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Quote of Lecture Notes One	
<b>Bertrand:</b> Everything is vague to a degree you do not realize till you have tried to make it precise.	
	Bertrand Russell : The Philosophy of Logical Atomism (1918)

### Basic Definitions

**Definition:** Matrix<sup>1</sup> - A *matrix* is a set of *elements* organized by two indices into a rectangular array. In the case that these objects exist in the set of complex numbers we write  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ , where  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ .<sup>2</sup> At the element level we have that:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & \dots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } [\mathbf{A}]_{ij} = a_{ij}, a_{ij} \in \mathbb{C}, \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m \text{ and } j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n. \quad (1)$$

- In the case that  $n = m$  we call the matrix *square*. Otherwise it is called rectangular.
- For a *square matrix* the entries running from the upper left to the lower right are called the main diagonal entries.

**Definition:** Vector<sup>3</sup> - A *column vector*, or just vector, is matrix of size,  $n \times 1$  where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . A *row vector* is matrix of size,  $1 \times n$  where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . At the element level we have that:

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } v_i \in \mathbb{C}, \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n. \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 & r_2 & r_3 & \dots & r_n \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } r_j \in \mathbb{C}, \text{ for } j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n \quad (3)$$

**Definition:** Scalar - A *scalar* is a matrix whose size is  $1 \times 1$ . In this case that this scalar is an object from the real numbers we write  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition:** Equality of Matrices<sup>4</sup> - Two matrices  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  are said to be equal if and only if  $a_{ij} = b_{ij}$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m$  and  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ .

<sup>1</sup>This is first defined on page 274 (section 7.1) equation (2) of the text.

<sup>2</sup>Often it is useful to consider elements, which are functions. However, it is traditional and straightforward to first consider matrices of numbers.

<sup>3</sup>See pages 274-275

<sup>4</sup>First definition on page 275 of text.

## Unitary Operations

**Definition:** Transposition<sup>5</sup> - Given  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  we define the transpose of  $\mathbf{A}$  to be the matrix  $\mathbf{A}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ , such that:

$$\mathbf{A}^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & a_{31} & \dots & a_{m1} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & a_{32} & \dots & a_{m2} \\ a_{13} & a_{23} & a_{33} & \dots & a_{m3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{1n} & a_{2n} & a_{3n} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

- If  $\mathbf{A}$  is such that  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^T$  then the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is called symmetric.<sup>6, 7</sup>
- If  $\mathbf{A}$  is such that  $\mathbf{A}^T = -\mathbf{A}$  then the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is called skew-symmetric.<sup>8, 9</sup>
- Using the previous definitions one can quickly show that  $(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^T = \mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{B}^T$  assuming that the matrices are such that their addition is well-defined.<sup>10</sup>

**Definition:** Conjugation<sup>11</sup> - Given  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ , define the conjugate of  $\mathbf{A}$  to be the matrix  $\bar{\mathbf{A}} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  such that,

$$\bar{\mathbf{A}} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{a}_{11} & \bar{a}_{12} & \bar{a}_{13} & \dots & \bar{a}_{1n} \\ \bar{a}_{21} & \bar{a}_{22} & \bar{a}_{23} & \dots & \bar{a}_{2n} \\ \bar{a}_{31} & \bar{a}_{32} & \bar{a}_{33} & \dots & \bar{a}_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \bar{a}_{m1} & \bar{a}_{m2} & \bar{a}_{m3} & \dots & \bar{a}_{mn} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (5)$$

- The bar implies complex conjugation. That is if  $c \in \mathbb{C}$  then  $c = a + bi$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\bar{c} = a - bi$ .

**Definition:** Adjoint<sup>12</sup> - Given  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ , define the adjoint or Hermitian of  $\mathbf{A}$  to be the matrix  $\mathbf{A}^H \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$  such that  $\mathbf{A}^H = (\bar{\mathbf{A}})^T = (\mathbf{A}^T)^*$ .<sup>13</sup>

- The adjoint is considered as an extension of the transpose to matrices with complex numbers. Sometimes the adjoint is called the Hermitian of a matrix.
- A matrix is called self-adjoint if  $\mathbf{A}^H = \mathbf{A}$ .<sup>14</sup>
- A matrix is called skew-adjoint if  $\mathbf{A}^H = -\mathbf{A}$ .<sup>15, 16</sup>

## Binary Operations<sup>17</sup>

**Definition:** Addition and Scalar Multiplication of Matrices<sup>18</sup> - Let  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  then  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{C}$  is defined such that  $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$  where  $c_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij}$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m$  and  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ . Also,

<sup>5</sup>See first definition on page 282.

<sup>6</sup>See page 283 equation (11) of text.

<sup>7</sup>It can be shown that the eigenvalues of symmetric matrices are always real numbers.

<sup>8</sup>See page 283 equation (11) of text.

<sup>9</sup>It can be shown that the eigenvalues of skew-symmetric matrices are always imaginary numbers or the number zero.

<sup>10</sup>From this it follows that a matrix can always be written as the sum of a symmetric and skew-symmetric matrix.

To show this note that  $\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^T) + \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}^T)$ .

<sup>11</sup>See section 8.5 page 356 first box.

<sup>12</sup>See 8.5 page 357. Here they do not use a new notation for the adjoint/Hermitian of  $\mathbf{A}$  this is common. We will use a superscript of H to denote the complex-conjugate transpose of a matrix with complex entries.

<sup>13</sup>It is often the case that the Hermitian is denoted  $\mathbf{A}^\dagger$ .

<sup>14</sup>It can be shown that the eigenvalues of self-adjoint matrices are always real numbers.

<sup>15</sup>It can be shown that the eigenvalues of skew-adjoint matrices are always imaginary numbers or the number zero.

<sup>16</sup>See the first definition on page 357 of section 8.5.

<sup>17</sup>This material is covered in section 7.1 and 7.2 of the text.

<sup>18</sup>For addition of matrices see the second definition on page 275. For scalar multiplication see the first definition on page 276.

let  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  then  $s\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{C}$  where  $c_{ij} = s \cdot a_{ij}$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m$  and  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ . From these definitions we have the general properties for addition and scalar multiplication of matrices:<sup>19</sup>

1.  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}$
2.  $(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) + \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} + (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C})$
3.  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{A}$
4.  $\mathbf{A} + (-1) \cdot \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$  where  $\mathbf{0}$  denotes an  $m \times n$  matrix whose elements are the scalar zero.
5.  $r(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = r\mathbf{A} + r\mathbf{B}$
6.  $(r + s)\mathbf{A} = r\mathbf{A} + s\mathbf{A}$
7.  $r(s\mathbf{A}) = (rs)\mathbf{A}$
8.  $1 \cdot \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}$

where  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  and  $r, s \in \mathbb{C}$

**Definition:** Matrix Product<sup>20</sup> - Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  and  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times q}$ . If  $n = p$  then  $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{C}$  is defined such that  $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times q}$  where  $c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}b_{kj}$ . The general properties for matrix products are:<sup>21</sup>

1.  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{BC}) = (\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C}$
2.  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{AB} + \mathbf{AC}$
3.  $(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C})\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{BA} + \mathbf{CA}$
4.  $r(\mathbf{AB}) = r(\mathbf{A})\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}r\mathbf{B}$
5.  $\mathbf{I}_m\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{I}_n$

where  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$  are defined appropriately and  $r \in \mathbb{R}$

- It is not necessarily the case that  $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{BA}$ . That is, matrix multiplication does not, in general, commute. <sup>22</sup>
- The identity matrix  $\mathbf{I}_k$  is a square matrix with the scalar identity, i.e. the number one, on the main diagonal. That is  $[\mathbf{I}_{k \times k}]_{ij} = 1$  if  $i = j$  and  $[\mathbf{I}_{k \times k}]_{ij} = 0$  if  $i \neq j$ .
- The inverse matrix of a square matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is the square matrix  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  such that  $\mathbf{AA}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$ .

**Definition:** Inner Product<sup>23</sup> - Given  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$  and  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$  define the inner product of  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  to be:

$$\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \quad (6)$$

- Using the inner product it is possible to define matrix multiplication as  $c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}b_{kj} = \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{b}_j$  where  $\mathbf{a}_i$  is the  $i^{th}$  row of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{b}_j$  is the  $j^{th}$  column of  $\mathbf{B}$ .

- When working with complex vectors then it is typical to define the inner product to be  $\mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{y}$ .

<sup>24</sup> It is rare to multiply matrices with this definition.

**Definition:** Outer Product<sup>25</sup> - Given  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$  and  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$  define the outer product of  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$

<sup>19</sup>These algebraic rules are outlined in equations (3) and (4) from page 276.

<sup>20</sup>See the first definition of section 7.2 on page 279.

<sup>21</sup>These algebraic rules are found on page 280 equation (2).

<sup>22</sup>See example 4 of section 7.2 on page 280.

<sup>23</sup>See theorem 2 of section 8.3 on page 346.

<sup>24</sup>See equation (4) of section 8.5 on page 359.

<sup>25</sup>I did not find a definition for this in the text. :sad:

to be  $\mathbf{xy}^T$ . It is easily verified that this product results in an  $n \times n$  matrix.

- If we take on faith that  $(\mathbf{AB})^T = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T$  then we can also see that the outer product produces a symmetric matrix.<sup>26</sup>
- When working with complex vectors then it is typical to define the outer product to be  $\mathbf{xy}^H$ .

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<sup>26</sup>To prove the aforementioned equality note that  $[\mathbf{AB}]_{ij} = \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{b}_j$  thus the  $i, j$ -element of the transpose of  $\mathbf{AB}$  is  $\mathbf{a}_j \cdot \mathbf{b}_i$ , which is the product of the  $j^{th}$ -row of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $i^{th}$ -column of  $\mathbf{B}$ . Since the  $i^{th}$ -column of  $\mathbf{B}$  is the  $i^{th}$ -row of  $\mathbf{B}^T$  and the  $j^{th}$ -row of  $\mathbf{A}$  is the  $j^{th}$ -column of  $\mathbf{A}^T$  the desired equality follows.