

## Matrices and Tensors

- Types of matrices
- Matrices with structure
- Special matrices
- A few words on tensors

### Types of (square) matrices

- Symmetric  $A^T = A$ .
- Skew-symmetric  $A^T = -A$ .
- Hermitian  $A^H = A$ .
- Skew-Hermitian  $A^H = -A$ .
- Normal  $A^H A = A A^H$ .
- Nonnegative  $a_{ij} \geq 0, i, j = 1, \dots, n$
- Similarly for nonpositive, positive, and negative matrices
- Unitary  $Q^H Q = I$ . (for complex matrices)

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[Note: Common usage restricts this definition to complex matrices. An *orthogonal matrix* is a unitary *real* matrix – not very natural ]

- Orthogonal  $Q^T Q = I$  [orthonormal columns]

In this class: We'll call unitary matrix a **square** matrix with orthonormal columns, whether real or complex. [so: Orthogonal + square = unitary]

► The term “orthonormal” matrix is rarely used.

2-3 What is the inverse of a unitary (complex / real) matrix?

2-4 What can you say about the diagonal entries of a skew-symmetric (real) matrix?

2-5 What can you say about the diagonal entries of a Hermitian (complex) matrix?

2-6 What can you say about the diagonal entries of a skew-Hermitian (complex) matrix?

2-7 Which matrices of the following type are also normal: real symmetric, real skew-symmetric, Hermitian, skew-Hermitian, complex symmetric, complex skew-symmetric matrices.

2-8 Find all real  $2 \times 2$  matrices that are normal.

2-9 Show that a triangular matrix that is normal is diagonal.

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## Matrices with structure

- **Diagonal**  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $j \neq i$ . Notation :

$$A = \text{diag}(a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{nn}).$$

- **Upper triangular**  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $i > j$ .
- **Lower triangular**  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $i < j$ .
- **Upper bidiagonal**  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $j \neq i$  and  $j \neq i + 1$ .
- **Lower bidiagonal**  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $j \neq i$  and  $j \neq i - 1$ .
- **Tridiagonal**  $a_{ij} = 0$  when  $|i - j| > 1$ .

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- **Banded**  $a_{ij} \neq 0$  only when  $i - m_l \leq j \leq i + m_u$ , 'Bandwidth' =  $m_l + m_u + 1$ .
- **Upper Hessenberg**  $a_{ij} = 0$  when  $i > j + 1$ . Lower Hessenberg matrices can be defined similarly.
- **Outer product**  $A = uv^T$ , where both  $u$  and  $v$  are vectors.
- **Block tridiagonal** generalizes tridiagonal matrices by replacing each nonzero entry by a square matrix.

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## Special matrices

**Vandermonde** : Given a column of entries  $[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]^T$  put its (component-wise) powers into the columns of a matrix  $V$ :

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_0 & x_0^2 & \cdots & x_0^n \\ 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \cdots & x_1^n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \cdots & x_n^n \end{pmatrix}$$

 8 Try the matlab function *vander*

 9 What does the matrix-vector product  $Va$  represent?

 10 Interpret the solution of the linear system  $Va = y$  where  $a$  is the unknown. Sketch a 'fast' solution method based on this.

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**Toeplitz** :

- Entries are constant along diagonals, i.e.,  $a_{ij} = r_{j-i}$ .
- Determined by  $m + n - 1$  values  $r_{j-i}$ .

$$T = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} r_0 & r_1 & r_2 & r_3 & r_4 \\ r_{-1} & r_0 & r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \\ r_{-2} & r_{-1} & r_0 & r_1 & r_2 \\ r_{-3} & r_{-2} & r_{-1} & r_0 & r_1 \\ r_{-4} & r_{-3} & r_{-2} & r_{-1} & r_0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Toeplitz}}$$

- Toeplitz systems ( $m = n$ ) can be solved in  $O(n^2)$  ops.
- The whole inverse (!) can be determined in  $O(n^2)$  ops.

 11 Explore *toeplitz(c,r)* in matlab.

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**Hankel** : Entries are constant along anti-diagonals, i.e.,  $a_{ij} = h_{j+i-1}$ .  
Determined by  $m + n - 1$  values  $h_{j+i-1}$ .

$$H = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} h_1 & h_2 & h_3 & h_4 & h_5 \\ h_2 & h_3 & h_4 & h_5 & h_6 \\ h_3 & h_4 & h_5 & h_6 & h_7 \\ h_4 & h_5 & h_6 & h_7 & h_8 \\ h_5 & h_6 & h_7 & h_8 & h_9 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Hankel}}$$

🔗12 Explore `hankel(c,r)` in matlab.

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🔗15 What is the result of multiplying  $S_n$  by a vector? What are the powers of  $S_n$ ?  
What is the inverse of  $S_n$ ?

🔗16 Show that

$$C = c_1 I + c_2 S_n + c_3 S_n^2 + \dots + c_n S_n^{n-1}$$

As a result show that all circulant matrices of the same size commute.

🔗17 (Continuation) Use the result of the previous exercise to show that the product of two circulant matrices is circulant.

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**Circulant** : Entries in a row are cyclically right-shifted to form next row. Determined by  $n$  values.

$$C = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & c_4 & c_5 \\ c_5 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & c_4 \\ c_4 & c_5 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ c_3 & c_4 & c_5 & c_1 & c_2 \\ c_2 & c_3 & c_4 & c_5 & c_1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Circulant}}$$

🔗13 How can you generate a circulant matrix in matlab?

🔗14 If  $C$  is circulant (real) and symmetric, what can be said about the  $c_i$ 's?

➤ A simple and important circulant matrix is the up-shift matrix  $S_n$

$$S_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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### Sparse matrices

- Matrices with very few nonzero entries – so few that this can be exploited.
- Many of the large matrices encountered in applications are sparse.
- Main idea of “sparse matrix techniques” is not to represent the zeros.
- This will be covered in some detail at the end of the course.

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## A few words on tensors

- A *tensor* is a multidimensional array
- An **order  $N$**  tensor requires  $N$  indices:  $\mathcal{A} = (a_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_N}) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2 \times \dots \times d_N}$
- Each  $d_n$  is the  $n$ -th *dimension* of  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- A vector is an order-1 tensor and a matrix is an order-2 tensor.
- Order 3 tensor indexed by 3 indices  $i_1, i_2, i_3$  or  $i, j, k$ .
- For each fixed  $i_3$  (or  $k$ )  $a_{:, :, i_3}$  is a matrix - a **frontal slice**
- $a(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{n-1}, :, i_{n+1}, \dots, i_N)$  is a **fiber** (a vector) in  $n$ -th mode
- 🔗18 How many mode  $n$  fibers are there?

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**Unfolding and mode- $n$  products** Useful for visualizing tensors of order  $N > 3$ .

- **Unfolding** of a tensor along **mode  $n$**  is a **matrix**  $A_{(n)}$  of dimension

$$d_n \times (d_1 \cdots d_{n-1} d_{n+1} \cdots d_N).$$

- Columns of  $A_{(n)}$  are all mode  $n$  fibers of  $\mathcal{A}$
- For the above example tensor  $\mathcal{A}$ , the three mode- $n$  unfoldings are

$$A_{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Note: In Python/Pytorch tensors are stored differently from multidimensional arrays in matlab

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- Illustration [1st and 2nd indices: top to bottom and left to right, 3rd: front to back]

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{array}{ccc} & a_{112} & a_{122} \\ a_{111} & & a_{121} \\ & a_{212} & a_{222} \\ a_{211} & & a_{221} \end{array} = \begin{array}{ccc} & 5 & 7 \\ 1 & & 3 \\ & 6 & \\ 2 & & 4 \end{array}$$

- For above example, frontal slices are the matrices  $A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$   $A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 6 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$
- The mode-2 fibers are:  $f_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $f_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $f_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $f_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$
- Note order:  $a(x, :, y) : a(1, :, 1), a(2, :, 1), a(1, :, 2), a(2, :, 2)$

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**Mode- $n$  Product** or **tensor-matrix product** Given a tensor  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2 \times \dots \times d_N}$  and a matrix  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{c_n \times d_n}$ , the **mode- $n$**  product is a tensor

$$\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{A} \otimes_n M \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times \dots \times d_{n-1} \times c_n \times d_{n+1} \times \dots \times d_N} \quad \text{where}$$

$$b(i_1, \dots, i_{n-1}, j_n, i_{n+1}, \dots, i_N) =$$

$$\sum_{i_n=1}^{d_n} a(i_1, \dots, i_{n-1}, i_n, i_{n+1}, \dots, i_N) m(j_n, i_n) \text{ for } j_n = 1, 2, \dots, c_n$$

- Matrix interpretation :  $B_{(n)} = M A_{(n)}$ .

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► Here are a couple of properties of tensor-matrix multiplication:

- For  $m \neq n$ , and matrices  $F$  and  $G$  of appropriate dimensions,

$$(\mathcal{A} \otimes_n F) \otimes_m G = (\mathcal{A} \otimes_m G) \otimes_n F.$$

- For any  $n$ , and for matrices  $F$  and  $G$  of appropriate dimensions,

$$(\mathcal{A} \otimes_n F) \otimes_n G = \mathcal{A} \otimes_n (GF).$$

► for a general  $n$ , the mode- $n$  product of two matrices is not defined, can safely omit the parentheses and write  $(\mathcal{A} \otimes_n F) \otimes_m G$  as  $\mathcal{A} \otimes_n F \otimes_m G$ .