

MTH 42 LECTURE NOTES (Ojakian)

Topic 8: Matrix Algebra

OUTLINE

(References: 3.2)

1. Matrix operations
 2. Properties of Matrix Multiplication
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1. Matrix Addition and Scalar Multiplication

Do example and see calculations in Anaconda.

Note Theorem 3.11.

2. Matrix Multiplication

- (a) It is **not** what you might think!

PROBLEM 1. Evaluate $A \cdot B$, where A is a 2 by 2 matrix and B is a 2 by 3 matrix. Use both definitions below.

- (b) Definition 1 (Definition 3.12) - the “vector arithmetic approach”.

In $A \cdot B$, each column of B gives a linear combination of the A columns (generalizes: Matrix times Vector)

- (c) Definition 2 (Figure 2 on page 99) - the “dot product approach”

i. Define the dot product of two vectors.

ii. Do Row i of A DOT Column j of B to get entry (i, j) in the product.

3. Matrix Properties

- (a) What **IS** true: Theorem 3.13.

PROBLEM 2. Pick a property and verify (not proof!) it for an example.

- (b) What is **NOT** true! Do and discuss Theorem 3.14

PROBLEM 3. Find examples to make each true - first because of matrix dimension problems, and then because of the matrix content.

- (c) Transpose of a Matrix.

PROBLEM 4. Consider any matrix and find its transpose.

4. Why Matrix Multiplication Defined As It Is?

One good reason: Function composition!

PROBLEM 5. Make up a linear transformation $T_1 : R^3 \rightarrow R^2$ and a linear transformation $T_2 : R^2 \rightarrow R^4$. Then do the following:

- (a) Calculate $T_2 \circ T_1$ on some inputs.
- (b) Find the matrix representing T_1 and T_2 .
- (c) Find the matrix representing $T_2 \circ T_1$. And check your inputs from the first part with this matrix.

5. Matrix Powers and Networks

Theorem 1. Let A be the adjacency matrix of a graph. Then for integers $k \geq 1$, entry (i,j) of A^k is the number of walks between vertex i and vertex j .

PROBLEM 6. Consider a graph which is a path of length 3. Find its adjacency matrix and see how its matrix powers fit with the above theorem. Experiment in Anaconda to see higher matrix powers.