

Day 15

Learning goals

- Review $\text{Mat}_{m \times n}(F)$ or F -vs
- Define matrix product

$$\text{Mat}_{m \times p}(F) \times \text{Mat}_{p \times n}(F) \rightarrow \text{Mat}_{m \times n}(F)$$

- Properties of matrix product

Recall $\text{Mat}_{m \times n}(F) = \{m \times n \text{ matrices with entries in } F\}$

For $A \in \text{Mat}_{m \times n}(F)$, write A_{ij} or $A_{i,j}$ for the entry of A in row i , column j :

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} & \cdots & A_{1j} & \cdots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} & \cdots & A_{2j} & \cdots & A_{2n} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} & \cdots & A_{3j} & \cdots & A_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{i1} & A_{i2} & A_{i3} & \cdots & A_{ij} & \cdots & A_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & A_{m2} & A_{m3} & \cdots & A_{mj} & \cdots & A_{mn} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$\text{Mat}_{m \times n}(F)$ carries a linear structure with
"coordinatewise" add'n and scalar mult'n:

$$(A+B)_{ij} := A_{ij} + B_{ij}$$

$$(\lambda A)_{ij} := \lambda A_{ij}$$

Defn For $A \in \text{Mat}_{m \times p}(F)$, $B \in \text{Mat}_{p \times n}(F)$, the
matrix product AB is the $m \times n$ matrix with entries

$$(AB)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^p A_{ik} B_{kj} \quad \text{"dot product" of } i\text{-th row of } A, \text{ } j\text{-th column of } B$$

E.g.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 3} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 \\ 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 2} = \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 6 \\ 26 & 11 \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 2}$$

Here 6 = "dot product" of $(1, 0, 2)$, $(0, -1, 3)$
 $= 1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot 3$

Prop For $A \in \text{Mat}_{m \times n}(F)$, $B \in \text{Mat}_{n \times r}(F)$, $\lambda \in F$

$$(1) \quad \lambda(AB) = (\lambda A)B = A(\lambda B)$$

$$(2) \quad (AB)C = A(BC) \quad \forall C \in \text{Mat}_{r \times s}(F)$$

$$(3) \quad A(B+C) = AB + AC \quad \forall C \in \text{Mat}_{n \times r}(F)$$

$$(4) \quad (C+D)A = CA + DA \quad \forall C, D \in \text{Mat}_{r \times m}(F)$$

Pf of (2) Fix $C \in \text{Mat}_{r \times s}(F)$. Then

$$(A(BC))_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik} (BC)_{kj}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik} \left(\sum_{l=1}^r B_{kl} C_{lj} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^r A_{ik} (B_{kl} C_{lj})$$

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$$= \sum_{l=1}^r \sum_{k=1}^n (A_{ik} B_{kl}) C_{lj}$$

$$= \sum_{l=1}^r \left(\sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik} B_{kl} \right) C_{lj}$$

$$= \sum_{l=1}^r (AB)_{il} C_{lj}$$

$$= ((AB)C)_{ij} \quad \square$$



Matrix mult'n is not commutative in gen'l.

(a) Dimensions don't match for non-square matrices, in which case product is not even defined!

(b) Even in square case,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

TPS

Find all $A \in \text{Mat}_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{F})$ such that

$$\forall B \in \text{Mat}_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{F}), AB = BA.$$

Sol'n

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ae+bg & af+bh \\ ce+dg & cf+dh \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ae+cf & be+df \\ ag+ch & bg+dh \end{pmatrix}$$

so need a, b, c, d such that

$$ae+bg = ae+cf, \quad af+bh = be+df$$

$$ce+dg = ag+ch, \quad cf+dh = bg+dh$$

for all $e, f, g, h \in F$. Thus $bg = cf$ and taking $g = f = 1$ implies $b = c$. If $f = 0$, get $bh = be$ $\forall h, e \in F$, so we must have $b = 0 = c$.

But now $af = df$ $\forall f \in F$, so $a = d$.

Check that $\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$ does indeed commute $\forall a \in F$.

so these "constant diagonal" matrices constitute the "center" of $\text{Mat}_{2 \times 2}(F)$.

fancy name for matrices commuting with all others

Preview A linear trans $f: F^n \rightarrow F^m$ is determined by $f(e_1) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{pmatrix}$, $f(e_2) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{12} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m2} \end{pmatrix}$, ..., $f(e_n) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$.

The matrix $\begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ f(e_1) & \dots & f(e_n) \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix}$ is a "code" for f .

Given $g: F^m \rightarrow F^r$, the matrix product

$$(g(e_1) \dots g(e_m)) (f(e_1) \dots f(e_n))$$

is equal to the "code" for $g \circ f: F^n \rightarrow F^r$.

(We will prove this later, but you can try to do it yourself now!)

No wonder matrix mult'n is associative:
so is composition of linear transformations!