

Class Handout #1

From last class:

Legal moves in the method of elimination for solving linear systems:

- interchange equation i and equation j
- multiply an equation by a **nonzero** scalar
- replace the j^{th} equation with c times equation i plus equation j

A system of linear equations can have:

- no solution
- a unique solution
- infinitely many solutions

Section 1.2: Matrices

Definition: An $m \times n$ matrix is a rectangular array of $m \cdot n$ real (or complex) numbers arranged in m horizontal rows and n vertical columns:

The i^{th} row of A is $\text{row}_i(A) = [a_{i1} \ a_{i2} \ \cdots \ a_{in}]$.

The j^{th} column of A is $\text{col}_j(A) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1j} \\ a_{2j} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mj} \end{bmatrix}$

When $m = n$ we say that A is **square** and that the numbers $a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{nn}$ form the **main diagonal** of A .

The entry a_{ij} is called the i, j^{th} element of A or the (i, j) -entry. (i^{th} row and j^{th} column).

Sometimes we use the shorthand $A = [a_{ij}]$.

Exercise 1: Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1+i & 4i \\ 2-3i & -3 \end{bmatrix}, C = [3], D = [-1 \ 0 \ 2], E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The size of A is _____, and $a_{12} =$ _____.

The size of B is _____, and $b_{22} =$ _____.

The size of C is _____.

The size of D is _____, and $d_{12} =$ _____.

The size of E is _____, and $e_{31} =$ _____.

Definition: An $n \times 1$ matrix is also called an n -vector and denoted by $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix}$.

Definition: The set of all n -vectors with real entries is denoted R^n . The set of all n -vectors with complex entries is denoted C^n .

Definition: Two $m \times n$ matrices A and B are **equal** if they are equal entry-wise, that is, $a_{ij} = b_{ij}$ for all i and j .

Matrix Addition:

Definition: If $A = [a_{ij}]$ and $B = [b_{ij}]$ are two $m \times n$ matrices, then $A + B$ is an $m \times n$ matrix $C = [c_{ij}]$ such that $c_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij}$ for all i and j . (add matrices entry-wise)

So if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $A + B = \begin{bmatrix} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{bmatrix}$

**Note: The sum $A + B$ is only defined when A and B are of the same size.

Note: If A is an $m \times n$ matrix and O is the $m \times n$ **zero matrix, then $A + O = A$. In particular, if \mathbf{x} is an n -vector, then $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{x}$, where $\mathbf{0}$ is the n -vector all of whose entries are zero (the **zero vector**).

Scalar Multiplication:

Definition: If $A = [a_{ij}]$ is an $m \times n$ matrix and r is a real scalar, then the **scalar multiple** of A by r , denoted by rA , is the $m \times n$ matrix whose (i, j) -entry is $r \cdot a_{ij}$. (scale every entry)

Definition: If A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k are $m \times n$ matrices and c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k are real scalars, then an expression of the form

$$c_1A_1 + c_2A_2 + \cdots + c_kA_k$$

is called a **linear combination** of A_1, \dots, A_k . The c_1, \dots, c_k are the **coefficients**.

Can also be written:

$$\sum_{i=1}^k c_i A_i = c_1 A_1 + c_2 A_2 + \cdots + c_k A_k$$

Definition: If $A = [a_{ij}]$ is an $m \times n$ matrix, then the **transpose** of A , denoted by $A^T = [a_{ij}^T]$, is the $n \times m$ matrix defined by $a_{ij}^T = a_{ji}$. (The (i, j) -entry of A^T is equal to the (j, i) -entry of A .)