

D117: 6.1 Matrix Algebra

Adding Matrices

You can only add matrices of the same dimension. To add them, you just add each coefficient.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 9 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 8 \\ 8 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Multiplying by a scalar (real number)

If A is a matrix and u is a real number then to compute uA you multiply each coefficient of A by u .

$$-2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 9 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -18 \\ -10 & -12 \end{pmatrix}$$

Row-column multiplication

$u = [u_1 \ u_2 \ \cdots \ u_n]$ a row vector of dimension n and $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$ a column vector of dimension n ,

$$ux = u_1x_1 + u_2x_2 + \cdots + u_nx_n$$

Multiplying Matrices

Let A of dimension $m \times n$ and B of dimension $n \times k$ then AB is of dimension $m \times k$.

$$AB = C \iff c_{ij} = [i^{\text{th}} \text{ row of } A] \times [j^{\text{th}} \text{ column of } B]$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 9 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot 2 + 9 \cdot 3 & 1 \cdot (-1) + 9 \cdot 0 & 1 \cdot 4 + 9 \cdot (-2) \\ 5 \cdot 2 + 6 \cdot 3 & 5 \cdot (-1) + 6 \cdot 0 & 5 \cdot 4 + 6 \cdot (-2) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 23 & -1 & -14 \\ 28 & -5 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

Careful: AB is not the same as BA .

Powers of matrices

$$A^2 = A \times A, \quad A^3 = A^2 \times A = A \times A \times A, \quad \dots$$