# CGN 2420 Matrix Operations in Excel 

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## Objectives

- Learn how to define and name arrays.
- Learn how to carry out standard matrix math:
- Multiplying matrices by scalar values.
- Matrix addition.
- Matrix multiplication.
- Transposing matrices.
- Inverting a matrix.
- Find the determinant of a matrix.
$\perp$ Solve systems of simultaneous linear equations.


## Defining and Naming Arrays

An array is defined by filling a range of cells with the contents of the array.

- Naming a range of cells allows you to use the name in place of the cell range.
- To give a name to the range of cells that hold an array:
- Select the cells containing the array.
- Enter the desired name in the name box at the left side of the formula bar.
- Alternatively, a selected range can be assigned a name by using the ribbon options:

Formulas/Defined Names/Define Name

## Defining and Naming Arrays (Cont.)



## Matrix Addition

- The two matrices to be added must be the same size.
- Matrices can be added using basic cell arithmetic or array math operation.
- Matrix addition using array math:
- Name the cell ranges containing the arrays that will be added.
- Select a cell range with same dimensions as parent matrices.
- Then enter the formula= name matrix $1+$ name matrix 2 . Press [Ctrl-Shift-Enter] after entering formula.


## Matrix Addition (Cont.)




Enter Formula

Important!
Press [Crtl-Shift-Enter] after entering formula


## Multiplying a Matrix by a Scalar

Multiplying a matrix by a scalar requires to multiply each element of the matrix by the scalar.

- Scalar multiplication using array math:
- Enter and name the array that will be multiplied.
- Indicate the size of the result matrix by selecting the desired cell range.
- Enter the formula + [Ctrl-Shift-Enter]


## Multiplying a Matrix by a Scalar (Cont.)



Select cell range

Enter Formula


Important!
Press [Crtl-Shift-Enter] after entering formula

| 4 | A | B | C | D |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | [A], $3 \times 2$ |  | 1 | 3 |
| 3 |  |  | 7 | 2 |
| 4 |  |  | 8 | 1 |
| 5 |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Scalar: | 10 |  |  |
| 7 |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | [A]x scala |  | 10 | 30 |
| 9 |  |  | 70 | 20 |
| 10 |  |  | 80 | 10 |
| 11 |  |  |  |  |

## Matrix Multiplication

In order to multiply two matrices, the number of columns in the first matrix must equal the number of rows in the second matrix.

- Ex:
[A], $3 \times 2$
[e], 2x1

To multiply these matrices, "inside" dimensions must match $(2,2)$. The product matrix dimension will have "outside" dimensions ( $3 \times 1$ ).

## Matrix Multiplication (Cont.)

- Procedure:
- Enter and name the arrays that will be multiplied.
- Indicate the size of the result matrix by selecting the desired cell range.
- Enter the following function:
- MMULT(first matrix, second matrix) + [Ctrl-ShiftEnter]
- Note: Alternatively you can use the mouse to indicate the cell ranges instead of using arrays names.


## Matrix Multiplication (Cont.)

Enter MMULT Function


Select cell range (outside dimensions)


## Matrix Transpose

Any matrix can be transposed. To transpose a matrix, interchange the rows and columns.

- Excel features two methods to transpose a matrix:

By using PASTE SPECIAL (does not automatically recalculates)

- By using the TRANSPOSE() array function (automatically recalculates)


## Matrix Transpose (Cont.)

- Using PASTE SPECIAL:
- Select and copy the array to be transposed.
- Indicate the cell that will contain the top-left corner of the result matrix.
- Open the PASTE SPECIAL dialog, using right click or ribbon options Home/Paste(menu)/Paste Special.
- Select values in the paste selection, and check the transpose check near the bottom of the dialog.
- Click OK button.


## Matrix Transpose (Cont.)



| Paste Special | $? X$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Paste |  |
| OAll | All using Source theme |
| Eormulas | All except borders |
| () Values | Column widths |
| Formats | Formulas and number formats |
| Comments | Values and number formats |
| Validation |  |
| Operation |  |
| (-) None | Multiply |
| $\bigcirc$ Add | $\bigcirc$ divide |
| Subtract |  |
| $\square$ Skip blanks | $\square$ Transpose |
| Paste Link | OK Cancel |



## Matrix Transpose (Cont.)

- Using TRANSPOSE array function:
- Enter the original matrix.
- Indicate where the result should be placed, showing the exact size of the transposed matrix.
- Enter the TRANSPOSE() array function + [Ctrl-ShiftEnter].


## Matrix Transpose (Cont.)



## Inverting a Matrix

Only square, non singular matrices can be inverted.

## Procedure:

- Enter the matrix to be inverted and name it if desired.
- Indicate where the result should be placed, showing the exact size (same as original matrix).
- Enter the MINVERSE() array function + [Ctrl-Shift-Enter].


## Inverting a Matrix (Cont.)



## Matrix Determinant

The determinant of a matrix is a single value. If determinant $=0$, matrix is singular and can not be inverted.

A matrix is singular if:

- Any row or column contains all zeros
- Any two rows or columns are identical
- Any row or column is a linear combinations of other rows or columns.


## Matrix Determinant (Cont.)

To calculate the determinant of a matrix:

MDETERM() function


## Solving Systems of Linear Equations

The process of solving simultaneous equations by using matrices works as follows:

1. Write equations in matrix form

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 3 x_{1}+2 x_{2}+4 x_{3}=5 \\
& 2 x_{1}+5 x_{2}+3 x_{3}=17 \\
& 7 x_{1}+2 x_{2}+2 x_{3}=11
\end{aligned} \longrightarrow[C][x]=[r]
$$

Where,

$$
[C]=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
3 & 2 & 4 \\
2 & 5 & 3 \\
7 & 2 & 2
\end{array}\right]
$$

$$
[x]=\left[\begin{array}{l}
x_{1} \\
x_{2} \\
x_{3}
\end{array}\right]
$$

$$
[r]=\left[\begin{array}{c}
5 \\
17 \\
11
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Solving Systems of Linear Equations (Cont.)

2. Calculate the determinant of [C]

- If Det $(C)=0$, Solution undetermined
- If Det $(C) \neq 0$, Solution can be determined

3. Invert the coefficient matrix [c]
4. The solution to the system of equations is given by:

$$
[x]=[C]^{-1}[r]
$$

## Solving Systems of Linear Equations (Cont.)

| F12 ${ }_{\text {c }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |  |
| 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | [C]=Coeff |  | 3 | 2 | 4 |  | $\mathrm{ro}=$ | 5 |  |
| 3 |  |  | 2 | 5 | 3 |  |  | 17 |  |
| 4 |  |  | 7 | 2 | 2 |  |  | 11 |  |
| 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | $\operatorname{Det}(\mathrm{C})=$ | -78 | $\neq 0$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | inverse= |  | -0.05128 | -0.05128 | 0.179487 |  |  |  |  |
| 9 |  |  | -0.21795 | 0.282051 | 0.012821 |  |  |  |  |
| 10 |  |  | 0.397436 | -0.10256 | -0.14103 |  |  |  |  |
| 11 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | $\mathrm{x}=$ inverse* |  | 0.846154 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 |  |  | 3.846154 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14 |  |  | -1.30769 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

