

Math 290 ELEMENTARY LINEAR ALGEBRA
STUDY GUIDE FOR MIDTERM EXAM – I B

February 26 (Tue), 2008

Instructor: Yasuyuki Kachi

Line #: 74449 / 82588.

• **Section 2.2: Properties on matrix operations.**

[1] First check on the Textbook light blue portion on pages 60, 61, 62, 65, 66, 67 .

Then study the following package as a more detailed version of these :

• From Progress Check – IV :

- Be able to form the product AB for two matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Also be able to form AB for matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} & b_{33} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Follow explanation on page 1. Agree that, when A and B are both in size $n \times n$, for $n = 4, 5, \dots$, we are able to form AB , and it is a matrix in size $n \times n$. Understand that, writing out the formula for AB is in theory possible for any large n , although it consumes more space for a larger n .

- Agree that in general AB and BA are not the same. Have a glance at Example 1, page 2:

Example 1. For $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$,

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad BA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Agree the following usage: We say A and B commute, if $AB = BA$.

Be aware that, A and B rarely commute.

- Understand Formula 1, and Example 2:

Formula 1. If A and B are of form

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} * & b \\ c & * \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} * & q \\ r & * \end{bmatrix},$$

where $b \neq 0$, $c \neq 0$, $q \neq 0$, $r \neq 0$, and moreover if

$$\frac{b}{c} \neq \frac{q}{r},$$

then A and B never commute.

Example 2. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} * & 1 \\ 2 & * \end{bmatrix}$, and $B = \begin{bmatrix} * & 2 \\ 3 & * \end{bmatrix}$, where each $*$ is

filled by any scalar. Then we have $AB \neq BA$, because $\frac{1}{2} \neq \frac{2}{3}$.

- Check on Example 3, page 4:

Example 3. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$. Then $AB \neq BA$. Indeed,

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} * & 1 \cdot 5 + 2 \cdot 6 \\ 0 & * \end{bmatrix}, \quad BA = \begin{bmatrix} * & 2 \cdot 4 + 3 \cdot 5 \\ 0 & * \end{bmatrix}.$$

We have $1 \cdot 5 + 2 \cdot 6 \neq 2 \cdot 4 + 3 \cdot 5$.

- Check on Example 4, page 5:

Example 4. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Then $AB \neq BA$.

- Move on to page 6. Agree that if

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{bmatrix}$$

satisfy $tA = B$ for some scalar t , then we say A and B are proportionate. In other words, we say

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} ta & tb \\ tc & td \end{bmatrix}$$

are proportionate. Understand that in this case, A and B commute: $AB = BA$.

- For example, agree that

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

are proportionate, because $2A = B$. Agree that A and B commute: $AB = BA$.

- Move on to page 7. Agree that if $A = O = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, then A and B commute: $AB = BA$. Agree that in this case, AB and BA both equal O .

- For example, for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix},$$

we have

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad BA = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Move on to page 8. Agree that if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (the identity matrix), then A and B commute: $AB = BA$. Agree that in this case, AB and BA both equal B .

- For example, for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix},$$

we have

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}, \quad BA = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Agree that if $A = tI = \begin{bmatrix} t & 0 \\ 0 & t \end{bmatrix}$ for some scalar t (a scalar matrix), then A and B commute: $AB = BA$. Agree that in this case, AB and BA both equal tB .

- For example, for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix},$$

we have

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ -5 & -7 \end{bmatrix}, \quad BA = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ -5 & -7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Move on to the bottom of page 8. Agree that both the zero matrix $O = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and the identity matrix $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ are scalar matrices.

- Follow Example 10, page 9: For

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} p & 0 \\ 0 & s \end{bmatrix},$$

we have

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} ap & 0 \\ 0 & bs \end{bmatrix}, \quad BA = \begin{bmatrix} ap & 0 \\ 0 & ds \end{bmatrix}.$$

In particular, $AB = BA$.

- For example, for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix},$$

we have

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & -8 \end{bmatrix}, \quad BA = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & -8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Follow pages 10–13 for the equivalent counterparts of the above, for the 3×3 case. In particular, agree that we define

$$O = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We call O the zero matrix in size 3×3 , and I the identity matrix in size 3.

- Agree that for

$$A = O = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} & b_{33} \end{bmatrix},$$

we have $AB = O$, $BA = O$. In particular, $AB = BA$.

- For example, for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

we have

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Agree that for

$$A = I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} & b_{33} \end{bmatrix},$$

we have $AB = B$, $BA = B$. In particular, $AB = BA$.

- For example, for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

we have

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Follow Example 15, page 13:

Example 15. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b_{33} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

$$AB = BA = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}b_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22}b_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33}b_{33} \end{bmatrix}.$$

In particular, $AB = BA$.

- For example, if

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix},$$

then

$$AB = BA = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Move on to page 15 “Case of larger size matrices” . Agree with the following definitions for O and I :

$$O = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(the zero matrix), sometimes denoted $O_{m \times n}$, and

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

(the identity matrix), sometimes denoted I_n .

- Observe

$$\begin{bmatrix} t & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & t & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & t \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = tI,$$

for a scalar t . tI is called a scalar matrix .

$$\begin{aligned}
A_1 A_2 A_3 \cdots A_{k-1} A_k &= \left((A_1 A_2 \cdots A_{k-3}) A_{k-2} \right) (A_{k-1} A_k) \\
&= \left((A_1 A_2 \cdots A_{k-4}) A_{k-3} \right) (A_{k-2} A_{k-1} A_k) \\
&= \left((A_1 A_2 \cdots A_{k-5}) A_{k-4} \right) (A_{k-3} A_{k-2} A_{k-1} A_k) \\
&= \cdots \\
&= A_1 \left(A_2 \left(A_3 \left(\cdots \left(A_{k-2} (A_{k-1} A_k) \right) \cdots \right) \right) \right).
\end{aligned}$$

○ The bottom line is, you may calculate the consecutive product $A_1 A_2 \cdots A_{k-1} A_k$ any way you want, as long as you keep the order of matrices $A_1, A_2, \cdots, A_{k-1}, A_k$ from left to right and do not permute them.

○ Understand that, for a square matrix A and for $k = 1, 2, 3, 4, \cdots$, the k -th power A^k is defined as $A_1 A_2 \cdots A_{k-1} A_k$, where $A_1, A_2, \cdots, A_{k-1}, A_k$ are all equal to A . For example, $A^2 = A A$, $A^3 = A A A$, and so on. Understand that, A^k is expressed in many ways:

$$\begin{aligned}
\underbrace{A A A \cdots A A A}_k &= \left(\underbrace{A A \cdots A A A}_{k-1} \right) A \\
&= \left(\underbrace{A A \cdots A A}_{k-2} \right) (A A) \\
&= \left(\underbrace{A A \cdots A}_{k-3} \right) (A A A) \\
&= \cdots \quad \cdots \\
&= (A A) \left(\underbrace{A A \cdots A A}_{k-2} \right) \\
&= A \left(\underbrace{A A A \cdots A A}_{k-1} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

- Agree that the above is rephrased as

$$A^k = A^i A^j \quad \text{for} \quad k = i + j.$$

- Also agree that the following is true:

$$A^k = \left(A^i \right)^j \quad \text{for} \quad k = i j.$$

- Agree that, for example,

$$A^{100} = A^{53} A^{47}, \quad A^{100} = \left(A^5 \right)^{20}$$

are true.

- Be able to calculate powers A^k for a concrete $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ in some representative cases.

- For example, for $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$,

$$A^2 = A A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$A^3 = A^2 A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$A^4 = A^3 A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$A^5 = A^4 A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

and so on. We conclude

$$A^k = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^k = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- In particular,

$$A^{100} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{100} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 100 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

○ For $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$,

$$B^2 = BB = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = -I,$$

$$B^3 = B^2B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = -B,$$

$$B^4 = B^3B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I.$$

We conclude

$$B^k = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = B, \quad \text{for } k = 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, \dots,$$

$$B^k = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = -I, \quad \text{for } k = 2, 6, 10, 14, 18, \dots,$$

$$B^k = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = -B, \quad \text{for } k = 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, \dots,$$

$$B^k = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I, \quad \text{for } k = 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, \dots$$

○ Understand Examples 18–19, page 23:

Example 18. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix}$. Then

$$A^k = \begin{bmatrix} a^k & 0 \\ 0 & b^k \end{bmatrix}.$$

Example 19. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{bmatrix}$. Then

$$A^k = \begin{bmatrix} a^k & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b^k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c^k \end{bmatrix}.$$

- For example, for $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$,

$$A^k = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^k = \begin{bmatrix} 2^k & 0 \\ 0 & (-1)^k \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Also for $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$,

$$A^k = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^k = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3^k \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Move on to page 24. Agree that the identities (1–14) in Formula 9:

$$(1) \quad A + B = B + A,$$

$$(2) \quad A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C,$$

$$(3) \quad A(B + C) = AB + AC,$$

$$(4) \quad (A + B)C = AC + BC,$$

$$(5) \quad t(B + C) = tB + tC,$$

$$(6) \quad (t + u)A = tA + uA,$$

$$(7) \quad t(uA) = (tu)A,$$

$$(8) \quad t(AB) = (tA)B,$$

$$(9) \quad t(AB) = A(tB),$$

$$(10) \quad 1A = A.$$

$$(11) \quad A + O = A,$$

$$(12) \quad A - A = O,$$

$$(13) \quad 0A = O,$$

$$(14) \quad tO = O$$

are true.

- Understand Examples 20–21, page 25, as applications of Formula 9:

Example 20. $(tA)(uB + vC) = (tu)AB + (tv)AC.$

In particular, $A(B - C) = AB - AC.$

Example 21. $(A + B)(A - B) = A^2 - AB + BA - B^2.$

- Agree that, in Example 21 above, we are not allowed to further simplify

$$A^2 - AB + BA - B^2$$

as

$$A^2 - B^2.$$

Indeed, AB need not equal BA .

- Move on to page 26. Understand the definition of polynomial substitutions. For

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_mx^m,$$

where $a_0, a_1, a_2, \cdots, a_m$ are scalars, and for any square matrix A , agree

$$f(A) = a_0I + a_1A + a_2A^2 + \cdots + a_mA^m.$$

- Follow Example 22, pages 26–27.

Example 22. For $f(x) = 1 + \sqrt{2}x + x^2$, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$,

$$\begin{aligned} f(A) &= I + \sqrt{2}A + A^2 \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \sqrt{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}^2 \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

- Similarly, for $f(x) = 1 - \sqrt{2}x + x^2$, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$,

$$\begin{aligned} f(A) &= I - \sqrt{2}A + A^2 \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \sqrt{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}^2 \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

- Move on to page 27. Review the definitions of addition $f + g$, the multiplication fg , and the compositions $f \circ g$, $g \circ f$, of two polynomials f and g . Then understand Formula 10:

Formula 10. Let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ be polynomials, A a square matrix, and t a scalar. Then

$$(1) \quad (f + g)(A) = f(A) + g(A),$$

$$(2) \quad (fg)(A) = f(A)g(A),$$

$$(3) \quad (tf)(A) = t f(A), \quad \text{and}$$

$$(4) \quad (f \circ g)(A) = f(g(A)).$$

- Understand that, Formula 10 (2) yields the commutativity of $f(A)$ and $g(A)$ for any two polynomials f and g and for any square matrix A .

- Understand that, Formula 10 (2) recovers the formula

$$\text{“ } A^k = A^i A^j \quad \text{if} \quad k = i + j \text{ ”}$$

as a special case: $f(x) = x^i$, $g(x) = x^j$, $(fg)(x) = x^{i+j}$.

- Understand that, Formula 10 (4) recovers the formula

$$\text{“ } A^k = (A^i)^j \quad \text{if } k = ij \text{ ”}$$

as a special case: $f(x) = x^j$, $g(x) = x^i$, $(f \circ g)(x) = x^{ij}$.

- Follow Example 24, page 29. Knowing

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = f(A), \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = g(A),$$

for $f(x) = 2 + x + x^2$, $g(x) = 1 - x^2 + x^4$, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, we may

automatically claim that $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ commute:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Move on to page 30. Review the definition of the transpose of a matrix. For

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix},$$

we define A^T as

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \cdots & a_{m1} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{m2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{1n} & a_{2n} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Agree that, the transpose A^T of A is the matrix formed by interchanging rows and columns of A . Or stated in other words, A^T is the matrix whose (i, j) entry matches with the (j, i) entry of A .

- Follow Example 25, page 30:

Example 25. For $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$, we have $A^T = \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix}$.

For $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ p & q & r \\ x & y & z \end{bmatrix}$, we have $A^T = \begin{bmatrix} a & p & x \\ b & q & y \\ c & r & z \end{bmatrix}$.

For $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ p & q & r & s \end{bmatrix}$, we have $A^T = \begin{bmatrix} a & p \\ b & q \\ c & r \\ d & s \end{bmatrix}$.

- Understand Formula 11, page 31:

Formula 11. (1) $(A^T)^T = A$.

(2) $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$.

(3) $(tA)^T = t(A^T)$.

(4) $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$.

(5) $(A + A^T)^T = A + A^T$, $(AA^T)^T = AA^T$.

- Agree that, in general, $A^T A$ and AA^T need not be equal. Understand Example 26, page 31:

Example 26. For $A = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 11 & 12 \\ 4 & -3 & 1 \\ 6 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $A^T = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 4 & 6 \\ 11 & -3 & -1 \\ 12 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$,

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 4 & 6 \\ 11 & -3 & -1 \\ 12 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 11 & 12 \\ 4 & -3 & 1 \\ 6 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 101 & -95 & -62 \\ -95 & 131 & 126 \\ -62 & 126 & 154 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$AA^T = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 11 & 12 \\ 4 & -3 & 1 \\ 6 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 4 & 6 \\ 11 & -3 & -1 \\ 12 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 314 & -49 & -17 \\ -49 & 26 & 30 \\ -17 & 30 & 46 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Check out the definition of symmetric and skew-symmetric matrices: A matrix A is called symmetric if $A^T = A$. A matrix A is called skew-symmetric if $A^T = -A$.
- Agree that, by definition, symmetric and skew-symmetric matrices are in square size.
- Check out Examples 27–28, page 32:

Example 27. $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} a & p & q \\ p & b & r \\ q & r & c \end{bmatrix}$ are both symmetric matrices.

Example 28. $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & b \\ -b & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & p & q \\ -p & 0 & r \\ -q & -r & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ are both skew-symmetric matrices.

- Agree that, by virtue of Formula 10 (5), $A + A^T$ and $A^T A$ are both symmetric, for any matrix A .
- Observe that the two matrices $A^T A$ and AA^T in Example 26 are both symmetric.
- Agree that, any square matrix A is always written as a sum of a symmetric and skew-symmetric matrices. Indeed, if we set

$$B = \frac{1}{2} (A + A^T), \quad C = \frac{1}{2} (A - A^T),$$

then it follows that $A = B + C$, B is symmetric, and C is skew-symmetric. For a detailed proof, see page 49, solution for exercise problem [XXV].

[2] Review all the homework problems in Section 2.1 (Textbook page 69) .

Review all the examples and exercise problems in Progress Check – IV .

Representative problems are

- [V], [VIII], [IX], [XV], #13 (= [XVI] (2)), #18 (= [XVIII]),
#19 (= [XIX] (1)), #20 (= [XIX] (2)), #30 (= [XX]),
#40 (= [XXI]), #43 (= [XXII] (2)), #55–58 (= [XXIV]),
#61 (= [XXV–XXVI]), #63 (= [XXVII]), [XXVIII], [XXX].

[3] In addition to the above list of problems, you should be comfortable doing the following types of problems :

- Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$, and $X = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{bmatrix}$.

(1) Find A^T and X^T .

(2) Find XX^T .

(3) Find $AXX^T A^T$.

(4) Solve the equation $AXX^T A^T = 0$ in terms of X . Assume that solution matrix X has real numbers as entries.

[Answer]: (1) $A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$, $X^T = \begin{bmatrix} x & z \\ y & w \end{bmatrix}$.

(2) $XX^T = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x & z \\ y & w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x^2 + y^2 & xz + yw \\ xz + yw & z^2 + w^2 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
(3) \quad & AXX^T A^T \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x^2 + y^2 & xz + yw \\ xz + yw & z^2 + w^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (x^2 + y^2) - (xz + yw) \\ (xz + yw) - (z^2 + w^2) \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \left[(x^2 + y^2) - (xz + yw) \right] - \left[(xz + yw) - (z^2 + w^2) \right] \\
&= x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + w^2 - 2xz - 2yw.
\end{aligned}$$

(4) By (3), the equation $AXX^T A^T = 0$ becomes

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + w^2 - 2xz - 2yw = 0.$$

We may simplify the left side of the equation, and the equation becomes

$$(x - z)^2 + (y - w)^2 = 0.$$

Under the condition that x , y , z and w are all real numbers, we may solve the equation as

$$x = z, \quad y = w.$$

Hence, using two parameters t , s , we may solve the equation $AXX^T A^T = 0$ as $X = \begin{bmatrix} t & s \\ t & s \end{bmatrix}$.