



matrices

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Syllabus

3. Matrices

15 Lectures

(a) Addition and Multiplication of Matrices. Null Matrices. Diagonal, Scalar and Unit Matrices. Transpose of a Matrix. Symmetric and Skew-Symmetric Matrices. Conjugate of a Matrix. Hermitian and Skew-Hermitian Matrices. Singular and Non-Singular matrices. Orthogonal and Unitary Matrices. Trace of a Matrix.

(b) Eigen-values and Eigenvectors (Degenerate and non-degenerate). Cayley-Hamilton Theorem. Diagonalization of Matrices. Solutions of Coupled Linear Ordinary homogeneous Differential Equations. Functions of a Matrix.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY MATRICES?

- ▶ Let us consider a set of simultaneous equations,

$$x + 2y + 3z + 5t = 0$$

$$4x + 2y + 5z + 7t = 0$$

$$3x + 4y + 2z + 6t = 0$$

- ▶ $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

- ▶ A system of numbers, arranged in a rectangular array in rows or columns and bounded by the brackets, is called a matrix.

VARIOUS TYPES OF MATRICES

❖ Row Matrix [2,7,3,9]

❖ Column Matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$

❖ Null/Zero Matrix : A matrix in which each entry is zero is called a zero matrix. $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

❖ Square Matrix: : A matrix having the number of rows is equal to the number of columns is called a square matrix. $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

❖ Diagonal Matrix: A square matrix is said to be diagonal matrix if the non-zero entries appear only on the principal diagonal. $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

❖ A diagonal matrix D of order n with the diagonal entries $d_1, d_2, d_3 \dots \dots d_n$ is denoted by $D = \text{diag}(d_1, \dots, d_n)$. If $d_i = d$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ then the diagonal matrix D is called a scalar matrix.

VARIOUS TYPES OF MATRICES

- ❖ **Unit or Identity Matrix:** A square matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$ with $a_{ij} \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$ is called the identity matrix .

Example: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- ❖ A square matrix is set to be upper triangular if $a_{ij} = 0$ for $i > j$. Example: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$
- ❖ A square matrix is set to be lower triangular if $a_{ij} = 0$ for $i < j$. Example: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$
- ❖ A square matrix is said to be Triangular Matrix if it is an upper or lower triangular matrix.