

# Linear algebra

## An introduction to matrix algebra

These slides provide a quick introduction to matrices. They might be useful if you're encountering matrices for the first time and want to start working with them immediately.

- For help with some terminology associated with matrices: row, column matrices and their entries, identity, square and zero matrices, and the transpose of a matrix.  
[Introduction to matrices \(pdf, 195KB\)](#)
- For help with matrix arithmetic such as adding and subtracting matrices  $A \pm B$ , multiplying them by scalars  $cA$ , and associated properties.  
[Addition, subtraction and scalar multiplication \(pdf, 178KB\)](#)
- For help with multiplying two matrices  $A \times B$ , and the properties of matrix multiplication.  
[Matrix multiplication \(pdf, 304KB\)](#)
- For an introduction to solving systems of linear equations using matrices: the augmented matrix and elementary row operations.  
[Elementary row operations \(pdf, 72KB\)](#)
- For a worked example of Gaussian elimination: using elementary row operations to reduce matrix to row echelon form, and solving the system by back substitution.  
[Using elementary row operations to solve a system of equations \(pdf, 202KB\)](#)
- An overview of the inverse  $A^{-1}$  of a matrix, and how to find the inverse of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ .  
[The inverse matrix \(pdf, 80KB\)](#)
- Using Gaussian elimination to find the inverse of an  $n \times n$  matrix: a worked example of a  $3 \times 3$  case.  
[Finding the inverse of a matrix \(pdf, 84KB\)](#)
- Using the inverse of a matrix to solve a system of linear equations.  
[Solving systems of linear equations using the inverse \(pdf, 70 KB\)](#)
- For an introduction to determinants and finding the determinant of a matrix using row or column expansions.  
[Determinants \(pdf, 82KB\)](#)
- For some useful properties of determinants such as their relationships with elementary row operations, the determinants of a triangular matrices, and of a product  $\det(AB)$ .  
[Properties of determinants \(pdf, 82KB\)](#)
- For a taste of how matrix algebra can be applied to linear regression and ordinary least squares estimates.  
[Using matrix algebra in linear regression \(pdf, 83KB\)](#)

## Audiovisual recordings

Entire playlist: [Linear algebra recordings \(YouTube video\)](#)

Individual videos:

- For help with interpreting and finding the vector equation of a line  $\vec{r} = \vec{p}_0 + t\vec{v}$ .  
[Vector equation of a line](#)