

Algebra revision - basic concepts

1. Matrix algebra: adding, multiplying, transposition
2. Properties of matrices' determinants
3. Quadratic forms, positive definite matrices
4. Trace and its properties
5. Idempotent matrix, its characteristic roots and its trace

Problems

1. We have a matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find $2\mathbf{A}$, \mathbf{B}' , $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}'$, $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}$, $|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}|$. Explain why we cannot find $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}'$ i $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$.

2. We have two quadratic matrices

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Show that matrix \mathbf{A} is symmetric. Show that $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B} \neq \mathbf{B}\mathbf{A}$. Show that matrices \mathbf{A} and $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}$ are peculiar.

3. Extend (assume that \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are invertible): $(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})(\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{D})'$, $(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B})^{-1}\mathbf{B}^{-1}$, $(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{B}^{-1}$, $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^{-1}$, $|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}|$.
4. Show that for any invertible \mathbf{A} , $(\mathbf{A}^{-1})' = (\mathbf{A}')^{-1}$.
5. Show (from the definition), that $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}$ is nonnegative definite.
6. Show (applying linear independence) that $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}$ is nonpeculiar if the columns of matrix \mathbf{X} are linearly independent.
7. Prove that for matrix \mathbf{A} i \mathbf{B} with right dimensions $(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B})' = \mathbf{B}'\mathbf{A}'$.
8. Prove that the following holds for a trace of a matrix $tr(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = tr(\mathbf{A}) + tr(\mathbf{B})$, $tr(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}) = tr(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{A})$.
9. Show that for any idempotent \mathbf{P} , $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}$ is also idempotent. In addition, show that $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$.
10. Show that for matrix \mathbf{P} is idempotent for any \mathbf{A} such that $\mathbf{A}'\mathbf{A}$ is nonpeculiar:

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