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# Matrices

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## 01. Meaning

### Matrix

A set of  $mn$  numbers (real or imaginary) arranged in the form of a rectangular array of  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns is called an  $m \times n$  matrix (to be read as 'm by n' matrix). An  $m \times n$  matrix is usually written as

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1j} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2j} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & a_{i3} & \dots & a_{ij} & \dots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \dots & a_{mj} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

In compact form the above matrix is represented by

$$A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n} \text{ or } A = [a_{ij}].$$

The numbers  $a_{11}, a_{12}, \dots$  etc. are known as the elements of the matrix  $A$ . The element  $a_{ij}$  belongs to  $i^{\text{th}}$  row and  $j^{\text{th}}$  column and is called the  $(i, j)^{\text{th}}$  element of the matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$ . Thus, in the element  $a_{ij}$  the first subscript  $i$  always denotes the number of rows and the second subscript  $j$ , number of columns in which the element occurs.

For example,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is a matrix having 2 rows and 3 columns and so it is a matrix of order  $2 \times 3$  such that  $a_{11} = 2, a_{12} = 1, a_{13} = -1, a_{21} = 1, a_{22} = 3, a_{23} = 2$ .

## 02. Types of Matrices

### Row Matrix

A matrix having only one row is called a row-matrix or a row-vector.

For example,  $A = [1 \ 2 \ -1 \ -2]$  is a row matrix of order  $1 \times 4$ .

### Column Matrix

A matrix having only one column is called a column matrix or a column-vector.

For example,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  are column-matrices or order  $3 \times 1$  and  $4 \times 1$

respectively.

### Horizontal/Vertical Matrix

A matrix is called a horizontal matrix if there are less number of rows than columns and a matrix is called vertical if there are more number of rows than columns.

i.e.,  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  is a horizontal matrix if  $m < n$ .

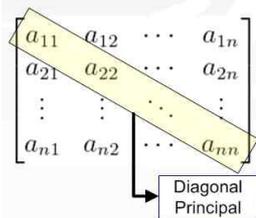
and  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  is a vertical matrix if  $m > n$ .

(where  $m$  is number of rows and  $n$  is number of columns)

e.g.,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & z_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & z_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \\ 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ , are respectively horizontal and vertical matrices.

### Square Matrix

If in a matrix, number of rows ( $m$ ) = number of columns ( $n$ ), then it is said to be a square matrix and the elements  $a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{nn}$  are called diagonal elements and the line passing through them is known as principal or leading diagonal. The other diagonal is known as off diagonal.



For example,  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 & 5 \\ 1 & 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$  is square matrix of order 3 in which the diagonal elements are 2, -2 and -3.

### Diagonal Matrix

A square matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  is called a diagonal matrix if all the elements, except those in the leading diagonal, are zero i.e.

$$a_{ij} = 0 \text{ for all } i \neq j$$

A diagonal matrix of order  $n \times n$  having  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n$  as diagonal elements is denoted by  $\text{diag} [d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n]$ .

For example, the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is a diagonal matrix, to be denoted by

$$A = \text{diag} [1, 2, 3].$$

### Scalar Matrix

A square matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  is called a scalar matrix if

- (i)  $a_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$ , and
- (ii)  $a_{ii} = C$  for all  $i$ , where  $C \neq 0$ .

In other words, a diagonal matrix in which all the diagonal elements are equal is called the scalar matrix.

For example, the matrices  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1-2i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-2i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-2i \end{bmatrix}$  are scalar matrices of order 2 and 3 respectively.

### Identity Or Unit Matrix

A square matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  is called an identity or unit matrix if

- (i)  $a_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$  and
- (ii)  $a_{ii} = 1$  for all  $i$

In other words, a square matrix each of whose diagonal element is unity and each of whose non-diagonal elements is equal to zero is called an identity or unit matrix.

The identity matrix of order  $n$  is denoted by  $I_n$ .

For example, the matrices  $I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  are identity matrices of order 2 and 3 respectively.

### Null Matrix

A matrix whose all elements are zero is called a null matrix or a zero matrix.

For example,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  are null matrices of order  $2 \times 2$  and  $2 \times 3$  respectively.

### Upper Triangular Matrix

A square matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is called an upper triangular matrix if  $a_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i > j$ .

Thus, in an upper triangular matrix, all elements below the main diagonal are zero.

For example,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  is an upper triangular matrix.

### Lower Triangular Matrix

A square matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is called a lower triangular matrix if  $a_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i < j$ .

Thus, in a lower triangular matrix, all elements above the main diagonal are zero.

For example,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is a lower triangular matrix of order 3. A triangular matrix

$A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  is called a strictly triangular iff.

$$a_{ii} = 0 \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

## 03. Algebra of Matrices

### Equality Of Matrices

The matrices  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  and  $B = [b_{ij}]_{r \times s}$  are equal if

- (i)  $m = r$ , i.e., the number of rows in  $A$  equals the number of rows in  $B$
- (ii)  $n = s$ , i.e., the number of columns in  $A$  equals the number of columns in  $B$
- (iii)  $a_{ij} = b_{ij}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$

### Addition Of Matrices

Let  $A, B$  be two matrices, each of order  $m \times n$ . Then their sum  $A + B$  is a matrix of order  $m \times n$  and is obtained by adding the corresponding elements of  $A$  and  $B$ .

Thus, if  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  and  $B = [b_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  are two matrices of the same order, their sum  $A + B$  is defined to be the matrix of order  $m \times n$  such that

$$(A + B)_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij} \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, m \text{ and } j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$