

MS-252 Linear Algebra

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4. Diagonal and Triangular Matrices

Diagonal Matrices

Non-zero entries *only* on the main diagonal. Zero everywhere else.

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & d_{22} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & d_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, D^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/d_{11} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1/d_{22} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1/d_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$D^k = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11}^k & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & d_{22}^k & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & d_{nn}^k \end{bmatrix}, D^{-k} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/d_{11}^k & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1/d_{22}^k & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1/d_{nn}^k \end{bmatrix}$$

Diagonal Matrices

Multiplication

Left multiplication by a diagonal matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11}a_{11} & d_{11}a_{12} & d_{11}a_{13} & d_{11}a_{14} \\ d_{22}a_{21} & d_{22}a_{22} & d_{22}a_{23} & d_{22}a_{24} \\ d_{33}a_{31} & d_{33}a_{32} & d_{33}a_{33} & d_{33}a_{34} \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11}\mathbf{r}_1 \\ d_{22}\mathbf{r}_2 \\ d_{33}\mathbf{r}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Right multiplication by a diagonal matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11}a_{11} & d_{22}a_{12} & d_{33}a_{13} \\ d_{11}a_{21} & d_{22}a_{22} & d_{33}a_{23} \\ d_{11}a_{31} & d_{22}a_{32} & d_{33}a_{33} \\ d_{11}a_{41} & d_{22}a_{42} & d_{33}a_{43} \end{bmatrix} \\ = [d_{11}\mathbf{c}_1 \quad d_{22}\mathbf{c}_2 \quad d_{33}\mathbf{c}_3]$$

Triangular Matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{44} \end{bmatrix}$$

A general 4×4 upper
triangular matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & 0 & 0 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & 0 \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{bmatrix}$$

A general 4×4 lower
triangular matrix

$$a_{ij} = 0 \text{ for } i > j \quad | \quad a_{ij} = 0 \text{ for } i < j$$

- ▶ Taking transpose converts lower to upper and vice versa.
- ▶ A triangular matrix is invertible *if and only if* its diagonal entries are all nonzero.

Triangular Matrices

- ▶ Inverse of invertible lower triangular matrix is lower triangular.
- ▶ Inverse of invertible upper triangular matrix is upper triangular.
- ▶ Product of lower triangular matrices is lower triangular.
- ▶ Product of upper triangular matrices is upper triangular.

Symmetric Matrices

A square matrix is *symmetric* if $A = A^T$. That is $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$ for all values of i and j .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & -3 \\ -3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & -3 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

If A and B are symmetric matrices with the same size, and if k is any scalar, then

1. A^T is symmetric.
2. $A + B$ and $A - B$ are symmetric.
3. kA is symmetric.
4. AB is *not always* symmetric. AB is symmetric if and only if A and B commute ($AB = BA$).
5. If A is invertible, the inverse A^{-1} is also symmetric.

AA^T and $A^T A$

- ▶ Matrix products of the form AA^T and $A^T A$ arise in a variety of applications.
- ▶ It is useful to get familiar with their properties.
- ▶ Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. Then A^T is $n \times m$ and
 - ▶ AA^T is square $m \times m$.
 - ▶ $A^T A$ is square $n \times n$.
- ▶ Both products are symmetric since
 - ▶ $(AA^T)^T = (A^T)^T A^T = AA^T$
 - ▶ $(A^T A)^T = A^T (A^T)^T = A^T A$
- ▶ $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 4 \\ 3 & 0 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$. Verify that AA^T and $A^T A$ are symmetric.
- ▶ If a square matrix A is invertible, then AA^T and $A^T A$ are also invertible.

Questions

- ▶ Exercise 1.7
 - ▶ 1, 3-6, 9, 11-16, 19-22, 26, 31, 32, 40-42, all true-false questions.