120 \\ 800 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Suppose the selling price and the profit for each walkman are recorded in a single matrix:

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 90 & 30 \\ 70 & 25 \\ 50 & 20 \\ 30 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

The total values of sales and the total profits during May for each store are given by the matrix product \mathbf{MQ} .

\mathbf{MQ}

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 7 & 6 & 1 \\ 6 & 3 & 5 & 4 \\ 6 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 90 & 30 \\ 70 & 25 \\ 50 & 20 \\ 30 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 5 \times 90 + 7 \times 70 + 6 \times 50 + 1 \times 30 & 5 \times 30 + 7 \times 25 + 6 \times 20 + 1 \times 10 \\ 6 \times 90 + 3 \times 70 + 5 \times 50 + 4 \times 30 & 6 \times 30 + 3 \times 25 + 5 \times 20 + 4 \times 10 \\ 6 \times 90 + 1 \times 70 + 2 \times 50 + 3 \times 30 & 6 \times 30 + 1 \times 25 + 2 \times 20 + 3 \times 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1270 & 455 \\ 1120 & 395 \\ 800 & 275 \end{pmatrix}$$

- To determine whether matrix multiplication is possible and the order of the result, consider the orders of the matrices involved:

matrix	\mathbf{M}	\mathbf{Q}	\mathbf{MQ}
order	3×4	4×2	3×2
	middle numbers the same (both 4)		take first and last number

- ☺ In the walkman example, why is not possible to calculate \mathbf{QM} ?
- ☺ If \mathbf{CD} and \mathbf{DC} can both be calculated, what can you say about \mathbf{C} and \mathbf{D} ?
- ☺ Show that *matrix multiplication is not commutative* for square matrices ie. find a counter example, square matrices \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{F} such that $\mathbf{EF} \neq \mathbf{FE}$?
- ☺ If \mathbf{G} has order $m \times n$ and \mathbf{H} has order $n \times m$, is it possible to calculate \mathbf{GH} and \mathbf{HG} and what are the orders of the products?
- Matrix multiplication is *associative* ie. $(\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{BC})$. Check this property for 3 matrices of your own choosing.
- The *distributive* property applies to matrix addition and multiplication ie. $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{AB} + \mathbf{AC}$ and $(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C})\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{BA} + \mathbf{CA}$

Check this property for 3 matrices of your own choosing.

☺ Show that \mathbf{I}_3 is the identity under multiplication for 3×3 matrices.

☺ Show that for any 2×2 matrices $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{pmatrix}$, $(\mathbf{AB})^T = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T$.

☺ If \mathbf{A} is any 2×2 matrix, show that $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T$ is a *symmetric* matrix ie. symmetric about the leading diagonal.