

Last time: Properties of matrix multiplication:

(1). (Whenever the following expressions make sense, we have)

$$\cdot A(B+C) = AB + AC \quad (A+B)C = AC + BC$$

$$\cdot (rA)B = r(AB) = A(rB)$$

$$\cdot A(BC) = (AB)C \quad \text{easy to state, harder to prove} \rightarrow "M_{S \circ T} = M_S \cdot M_T."$$

$$\cdot I_m A = A = A I_n \quad \text{if } A \text{ is } m \times n.$$

(2). failures: in general, matrix mult is not commutative and has

no cancellation law

$$\downarrow$$

$$AB \neq BA$$

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$$AB = AC \not\Rightarrow B = C, \quad AB \neq 0 \not\Rightarrow (A = 0 \text{ or } B = 0).$$

- Today.
- Two more operations: powers of matrices, transposes of matrices.
  - Properties of transposition.
  - Intro to invertible matrices.

## 1. Matrix powers

Q: Given an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , under what conditions does  $A \cdot A$  make sense?

A: The condition should be # cols of  $A$  = # rows of  $A$ , i.e.,  $m=n$ , i.e.,  $A$  is

Note: When  $A$  is square, we may form the power  $A^k = \underbrace{A \cdot A \cdot \dots \cdot A}_{k \text{ copies square}}$  for any int.  $k \geq 0$ .

Just as we define  $x^0 = 1$  for any nonzero number  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\downarrow$  eg.

we define  $A^0 = I_n$  for any  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ .

Eg:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow A^0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^1 = A \quad A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 10 \\ 15 & 22 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^3 = A^2 \cdot A = \begin{bmatrix} 37 & \dots \\ \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix} \quad A^4 = A \cdot A \cdot A \cdot A$

## 2, Matrix transposition

Def: The transpose of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  is the  $n \times m$  matrix  $B$

s.t.  $B_{ij} = A_{ji}$ , i.e., the matrix whose rows are the cols of  $A$  and

whose cols are the rows of  $A$ .  
We denote  $B$  by  $A^T$ .

Eg.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow A^T = \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow B^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(AB)^T = B^T A^T. \begin{cases} \text{LHS} = \left( \begin{bmatrix} a-b & 2a+3b & a+5b \\ c-d & 2c+3d & c+5d \end{bmatrix} \right)^T = \begin{bmatrix} a-b & c-d \\ 2a+3b & 2c+3d \\ a+5b & c+5d \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{RHS} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a-b & c-d \\ 2a+3b & 2c+3d \\ a+5b & c+5d \end{bmatrix} \end{cases} \quad \checkmark$$

Prop. Assuming the following expressions make sense, we have

$$(a) (A^T)^T = A, \quad (b) (A+B)^T = A^T + B^T,$$

$$(c) (rA)^T = rA^T \quad \forall r \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (d) (AB)^T = B^T A^T.$$

Pf. (a) We know if  $A$  is  $m \times n$ , then  $A^T$  is  $n \times m$ , and hence

$(A^T)^T$  is  $m \times n$ . so it suffices to show  $\left[ (A^T)^T \right]_{ij} = A_{ij} \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n.$

$$\left[ (A^T)^T \right]_{ij} = [A^T]_{ji} = A_{ij}. \quad \checkmark$$

(b). (c). similar (but even easier)

$\rightarrow AB: m \times p \quad (AB)^T: p \times m$

(d). Say  $A$  is  $m \times n$  and  $B$  is  $n \times p$ . Then  $\forall 1 \leq i \leq p, 1 \leq j \leq m$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ (AB)^T \right]_{ij} &= [AB]_{ji} = \text{Row}_j(A) \cdot \text{Col}_i(B) = \text{Col}_j(A^T) \cdot \text{Row}_i(B^T) = \text{Row}_i(B^T) \cdot \text{Col}_j(A^T) \\ &= [B^T A^T]_{ij}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Matrix inverses.

Def. Let  $A$  be a square  $n \times n$  matrix. We say that  $A$  is invertible if there is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $B$  s.t.  $AB = \underbrace{I_n}_{*} = BA$ . In this case, we say that  $B$  is an inverse of  $A$ .

Eg.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ -3 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & -5 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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

So  $AB = I_2 = BA$ , so  $A$  is invertible and  $B$  is ~~an~~ inverse of  $A$ .

Point: if  $A$  is invertible, we can speak of the inverse of  $A$  and denote it by  $A^{-1}$ .  
the  $\leftarrow$   $B = A^{-1}$ .

Rmk: if  $A$  is invertible, then it must have a unique inverse: say  $B, B'$  are both inverses of  $A$ , then  $B = B(\underbrace{AB'}_{I_n}) = BAB' = (\underbrace{BA}_{I_n})B' = B'$ , so  $B = B'$ .  $\square$

## Remarks:

- Note that we only discuss invertibility for square matrices.
  - If a square matrix  $A$  is invertible, say with inverse  $B$ , then  $AB = I_n = BA$  for some  $n$ . Then  $BA = I_n = AB$ , so  $B$  is also invertible and  $A$  is its inverse. In other words, we have  $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$  if  $A$  is invertible.
  - The notion of invertibility has to do with "cancelability" and is actually familiar: for numbers  $2x = 6 \longrightarrow 1 \cdot x = 3$   
 $\dots \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2\right)x = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 6 \dots \rightarrow$  used 2 is invertible in that  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 = 1$   
 $\downarrow$  similarly.
- if  $A$  is inv. then the matrix equation  $Ax = b$  has a unique soln  $x = A^{-1}b$   
more next time.