Matrix Algebra in R Cheatsheet Update: Jan 2021



Generate a rectangular matrix with 10 rows, 3 columns
set.seed(222) # Always set a random seed (for repeatability)
A <- matrix(runif(30), nrow=10, ncol=3)
Generate a rectangular matrix with 3 rows, 5 columns
B <- matrix(runif(15), nrow=3, ncol=5)
Generate a rectangular matrix with 4 rows, 4 columns
C <- matrix(runif(16), nrow=4, ncol=4)
</pre>

Examining (Inspecting) Matrices

Is A a matrix? is.matrix(A) # Dimensions of matrix A dim(A) # Number of rows or columns of A nrow(A) ncol(A) # Assign row and column names to A rownames(A) <- 1:10colnames(A) <- c("a1", "a2", "a3")</pre> # Find the class of object 'A' class(a) # Should be 'Matrix' # Find the type of 'A' typeof(A) # Show the first few rows of 'A' head(A) # VERY useful! # Show the last few rows of 'A' tail(A) # Summarize 'A' summary(A) # Show row '2' of 'A' (only) A[2,] # Show columns 2 & 3 of 'A' (only) A[,2:3] Matrix "Gotchas": Common Problems

Element-wise multiplication vs. matrix multiplication
A * B # Element-by-element multiplication
A %*% B # Matrix multiplication
Avoid `==` when testing equality in floating point objects
isTRUE(all.equal(X, Y)) # Handles nearly-equal numbers
identical(X, Y) # Safe, reliable way to test two f.p. objects

Columns or rows extracted from matrices are simple vectors # You must 'convert" them to matrices for them to behave! A <- matrix(c(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9), nrow=3) # Make a 3x3 matrix a <- A[1,] # contents of row 1 b <- A[,2] # contents of column 2 a1 <- matrix(a, nrow=1) # a with correct orientation b1 <- matrix(b) # b with correct orientation</pre>

Reference: Basic

Element-wise multiplication А*В Matrix multiplication A %*% B Outer product. AB' A %0% B Dot Product of Vectors dot(a, b) A'B and A'A respectively crossprod (A, B) crossprod (A) Transpose (Vector or Matrix) t(A) Create diagonal matrix diag(x) # x is a vector Return principal diagonal diag(A) # A is a vector Create kxk identity matrix diag(k) # k is the dimensionSolve for x when: x b = Axsolve(A, b) Inverse of A solve (A) Combine matrices (horiz) cbind (A, B, ...) Combine matrices (vert) rbind (A, B, ...) Create vector of row means rowMeans (A) Create vector of row sums rowSums (A) Create vector of col means colMeans (A) Create vector of col sums colSums (A) Test if object is a matrix is.matrix (A) Change type to Matrix as.matrix (A)



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Useful Matrix Operations

Matrix Multiplication: AB A %*% B # Matrix multiplication # Transpose of B: B' t(B) # Matrix Product: B'A' t(B) %*% t(A) # Scalar multiplication 5 * B B * 5 # Extract diagonal elements of a square matrix diag(C) # C is a square matrix # Trace of a square matrix sum(diag(C)) # Determinant of a square matrix det(C) # Create a 5x5 identity matrix I < - diag(5)# Inverse of a square matrix solve(C) # Singular value decomposition (SVD) svd(A)# Eigendecomposition (of a symmetric matrix) eigen(C %*% t(C)) Functions for Basic Calculations # Sum of elements by rows

Sum of elements by rows
rowSums(A)
Sum of elements by columns
colSums(A)
Mean of elements by rows
rowMeans(A)
Mean of elements by columns
colMeans(A)

Handy Functions

Center matrix A
scale(A, scale=FALSE) # Centering, no scaling
Standardize A: variables with mean=0, var=1
scale(A) # Centering and scaling are defaults
Elements as fraction of the total sum
prop.table(A)
Elements as fraction of rows margin
prop.table(A, 1)
Elements as fraction of columns margin
prop.table(A, 2)

NOTE: See ?scale specific details!

Examples of Applying Functions

Sum of elements by rows apply(A, 1, sum) # Sum of elements by columns apply(A, 2, sum) # Standard deviation of elements by rows apply(A, 1, sd) # Standard deviation of elements by rows apply(A, 2, sd) # Maximum of elements by rows apply(A, 1, max) # Minimum of elements by columns apply(A, 2, min)

Create a Matrix from a CSV (known to be numeric)

- # Common method: First creates a dataframe using read.csv()
 # No row or column names imported
 m1 <- as.matrix(read.csv("file.csv", sep=",", header = FALSE))</pre>
- # Row names in column 1, column names in row 1 (the header)
 m2 <- as.matrix(read.csv("file.csv", sep=",", row.names=1))</pre>
- # NOTE: RStudio uses built-in important functions such as read_csv
 # from `readr` package; these produce tibbles (special dataframes)
 m3 <- as.matrix(read_csv("file.csv", col_names = FALSE))</pre>

Principal Component Analysis Basics

- # prcomp() comes with the default "stats" package, which
 # means that you don't have to install anything.
- # PCA with function prcomp
 pcal = prcomp(USArrests, scale. = TRUE)
- # sqrt of eigenvalues
 pcal\$sdev
- # view the loadings
 head(pcal\$rotation)
- # view the principal components (aka scores) <code>head(pcal\$x)</code>
- # biplot (see upper figure, right)
 biplot(pcal)
- # "scree" or loadings plot (see lower figure, right)
 plot(pcal)

Reference: Advanced

Moore-Penrose Inverse of A ginv (A) y\$val: the eigenvalues of A y\$vec: the eigenvectors of A Y <- eigen (A) Single value decomposition of A Y <- svd (A) Cholesky factorization of A R <- chol (A) QR decomposition of A y <- qr (A)



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Create a Matrix from a Data Frame

- # From ?data.matrix: "Return the matrix obtained by converting all the
- # variables in a data # frame to numeric mode and then binding them
- # together as the columns of a matrix. Factors and ordered factors are
- # replaced by their internal codes. NOTE: Use the usual techniques to

...or from one vector

Given both dimensions

> mat = matrix(1:12, 4, 3)

[,1] [,2] [,3]

5

6 10

7

8 12

9

11

1

2

3

4

Same result

Given one dimension

> mat = matrix(1:12, ncol=3)

> mat = matrix(1:12, nrow=4)

> mat

[1,]

[2,]

[3,]

[4,]

select a subset of `myDataFrame` if required

data.matrix(myDataFrame)

Create Matrices from Vectors...

Given a set of vectors a, b, c
Treating a, b, c as column vectors
> a <- c(1,2,3); b <- c(4,5,6); c <- c(7,8,9)
<pre>> as.matrix(cbind(a,b,c)</pre>
a b c
[1,] 1 4 7
[2,] 2 5 8
[3,] 3 6 9
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b 4 5 6
c 7 8 9
Naming rows and columns of a matrix

Naming rows of A, a 3x3 matrix
row.names(A) <- c("R1", "R2", "R3")
Naming columns of A
colnames(A) <- c("C1", "C2", "C3")</pre>

Compute the norm of a Vector

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sqrt(sum(x^2))

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Compute the norm of a Matrix

Compute a matrix norm of x using LAPACK. The norm can be the one ("0")
norm, the infinity ("I") norm, the Frobenius ("F") norm, the maximum
modulus ("M") among elements of a matrix, or the "spectral" or "2"-norm,
as determined by the value of type.
norm(x, type = "F")

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