

1.3 Matrices

Definition A $m \times n$ matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

is an $m \times n$ array of numbers
with m rows and n columns.

The entries of A are $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$
and $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ and $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Remarks 1. Capital letters will typically
denote matrices

2. (a_{ij}) is another way to
represent A .

Ex 1. $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$, $a_{ij} = i + j \leftarrow$

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \}$$

when $m=n$, A is called a square matrix.

$$2. B \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times 3}, \quad a_{ij} = 1$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} a_{13} \\ a_{12} \\ a_{11} \end{matrix}$$

We see that B is a row vector

Question How do matrices and vectors interact?

Answer A matrix A acts on a vector $\vec{x}$ through matrix-vector multiplication which produces a new vector $A\vec{x}$.

Definition let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

The matrix A acts on vector $\vec{x}$ through matrix vector multiplication.

The resulting vector $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ has entries

$$v_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j$$

Remarks 1. The matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ acts on $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ for $d=n$.

2. The definition is a bit chunky, so how else can we think about performing matrix vector multiplication?

3. The entries of the resulting vector $\vec{v} = A\vec{x}$, are found by taking the dot product of $\vec{x}$ and the rows of A .

Ex let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2(-1) + 1 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 1 \\ (-1) \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 0 \\ (-1)(1) + 0 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

A change in perspective: We can also think of matrix-vector multiplication as a new vector being produced by taking a linear

Combination of the columns of A where the scalar multiplied to the j^{th} column is the j^{th} entry of $\vec{x}$.

Ex Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \cdot 1 + x_2 \cdot 0 + x_3 \cdot 0 \\ x_1 \cdot 0 + x_2 \cdot 1 + x_3 \cdot 0 \\ x_1 \cdot 1 + x_2 \cdot 1 + x_3 \cdot 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $m=n$.

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \text{ } \{ \text{diagonal} \} \\ -1 & \text{if } i-1=j, i=2, \dots, n \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

and $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} i &= 2 \\ j &= 2-1=1 \\ &\textcircled{a_{21}} \end{aligned}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ \textcircled{-1} & 1 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

let $\vec{b} = A\vec{x}$. Then

$$b_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j$$

$$= a_{i1} x_1 + a_{i2} x_2 + \cdots$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \underbrace{a_{i, i-1}} x_{i-1} + \underbrace{a_{i, i}} x_i + a_{i, i+1} x_{i+1} \\
& + \dots + a_{i, n} x_n \\
& = a_{i, i-1} x_{i-1} + a_{i, i} x_i \\
& = -1 \cdot x_{i-1} + x_i \\
& = x_i - x_{i-1}
\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 - x_1 \\ x_2 - x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n - x_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Note Be careful
with the
first entry

Here, A is called a difference matrix because $\vec{b}$ contains the differences of the input $\vec{x}$.

Linear Equations

Consider the general equation

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}.$$

Until now, we have considered A and $\vec{x}$ to be known. What if we consider the inverse problem? That is, what if we know A and $\vec{b}$ and want to find $\vec{x}$?

Ex let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$.

We want to find $\vec{x}$ so that

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}.$$

$$\begin{matrix} A\vec{x} = \vec{b} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x_3 \\ x_2 + x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

We get 3 equations for 3 unknowns

$$x_1 + x_3 = b_1$$

$$x_2 + x_3 = b_2$$

$$x_3 = b_3$$

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

$$\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$$

We see that

$$x_1 = b_1 - b_3$$

$$x_2 = b_2 - b_3$$

$$x_3 = b_3$$

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

If $\vec{b} = \vec{0}$, notice that means that $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$. This means that A is

invertible and we can recover $\vec{x}$ from $\vec{b}$ and $\vec{x} = \underline{A^{-1}}\vec{b}$

inverse of A

Note this is not true for all matrices.

Independence and Dependence and the Inverse Matrix

Definition Let $\vec{v}_i$, $i=1, 2, \dots, K$ be a collection of vectors. The collection $\vec{v}_i$ is linearly independent if

$$\sum_{i=1}^K c_i \vec{v}_i = \vec{0}$$

if and only if $c_i = 0$ for $i=1, \dots, K$.

If the $\vec{v}_i$ are not linearly independent, we say that they are dependent.

How does this relate to the inverse matrix?

If the matrix A has independent columns, then A is an invertible matrix, and $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has only one

solution.

If the matrix A has dependent columns, then A is called a singular matrix and $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has infinitely many or no solution.

$$\sum_{i=1}^K c_i \vec{v}_i = \vec{0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^K c_i \vec{v}_i &= c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \vec{v}_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_k \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Ch 2 Solving Linear Equations

2.1 Vectors and Linear Equations

Consider the linear system of m equations and n unknowns.

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n &= b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n &= b_2 \\ &\vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n &= b_m \end{aligned}$$

The matrix form of the equations is

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

A is called the coefficient matrix.

Recall We have two perspectives to think about $A\vec{x}$

1. Dot product of $\vec{x}$ and the rows of A
2. A linear combination of the columns of A with coefficients x_j .

The Geometric Perspective

2D

Consider

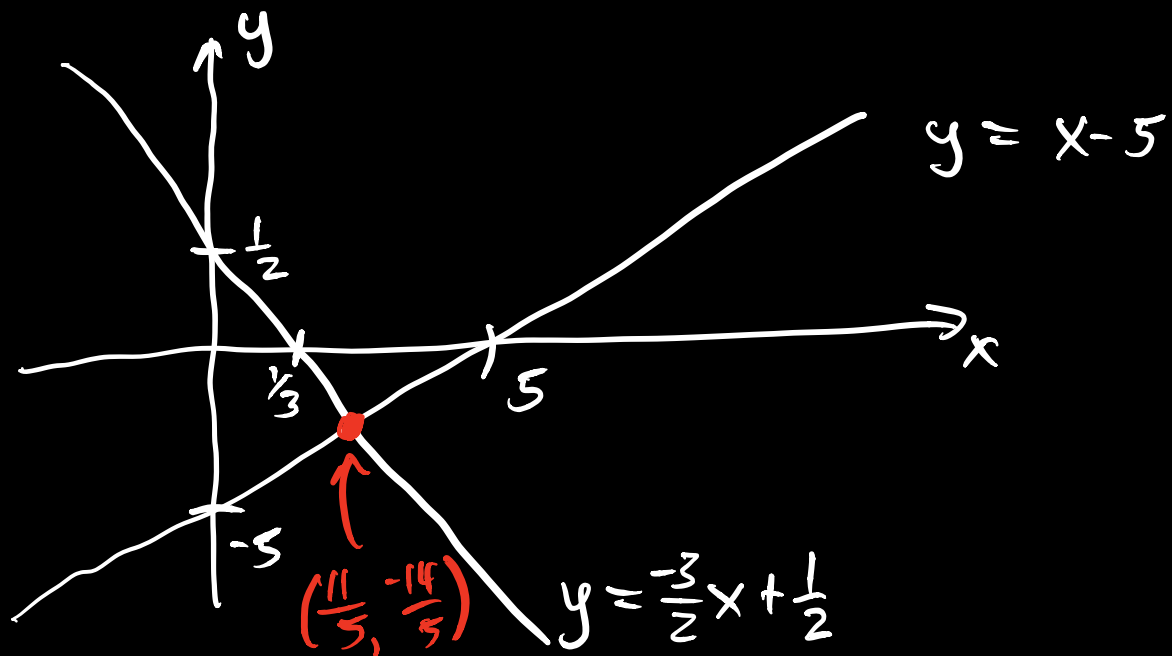
$$3x + 2y = 1$$

$$x - y = 5$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

We have two equations of a line. The

Solution (x, y) is the point of intersection of the lines.



$$3x + 2y = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 3x + 2x - 10 = 1$$
$$y = x - 5$$

$$5x = 11$$

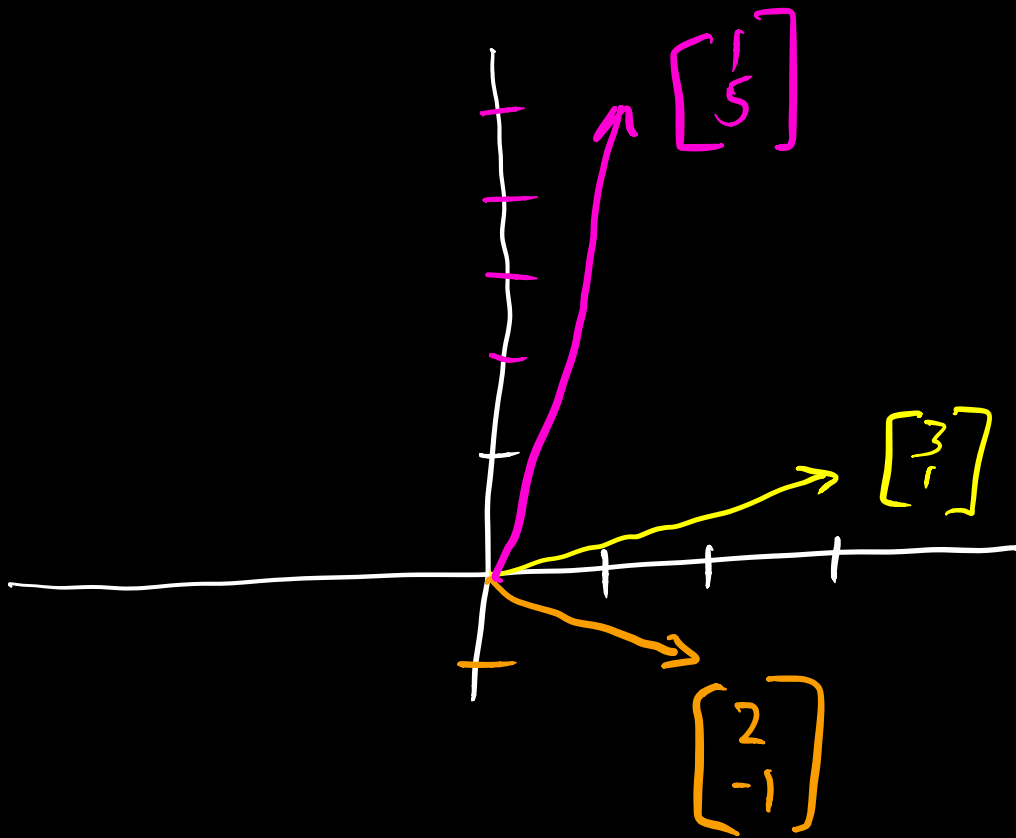
$$x = \frac{11}{5}$$

$$y = \frac{11}{5} - 5 = -\frac{14}{5}$$

This is the row picture

Let's now consider the column picture.

$$x \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$



We want to find x and y to produce the desired vector.

The column picture wants to find a linear combination of the columns of A to produce a vector $\vec{b}$.

3D How does the 2D interpretation translate to 3D?

Row picture: Each row is an equation of a plane. The solution is the point of intersection of three planes.

Column picture: We want a linear combination of the columns to produce a desired vector.

A Special Matrix

Definition $I_n \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ where

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the identity matrix.

Remark 1. You can think of the identity matrix as the same role that 1 plays in multiplication. That is,

$$I \vec{x} = \vec{x}.$$

Ex 1.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot x_2 + 0 \cdot x_3 \\ 0 \cdot x_1 + 1 \cdot x_2 + 0 \cdot x_3 \\ 0 \cdot x_1 + 0 \cdot x_2 + 1 \cdot x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. $I = \delta_{\bar{i}j} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \bar{i}=j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{bmatrix}$

↑
Kronecker delta

$$I \vec{x} = \vec{v}$$

$$v_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \delta_{\bar{i}j} x_j$$

$$= \delta_{\bar{i}i} x_i$$

$$= x_i$$

$$v_i = x_i \text{ for all } i$$

$$\text{so } \vec{x} = \vec{v}.$$