

# G&G Winter School

Introduction to matrix algebra

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# Matrix Algebra

- Why?
  - Store many numbers using a single symbol
  - Compact
  - Many known results written in matrix form

# Introduction to Matrix Algebra: Outline

- Why matrix algebra is important
- Definition of a matrix & some special types of matrices
- Matrix operations; multiplication by scalar, addition/subtraction, multiplication, inverse, transpose
- Intro to PCA - Principal Component Analysis

# What is a matrix?

A rectangular array of numbers set in rows and columns,  
e.g. **B** is a 2x3 matrix

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \end{bmatrix}$$

OR

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 3 \\ 5 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$b_{ij}$  is the  $ij$   
element of the  
matrix

Vector is a matrix with either 1 row or 1 column, e.g.

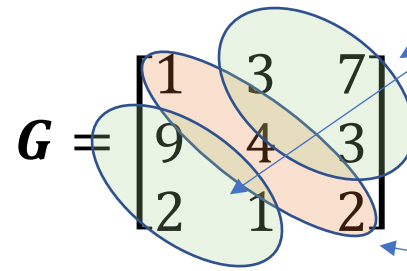
$$\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is a 2x1 column vector}$$

OR

$$\mathbf{v} = [3 \quad 5] \text{ is a 1x2 row vector}$$

# Special types of matrices

- Square matrix  
(equal number of rows & columns)

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7 \\ 9 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
A 3x3 matrix G is shown. The diagonal elements (1, 4, 2) are enclosed in a light green oval. The off-diagonal elements (3, 7, 9, 3, 2, 1) are enclosed in a light orange oval. Blue arrows point from the text labels to these respective groups of elements.

off-diagonal  
elements

diagonal elements

- Diagonal matrix  
(sq. matrix with 0's for all off-diagonal elements)

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Identity matrix  
(diagonal matrix with 1's for all diagonal elements)

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

# Special types of matrices

- 'J' matrix

A vector of 1's, written  $\mathbf{1}$  (or sometimes  $\mathbf{1}_n$ )

- Symmetric matrix

A square matrix where element  $ij$  equals element  $ji$ , e.g.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7 \\ 3 & 4 & -3 \\ 7 & -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e.,

$$a_{12} = a_{21} = 3$$

$$a_{13} = a_{31} = 7$$

$$a_{23} = a_{32} = -3$$

# Special types of matrices, partitioned matrices

- A matrix that has been broken into sections or 'blocks'
- For convince / shorthand

e.g.

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$$

where:

- $A$  is a  $n \times 1$  matrix
- $B$  is a  $n \times p$  matrix
- $C$  is a  $q \times 1$  matrix
- $D$  is a  $q \times p$  matrix

...and  $E$  is therefore a  $(n+q) \times (1+p)$  matrix

# Matrix operations: multiplication by scalar

- A 'scalar' is a 1x1 matrix, or an ordinary number
- multiply each element of matrix by the scalar

$$\begin{aligned} 2\mathbf{B} &= 2 \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 3 \\ 5 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 4 \times 2 & 1 \times 2 & 3 \times 2 \\ 5 \times 2 & -1 \times 2 & 2 \times 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 2 & 6 \\ 10 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



# Matrix operations: Addition or subtraction

- Only possible if matrices have same number of rows and columns (i.e. they are of the same order and are 'conformable')

Let  $W = X + Y$ ,

with  $X$  and  $Y$  being 2x2 matrices of  $X = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $Y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 \\ 2 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$

$$W = X + Y = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} + y_{11} & x_{12} + y_{12} \\ x_{21} + y_{21} & x_{22} + y_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 3 + 1 & 5 + 7 \\ -1 + 2 & 2 + 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 9 \\ 1 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Matrix operations: Transpose

- The transpose of matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  is usually written  $\mathbf{B}'$  (or sometimes  $\mathbf{B}^T$ )
- The transpose of  $\mathbf{B}$  is the matrix whose element  $ji$  are equal to the  $ij$  element of  $\mathbf{B}$  i.e.  $b_{ij} = b'_{ji}$ 
  - Turn the columns of  $\mathbf{B}$  into the rows of  $\mathbf{B}'$

$$\text{If } \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 3 \\ 5 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } \mathbf{B}' = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that  $\mathbf{B} \neq \mathbf{B}'$  (unless  $\mathbf{B}$  is symmetric)

# Matrix operations: multiplication

- Order is important!
  - Only possible if number of columns 1<sup>st</sup> matrix = number of rows 2<sup>nd</sup> matrix
- If **A** has order  $r \times c$  & **B** has order  $c \times n$
- then **AB** exists with order  $r \times n$
  - The  $ij$  element of **AB** is 'sum product' of row  $i$  from matrix **A** and column  $j$  from **B**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}b_{11} + a_{12}b_{21} & a_{11}b_{12} + a_{12}b_{22} \\ a_{21}b_{11} + a_{22}b_{21} & a_{21}b_{12} + a_{22}b_{22} \\ a_{31}b_{11} + a_{32}b_{21} & a_{31}b_{12} + a_{32}b_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 1 & 1 \times 3 + 2 \times 4 \\ 2 \times 2 + 3 \times 1 & 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 4 \\ 0 \times 2 + 5 \times 1 & 0 \times 3 + 5 \times 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 11 \\ 7 & 18 \\ 5 & 20 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Matrix operations: multiplication

- Order is important!
- If **A** has order  $r \times c$  & **B** has order  $c \times n$
- then **AB** exists with order  $r \times n$ 
  - **BA** doesn't exist unless  $r = n$
  - Even if **BA** exists it isn't necessarily equal to **AB**
- e.g. if **A** is a  $3 \times 2$  and **B** is a  $2 \times 3$  then
  - **AB** is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix
  - **BA** is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix

# Matrix operations: multiplication

- Why define it this way?
- It's useful

e.g. to store simultaneous equations

$$2x + 3y = 15$$

$$x - y = 1$$

can be rewritten as  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{b}$ ; where  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$  &  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

# Matrix operations: multiplication

- The identity matrix (matrix with 1's on diagonal) has a special property,
  - Any matrix multiplied by its identity matrix returns the original matrix

- If  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , the  $\mathbf{AI} = \mathbf{A}$

Let's try it:  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 + 3x_0 & 2x_0 + 3x_1 \\ 1x_1 - 1x_0 & 1x_0 - 1x_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

# Matrix operations: inverse

- Some (not all!) square matrices have an inverse
- The inverse of  $\mathbf{A}$  is written as  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$
- The inverse of a matrix is one where when multiplied by the original matrix, it returns the identity matrix
  - $\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$
- Relatively easy to calculate for 2x2 matrix:
  - If  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$  then
  - $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{A}|} \begin{bmatrix} a_{22} & -a_{12} \\ -a_{21} & a_{11} \end{bmatrix}$  where  $|\mathbf{A}|$  is the determinate of  $\mathbf{A}$ , and
  - $|\mathbf{A}| = (a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21})$

# Matrix operations: calculating the inverse

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

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}} \begin{bmatrix} a_{22} & -a_{12} \\ -a_{21} & a_{11} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(-5)} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1/5 & 3/5 \\ 1/5 & -2/5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Sanity check: } \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/5 & 3/5 \\ 1/5 & -2/5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{5} + \frac{3}{5} & \frac{3}{5} - \frac{3}{5} \\ \frac{2}{5} - \frac{2}{5} & \frac{3}{5} + \frac{2}{5} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: calculating the inverse is usually done by computer programs

A unique inverse cannot be calculated if the determinate is zero,  
[1] the matrix is said to be singular  
[2] need to use a generalized inverse



# Matrix operations: example

We have measured the weight of 6 people, what is their mean weight?

Let  $\mathbf{w}$  be the 1x6 row vector of weights

$\mathbf{1}'\mathbf{w}$  gives the sum of the elements of  $\mathbf{w}$

$\mathbf{1}'\mathbf{w}/n$  is the average of the elements of  $\mathbf{w}$

$$\mathbf{w} = [53 \quad 60 \quad 85 \quad 70 \quad 72 \quad 64]$$

$$\mathbf{1}'\mathbf{w} = 404$$

$$\mathbf{1}'\mathbf{w}/6 = 67.3$$

# Matrix operations: example

e.g. simultaneous equations

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What values are x and y?

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}$$

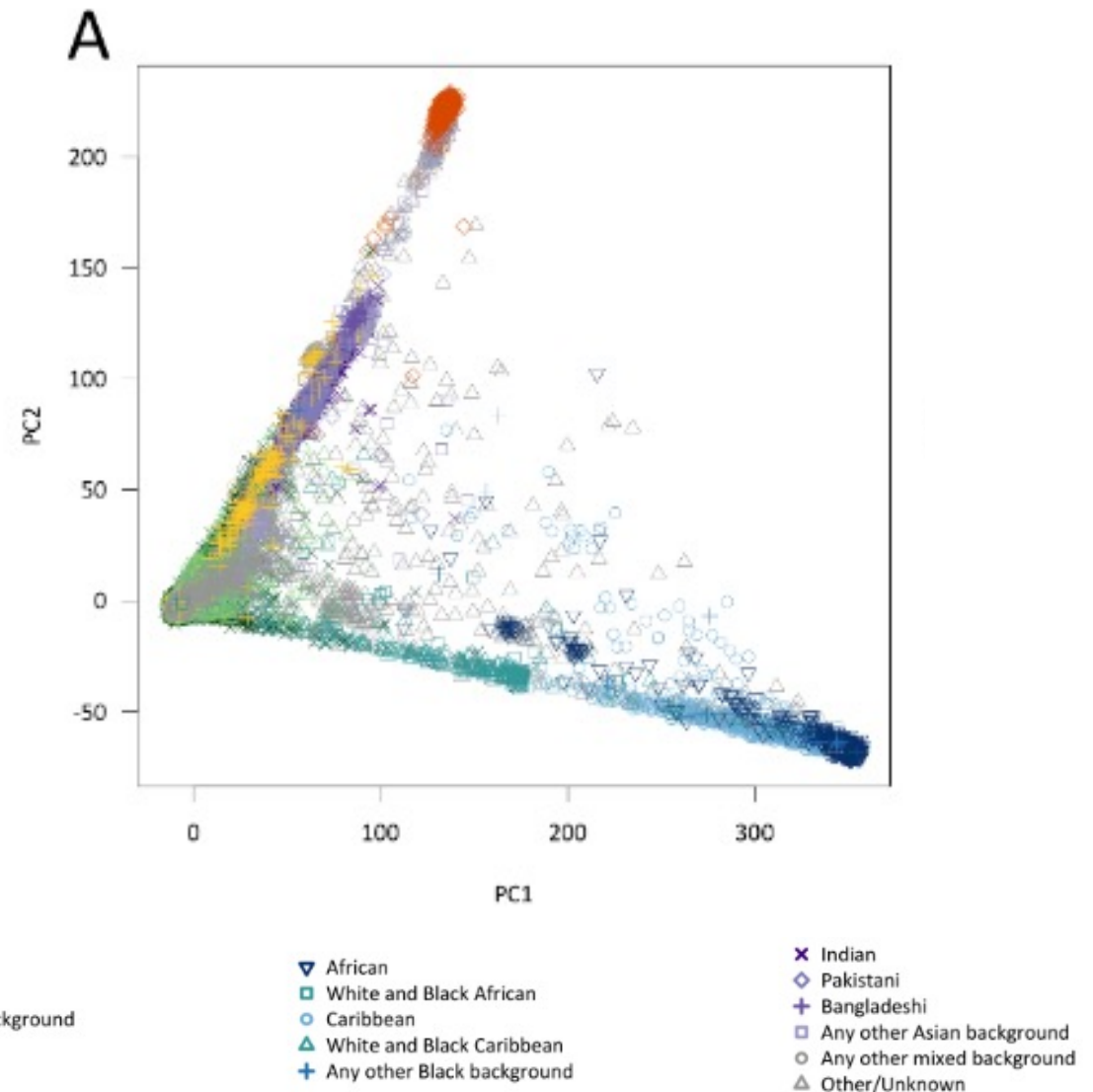
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.6 \\ 0.2 & -0.4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 \times 15 + 0.6 \times 1 \\ 0.2 \times 15 - 0.4 \times 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3.6 \\ 2.6 \end{bmatrix}$$

# PCA analysis

- PCA (Principal component analysis) is a useful method to summarize the 'essence' of your data
  - Dimension reduction technique
- Based on *eigen-decomposition* of a diagonalizable matrix
- Exact methods (R/GCTA/EIGENSTRAT) are computationally expensive for large datasets
  - Approximate methods, e.g. fastPCA
- Good 20min step-by-step intro PCA analysis on YouTube, StatQuest
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FgakZw6K1QQ>

# Example: PCA analysis in UK Biobank

- Bycroft et al 2018 Nature
- Genomic relationship matrix is a  $n \times n$  matrix of SNP relationships between individuals
- Software: fastPCA
  - also possible in GCTA for smaller datasets



**Figure 2** Genetic principal components in UK Biobank, computed from 141,0670 samples and 101,284 SNPs using flashPCA [10]. **(A)** The 1<sup>st</sup> principal component (PC1) on the x-axis and the 2<sup>nd</sup> principal component (PC2) on the y-axis. **(B)** The 3<sup>rd</sup> principal component (PC3) on the x-axis and the 4<sup>th</sup> principal component (PC4) on the y-axis. In both panels, samples are coloured according to self-reported ethnicity. The legend indicates the coloured symbol used for each predefined ethnicity throughout this document.

# A brief introduction to: Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

- Given a square matrix **A**,
  - Can we define a vector **v** and scalar **b** such that  $\mathbf{Av} = b\mathbf{v}$ ? If so then b is an eigenvalue and **v** an eigenvector of **A**.
  - Note:
    - Eigen values and eigen vectors work as a 'pair'
    - there maybe 0 to n (where n is the rank of **A**) eigenvalue/eigenvector pairs for **A**
    - e.g.

Is  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $b = 4$  an eigenvector/eigenvalue pair of  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

$$b\mathbf{v} = 4 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Av} &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 3x_2 + 2x_1 \\ 3x_2 - 2x_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

# Eigenvalues, eigenvectors & PCA analysis

- In PCA,
  - Eigenvalues are ordered, largest to smallest
  - Eigenvectors are orthogonal
- PC1 (1<sup>st</sup> principal component) has the largest eigenvalue. PC1 represents the largest axis of variation in the matrix.
- PC2 is orthogonal (uncorrelated) to PC1 and has the 2nd largest eigenvalue. It represents the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest axis of variation in the matrix.
  - ...etc.
- e.g. **K** is decomposed into eigenvalues **D** and eigenvectors **E**, then **K = EDE'**

# Eigenvalues, eigenvectors & PCA analysis

What is the primary axis of variation in **K**, if  $\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} 1348 & 66.5 & -117.7 \\ 66.5 & 24.3 & -14.0 \\ -111.7 & -14.0 & 14.5 \end{bmatrix}$

Let  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{E}'$

where **D** is the eigenvalues,  $\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 1361 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 24.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.5 \end{bmatrix}$

and **E** are the eigenvectors,  $\mathbf{E} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.995 & -0.079 & 0.056 \\ -0.050 & 0.915 & 0.400 \\ 0.083 & -0.395 & 0.915 \end{bmatrix}$

# basics – practical 1

- Some matrix algebra to do by-hand (!)
- Work through “basicsPrac1.pdf”
  - PART 1: check answers to matrix algebra questions
  - PART 2: Small example PCA analysis
- Software: R



# Cluster Access

- You have all been provided with login details to computing resources needed for the practical component
- An SSH terminal is needed to connect to the computing:
  - Windows: Install PuTTY
  - Hostname: as provided (203.101.228.xxx)
  - User: as provided
  - Check Connection > SSH > X11 > Enable X11 forwarding
  - Mac/Linux: Use the terminal
  - `ssh -X <user>@203.101.228.xxx`