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# Module 1: Basic Linear Algebra

## Matrix Operations

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A matrix remains “identical” from a mathematical perspective if any of the three operations are performed:

- Interchange any two rows
- Multiply all the elements in a row by a real number which is not *zero*
- Add multiples of the elements of one row to the elements of another row

Note that this does not necessarily hold when applied to Economics

**$A + B = C = B + A$**  if **A**, **B**, and **C** have the same dimension

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} &= \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \dots & b_{1n} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \dots & b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{m1} & b_{m2} & \dots & b_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} & a_{12} + b_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} + b_{1n} \\ a_{21} + b_{21} & a_{22} + b_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} + b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} + b_{m1} & a_{m2} + b_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} + b_{mn} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{C} \end{aligned}$$

# Scalar Multiplication

$$c\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} ca_{11} & ca_{12} & \dots & ca_{1n} \\ ca_{21} & ca_{22} & \dots & ca_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ ca_{m1} & ca_{m2} & \dots & ca_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

The product of a row of one matrix with a column of another

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{C}_{m \times p} &= \mathbf{A}_{m \times n} \cdot \mathbf{B}_{n \times p} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \dots & b_{1p} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \dots & b_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & b_{n2} & \dots & b_{np} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{k=1}^n a_{1k} b_{k1} & \sum_{k=1}^n a_{1k} b_{k2} & \dots & \sum_{k=1}^n a_{1k} b_{kp} \\ \sum_{k=1}^n a_{2k} b_{k1} & \sum_{k=1}^n a_{2k} b_{k2} & \dots & \sum_{k=1}^n a_{2k} b_{kp} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sum_{k=1}^n a_{mk} b_{k1} & \sum_{k=1}^n a_{mk} b_{k2} & \dots & \sum_{k=1}^n a_{mk} b_{kp} \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

→ It is important that  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{AB} \neq \mathbf{BA} = \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{A}$

Matrices must have the same dimension as each element is multiplied with the corresponding element

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_{m \times n} \odot \mathbf{B}_{m \times n} &= \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \dots & b_{1n} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \dots & b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{m1} & b_{m2} & \dots & b_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} \times b_{11} & a_{12} \times b_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \times b_{1n} \\ a_{21} \times b_{21} & a_{22} \times b_{21} & \dots & a_{2n} \times b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} \times b_{m1} & a_{m2} \times b_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \times b_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{C}_{m \times n} \end{aligned}$$

Transposing a matrix means that rows and columns are switched

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{A}_{m \times n}^T &= \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}^T \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \dots & a_{m1} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{m2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{1n} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \mathbf{A}_{n \times m}
 \end{aligned}$$

Multiply a vector with a matrix:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{x}_{1 \times n} \mathbf{A}_{n \times m} &= (x_1 \quad x_2 \quad \dots \quad x_n) \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1m} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nm} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= (x_1 a_{11} + x_2 a_{21} + \dots + x_n a_{n1} \quad x_1 a_{12} + x_2 a_{22} + \dots + x_n a_{n2} \quad \dots \quad x_1 a_{1m} + x_2 a_{2m} + \dots) \\
 &= \mathbf{B}_{1 \times m}
 \end{aligned}$$

Multiply a matrix with a vector:

$$\mathbf{A}_{m \times n} \mathbf{x}_{n \times 1} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

## Requirements:

- The Matrix must be quadratic and invertible
- The multiplication of a matrix with its inverse returns the identity matrix

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{I}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -7 \\ -2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$$

Easy calculation of  $2 \times 2$  matrices with the inverse:

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

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

- Inversion is possible by using the Cramer's Rule
- Larger matrices can be inverted by using row operations or the adjoint matrix (calculation intensive!)

The determinant incorporates all the elements of a matrix and reduces the matrix to a single number.

Requisite for the Calculation:

- The matrix must be **quadratic**
- Determinant can be zero, but shows *by definition* that the matrix is *not* invertible

The determinant of a  $2 \times 2$  and  $3 \times 3$  matrix is relatively easy to calculate:

For a  $2 \times 2$  matrix:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = a_{11} * a_{22} - a_{12} * a_{21}$$

For a  $3 \times 3$  matrix:

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

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} - a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} - a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} \\ + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31}$$

The process gets more difficult for larger dimensions, see Sterling (2009, p. 189)

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