

# Mathematics for Seismology

## (Part 2)

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# Chapter 1

## Vector Algebra

### 1.1 Scalar, Vector and Tensor

Physical quantities are classified into the following three groups.

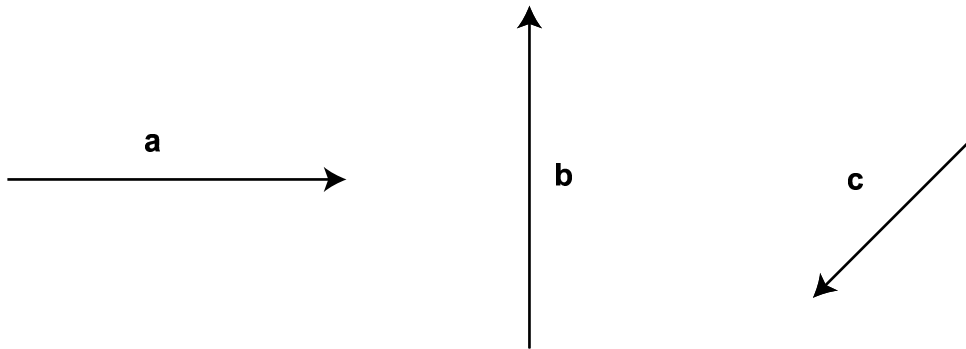
i) Scalar quantities are specified by their magnitudes only.

# Examples — mass  $m$ , length  $l$ , time  $t$ , temperature  $T$ , energy  $E$

ii) Vector quantities are specified by their magnitudes and directions.

# Examples — displacement  $\mathbf{u}$ , velocity  $\mathbf{v}$ , acceleration  $\mathbf{a}$ , force  $\mathbf{f}$ , momentum  $\mathbf{P}$

A vector quantities are denoted by a directed line segment as:



A vector quantities are also denoted by their components as:

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_x \\ a_y \\ a_z \end{pmatrix}$$

iii) Tensor quantities of order 2 or higher

# Examples — stress tensor  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \sigma_{ij}$ , strain tensor  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon} = \epsilon_{ij}$  (order 2)  
elastic constant tensor  $C_{ijkl}$  (order 4)

## 1.2 Vector Algebra

### 1.2.1 Vector Algebra in 2-D and 3-D space

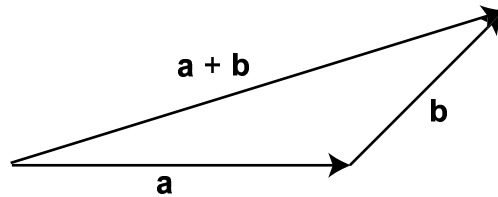
#### (0) Length of Vector

We denote the length of vector  $\mathbf{a}$  as  $|\mathbf{a}|$ .

\* Unit vector  $\mathbf{n}$ :  $|\mathbf{n}| = 1$

\* Zero vector  $\mathbf{0}$ :  $|\mathbf{0}| = 0$

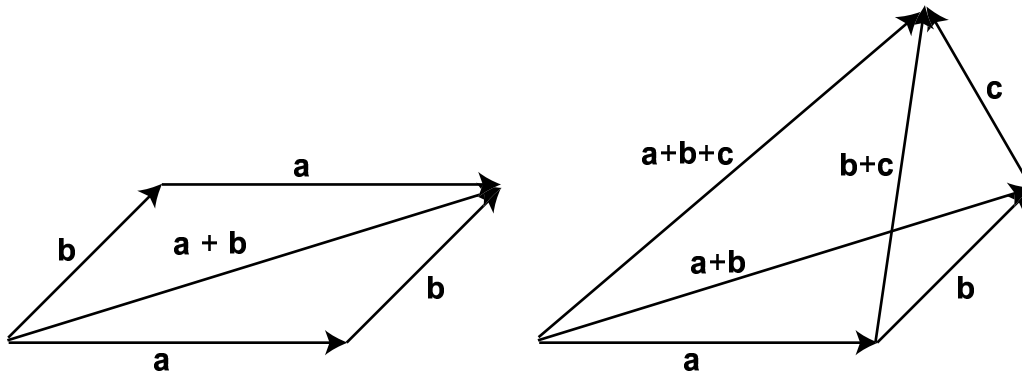
#### (1) Addition of Vectors



\* Nature of Addition of Vectors

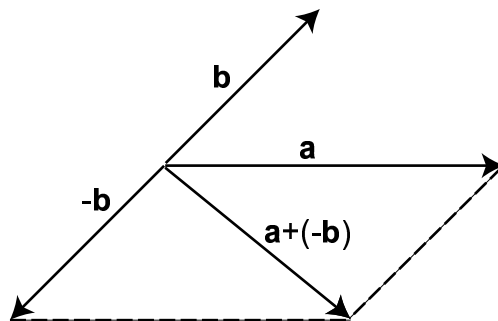
Commutative law:  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a}$

Associative law:  $\mathbf{a} + (\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}) = (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) + \mathbf{c}$



#### (2) Subtraction of Vectors

$\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$  is defined by  $\mathbf{a} + (-\mathbf{b})$

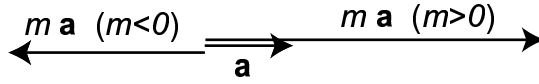


### (3) Multiplication of a Vector by a Scalar

Given a vector  $\mathbf{a}$  and a scalar  $m$ , vector  $m\mathbf{a}$  is defined as:

$|m\mathbf{a}| = |m||\mathbf{a}|$  and the direction is

|  |
|--|
| the same as $\mathbf{a}$ for $m > 0$     |
| unspecified $\mathbf{a}$ for $m = 0$     |
| the opposite to $\mathbf{a}$ for $m < 0$ |



### \* Nature of Multiplication of a Vector by a Scalar

Associative law:  $m(n\mathbf{a}) = (mn)\mathbf{a}$

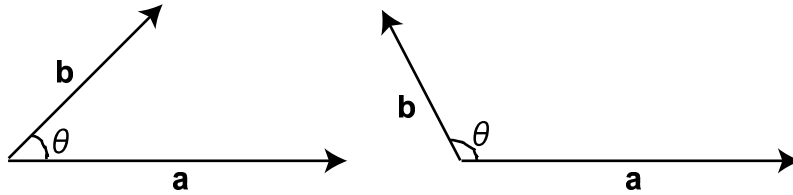
Distributive law:  $(m + n)\mathbf{a} = m\mathbf{a} + n\mathbf{a}$   
 $m(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) = m\mathbf{a} + m\mathbf{b}$

#### (4) Inner Product of Two Vectors

We denote inner product of two vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  as  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$  or  $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$ , which is defined as:

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = |\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \cos \theta,$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .



### \* Nature of Inner Product

Commutative law:  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a}$

Associative law:  $(m\mathbf{a}) \cdot \mathbf{b} = m(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})$

Distributive law:  $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}) = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}$

$$* \quad \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} = |\mathbf{a}|^2$$

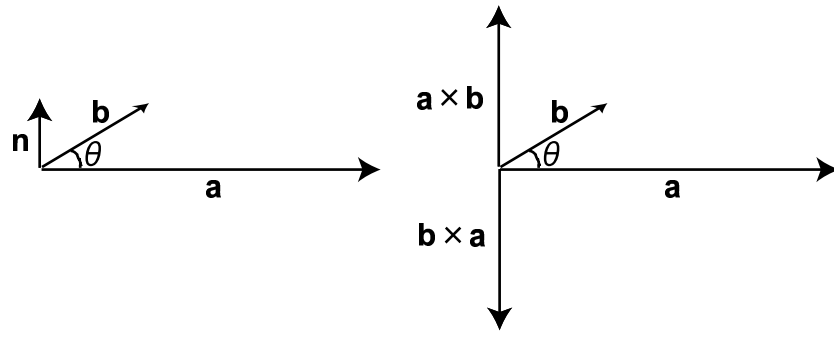
\*  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0 \Leftrightarrow |\mathbf{a}| = 0$  or  $|\mathbf{b}| = 0$  or  $\mathbf{a}$  is perpendicular to  $\mathbf{b}$

(5) Exterior Product of Vectors (defined only for 3-D space)

We denote exterior product of two vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  as  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ , which is defined as:

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = (|\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \sin \theta) \mathbf{n},$$

where  $\mathbf{n}$  is the unit normal vector of the plane defined by  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ , and  $(\mathbf{a} \ \mathbf{b} \ \mathbf{n})$  is a right handed system.



\* Not commutative:  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = -\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a}$   
 (Associative law and distribute law still hold.)

\*  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{a} = 0$

\*  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{a} = 0$  or  $\mathbf{b} = 0$  or  $\mathbf{a}$  is parallel to  $\mathbf{b}$

## 1.2.2 Vector Algebra in n-Dimensional Complex Space

### Vectors in n-Dimensional Complex Space

Vectors in n-dimensional complex space:

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are complex numbers.

\* Length (norm) of vector  $|\mathbf{a}|$  is defined as

$$|\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{|a_1|^2 + |a_2|^2 + \dots + |a_n|^2}.$$

\* Equality of two vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ :

$$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b} \Leftrightarrow a_1 = b_1, a_2 = b_2, \dots, a_{n-1} = b_{n-1}, \text{ and } a_n = b_n$$

### Vector Algebra

(1) Addition of Vectors

$$\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 + b_1 \\ a_2 + b_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n + b_n \end{pmatrix}$$

(2) Multiplication of a Vector by Scalar

$$m\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} ma_1 \\ ma_2 \\ \vdots \\ ma_n \end{pmatrix}$$

(3) Subtraction of Vectors

$$\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 - b_1 \\ a_2 - b_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n - b_n \end{pmatrix}$$

(4) Inner Product of Two Vectors

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) &= a_1 b_1^* + a_2 b_2^* + \cdots + a_n b_n^* \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i^* \\ &= a_i b_i^* \quad (\text{summation convention for subscripts}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $b_i^*$  is the complex conjugate of  $b_i$ .

\* If  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  satisfy  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 0$ , we say  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  are orthogonal.

\* Nature of inner product

$$(1) \quad (\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})^*$$

$$(2) \quad (c\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = c(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}), \quad (\mathbf{x}, c\mathbf{y}) = c^*(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} (\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}) &= (\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}) + (\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}) \\ (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_1 + \mathbf{y}_2) &= (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_1) + (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_2) \end{aligned}$$

# Problems

## Problem 1.1

Given  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_x \\ a_y \\ a_z \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_x \\ b_y \\ b_z \end{pmatrix}$  are real vectors and  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .

Confirm

$$|\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \cos \theta = a_x b_x + a_y b_y + a_z b_z.$$

## Problem 1.2

Given  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_x \\ a_y \\ a_z \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_x \\ b_y \\ b_z \end{pmatrix}$  are real vectors,  $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$  is given as

$$\mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} a_y b_z - a_z b_y \\ a_z b_x - a_x b_z \\ a_x b_y - a_y b_x \end{pmatrix}.$$

Confirm

- (i)  $\mathbf{c}$  is orthogonal both to  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ , and
- (ii)  $|\mathbf{c}| = |\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \sin \theta$ .

## Problem 1.3

Show that

(1)

$$(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})^*$$

(2)

$$(c\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = c(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}), \quad (\mathbf{x}, c\mathbf{y}) = c^*(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

(3)

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}) &= (\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}) + (\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}) \\ (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_1 + \mathbf{y}_2) &= (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_1) + (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_2) \end{aligned}$$

## Problem 1.4

Show that

$$(1) \mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}) = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c}$$

$$(2) \mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c})\mathbf{b} - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})\mathbf{c}$$

## Problem 1.5

Show that

$$(1) (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) = |\mathbf{a}|^2 - |\mathbf{b}|^2$$

$$(2) (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) \times (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) = 2\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$$

$$(3) \mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) + \mathbf{b} \times (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}) + \mathbf{c} \times (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{0}$$



# Chapter 2

## Matrix Algebra

### 2.1 Notation of Matrix, Types of Matrix

Matrix is a set of numbers (real or complex) which are arranged in rows and columns.

#### Notation

We denote matrix as follows:

$$\mathbf{A} = (a_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & \cdots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

We call  $a_{ij}$  as the  $(i, j)$ -th element of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ ,

If a matrix has  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns, we say this matrix is order “ $m$  by  $n$ ”, which we denote as  $(m, n)$ .

#### Transpose Matrix

Transpose matrix is the  $(n, m)$  matrix obtained by interchanging the rows and columns of an  $(m, n)$  matrix  $\mathbf{A} = (a_{ij})$ . We denote the transpose matrix of  $\mathbf{A}$  as  $\mathbf{A}^T$ .

$$(a_{ij})^T = (a_{ji})$$

#### Adjoint Matrix

Transpose matrix is the  $(n, m)$  matrix obtained by converting each element to its complex conjugate and interchanging the rows and columns of an  $(m, n)$  matrix  $\mathbf{A} = (a_{ij})$ . We denote the adjoint matrix of  $\mathbf{A}$  as  $\mathbf{A}^*$ .

$$(a_{ij})^* = (a_{ji}^*)$$

## Zero Matrix

Zero matrix is a matrix whose elements are all zero.

ex)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Square, Diagonal and Unit Matrix

**Square matrix** is a matrix which has equal number of rows and columns. If square matrix has  $n$  rows and columns, we say it is order  $n$  square matrix.

$$\mathbf{A} = (a_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & \cdots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & a_{n3} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

We call elements  $a_{ii}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) as diagonal elements.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{trace of } \mathbf{A} &= a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + \cdots + a_{nn} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii} \\ &= a_{ii} \quad (\text{summation conventions}) \end{aligned}$$

**Diagonal matrix** is a matrix whose elements other than diagonal elements are all zero.

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_3 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & d_n \end{pmatrix}$$

**Unit matrix** is a diagonal matrix whose diagonal elements are all 1. We usually denote unit matrix as  $\mathbf{I}$ .

$$\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Symmetric matrix** is a square matrix which satisfies

$$\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A} \quad \text{or } a_{ji} = a_{ij}.$$

**Skew-symmetric matrix** is a square matrix which satisfies

$$\mathbf{A}^T = -\mathbf{A} \quad \text{or } a_{ji} = -a_{ij}.$$

Clearly  $a_{ii} = 0$  for all  $i$  in a skew-symmetric matrix.

**Hermite matrix** is a square matrix which satisfies

$$\mathbf{A}^* = \mathbf{A} \quad \text{or } a_{ji}^* = a_{ij}.$$

ex)

| Symmetric Matrix   | Skew-symmetric Matrix  |
|--|--|
| $S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$ | $T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & -3 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ |

\* Arbitrary matrix can be decomposed to symmetric matrix and skew-symmetric matrix.

## 2.2 Matrix Algebra

### 2.2.1 Addition and Subtraction

Addition and subtraction of matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are defined as:

$$\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = (a_{ij} + b_{ij})$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = (a_{ij} - b_{ij})$$

Commutative law:  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}$

Associative law:  $\mathbf{A} + (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) + \mathbf{C}$

### 2.2.2 Scalar Multiplication

Scalar multiplication of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is defined as:

$$m\mathbf{A} = (ma_{ij})$$

Distributive laws:

$$m(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = m\mathbf{A} + m\mathbf{B}$$

$$(m_1 + m_2)\mathbf{A} = m_1\mathbf{A} + m_2\mathbf{A}$$

### 2.2.3 Multiplication of Matrices

We can define the multiplication of matrices **A** and **B** only when the number of columns of **A** and the number of rows of **B** are equal. The multiplication of (m,n) matrix **A** and (n,l) matrix **B** are defined as:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{AB} &= \left( \sum_{k=1}^m a_{ik} b_{kj} \right) \quad (1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq l) \\ &= (a_{ik} b_{kj}) \quad (\text{summation convention})\end{aligned}$$

The order of **AB** is (m,l).

ex)

(1)

$$\begin{aligned}& \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & -7 & 1 & -8 \\ 2 & 4 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -3 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} (4 \times 2) - (2 \times 3) - (1 \times 1) + (2 \times 3) & (4 \times 3) + (2 \times 0) - (1 \times 5) + (2 \times 1) \\ (3 \times 2) + (7 \times 3) + (1 \times 1) - (8 \times 3) & (3 \times 3) - (7 \times 0) + (1 \times 5) - (8 \times 1) \\ (2 \times 2) - (4 \times 3) - (3 \times 1) + (1 \times 3) & (2 \times 3) + (4 \times 0) - (3 \times 5) + (1 \times 1) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 9 \\ 4 & 6 \\ -8 & -8 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

(2)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 4 & -6 \\ -5 & -2 & 3 \\ 20 & 8 & -12 \end{pmatrix}$$

(3)

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 \\ a_{31}x_1 + a_{32}x_2 + a_{33}x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus the system of linear algebraic equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 \\ a_{31}x_1 + a_{32}x_2 + a_{33}x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

can be expressed as the following matrix equation:

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{y}$$

(4)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 26 \\ -4 & -9 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus commutative law does not hold for matrix multiplications.

$$(5) \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 2 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus  $\mathbf{AB} = 0$  does not necessarily imply  $\mathbf{A} = 0$  or  $\mathbf{B} = 0$ .

$$(6) \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 6 & 7 \\ -2 & -1 & -3 \\ -3 & -5 & -4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Comparing examples (5) and (6), we can see  $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{AC}$  does not necessarily imply  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{C}$ .

$$(7) \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

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

In general,  $\mathbf{IA} = \mathbf{AI} = \mathbf{A}$ .

\* Nature of Matrix Multiplication

Distributive law:  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{AB} + \mathbf{AC}$

$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AC} + \mathbf{BC}$

Associative law:  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{BC}) = (\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C}$

## 2.3 Determinant of Square Matrix

We write the determinant of square Matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  as  $|\mathbf{A}|$ . Determinant is defined using permutation.

### 2.3.1 Permutation

Permutation is one to one mapping of a set of elements  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ .

When  $\sigma$  is the permutation such as

$$\sigma(1) = i_1, \sigma(2) = i_2, \sigma(3) = i_3 \dots \sigma(n) = i_n$$

we write

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n \\ i_1 & i_2 & i_3 & \dots & i_n \end{pmatrix}$$

\* equal permutations:

ex)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

\* even (odd) permutation:

permutation which can be expressed by even (odd) times simple transactions of adjacent elements

## 2.3.2 Definition of Determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma) a_{1\sigma(1)} a_{2\sigma(2)} \cdots a_{n\sigma(n)}$$

$S_n$  : set of permutations for  $n$  elements

$$\text{sgn}(\sigma) = \begin{cases} 1 & \sigma \text{ is even permutation} \\ -1 & \sigma \text{ is odd permutation} \end{cases}$$

\* Determinant of (1,1) matrix

|  |                      |                                    |
|--|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| $\sigma \in S_1$                       | $\text{sgn}(\sigma)$ | $\text{sgn}(\sigma)a_{1\sigma(1)}$ |
| $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ | even                 | $+a_{11}$                          |

Thus

$$|a_{11}| = a_{11}$$

\* Determinant of (2,2) matrix

|  |                      |  |
|--|----------------------|--|
| $\sigma \in S_2$                               | $\text{sgn}(\sigma)$ | $\text{sgn}(\sigma)a_{1\sigma(1)}a_{2\sigma(2)}$ |
| $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ | even                 | $+a_{11}a_{22}$                                  |
| $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ | odd                  | $-a_{12}a_{21}$                                  |

Thus

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$$

\* Determinant of (3,3) matrix

| $\sigma \in S_3$                                       | $sgn(\sigma)$ | $sgn(\sigma)a_{1\sigma(1)}a_{2\sigma(2)}a_{3\sigma(3)}$ |
|--|---------------|---|
| $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ | even          | $+a_{11}a_{22}a_{33}$                                   |
| $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ | odd           | $-a_{11}a_{23}a_{32}$                                   |
| $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ | odd           | $-a_{12}a_{21}a_{33}$                                   |
| $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ | even          | $+a_{12}a_{23}a_{31}$                                   |
| $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ | even          | $+a_{13}a_{21}a_{32}$                                   |
| $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ | odd           | $-a_{13}a_{22}a_{31}$                                   |

Thus

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

### 2.3.3 Nature of Determinant

(1)  $|\mathbf{A}^T| = |\mathbf{A}|$

(2)  $|\mathbf{AB}| = |\mathbf{A}| |\mathbf{B}|$

(3)

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & \cdots & \cdots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & a_{n3} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11}C_{11} + a_{12}C_{12} + a_{13}C_{13} + \cdots + a_{1n}C_{1n} \\ = a_{21}C_{21} + a_{22}C_{22} + a_{23}C_{23} + \cdots + a_{2n}C_{2n} \\ = \vdots \\ = a_{n1}C_{n1} + a_{n2}C_{n2} + a_{n3}C_{n3} + \cdots + a_{nn}C_{nn}$$

$C_{ij}$  is  $(i, j)$ -th cofactor of  $\mathbf{A}$ :

$$C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$$

$M_{ij}$  is  $(i, j)$ -th minor of  $\mathbf{A}$ :

$$M_{ij} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1(j-1)} & a_{1(j+1)} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2(j-1)} & a_{2(j+1)} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{(i-1)1} & a_{(i-1)2} & \cdots & a_{(i-1)(j-1)} & a_{(i-1)(j+1)} & \cdots & a_{(i-1)n} \\ a_{(i+1)1} & a_{(i+1)2} & \cdots & a_{(i+1)(j-1)} & a_{(i+1)(j+1)} & \cdots & a_{(i+1)n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{n(j-1)} & a_{n(j+1)} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix}$$

ex) determinant of (2,2) matrix

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11} |a_{22}| - a_{12} |a_{12}| \\ = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$$

ex) determinant of (3,3) matrix

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix} \\ = a_{11} (a_{22}a_{33} - a_{23}a_{32}) - a_{12} (a_{21}a_{33} - a_{23}a_{31}) \\ + a_{13} (a_{21}a_{32} - a_{22}a_{31}) \\ = a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} - a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} \\ - a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31}$$

(4)

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_{(j-1)} & \mathbf{a}'_j + \mathbf{a}''_j & \mathbf{a}_{j+1} & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_n \end{vmatrix} \\ = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_{(j-1)} & \mathbf{a}'_j & \mathbf{a}_{j+1} & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_n \end{vmatrix} \\ + \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_{(j-1)} & \mathbf{a}''_j & \mathbf{a}_{j+1} & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_n \end{vmatrix}$$

(5)

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_{(j-1)} & c \mathbf{a}_j & \mathbf{a}_{j+1} & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_n \end{vmatrix} \\ = c \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_{(j-1)} & \mathbf{a}_j & \mathbf{a}_{j+1} & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_n \end{vmatrix}$$

(6)

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_{\sigma(1)} & \mathbf{a}_{\sigma(2)} & \mathbf{a}_{\sigma(3)} & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_{\sigma(n)} \end{vmatrix} = \text{sgn}(\sigma) \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \mathbf{a}_3 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_n \end{vmatrix}$$

(6)'

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_j & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_j & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_n \end{vmatrix} = 0$$



(6)''

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_{i-1} & \mathbf{a}_i + c\mathbf{a}_j & \mathbf{a}_{i+1} & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_j & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_n \end{vmatrix} \\ = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_{i-1} & \mathbf{a}_i & \mathbf{a}_{i+1} & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_j & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_n \end{vmatrix}$$

### 2.3.4 Computation of (n,n) Matrix Determinant

(3), (6) and (6)'' in the previous section are often used to compute N×N matrix determinant.

ex)

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 & -3 \\ -2 & 3 & -5 & 2 \\ 5 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 & 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 3-3 \times 1 & 1 & 2-2 \times 1 & -3+3 \times 1 \\ -2-3 \times 3 & 3 & -5-2 \times 3 & 2+3 \times 3 \\ 5-3 \times 2 & 2 & -1-2 \times 2 & 3+3 \times 2 \\ 1-3 \times 5 & 5 & 4-2 \times 5 & 2+3 \times 5 \end{vmatrix} \\ = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -11 & 3 & -11 & 11 \\ -1 & 2 & -5 & 9 \\ -14 & 5 & -6 & 17 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -11 & -11 & 11 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 & 9 \\ 5 & -14 & -6 & 17 \end{vmatrix} \\ = - \begin{vmatrix} -11 & -11 & 11 \\ -1 & -5 & 9 \\ -14 & -6 & 17 \end{vmatrix} = -836$$

## 2.4 Adjugate Matrix

Adjugate matrix of (n,n) matrix **A** is defined as:

$$\mathbf{A}^{\text{adj}} = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{21} & C_{31} & \cdots & C_{n1} \\ C_{12} & C_{22} & C_{32} & \cdots & C_{n2} \\ C_{13} & C_{23} & \ddots & \ddots & C_{n3} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ C_{1n} & C_{2n} & \cdots & \cdots & C_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

or

$$A_{ij}^{\text{adj}} = C_{ji},$$

where  $C_{ij}$  is  $(i, j)$ -th cofactor of **A**.

$$\text{ex) } \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 7 \\ -1 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}^{\text{adj}} &= \begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 7 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 7 \\ 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\ -\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 7 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 7 \\ -1 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 7 & -28 \\ 17 & -17 & -17 \\ -13 & -2 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

\* Adjugate matrix satisfies following relation:

$$\mathbf{A}^{\text{adj}} \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^{\text{adj}} = |\mathbf{A}| \mathbf{I}$$

For (3,3) matrix,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}^{\text{adj}} \mathbf{A} &= \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{21} & C_{31} \\ C_{12} & C_{22} & C_{32} \\ C_{13} & C_{23} & C_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}C_{11} + a_{21}C_{21} + a_{31}C_{31} & a_{12}C_{11} + a_{22}C_{21} + a_{32}C_{31} & a_{13}C_{11} + a_{23}C_{21} + a_{33}C_{31} \\ a_{11}C_{12} + a_{21}C_{22} + a_{31}C_{32} & a_{12}C_{12} + a_{22}C_{22} + a_{32}C_{32} & a_{13}C_{12} + a_{23}C_{22} + a_{33}C_{32} \\ a_{11}C_{13} + a_{21}C_{23} + a_{31}C_{33} & a_{12}C_{13} + a_{22}C_{23} + a_{32}C_{33} & a_{13}C_{13} + a_{23}C_{23} + a_{33}C_{33} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} a_{12} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{22} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} a_{13} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{23} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{33} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{11} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{13} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{23} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{11} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{21} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{31} \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} |\mathbf{A}| & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & |\mathbf{A}| & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & |\mathbf{A}| \end{pmatrix} = |\mathbf{A}| \mathbf{I} \end{aligned}$$

## 2.5 Inverse Matrix

Inverse matrix of (n,n) matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is defined as:

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{A}|} \mathbf{A}^{\text{adj}}$$

This matrix satisfies:

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{I}$$

\* Nature of Inverse Matrix

$$(\mathbf{A}^{-1})^{-1} = \mathbf{A}$$

$$(\mathbf{AB})^{-1} = \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{A}^{-1}$$

## 2.6 Singular Matrix

For (n,n) matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_n \end{pmatrix}$ , if  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \cdots, \mathbf{a}_n$  are linearly dependent, we call matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is singular.

\* Linearly Independent:

When vectors  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \cdots, \mathbf{a}_n$  satisfies

$$c_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + \cdots + c_n \mathbf{a}_n = \mathbf{0}$$

only for  $\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$  (we say these vectors have trivial linear relation only), we call  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \cdots, \mathbf{a}_n$  are linearly independent.

\* Linearly dependent:

When vectors  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \cdots, \mathbf{a}_n$  satisfies

$$c_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + \cdots + c_n \mathbf{a}_n = \mathbf{0}$$

for some  $\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} \neq \mathbf{0}$  (we say these vectors have non-trivial linear relation), we call  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \cdots, \mathbf{a}_n$  are linearly dependent.

\* Determinant of a singular matrix is 0.

For a singular matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_n \end{pmatrix}$ , we have the relation

$$c_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + \cdots + c_n \mathbf{a}_n = \mathbf{0}$$

for some  $\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} \neq \mathbf{0}$ . If  $c_j \neq 0$ , we have

$$\mathbf{a}_j = -\frac{c_1}{c_j} \mathbf{a}_1 - \frac{c_2}{c_j} \mathbf{a}_2 - \cdots - \frac{c_{j-1}}{c_j} \mathbf{a}_{j-1} - \frac{c_{j+1}}{c_j} \mathbf{a}_{j+1} - \cdots - \frac{c_n}{c_j} \mathbf{a}_n$$

Determinant of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is evaluated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_{j-1} & \mathbf{a}_j & \mathbf{a}_{j+1} & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_n \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -\frac{c_1}{c_j} \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_{j-1} & \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_{j+1} & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_n \end{vmatrix} \\ & \quad \vdots \\ & -\frac{c_{j-1}}{c_j} \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_{j-1} & \mathbf{a}_{j-1} & \mathbf{a}_{j+1} & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_n \end{vmatrix} \\ & -\frac{c_{j+1}}{c_j} \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_{j-1} & \mathbf{a}_{j+1} & \mathbf{a}_{j+1} & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_n \end{vmatrix} \\ & \quad \vdots \\ & -\frac{c_n}{c_j} \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_{j-1} & \mathbf{a}_n & \mathbf{a}_{j+1} & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_n \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

# Problems

## Problem 2.1

(1)

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

(2)

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

## Problem 2.2

Show that

$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{A}^2 - \mathbf{B}^2$$

if and only if  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  commute,

$$\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{BA}$$

## Problem 2.3

Given

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & i \\ -i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

show that

$$\mathbf{K}^n = \mathbf{I}$$

with the proper choice of  $n$  ( $n \neq 0$ ).

## Problem 2.4

Show that

$$[\mathbf{A}, [\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}]] = [\mathbf{B}, [\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{C}]] - [\mathbf{C}, [\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}]],$$

where

$$[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}] = \mathbf{AB} - \mathbf{BA}$$

### Problems 2.5

Compute the determinant.

$$(1) \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -5 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$(2) \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 & 5 & -4 \\ -7 & 1 & -8 & 6 \\ 10 & 3 & 6 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

### Problem 2.6

Compute the inverse matrix.

$$(1) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -5 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(2) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 5 & -4 \\ -7 & 1 & -8 & 6 \\ 10 & 3 & 6 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Problem 2.7

Show that

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & a_2 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_n \end{vmatrix} = a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n$$

### Problem 2.8

Show that

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & a & b & c \\ -a & 0 & c & b \\ -b & -c & 0 & a \\ -c & -b & -a & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (a^2 - b^2 + c^2)^2$$

# Chapter 3

## Eigenvalue Problem

### 3.1 Eigenvalue and Eigenvector

If square matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  satisfies the equation

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \alpha\mathbf{x}$$

for some  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ , we call  $\alpha$  as eigenvalue and  $\mathbf{x}$  as corresponding eigenvector.

#### 3.1.1 How to Find Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Eigenvalues:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \alpha\mathbf{x} &\Leftrightarrow (\mathbf{A} - \alpha\mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \\ &\Leftrightarrow |\mathbf{A} - \alpha\mathbf{I}| = 0\end{aligned}$$

Solving the above equation, we can obtain eigenvalues  $\alpha$ .

Eigenvectors:

If

$$\mathbf{A} - \alpha\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{b}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{b}_n \end{pmatrix},$$

we can expect some non-trivial linear relations:

$$c_1\mathbf{b}_1 + c_2\mathbf{b}_2 + \cdots + c_n\mathbf{b}_n = \mathbf{0}.$$

Then  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}$  is eigenvector for eigenvalue  $\alpha$ .

Note:  $\mathbf{x}$  is not unique for each  $\alpha$ . Sometimes we can find linearly independent eigenvectors  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \cdots, \mathbf{x}_m$  for one eigenvalue.

ex)

1. Eigenvalues and eigenvectors for  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$|\mathbf{A} - \alpha \mathbf{I}| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 - \alpha & 1 \\ 0 & 2 - \alpha \end{vmatrix} = (1 - \alpha)(2 - \alpha)$$

Thus

$$|\mathbf{A} - \alpha \mathbf{I}| = 0 \Leftrightarrow \boxed{\alpha = 1, 2}$$

$$\mathbf{A} - 1 \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{thus } \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is eigenvector for } \alpha = 1$$

$$\mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{thus } \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is eigenvector for } \alpha = 2$$

2. Eigenvalues and eigenvectors for  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$|\mathbf{A} - \alpha \mathbf{I}| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 - \alpha & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (1 - \alpha)^2$$

Thus

$$|\mathbf{A} - \alpha \mathbf{I}| = 0 \Leftrightarrow \boxed{\alpha = 1}$$

$$\mathbf{A} - 1 \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{thus } \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is eigenvector for } \alpha = 1$$

## 3.2 Eigenvalues of Hermite Matrix

Hermite Matrix:

$$\mathbf{A}^* = \mathbf{A} \quad \text{or} \quad a_{ji}^* = a_{ij}$$

Real Hermite Matrix = Symmetric Matrix.

$$\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A} \quad \text{or} \quad a_{ji} = a_{ij}$$

Eigenvalues and eigenvectors of Hermite matrix have following characters:

1. Eigenvalues of Hermite matrix are all real.
2. Eigenvalues of Hermite matrix are mutually orthogonal

proof)

1. Let  $\alpha$  and  $\mathbf{x}$  are an eigenvalue and its corresponding eigenvector of Hermite matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \alpha\mathbf{x}$$

Multiplying  $\mathbf{x}^*$  from left, we obtain

$$\mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \alpha \mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{x} \tag{3.1}$$



On the other hand, because  $\mathbf{A}^* = \mathbf{A}$ , we obtain

$$\mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{x} = \alpha \mathbf{x}$$

Taking complex conjugate of both hand sides, we obtain

$$\mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{A} = \alpha^* \mathbf{x}^*$$

Multiplying  $\mathbf{x}$  from right, we have

$$\mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \alpha \mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{x} \quad (3.2)$$

Comparing eqs. (3.1) and (3.2), we obtain

$$\alpha = \alpha^*$$

Thus eigenvectors of Hermite matrix is real.

2. This is very important theorem. But proof is difficult. Consult the references.

## Problems

### Problem 3.1

Find eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors.

$$(1) \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 6 & 4 \\ -7 & 8 & 4 \\ -2 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2) \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3) \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & -6 \\ 3 & -1 & -3 \\ 3 & 0 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Problem 3.2

Find eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors for the following Hermite matrix.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & i & 1 \\ -i & 0 & i \\ 1 & -i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Chapter 4

## Diagonalization

### 4.1 Diagonalization

Diagonalization of  $(n,n)$  square matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is to find a non-singular matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  such that  $\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}$  is a diagonal matrix.

Note: This is not always possible.

#### 4.1.1 How to Diagonalize a Square Matrix

Considering the case that  $(n,n)$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has  $n$  different (linearly independent) eigenvectors  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$  eigenvalues. If we choose

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 & \mathbf{x}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{x}_n \end{pmatrix},$$

$\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalized as:

$$\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & & & \\ & \alpha_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  are corresponding eigenvalues.  
proof)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{P} &= \mathbf{P}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 & \mathbf{x}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{x}_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{x}_1 & \mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{x}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{x}_n \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

On the other hand,

$$\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I} \quad (4.2)$$

Comparing eqs. (4.1) and (4.2), we have

$$\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{e}_i,$$

where

$$\mathbf{e}_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{--- } i\text{-th component}$$

Thus  $\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}$  can be evaluated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P} &= \mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 & \mathbf{x}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{x}_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{P}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1\mathbf{x}_1 & \alpha_2\mathbf{x}_2 & \cdots & \alpha_n\mathbf{x}_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{x}_1 & \alpha_2\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{x}_2 & \cdots & \alpha_n\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{x}_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1\mathbf{e}_1 & \alpha_2\mathbf{e}_2 & \cdots & \alpha_n\mathbf{e}_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & & & \\ & \alpha_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \alpha_n \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

ex)

1) Diagonalization of  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -3 & -7 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & -3 & -6 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$\alpha = 1, 2, -1$  are eigenvalues and  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  are corresponding eigenvectors. Thus

$$\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ for } \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

2) Diagonalization of  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & -4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$\alpha = 2, 2, 1$  are eigenvalues and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  are corresponding eigenvectors. Thus

$$\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ for } \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

## 4.2 Diagonalization of Hermite Matrix

Hermite Matrix:

$$\mathbf{A}^* = \mathbf{A} \quad \text{or} \quad a_{ji}^* = a_{ij}$$

Real Hermite Matrix = Symmetric Matrix:

$$\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A} \quad \text{or} \quad a_{ji} = a_{ij}$$

Unitary Matrix:

$$\mathbf{A}^* = \mathbf{A}^{-1}$$

Real Unitary Matrix = Orthogonal Matrix:

$$\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A}^{-1}$$

\* Hermite matrix can be diagonalized by Unitary Matrix.

## Problems

### Problem 4.1

Diagonalize the following matrices if possible.

$$(1) \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 6 & 4 \\ -7 & 8 & 4 \\ -2 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2) \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3) \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & -6 \\ 3 & -1 & -3 \\ 3 & 0 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Problem 4.2

Diagonalize the following Hermite matrix.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & i & 1 \\ -i & 0 & i \\ 1 & -i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Chapter 5

## Vector Analysis

### 5.1 Differentiation of Vector Functions

Suppose  $\mathbf{a} = (a_x, a_y, a_z)$  is a function of  $t$ , the differentiation of  $\mathbf{a}$  w.r.t.  $t$  is defined as follows:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{a}}{dt} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{da_x}{dt} \\ \frac{da_y}{dt} \\ \frac{da_z}{dt} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- $\frac{d}{dt}(\phi\mathbf{a}) = \phi\frac{d\mathbf{a}}{dt} + \frac{d\phi}{dt}\mathbf{a}$ , where  $\phi(t)$  is a scalar function.
- $\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{a} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{b}}{dt} + \frac{d\mathbf{a}}{dt} \cdot \mathbf{b}$
- $\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{a} \times \frac{d\mathbf{b}}{dt} + \frac{d\mathbf{a}}{dt} \times \mathbf{b}$

### 5.2 Vector Field

Vector function  $\mathbf{a}$  as a function of space  $(x, y, z)$ : vector field  $\mathbf{a}(x, y, z)$ .

### 5.3 Vector Operators

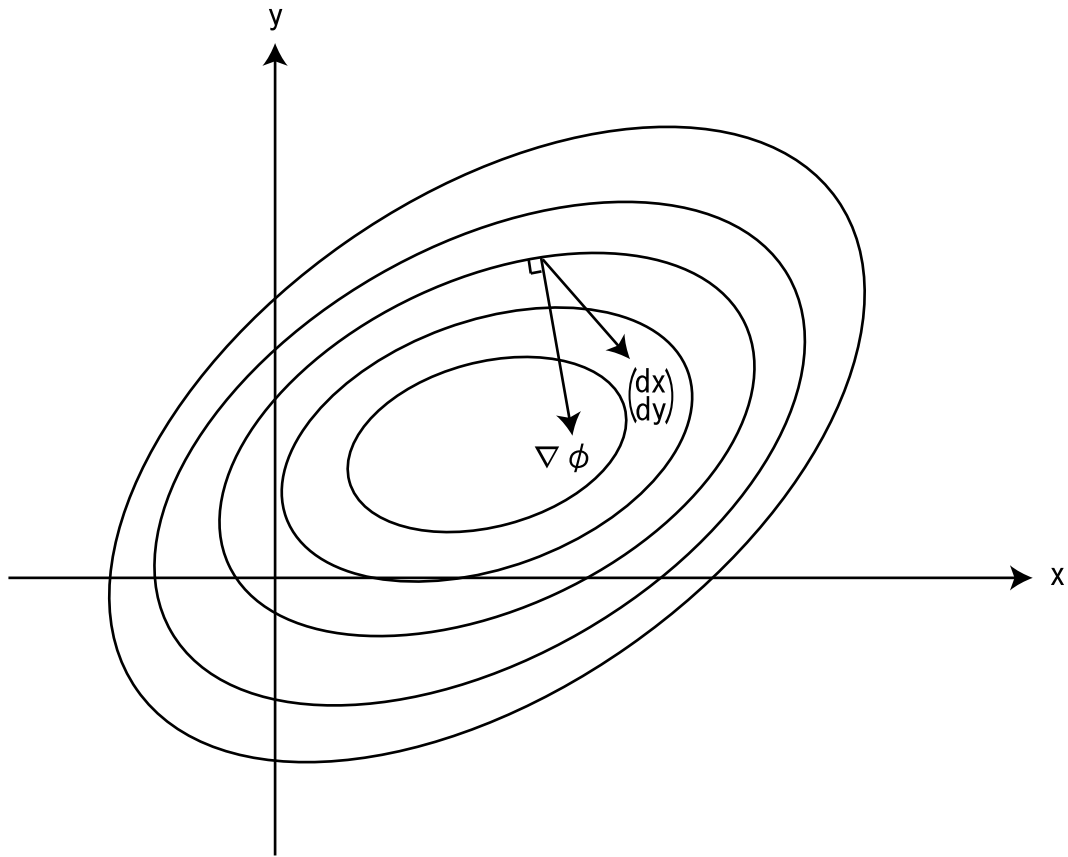
#### 5.3.1 Gradient

For a scalar field  $\phi(x, y, z)$ ,

$$\text{grad } \phi = \nabla\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix}.$$

\* Physical interpretation

$\nabla\phi$  is a vector having the direction of the maximum space rate of change of  $\phi$ .



$$\begin{aligned}
 d\phi &= \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x}dx + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y}dy \\
 &= \nabla\phi \cdot \begin{pmatrix} dx \\ dy \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \nabla\phi \sqrt{dx^2 + dy^2} \cos\theta,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\nabla\phi$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} dx \\ dy \end{pmatrix}$ .

For  $\begin{pmatrix} dx \\ dy \end{pmatrix} (\neq \mathbf{0})$ ,

$$\frac{d\phi}{\sqrt{dx^2 + dy^2}} \leq \nabla\phi.$$

Thus  $\nabla\phi$  is the maximum space rate change of  $\phi$ .

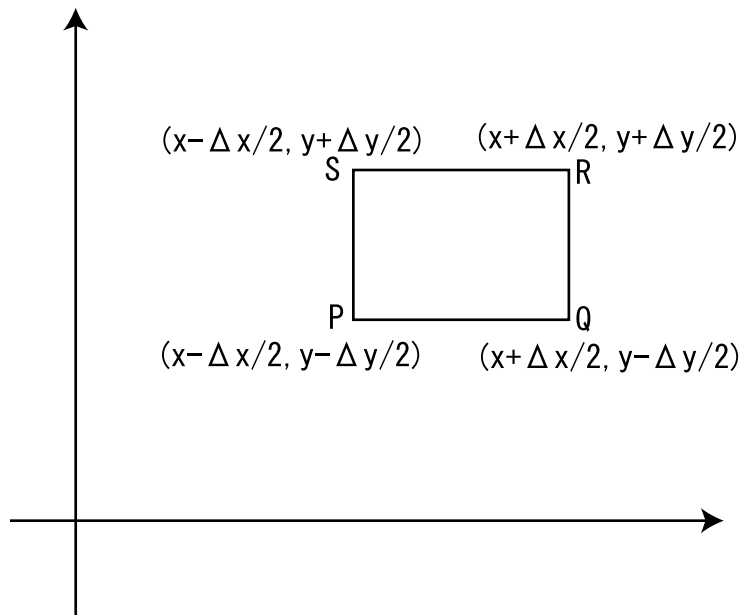
### 5.3.2 Divergence

For a vector field  $\mathbf{a}(x, y, z)$ ,

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{a} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{a} = \frac{\partial a_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial a_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial a_z}{\partial z}.$$



\* Physical Interpretation



Consider a flux field  $\mathbf{v}(x, y)$ .

Flow out at QR:

$$v_x(x + \Delta x/2, y) \Delta y$$

Flow in at PS:

$$v_x(x - \Delta x/2, y) \Delta y$$

Flow out at SR:

$$v_y(x, y + \Delta y/2) \Delta x$$

Flow in at PQ:

$$v_y(x, y - \Delta y/2) \Delta x$$

Net flow out of PQRS:

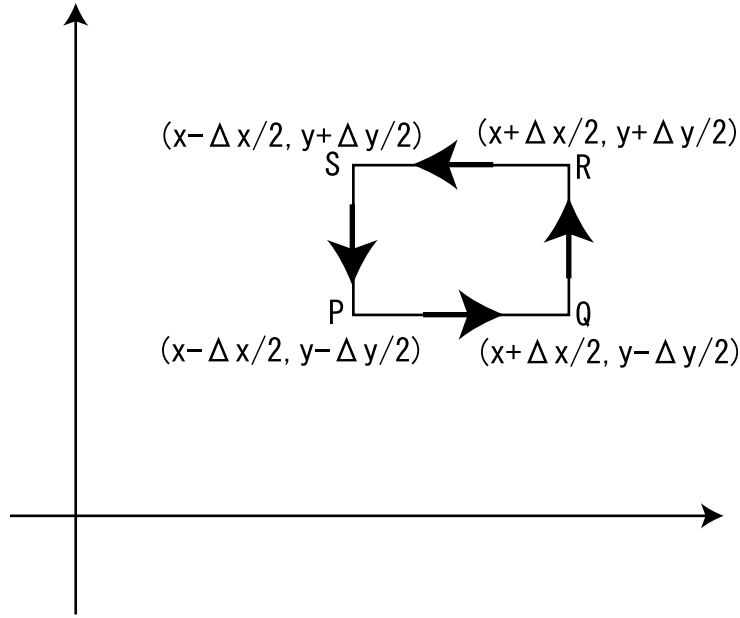
$$\begin{aligned} & v_x(x + \Delta x/2, y) \Delta y - v_x(x - \Delta x/2, y) \Delta y \\ & + v_y(x, y + \Delta y/2) \Delta x - v_y(x, y - \Delta y/2) \Delta x \\ & = \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x}(x, y) \Delta x \Delta y + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y}(x, y) \Delta x \Delta y \\ & = \left( \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x}(x, y) + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y}(x, y) \right) \Delta x \Delta y \\ & = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \Delta x \Delta y \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}$  is a net flow out per unit volume.

### 5.3.3 Rotation

For a vector field  $\mathbf{a}(x, y, z)$ ,

$$\text{rot } \mathbf{a} = \nabla \times \mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial a_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial a_y}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial a_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial a_z}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial a_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial a_x}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}.$$



Consider a flux field  $\mathbf{v}(x, y, z)$ .

Circulation in  $(x, y)$ -plane is as follows:

$$\text{circulation} = \int_{PQ} \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{s} + \int_{QR} \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{s} + \int_{RS} \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{s} + \int_{SP} \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{s}.$$

$$\int_{QR} \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = v_y(x + \Delta x/2, y) \Delta y$$

$$\int_{SP} \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = -v_y(x - \Delta x/2, y) \Delta y$$

$$\int_{RS} \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = -v_x(x, y + \Delta y/2) \Delta x$$

$$\int_{PQ} \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = v_x(x, y - \Delta y/2) \Delta x$$

(5.1)

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \text{circulation} &= v_y(x + \Delta x/2, y) \Delta y - v_y(x - \Delta x/2, y) \Delta y \\ &\quad - v_x(x, y + \Delta y/2) \Delta x + v_x(x, y - \Delta y/2) \Delta x \\ &= \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x}(x, y) \Delta x \Delta y - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y}(x, y) \Delta x \Delta y \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x}(x, y) - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y}(x, y) \right) \Delta x \Delta y. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $z$ -component of  $\nabla \times \mathbf{v}$  is a circulation in  $(x, y)$ -plane per unit area.

### 5.3.4 Laplacian

$$\nabla^2 = \nabla \cdot \nabla = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}.$$

For a scalar field  $\phi(x, y, z)$ ,

$$\nabla^2 \phi = \text{div grad } \phi = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2}.$$

For a vector field  $\mathbf{a}(x, y, z)$ ,

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 a_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 a_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 a_x}{\partial z^2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 a_y}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 a_y}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 a_y}{\partial z^2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 a_z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 a_z}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 a_z}{\partial z^2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

## 5.4 Formulas of Vector Analysis

- $\nabla (\phi \psi) = \phi \nabla \psi + \psi \nabla \phi$
- $\nabla \cdot (\phi \mathbf{a}) = (\nabla \phi) \cdot \mathbf{a} + \phi (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{a})$
- $\nabla \times (\phi \mathbf{a}) = (\nabla \phi) \times \mathbf{a} + \phi (\nabla \times \mathbf{a})$
- $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{b} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{a}) - \mathbf{a} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{b})$
- $\nabla \times (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) = (\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{a}) - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{b})$
- $\nabla (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}) = (\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{a} + (\mathbf{a} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{a}) + \mathbf{a} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{b})$
- $\nabla \times (\nabla \phi) = \text{rot grad } \phi = 0$
- $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{a}) = \text{div rot } \mathbf{a} = 0$
- $\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{a}) = \nabla (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{a}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{a}$

## 5.5 Potential Field

### 5.5.1 Scalar Potential

If the vector field  $\mathbf{f}$  is expressed as

$$\mathbf{f} = \nabla \phi,$$

we call  $\phi$  is a scalar potential of  $\mathbf{f}$ .

$$* \nabla \times \mathbf{f} = \nabla \times (\nabla \phi) = 0$$

### 5.5.2 Vector Potential

If the vector field  $\mathbf{g}$  is expressed as

$$\mathbf{g} = \nabla \times \boldsymbol{\psi},$$

we call  $\boldsymbol{\psi}$  is a vector potential of  $\mathbf{g}$ .

$$* \nabla \cdot \mathbf{g} = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \boldsymbol{\psi}) = 0$$

### 5.5.3 Helmholtz's Theorem

Arbitrary vector field  $\mathbf{u}$  (strictly speaking, the vector field  $\mathbf{u}$  with  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$  and  $\nabla \times \mathbf{u} = 0$  at infinity) can be expressed as follows:

$$\mathbf{u} = \nabla \phi + \nabla \times \boldsymbol{\psi}.$$

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Elastic equation of motion:

$$(\lambda + 2\mu) \nabla (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) - \mu \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) - \rho \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial t^2} = 0.$$

Substituting the above expression,  $\mathbf{u} = \nabla \phi + \nabla \times \boldsymbol{\psi}$ , we obtain

$$(\lambda + 2\mu) \nabla (\nabla^2 \phi) - \mu \nabla \times (\nabla \times (\nabla \times \boldsymbol{\psi})) - \rho \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (\nabla \phi + \nabla \times \boldsymbol{\psi}) = 0.$$

Using

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \boldsymbol{\psi}) = \nabla (\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\psi}) - \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{\psi},$$

we have

$$\nabla \left[ (\lambda + 2\mu) \nabla^2 \phi - \rho \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} \right] + \nabla \times \left[ \mu \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{\psi} - \rho \frac{\partial^2 \boldsymbol{\psi}}{\partial t^2} \right] = 0.$$

This reduces to the following two equations:

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda + 2\mu) \nabla^2 \phi - \rho \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} &= 0 \\ \mu \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{\psi} - \rho \frac{\partial^2 \boldsymbol{\psi}}{\partial t^2} &= 0. \end{aligned} \tag{5.2}$$

These equations represent P-wave and S-wave propagations, respectively.