

MAT 305: Mathematical Computing

Linear algebra

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- ③ How matrices can be useful
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sage: u + v
(1, 5, 1, 2)
sage: u*v
4
sage: u.norm()
2*sqrt(2)
```

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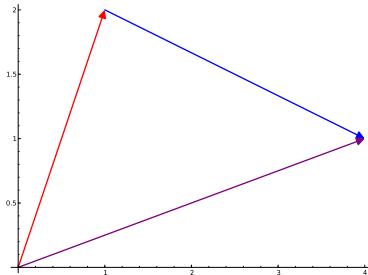
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The `matrix()` command

`matrix(ring, #rows, #cols, entries)` where

- *ring* (optional) an algebraic ring
 \mathbb{N} , \mathbb{Z} (default), \mathbb{Q} , \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{C} , symbolic ring, ...
- *#rows*, *#cols* (optional) number of rows and columns
(default depends on *entries*; no *entries* $\implies 0 \times 0$ matrix)
- *entries* (optional) is one of
 - a list of entries, from northwest corner to southeast
(if *#rows*, *#cols* specified)
 - a list of row vectors
 - none specified? all entries 0

Example matrices

```
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                      [x + I, 1, 0]])
```

```
sage: MS
```

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[x^2 + 1      0      0]
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[ x + I      1      0]
```

Help yourself read

Good idea to put rows in different lines

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```
sage: MS[1,0]
```

```
x+I
```

```
sage: MS[0,2] = x - I
```

(counting starts from 0)

```
sage: MS
```

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[x^2 + 1      0      x - I]
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[ x + I      1      0]
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Submatrices

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sage: MZ[1,1] = 1
```

```
sage: MZ.submatrix(1,1,2,2)
```

```
[ 1 0]
```

```
[ 0 0]
```

Basic matrix operations

“dot” command	mathematics
<code>M.det()</code>	determinant
<code>M.inverse()</code>	
<code>M.transpose()</code>	
<code>M.eigenvalues()</code>	
<code>M.eigenvectors_right()</code>	right eigenvectors*
<code>M.eigenvectors_left()</code>	left eigenvectors*
<code>M.echelon_form()</code>	echelon form of unchanged M
<code>M.echelonize()</code>	change M to echelon form
<code>M.ncols()</code>	number of columns
<code>M.nrows()</code>	number of rows

*“right eigenvectors” are usual “eigenvectors”

Row arithmetic

“dot” command	mathematics
<code>M.set_row_to_multiple_of_row(i,j,a)</code>	set row i to a times row j^*
<code>M.add_multiple_of_row(i,j,a)</code>	add a times row j to row i^*
<code>M.swap_rows(i,j)</code>	swap rows i, j
<code>M.swap_columns(i,j)</code>	swap columns i, j

*row i changes; row j remains the same

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Algorithm from High School Algebra II!

algorithm Compute inverse

inputs

M , an invertible matrix over a field

outputs

M^{-1}

do

Let $n = \dim(M)$

Let A be augmented matrix $(M \mid I_n)$

Triangularize A

return rightmost $n \times n$ submatrix of A

Try it!

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To create I_4 , can set diagonal entries of zero matrix to 1...

```
sage: I4 = matrix(4,4)
```

```
sage: for i in range(4):  
      I4[i,i] = 1
```

```
sage: I4  
[1 0 0 0]  
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sage: A = MZ.augment(I4)
```

```
sage: A
```

```
[1 2 3 4 1 0 0 0]
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```

```
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*Looks the same, but it's not.
Return to regularly-scheduled programming.*

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```
sage: Minv = A.submatrix(0,4,4,4)
```

```
sage: Minv * M
```

```
[1 0 0 0]
```

```
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```

```
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```
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Other tools

Need another computation w/ M ? Remember:

- $M.<tab>$ states all tools for M
- $M.<command>?$ states help for command
- $M.<command>??$ lists source code for command

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Example

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = -2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

verification in Sage:

```
sage: M = matrix(2,2,[0,2,2,0])
```

```
sage: v = vector([1,-1])
```

```
sage: M*v
```

```
(-2, 2)
```

Easy to find in Sage

```
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```
sage: M.eigenvectors_left()
```

```
[(2, [(1, 1)], 1), (-2, [(1, -1)], 1)]
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What does this tell us?

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In other words,

- $M\mathbf{e}_1 = 2\mathbf{e}_1$
- $M\mathbf{e}_2 = -2\mathbf{e}_2$

Try verifying this in Sage

Neat fact of eigenvectors

Theorem (Eigendecomposition)

Let M be an $n \times n$ matrix with

- independent eigenvectors $\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n$
- corresponding to eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$.

We can rewrite M as $M = Q\Lambda Q^{-1}$ where

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```

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sage: L = matrix(2,2,[2,0,0,-2])
```

```
sage: Q*L*Q**(-1)
```

```
[0 2]
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... recall $M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

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This is the well-known Fibonacci sequence:

$$f_1 = 1 \quad f_2 = 1 \quad f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$$

Can we get a “non-recursive” formula?

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Iterative multiplication generates the sequence

```
sage: F = matrix(2,2,[1,1,1,0])
```

```
sage: f12 = vector([1,1])
```

```
sage: F*f12
```

```
[2, 1]
```

```
sage: F^2*f12
```

```
[3, 2]
```

```
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```

```
[5, 3]
```

```
...
```

In short,

$$F^{n-2} \begin{pmatrix} f_2 \\ f_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_n \\ f_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} F^n &= (Q\Lambda Q^{-1})^n \\ &= \underbrace{(Q\Lambda Q^{-1})(Q\Lambda Q^{-1})\cdots(Q\Lambda Q^{-1})}_n \\ &= \underbrace{Q\Lambda(Q^{-1}Q)\Lambda(Q^{-1}Q)\cdots(Q^{-1}Q)\Lambda Q^{-1}}_n \\ &= Q\Lambda^n Q^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Since Λ is diagonal, it is easy to compute Λ^n

What to do?

General outline:

- Compute eigenvectors and eigenvalues
`sage: F.eigenvectors_right()`
- Construct $Q\Lambda^n Q^{-1}$
`sage: Q = matrix(2,2,[...])`
`sage: L = matrix(2,2,[...])`
- Analyze the equation

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```
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[(-0.618033988749895?,  
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- In fact, we can determine their exact values

```
sage: F = F.change_ring(SR)  
sage: F.eigenvectors_right()  
[(-1/2*sqrt(5) + 1/2,  
  [(1, -1/2*sqrt(5) - 1/2)], 1),  
 (1/2*sqrt(5) + 1/2,  
  [(1, 1/2*sqrt(5) - 1/2)], 1)]
```

Put it together

$$\left[\left(-\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{5} + \frac{1}{2}, \left[\left(1, -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{5} - \frac{1}{2} \right), 1 \right], \right), \right. \\ \left. \left(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{5} + \frac{1}{2}, \left[\left(1, \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{5} - \frac{1}{2} \right), 1 \right] \right) \right]$$

```
sage: Q = matrix(
        [1, -1/2*sqrt(5) - 1/2],
        [1, 1/2*sqrt(5) - 1/2]
    )
sage: var('n')
sage: L = matrix(2,2,[
        (-1/2*sqrt(5) + 1/2)^(n-2), 0,
        0, (1/2*sqrt(5) + 1/2)^(n-2)
    ])
sage: Q*L*Q**(-1)
...very unpleasant
```

...or is it?

With an “algebraic massage” (omitted), the matrix product tells us that

$$f_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \right]$$

To get this:

- need to work with elements of matrix
- rationalize denominators
- notice change in exponent: a bit of trickery involved

Binet's Formula

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golden ratio

(kindly observe a moment of reverent awe)

Outline

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Summary

- Sage does matrices
 - over fields *and* rings
 - symbolic ring! explore!
 - can change base ring

- You can solve some sophisticated problems using matrices on Sage