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Topic: Algebraic Laws for Multiplicati

on of Matrices

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Algebraic laws of multiplication of matrices

Associative law : If A and B are conformal for the product AB and B and C are conformal for the product BC , then

$$(AB)C = A(BC)$$

Proof : Let A, B, C be the $m \times n, n \times p$ and $p \times q$ matrices and let $A = [a_{ij}], B = [b_{ij}], C = [c_{ij}]$.

Here A , B and C are conformal for the product AB and BC .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } (AB) &= [a_{ij}] \times [b_{ij}] = \left[\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj} \right] \\ &= [\lambda_{ij}], \text{ say } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m \\ &\quad j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p. \end{aligned} \quad \dots (1)$$

We find that (AB) i.e., $[\lambda_{ij}]$ is a $m \times p$ matrix and since C is a $p \times q$ matrix; therefore (AB) and C are conformal for the product $(AB)C$ and $(AB)C$ is a $m \times q$ matrix.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } (AB)C &= [\lambda_{ij}] \times [c_{ij}] \\ &= \left[\sum_{l=1}^p \lambda_{il} c_{lj} \right] = \left[\sum_{l=1}^p \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kl} \right) c_{lj} \right]; \text{ from (1)} \\ &= \left[\sum_{l=1}^p \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kl} c_{lj} \right]; \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m, \\ &\quad j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, q. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again } (BC) &= [b_{ij}] \times [c_{ij}] = \left[\sum_{r=1}^p b_{ir} c_{rj} \right] \\ &= [\delta_{ij}], \text{ say; } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, q. \end{aligned} \quad \dots (2)$$

We find that (BC) i.e., $[\delta_{ij}]$ is a $n \times q$ matrix and since A is a $m \times n$ matrix, therefore A and (BC) are conformal for the product $A(BC)$ and $A(BC)$ is a $m \times q$ matrix.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } A(BC) &= [a_{ij}] \times [\delta_{ij}] \\ &= \left[\sum_{s=1}^n a_{is} \delta_{sj} \right] = \left[\sum_{s=1}^n a_{is} \left(\sum_{r=1}^p b_{sr} c_{rj} \right) \right]; \text{ from (2)} \\ &= \left[\sum_{r=1}^p \sum_{s=1}^n a_{is} b_{sr} c_{rj} \right]; \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m \\ &\quad j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, q. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $(AB)C = A(BC)$.

We may write $(AB)C = A(BC) = ABC$.

DD) Distributive law : If A and B are conformal for the product AB , B and C are conformal for addition, then $A(B + C) = AB + AC$

Proof : Let A, B, C be the $m \times n, n \times p$ and $n \times p$ matrices and let $A = [a_{ij}], B = [b_{ij}], C = [c_{ij}]$.

Since B and C are conformal,

$$\therefore B + C = [b_{ij}] + [c_{ij}] = [b_{ij} + c_{ij}].$$

Now, $B + C$ is a $n \times p$ matrix. Therefore A and $B + C$ are conformal for the product $A(B + C)$.

$$\text{Hence } A(B + C) = [a_{ij}] \times [b_{ij} + c_{ij}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left[\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} (b_{kj} + c_{kj}) \right]; i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m \\ &\quad j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p \\ &= \left[\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj} + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} c_{kj} \right] \\ &= \left[\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj} \right] + \left[\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} c_{kj} \right] \quad \dots(1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } AB = [a_{ij}] \times [b_{ij}] = \left[\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj} \right]; i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m \\ j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p$$

$$\text{and } AC = [a_{ij}] \times [c_{ij}] = \left[\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} c_{kj} \right]; \quad " \quad " \quad \dots(2)$$

Therefore from (1) and (2), we have $A(B + C) = AB + AC$.

Similarly, $(B + C)D = BD + CD$, when D is a $p \times q$ matrix (say)