

## CHAPTER 2    MATRIX ALGEBRA

### 2.1 Matrices

A rectangular matrix  $[A]$  of order  $m \times n$  is

$$[A] = [a_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $a_{ij}$  is the element at  $i$ th row and  $j$ th column.

If  $m=n$ , it is a square matrix

If  $m=1$ , it is a row matrix

If  $n=1$ , it is a column matrix.

### 2.2

#### Row and column matrices

Row matrix  $[A] = [a_{11} \quad a_{12} \quad a_{13} \quad a_{14} \quad \dots \quad a_{1n}]$

Column matrix  $\{A\} = \begin{Bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ a_{31} \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1} \end{Bmatrix}$

### 2.3

#### Addition and subtraction of matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \pm \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \pm b_{11} & a_{12} \pm b_{12} \\ a_{21} \pm b_{21} & a_{22} \pm b_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

Commutative Law     $[A] - [B] = -[B] + [A]$

Associative Law     $([A] + [B]) - [C] = [A] + ([B] - [C])$

## 2.4

Scalar multipliers

A matrix of order one by one is a scalar. Scalar is a quantity.

Let  $k$  be a scalar (a number), then

$$k[A] = \begin{bmatrix} ka_{11} & ka_{12} & \dots & ka_{1n} \\ ka_{21} & ka_{22} & \dots & ka_{2n} \\ ka_{31} & & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ ka_{n1} & ka_{n2} & \dots & ka_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Example:

$$\text{If } [A] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad [B] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \quad [C] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$2[A] + 3[B] - 4[C] = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 24 & 30 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 12 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 2.5

Matrix multiplication

$$\begin{matrix} [C] \\ 2 \times 2 \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} [A] \\ 2 \times 3 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} [B] \\ 3 \times 2 \end{matrix} \quad \text{can be written in detail as}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\begin{bmatrix} [C] \\ 2 \times 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (a_{11}b_{11} + a_{12}b_{21} + a_{13}b_{31}) & (a_{11}b_{12} + a_{12}b_{22} + a_{13}b_{32}) \\ (a_{21}b_{11} + a_{22}b_{21} + a_{23}b_{31}) & (a_{21}b_{12} + a_{22}b_{22} + a_{23}b_{32}) \end{bmatrix}$$

If matrix  $[A]$  is of order  $m \times p$  and matrix  $[B]$  is of order  $p \times n$  and matrix  $[C]$  is the product of matrices  $[A]$  and  $[B]$ , matrix  $[C]$  is then of order  $m \times n$ .

The term  $c_{ij}$  is obtained by the formula that

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^p a_{ik} b_{kj}$$

$$= a_{i1}b_{1j} + a_{i2}b_{2j} + a_{i3}b_{3j} \dots\dots\dots + a_{ip}b_{pj}$$

## 2.6 Fortran Statements for Matrix Multiplication

For  $\begin{matrix} [C] \\ M \times N \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} [A] \\ M \times L \end{matrix} \times \begin{matrix} [B] \\ L \times N \end{matrix}$  we write

DIMENSION A(100,100), B(100,100), C(100,100)  
input matrices [A] and [B]

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DO 10 I = 1,M
DO 10 J = 1,N
C(I,J)=0.0
DO 10 K = 1,L
10 C(I,J) = C(I,J) + A(I,K)*B(K,J)
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### Diagram Explanation of Matrix Multiplication

If  $[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $[B] = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 & 7 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 6 & 4 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

and  $\begin{matrix} [C] \\ 3 \times 5 \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} [A] \\ 3 \times 6 \end{matrix} \times \begin{matrix} [B] \\ 6 \times 5 \end{matrix}$

we can write the multiplication procedure in the following diagram form:

$$\begin{matrix} & [B] \\ [A] & [C] \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \nearrow \\ \searrow \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \nearrow \\ \searrow \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 & 7 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 6 & 4 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \nearrow \\ \searrow \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 13 & 5 & 15 & 11 \\ 8 & 4 & 11 & 10 & 5 \\ 7 & 11 & 10 & 13 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

For example;  $c_{24} = \sum_{k=1}^6 a_{2k} b_{k4} = 10$

# Some notes for matrix multiplication

- i Matrices are in general not commutative in multiplication:

$$[A][B] \neq [B][A]$$

Example:  $[A][B] = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 7 \\ 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$

$[B][A] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 8 \\ 5 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$  unequal

- ii Two matrices  $[A]$  and  $[B]$  can only be multiplied together if they are conformable, i.e.,

"The number of columns in matrix  $[A]$  must be equal to the number of rows in matrix  $[B]$ "

$$\begin{matrix} [A] & \times & [B] & = & [C] & \text{if and only if} & P = L. \\ M \times P & & L \times N & & M \times N \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} [A] & [B] & [C] & = & [D] & \text{if and only if} & Q = R \text{ and} \\ M \times P & L \times Q & R \times N & & M \times N & & P = L. \end{matrix}$$

where  $[C]$  is premultiplied by  $[B]$  and  $[B]$  is premultiplied by  $[A]$ .  $[A]$  is postmultiplied by  $[B]$ .

- iii The matrices are associative in multiplication

$$[A][B][C] = ([A][B])[C] = [A]([B][C])$$

Example:  $[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $[B] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$[C] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$([A][B])[C] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[A]([B][C]) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Transpose of Matrix

Interchange the rows and columns of a matrix  $[A]$ , we obtain the transposed matrix  $[A]^T$ .

$$([A]^T)^T = [A]$$

$$[A]^T + [B]^T = ([A] + [B])^T$$

$$\text{If } [A] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } [A]^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & a_{31} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & a_{32} \end{bmatrix}$$

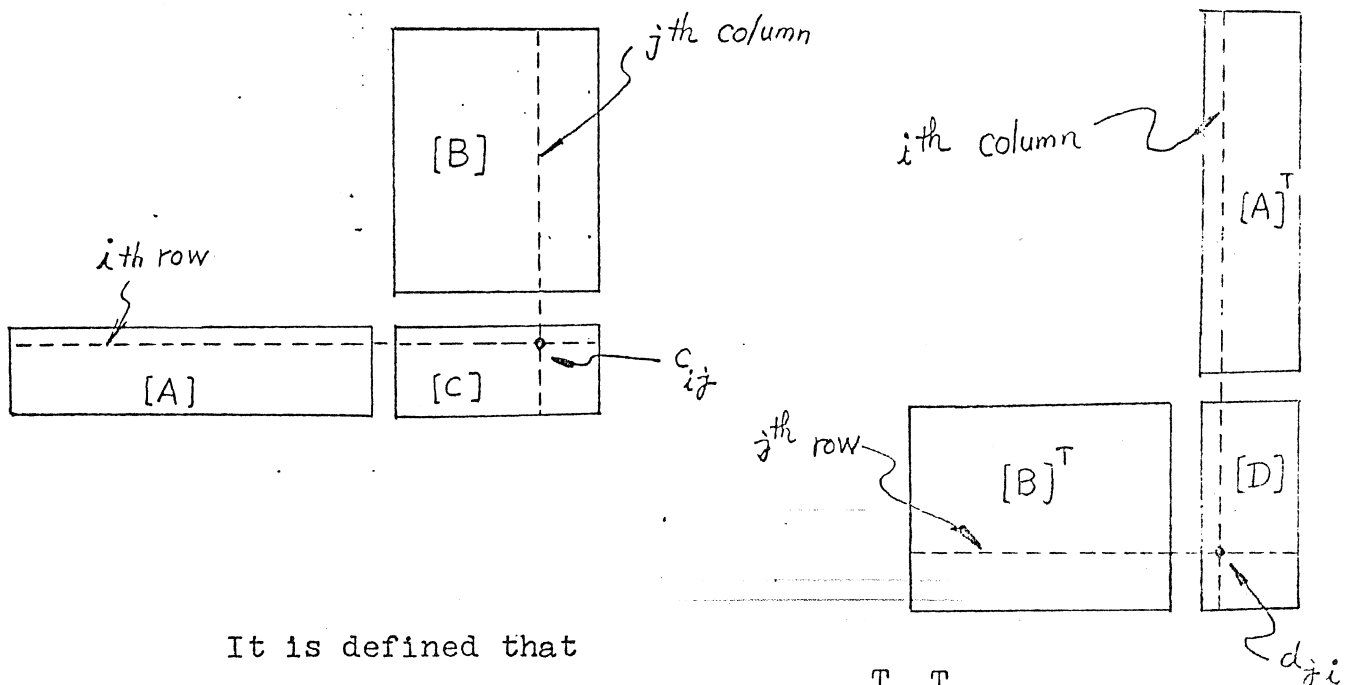
For  $[A]$  and  $[B]$ ,  $[A][B]$  are conformable  
 $M \times N$                        $N \times L$

But for  $[A]^T$  and  $[B]^T$ ,  $\begin{cases} [B]^T[A]^T \text{ are conformable} \\ [A]^T[B]^T \text{ are not conformable.} \end{cases}$

Hence we know that

$$([A][B])^T \neq [A]^T[B]^T$$

Derivation of the formula that  $([A][B])^T = [B]^T[A]^T$



It is defined that

$$[C] = [A][B] \text{ and } [D] = [B]^T[A]^T$$

From the figure it is seen that  $c_{ij} = d_{ji}$ , or in general  $[D] = [C]^T$

It is therefore shown that

$$([A][B])^T = [B]^T[A]^T$$

the equation can be generalized as that

$$([A][B][C][D])^T = [D]^T[C]^T[B]^T[A]^T$$

Example: If  $[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $[B] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

and if  $[C] = [A][B]$ , find  $[C]^T$

We have two solutions for this problem.

Solution 1  $[C] = [A][B] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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

Therefore

$$[C]^T = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution 2

$$[C]^T = [B]^T[A]^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

## 2.8

### Special Matrices

- (a) Square Matrix: If  $m = n$  for  $[A]$ , then  $[A]$  is a  $n \times n$  square matrix.

For symmetrical matrix  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$  and  $[A] = [A]^T$

For antisymmetrical matrix,  $a_{ij} = -a_{ji}$  and  $[A] = -[A]^T$

- (b) Null Matrix

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

- (c) Diagonal Matrix (restricted to square matrix)

$$a_{ij} = 0 \text{ for } i \neq j \quad \text{and} \quad a_{ij} \neq 0 \text{ for } i = j.$$

Thus a diagonal matrix is in the form that

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{44} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{55} \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $[A]$  is a diagonal matrix and  $[A]\{x\} = \{c\}$ ,

what is the solution for the unknown vector  $\{x\}$ ?

(d) Unit Matrix ( Identity Matrix)  $[I]$

$$a_{ij} = 0 \text{ for } i \neq j, \quad a_{ij} = 1 \text{ for } i = j$$

$$[I] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[A][I] = [A], \quad [I][A] = [A]$$

(e) Scalar Matrix:

Scalar matrix is a special form of diagonal matrix.

It is a diagonal matrix when  $a_{11} = a_{22} = a_{33} = a_{44} = \dots = \text{constant}$ .

For example, 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = 4 [I]$$

(f) Triangular Matrix ( Restricted to Square Matrix )

Upper triangular matrix:  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $i$  greater than  $j$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 2 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Lower triangular matrix:  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $i$  smaller than  $j$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 3 & 9 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2.9

Matrix Partition (Submatrices)

The array of elements in a matrix may be divided into smaller arrays by horizontal and vertical dash lines. Such matrix is then referred to as a partitioned matrix, and the smaller arrays are called submatrices.

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$[A_{11}] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}; \quad [A_{12}] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{13} \\ a_{23} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[A_{21}] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{31} & a_{32} \end{bmatrix}; \quad \text{and} \quad A_{22} = a_{33}.$$

2.11

Coordinate Transformation Matrix [T]

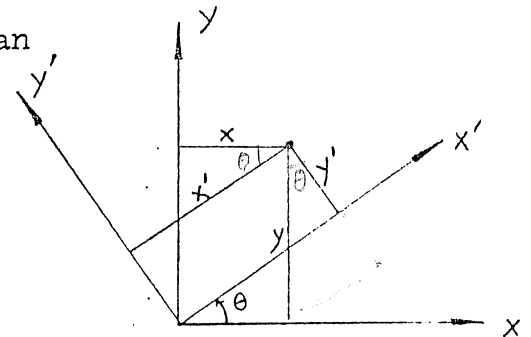
For example, the transformation matrix for coordinate transformation in a plan can be derived as follows.

Assuming  $\theta$  is an angle that the coordinates  $(x, y)$  rotate, then

$$x' = x \cos\theta + y \sin\theta$$

$$y' = -x \sin\theta + y \cos\theta$$

$$\text{or } \begin{Bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x \\ y \end{Bmatrix} = [T] \begin{Bmatrix} x \\ y \end{Bmatrix}$$



Example 2.4

3-D Coordinate Transformation

2.10

Orthogonal Matrix (restricted to square matrix)

If  $[A]^{-1} = [A]^T$ , matrix  $[A]$  is an orthogonal matrix.

Advantage: If matrix  $[A]$  is orthogonal,  $[A]^{-1}$  can be obtained simply by transposing  $[A]$  without lengthy calculation for inverting.



If  $[A]^{-1} = [A]^T$ , then  $[A][A]^T = [I]$

Assuming that  $[A] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$

the property of orthogonality implies that

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & a_{31} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & a_{32} \\ a_{13} & a_{23} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiplying out, we obtain

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}^2 + a_{12}^2 + a_{13}^2 = 1 \\ a_{21}^2 + a_{22}^2 + a_{23}^2 = 1 \\ a_{31}^2 + a_{32}^2 + a_{33}^2 = 1 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} a_{11}a_{21} + a_{12}a_{22} + a_{13}a_{23} = 0 \\ a_{21}a_{31} + a_{22}a_{32} + a_{23}a_{33} = 0 \\ a_{31}a_{11} + a_{32}a_{12} + a_{33}a_{13} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Thus we reach the following conclusion:

#### Conditions of Orthogonality

- 1 The sum of the squares of each term in a row must be equal to unity.
- 2 The sum of the products of each pair of corresponding terms in two rows must be equal to zero.

Example: Show that the transformation matrix derived for coordinates rotation in the previous section is an orthogonal matrix.  $[T] = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$

We check the matrix by the two conditions of orthogonality.

$$\underline{1} \text{ Summation of Squares } \begin{cases} \cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta = 1 \\ (-\sin\theta)^2 + \cos^2\theta = 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{O.K.}$$

2 Summation of products

$$-\sin\theta \cos\theta + \sin\theta \cos\theta = 0 \quad \text{O.K.}$$

We thus conclude that the above coordinate transformation matrix is an orthogonal matrix.

2.12

Determinant (restricted to square matrix)

A determinant of a square matrix  $[A]_{mxm}$  is a scalar value function denoted by

$$\det [A] = |A| = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_{1m} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_{2m} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_{mm} \end{vmatrix}$$

2.12.1

Minor and Cofactor

The first minor of a determinant  $\det[A]$ , corresponding to the element  $a_{ij}$ , is defined as the determinant obtained by omission of the  $i$ th row and  $j$ th column of  $\det[A]$ . Let us denote this minor by  $\overline{M}_{ij}$ .

Example: If  $|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 & 9 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 3 & 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$

the first minor for  $a_{32}$  is defined as

$$\overline{M}_{32} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & 7 & 9 \\ 2 & 6 & 8 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

If the first minor  $\overline{M}_{ij}$  is multiplied by  $(-1)^{1+j}$ , it becomes the cofactor of the term  $a_{ij}$ . Thus

$$\overline{A}_{ij} = (-1)^{1+j} \overline{M}_{ij}$$

Example:

$$\overline{A}_{32} = (-1)^{3+2} \overline{M}_{32} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & 7 & 9 \\ 2 & 6 & 8 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

2.12.2

Expansion of Determinant ( Laplace Expansion Formula)

The determinant of a matrix  $[A]$  can be found by the repetitive use of the Laplace Expansion formula:

$$\det [A] = \sum_{k=1}^m a_{ik} \bar{A}_{ik} \quad (i \text{ can be any row and } i \text{ is not to be summed})$$

or

$$\det [A] = \sum_{k=1}^m a_{kj} \bar{A}_{kj} \quad (j \text{ can be any column and } j \text{ is not to be summed})$$

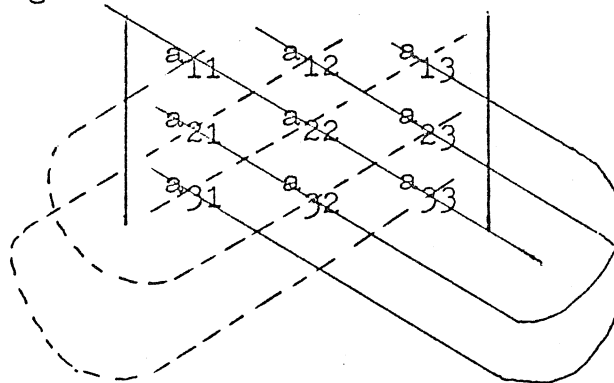
$\det[A]$  is written in terms of the sum of the products of the elements in the  $i$ th row ( or  $j$ th column) and their corresponding cofactors.

Example 1

$$\begin{aligned} \det[A] &= \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11} \bar{A}_{11} + a_{12} \bar{A}_{12} + a_{13} \bar{A}_{13} \\ &= a_{11} (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \\ &\quad + a_{12} (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \\ &\quad + a_{13} (-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= a_{11} a_{22} (-1)^{1+1} a_{33} + a_{11} a_{23} (-1)^{1+2} a_{32} \\ &\quad - a_{12} a_{21} (-1)^{1+1} a_{33} - a_{12} a_{23} (-1)^{1+2} a_{31} \\ &\quad + a_{13} a_{21} (-1)^{1+1} a_{32} + a_{13} a_{22} (-1)^{1+2} a_{31} \end{aligned}$$

$$= a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} \\ - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31} - a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} - a_{12}a_{21}a_{33}$$

In other words, the above operation is in the following "familiar" diagram form:



Example 2 Find  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

By the diagram method

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 + 0 + 9 - 0 - 0 - 6 = 4$$

Or by the Laplace expansion formula

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \cdot (-1)^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 2(-1)^3 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ + 3(-1)^4 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ = 1(-1)^2 \cdot 1 + 0 - 2 \cdot 3(-1)^2 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 3(-1)^2 \cdot 1 \\ + 3 \cdot 1(-1)^3 \cdot 0 \\ = 1 - 6 + 9 \\ = 4$$

2.12.3

Properties of the Determinant

- 1 The determinant of a matrix and the determinant of the transpose of that matrix are equal.  $|A| = |A|^T$
- 2  $|([A][B])| = |A||B|$
- 3 Interchanging any two rows or columns changes the sign of the determinant.
- 4 If all of the elements in a row, or a column, in a matrix are zeros, the determinant is zero.
- 5 If two rows or two columns in a matrix are identical, the value of the determinant is zero. This is a sufficient condition, but not a necessary condition.

For example, 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

- 6 If matrix  $[B]$  is obtained from matrix  $[A]$  by adding a multiple of one row of  $[A]$  to another ( or a multiple of one column to another), then  $|A| = |B|$ .

Example:

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 4$$

If the second row is replaced by the sum of the second row and twice of the first row, we have

$$|B| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 4 = |A|$$

2.13

Matrix Inversion (restricted to square matrix)

We are going to cover three methods for matrix inversion.

2.13.1 The Adjoint Method1 Definition of adjoint matrix:

Adjoint of a matrix  $[A]$ , written as  $\text{adj}[A]$  is of the following form,

$$\text{adj}[A] = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{A}_{11} & \bar{A}_{21} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \bar{A}_{m1} \\ \bar{A}_{12} & \bar{A}_{22} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \bar{A}_{m2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & & & & & \vdots \\ \bar{A}_{1m} & \bar{A}_{2m} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \bar{A}_{mm} \end{bmatrix} = [A_{ij}]^T$$

where the adjoint matrix,  $\text{adj}[A]$ , is defined as the transpose of the matrix of cofactors.

Example: If  $[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , find  $\text{adj}[A]$

First form cofactors:  $\bar{A}_{11} = -1$ ;  $\bar{A}_{12} = -5$ ;  $\bar{A}_{13} = 3$ ;  
 $\bar{A}_{21} = -3$ ;  $\bar{A}_{22} = 1$ ;  $\bar{A}_{23} = 1$ ;  
 $\bar{A}_{31} = 2$ ;  $\bar{A}_{32} = 2$ ;  $\bar{A}_{33} = -6$ .

$$\text{Hence } \text{adj}[A] = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 & 2 \\ -5 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

2.13.2 Derivation of the Equation for Matrix Inversion

The inverse of a matrix  $[A]$ , expressed by  $[A]^{-1}$ , is defined such that

$$[A][A]^{-1} = [I]$$

First let a matrix  $[P]$  of order  $m \times m$  be defined as

$$[P] = [A] \text{adj}[A] \text{ ----- (1)}$$

The term at the  $i$ th row and  $j$ th column of the matrix  $[P]$  is

$$p_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^m a_{ik} \bar{A}_{jk} \text{ ----- (2)}$$

If  $i = j$ ,  $p_{ij} = p_{ii} = \sum_{k=1}^m a_{ik} \bar{a}_{ik} = \det[A]$

which is precisely the Laplace expansion equation for finding the determinant.

Thus  $p_{11} = p_{22} = p_{33} \dots \dots \dots = p_{mm} = |A|$

If  $i \neq j$ ,  $p_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^m a_{ik} \bar{a}_{jk} = 0$

The proof of  $p_{ij} = 0$  will be given subsequently.

From the above explanation, it is readily seen that

$$[P] = \begin{bmatrix} |A| & & & & \\ & |A| & & & \\ & & |A| & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & |A| \\ & & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & & |A| \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[P] = [A] [I] \text{ ----- (3)}$$

Substituting equation (3) into equation (1),

$$[A] \text{adj}[A] = [A] [I]$$

$$[A] \frac{\text{adj}[A]}{|A|} = [I]$$

Multiplying both sides by  $[A]^{-1}$

$$[I] \frac{\text{adj}[A]}{|A|} = [A]^{-1} [I]$$

Finally we arrived at the equation for matrix inversion,

$$\boxed{[A]^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj}[A]}{\det[A]}}$$

Example: Inverse the matrix  $A$  as defined in Section 12(a)

$$[A]^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj}[A]}{\det[A]} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 & 2 \\ -5 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \div (-8)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{8} & \frac{3}{8} & -\frac{2}{8} \\ \frac{5}{8} & -\frac{1}{8} & -\frac{2}{8} \\ -\frac{3}{8} & -\frac{1}{8} & \frac{6}{8} \end{bmatrix}$$

Proof that  $p_{ij} = 0$  when  $i \neq j$

Let  $[A]$  be a 3 by 3 matrix, we can evaluate  $p_{ij}$  for both cases that  $i = j$  and  $i \neq j$ .

case i for  $i = j = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_{ij} = p_{11} &= \sum_{k=1}^3 a_{1k} \bar{A}_{1k} = a_{11} \bar{A}_{11} + a_{12} \bar{A}_{12} + a_{13} \bar{A}_{13} \\
 &= a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= \det \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

case ii for  $i = 2 \neq j = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_{ij} = p_{21} &= \sum_{k=1}^3 a_{2k} \bar{A}_{1k} = a_{21} \bar{A}_{11} + a_{22} \bar{A}_{12} + a_{23} \bar{A}_{13} \\
 &= a_{21} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{22} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{23} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= \det \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \text{zero}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since the first row and the second row are identical, we conclude that  $p_{ij} = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ .

In general, to evaluate  $p_{ij}$  with  $i \neq j$  is equivalent to finding the determinant of a matrix with two identical rows of elements  $a_{ik}$  with  $k = 1$  to  $m$ .



## 2.13.3

Gaussian Elimination Method (Gauss-Jordan Method)

This method can best be explained by a numerical example. Let it be desired to find the inverse of the matrix

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix  $[A]$  and an identity matrix  $[I]$  are both subjected to the following elimination procedure simultaneously.

row	matrix $[A]$			$[I]$			procedure
1	2	1	1	1	0	0	
2	1	3	1	0	1	0	
3	1	1	4	0	0	1	
4	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2} \times (\text{first row})$
5	0	$\frac{5}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$2^{\text{nd}} \text{ row} - 4^{\text{th}} \text{ row}$
6	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{7}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	$3^{\text{rd}} \text{ row} - 4^{\text{th}} \text{ row}$
7	0	1	$\frac{1}{5}$	$-\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	0	$(\frac{2}{5})(5^{\text{th}} \text{ row})$
8	0	0	$\frac{17}{5}$	$-\frac{2}{5}$	$-\frac{1}{5}$	1	$-\frac{1}{2}(7^{\text{th}} \text{ row}) + 6^{\text{th}} \text{ row}$
⇒ 9	0	0	1	$-\frac{2}{17}$	$-\frac{1}{17}$	$\frac{5}{17}$	$\frac{5}{17} \times 8^{\text{th}} \text{ row}$
10	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{19}{34}$	$\frac{1}{34}$	$-\frac{5}{34}$	$-\frac{1}{2}(9^{\text{th}} \text{ row}) + 4^{\text{th}} \text{ row}$
⇒ 11	0	1	0	$-\frac{3}{17}$	$\frac{7}{17}$	$-\frac{1}{17}$	$-\frac{1}{5}(9^{\text{th}} \text{ row}) + 7^{\text{th}} \text{ row}$
⇒ 12	1	0	0	$\frac{11}{17}$	$-\frac{3}{17}$	$-\frac{2}{17}$	$-\frac{1}{2}(11^{\text{th}} \text{ row}) + 10^{\text{th}} \text{ row}$

If we choose 12th, 11th, and 9th column, respectively, we have

1	0	0	$\frac{11}{17}$	$-\frac{3}{17}$	$-\frac{2}{17}$
0	1	0	$-\frac{3}{17}$	$\frac{7}{17}$	$-\frac{1}{17}$
0	0	1	$-\frac{2}{17}$	$-\frac{1}{17}$	$\frac{5}{17}$

The above process is equivalent to that

$$\begin{cases} [A][A]^{-1} = [I] \\ [I][A]^{-1} = [A]^{-1} \end{cases}$$

Therefore the inverse of the matrix  $[A]$  is obtained

$$[A]^{-1} = \frac{1}{17} \begin{bmatrix} 11 & -3 & -2 \\ -3 & 7 & -1 \\ -2 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

The use of matrix inverse:

Solve the following simultaneous equations

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 3 \\ x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 = -2 \\ x_1 + x_2 + 4x_3 = -6 \end{cases}$$

In matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -6 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\text{or } [A]\{x\} = \{c\}$$

$$\text{and } \{x\} = [A]^{-1}\{c\}$$

$$\text{Hence } \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{1}{17} \begin{bmatrix} 11 & -3 & -2 \\ -3 & 7 & -1 \\ -2 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -6 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Finally } \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

2.13.4

Cholesky SchemeInvert the matrix  $[A]$ 

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 8 & 6 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 6 & 5 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 8 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

We have the following three steps:Step 1 First defining

$[T]$  : an upper triangular matrix with diagonal terms equal to unity

$[L]$  : a lower triangular matrix

Find  $[L]$  and  $[T]$  such that  $[A] = [L][T]$

$[A]$				$[L]$				$[T]$			
4	2	8	6	$l_{11}$	0	0	0	1	$t_{12}$	$t_{13}$	$t_{14}$
3	2	3	2	$l_{21}$	$l_{22}$	0	0	0	1	$t_{23}$	$t_{24}$
6	5	4	3	$l_{31}$	$l_{32}$	$l_{33}$	0	0	0	1	$t_{34}$
2	8	5	2	$l_{41}$	$l_{42}$	$l_{43}$	$l_{44}$	0	0	0	1

Evaluate the elements in matrix  $A$  in column-wise direction

1<sup>st</sup> column:  $4 = l_{11}$ ,  $3 = l_{21}$ ,  $6 = l_{31}$ ,  $2 = l_{41}$

$$2^{\text{nd}} \text{ column} \begin{cases} 2 = l_{11} t_{12}, & t_{12} = \frac{1}{2} \\ 2 = l_{21} t_{12} + l_{22} = \frac{3}{2} + l_{22}, & l_{22} = \frac{1}{2} \\ 5 = l_{31} t_{12} + l_{32} = 3 + l_{32}, & l_{32} = 2 \\ 8 = l_{41} t_{12} + l_{42} = 1 + l_{42}, & l_{42} = 7 \end{cases}$$

$$3^{\text{rd}} \text{ column} \begin{cases} 8 = l_{11} t_{13}, & t_{13} = 2 \\ 3 = l_{21} t_{13} + l_{22} t_{23} = 3 \times 2 + \frac{1}{2} t_{23}, & t_{23} = -6 \\ \text{etc.} \end{cases}$$

Thus we have

[A]				[L]				[T]			
4	2	8	6	4	0	0	0	1	1/2	2	3/2
3	2	3	2	3	1/2	0	0	0	1	-6	-5
6	5	4	3	6	2	4	0	0	0	1	1
2	8	5	2	2	7	43	-9	0	0	0	1

Step 2 Derivation of  $[A]^{-1}$

$$[A] = [L][T]$$

$$[A][T]^{-1} = [L][T][T]^{-1} = [L][I] = [L]$$

$$[A]^{-1}[A][T]^{-1} = [A]^{-1}[L]$$

$$[T]^{-1} = [A]^{-1}[L] \text{ --- (1)}$$

If we can find  $[T]^{-1}$ , we can find  $[A]^{-1}$  from equation (1)

Step 3 Find  $[T]^{-1}$  through the decomposition procedure that

$$[T][T]^{-1} = [I]$$

[T]				[T]^{-1}				[I]			
1	1/2	2	3/2	$u_{11}$	$u_{12}$	$u_{13}$	$u_{14}$	1	0	0	0
0	1	-6	-5	$u_{21}$	$u_{22}$	$u_{23}$	$u_{24}$	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	$u_{31}$	$u_{32}$	$u_{33}$	$u_{34}$	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	1	$u_{41}$	$u_{42}$	$u_{43}$	$u_{44}$	0	0	0	1

We now evaluate the elements in the matrix  $[T]$

from the last row backward and row-wise:

$$\text{last row} \begin{cases} 1 = u_{44} \\ 0 = u_{43} \\ 0 = u_{42} \\ 0 = u_{41} \end{cases} \quad \text{3rd row} \begin{cases} 0 = u_{34} + u_{44}, & u_{34} = -1 \\ 1 = u_{33} + u_{43}, & u_{33} = 1 \\ 0 = u_{32} + u_{42}, & u_{32} = 0 \\ 0 = u_{31} + u_{41}, & u_{31} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{2nd row} \begin{cases} 0 = u_{24} - 6u_{34} - 5u_{44}, & u_{24} = -1 \\ 0 = u_{23} - 6u_{33} - 5u_{43}, & u_{23} = 6 \\ \text{etc.} \end{cases}$$

Thus we have

[T]				[T] <sup>T</sup>				[I]			
1	1/2	2	3/2	1	-1/2	-5	1	1	0	0	0
0	1	-6	-5	0	1	6	-1	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	0	0	1	-1	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

It is noted that  $[T]^{-1}$ , like  $[T]$ , is also an upper triangular matrix with diagonal terms equal to unity. Such matrix is called "echelon" matrix.

Now we can find  $[A]^{-1}$  by the use of equation (1).

[T] <sup>-1</sup>				[A] <sup>-1</sup>				[L]			
1	-1/2	-5	1	c <sub>11</sub>	c <sub>12</sub>	c <sub>13</sub>	c <sub>14</sub>	4	0	0	0
0	1	6	-1	c <sub>21</sub>	c <sub>22</sub>	c <sub>23</sub>	c <sub>24</sub>	3	1/2	0	0
0	0	1	-1	c <sub>31</sub>	c <sub>32</sub>	c <sub>33</sub>	c <sub>34</sub>	6	2	4	0
0	0	0	1	c <sub>41</sub>	c <sub>42</sub>	c <sub>43</sub>	c <sub>44</sub>	2	7	43	-9

We now evaluate the elements in matrix  $[T]^{-1}$  from the last column backward and column-wise,

$$\text{last column} \begin{cases} 1 = -9c_{44}, & c_{44} = -1/9 \\ -1 = -9c_{34}, & c_{34} = 1/9 \\ -1 = -9c_{24}, & c_{24} = 1/9 \\ 1 = -9c_{14}, & c_{14} = -1/9 \end{cases}$$

$$3^{\text{rd}} \text{ column} \begin{cases} 0 = 4c_{43} + 43c_{44} = 4c_{43} + 43/9, & c_{43} = \frac{43}{36} \\ 1 = 4c_{33} + 43c_{34} = 4c_{33} + 43/9, & c_{33} = -\frac{43}{36} \\ 6 = 4c_{23} + 43c_{24} = 4c_{23} + 43/9, & c_{23} = \frac{11}{36} \\ -5 = 4c_{13} + 43c_{14} = 4c_{13} - 43/9, & c_{13} = -\frac{1}{18} \end{cases}$$

etc.

Thus we have

[T] <sup>-1</sup>				[A] <sup>-1</sup>				[L]			
1	-1/2	-5	1	-14/72	7/9	-1/18	-1/9	4	0	0	0
0	1	6	-1	5/72	-7/9	11/36	1/9	3	1/2	0	0
0	0	1	-1	-22/72	20/9	-43/36	1/9	6	2	4	0
0	0	0	1	49/72	-29/9	43/36	-1/9	2	7	43	-9

Final Solution

2.15

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

If we have an equation in the form that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

or in the symbolic form that

$$[A]\{x\} - \lambda [I]\{x\} = 0 \quad (1a)$$

it is an eigenvalue problem.

In equation (1), the variables have the following physical meaning:

$\lambda$  = eigenvalue ( natural frequencies or buckling loads)

$\begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix}$  = eigenvectors ( mode shape corresponding to each natural frequency or buckling load)

Solution:

Equation (1) may be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} (3 - \lambda) & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & (2 - \lambda) & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & (1 - \lambda) \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

or in the symbolic form that

$$[C]\{x\} = \{0\} \quad (2a)$$

Equation (2) may be solved by the Kramer's rule,

$$x_1 = \frac{\det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & (2 - \lambda) & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & (1 - \lambda) \end{bmatrix}}{\det[C]} = \frac{0}{\det[C]}$$

In order to have a solution for  $x_1$ ,  $\det[C]$  must be equal to zero. We thus set  $\det[C] = 0$  which yields the "nontrivial solution".

$$\begin{vmatrix} (3 - \lambda) & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & (2 - \lambda) & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & (1 - \lambda) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\lambda^3 - 6\lambda^2 + 6\lambda - 1 = 0$$

$$(\lambda^3 - 1) - (6\lambda^2 - 6\lambda) = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 1)(\lambda^2 + \lambda + 1) - 6\lambda(\lambda - 1) = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 1)(\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 1) = 0$$

We thus find three roots for three eigenvalues:

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_1 = 0.209 \\ \lambda_2 = 1.0 \\ \lambda_3 = 4.791 \end{cases}$$

Corresponding to each eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , we have a set of eigenvectors  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ . We can not find the values for  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ , but if we assume  $x_1 = 1$  the other two values for  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  can be found relatively. This is what we call the normalized eigenvector. For example, for  $\lambda_1 = 0.209$ , we assume  $x_1 = 1.0$ . Equation (2) becomes

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|cc} (3 - \lambda_1) & 2 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & (2 - \lambda_1) & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & (1 - \lambda_1) \end{array} \right] \begin{Bmatrix} x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = 0 \quad (3)$$

Since we assumed the first eigenvector  $x_1$ , we neglect the first equation in the set (3),

$$\begin{Bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} + \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 2 - \lambda_1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 - \lambda_1 \end{array} \right] \begin{Bmatrix} x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = 0$$

or

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1.791 & 1.0 \\ \hline 1.0 & 0.791 \end{array} \right] \begin{Bmatrix} x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Following the Kramer's rule

$$x_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} -2.0 & 1.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.791 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1.791 & 1.0 \\ 1.0 & 0.791 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{-1.582}{0.416} = -3.8$$

$$x_3 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1.791 & -2.0 \\ 1.0 & 0.0 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1.791 & 1.0 \\ 1.0 & 0.791 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{2}{0.416} = 4.8$$

Hence corresponding to  $\lambda_1 = 0.209$ , we have a set of normalized eigenvector

$$\begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 1.0 \\ -3.8 \\ 4.8 \end{Bmatrix} \text{ --- (4)}$$

For a vibration problem,  $\lambda_1$  is the first lowest natural frequency and equation (4) gives the corresponding mode shape. For a buckling problem,  $\lambda_1$  is the critical buckling load and equation (4) gives the corresponding mode shape.

We can also find the second and the third mode shapes  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  for the eigenvalues  $\lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_3$ , respectively.