

# Package: matrixNormal (via r-universe)

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is.symmetric.matrix    *Is a matrix symmetric or positive-definite?*

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### Description

Determines if a matrix is square, symmetric, positive-definite, or positive-semi-definite.

### Usage

```
is.square.matrix(A)
```

```
is.symmetric.matrix(A, tol = .Machine$double.eps^0.5)
```

```
is.positive.semi.definite(A, tol = .Machine$double.eps^0.5)
```

```
is.positive.definite(A, tol = .Machine$double.eps^0.5)
```

### Arguments

A	A numeric matrix.
tol	A numeric tolerance level used to check if a matrix is symmetric. That is, a matrix is symmetric if the difference between the matrix and its transpose is between -tol and tol.

### Details

A tolerance is added to indicate if a matrix  $A$  is approximately symmetric. If  $A$  is not symmetric, a message and first few rows of the matrix is printed. If  $A$  has any missing values, NA is returned.

- `is.symmetric.matrix` returns TRUE if  $A$  is a numeric, square and symmetric matrix; otherwise, returns FALSE. A matrix is symmetric if the absolute difference between  $A$  and its transpose is less than `tol`.
- `is.positive.semi.definite` returns TRUE if a real, square, and symmetric matrix  $A$  is positive semi-definite. A matrix is positive semi-definite if its smallest eigenvalue is greater than or equal to zero.
- `is.positive.definite` returns TRUE if a real, square, and symmetric matrix  $A$  is positive-definite. A matrix is positive-definite if its smallest eigenvalue is greater than zero.

### Note

Functions are adapted from Frederick Novomestky's **matrixcalc** package in order to implement the `rmatnorm` function. The following changes are made:

- I changed argument `x` to `A` to reflect usual matrix notation.

- For `is.symmetric`, I added a tolerance so that  $A$  is symmetric even provided small differences between  $A$  and its transpose. This is useful for `rmatnorm` function, which was used repeatedly to generate `matrixNormal` random variates in a Markov chain.
- For `is.positive.semi.definite` and `is.positive.definite`, I also saved time by avoiding a `for`-loop and instead calculating the minimum of eigenvalues.

## Examples

```
## Example 0: Not square matrix
B <- matrix(c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6), nrow = 2, byrow = TRUE)
B
is.square.matrix(B)

## Example 1: Not a matrix. should get an error.
df <- as.data.frame(matrix(c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6), nrow = 2, byrow = TRUE))
df
## Not run:
is.square.matrix(df)

## End(Not run)

## Example 2: Not symmetric & compare against matrixcalc
F <- matrix(c(1, 2, 3, 4), nrow = 2, byrow = TRUE)
F
is.square.matrix(F)
is.symmetric.matrix(F) # should be FALSE
if (!requireNamespace("matrixcalc", quietly = TRUE)) {
  matrixcalc::is.symmetric.matrix(F)
} else {
  message("you need to install the package matrixcalc to compare this example")
}

## Example 3: Symmetric but negative-definite. The functions are same.
# eigenvalues are 3 -1
G <- matrix(c(1, 2, 2, 1), nrow = 2, byrow = TRUE)
G
is.symmetric.matrix(G)
if (!requireNamespace("matrixcalc", quietly = TRUE)) {
  matrixcalc::is.symmetric.matrix(G)
} else {
  message("you need to install the package matrixcalc to compare this example.")
}
isSymmetric.matrix(G)
is.positive.definite(G) # FALSE
is.positive.semi.definite(G) # FALSE

## Example 3b: A missing value in G
G[1, 1] <- NA
is.symmetric.matrix(G) # NA
is.positive.definite(G) # NA

## Example 4: positive definite matrix
```

```
# eigenvalues are 3.4142136 2.0000000 0.585786
Q <- matrix(c(2, -1, 0, -1, 2, -1, 0, -1, 2), nrow = 3, byrow = TRUE)
is.symmetric.matrix(Q)
is.positive.definite(Q)

## Example 5: identity matrix is always positive definite
I <- diag(1, 3)
is.square.matrix(I) # TRUE
is.symmetric.matrix(I) # TRUE
is.positive.definite(I) # TRUE
```

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matrixNormal\_Distribution

*The Matrix Normal Distribution*

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### Description

Computes the density (`dmatnorm`), calculates the cumulative distribution function (CDF, `pmatnorm`), and generates 1 random number (`rmatnorm`) from the matrix normal:

$$A \sim \text{MatNorm}_{n,p}(M, U, V)$$

### Usage

```
dmatnorm(A, M, U, V, tol = .Machine$double.eps^0.5, log = TRUE)
```

```
pmatnorm(
  Lower = -Inf,
  Upper = Inf,
  M,
  U,
  V,
  tol = .Machine$double.eps^0.5,
  keepAttr = TRUE,
  algorithm = mvtnorm::GenzBretz(),
  ...
)
```

```
rmatnorm(s = 1, M, U, V, tol = .Machine$double.eps^0.5, method = "chol")
```

### Arguments

A	The numeric $n \times p$ matrix that follows the matrix-normal. Value used to calculate the density.
M	The mean $n \times p$ matrix that is numeric and real. Must contain non-missing values. Parameter of matrix Normal.

U	The individual scale $n \times n$ real positive-definite matrix (rows). Must contain non-missing values. Parameter of matrix Normal.
V	The parameter scale $p \times p$ real positive-definite matrix (columns). Must contain non-missing values. Parameter of matrix Normal.
tol	A numeric tolerance level used to check if a matrix is symmetric. That is, a matrix is symmetric if the difference between the matrix and its transpose is between $-tol$ and $tol$ .
log	Logical; if TRUE, the logarithm of the density is returned.
Lower	The $n \times p$ matrix of lower limits for CDF.
Upper	The $n \times p$ matrix of upper limits for CDF.
keepAttr	<code>logical</code> indicating if <code>attributes</code> such as <code>error</code> and <code>msg</code> should be attached to the return value. The default, TRUE is back compatible.
algorithm	an object of class <code>GenzBretz</code> , <code>Miwa</code> or <code>TVPACK</code> specifying both the algorithm to be used as well as the associated hyper parameters.
...	additional parameters (currently given to <code>GenzBretz</code> for backward compatibility issues).
s	The number of observations desired to simulate from the matrix normal. Defaults to 1. Currently has no effect but acts as a placeholder in future releases.
method	String specifying the matrix decomposition used to determine the matrix root of the Kronecker product of U and V in <code>rmatnorm</code> . Possible methods are eigenvalue decomposition ("eigen"), singular value decomposition ("svd"), and Cholesky decomposition ("chol"). The Cholesky (the default) is typically fastest, but not by much though. Passed to <code>rmvnorm</code> .

## Details

These functions rely heavily on this following property of matrix normal distribution. Let `koch()` refer to the Kronecker product of a matrix. For a  $n \times p$  matrix  $A$ , if

$$A \sim \text{MatNorm}(M, U, V),$$

then

$$\text{vec}(A) \sim \text{MVN}_{np}(M, \text{Sigma} = \text{koch}(V, U)).$$

Thus, the probability of  $\text{Lower} < A < \text{Upper}$  in the matrix normal can be found by using the CDF of `vec(A)`, which is given by `pmvnorm` function in `mvtnorm`. See `algorithms` and `pmvnorm` for more information.

Also, we can simulate a random matrix  $A$  from a matrix normal by sampling `vec(A)` from `rmvnorm` function in `mvtnorm`. This matrix  $A$  takes the rownames from  $U$  and the colnames from  $V$ .

## Calculating Matrix Normal Probabilities

From the `mvtnorm` package, three algorithms are available for evaluating normal probabilities:

- The default is the randomized Quasi-Monte-Carlo procedure by Genz (1992, 1993) and Genz and Bretz (2002) applicable to arbitrary covariance structures and dimensions up to 1000.

- For smaller dimensions (up to 20) and non-singular covariance matrices, the algorithm by Miwa et al. (2003) can be used as well.
- For two- and three-dimensional problems and semi-infinite integration region, TVPACK implements an interface to the methods described by Genz (2004).

The . . . arguments define the hyper-parameters for GenzBertz algorithm:

**maxpts** maximum number of function values as integer. The internal FORTRAN code always uses a minimum number depending on the dimension. Default 25000.

**abseps** absolute error tolerance.

**releps** relative error tolerance as double.

### Note

Ideally, both scale matrices are positive-definite. If they do not appear to be symmetric, the tolerance should be increased. Since symmetry is checked, the ‘checkSymmetry’ arguments in ‘mvt-norm::rmvnorm()’ are set to FALSE.

### References

Pocuca, N., Gallagher, M.P., Clark, K.M., & McNicholas, P.D. (2019). Assessing and Visualizing Matrix Variate Normality. Methodology. <<https://arxiv.org/abs/1910.02859>>

Gupta, A. K. and D. K. Nagar (1999). Matrix Variate Distributions. Boca Raton: Chapman & Hall/CRC Press.

### Examples

```
# Data Used
# if(!requireNamespace("datasets", quietly = TRUE)) { install.packages("datasets")} #part of baseR.
A <- datasets::CO2[1:10, 4:5]
M <- cbind(stats::rnorm(10, 435, 296), stats::rnorm(10, 27, 11))
V <- matrix(c(87, 13, 13, 112), nrow = 2, ncol = 2, byrow = TRUE)
V # Right covariance matrix (2 x 2), say the covariance between parameters.
U <- I(10) # Block of left-covariance matrix ( 84 x 84), say the covariance between subjects.

# PDF
dmatnorm(A, M, U, V)
dmatnorm(A, M, U, V, log = FALSE)

# Generating Probability Lower and Upper Bounds (They're matrices )
Lower <- matrix(rep(-1, 20), ncol = 2)
Upper <- matrix(rep(3, 20), ncol = 2)
Lower
Upper
# The probability that a randomly chosen matrix A is between Lower and Upper
pmatnorm(Lower, Upper, M, U, V)

# CDF
pmatnorm(Lower = -Inf, Upper, M, U, V)
# entire domain = 1
pmatnorm(Lower = -Inf, Upper = Inf, M, U, V)
```

```
# Random generation
set.seed(123)
M <- cbind(rnorm(3, 435, 296), rnorm(3, 27, 11))
U <- diag(1, 3)
V <- matrix(c(10, 5, 5, 3), nrow = 2)
rmatnorm(1, M, U, V)

# M has a different sample size than U; will return an error.
## Not run:
M <- cbind(rnorm(4, 435, 296), rnorm(4, 27, 11))
rmatnorm(M, U, V)

## End(Not run)
```

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special.matrix

*Generating Special Matrices*

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## Description

Creates an Identity Matrix  $I$  and a Matrix of Ones  $J$ .

- $I()$ : Creates an identity matrix where the number of columns is  $n$ . This is a diagonal matrix with all equal to one (1). An identity matrix is usually written as  $I$ . Names of rows and columns (`dimnames`) are included.
- $J()$ : Creates a matrix of ones with any number of rows and columns. Names of rows and columns (`dimnames`) are included.

## Usage

$I(n)$

$J(n, m = n)$

## Arguments

$n$                       Number of rows in  $I$  or  $J$ .

$m$                       Number of columns in  $J$ . Default: Same as number of rows.

## See Also

Other matrix: [tr\(\)](#), [vec\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# To create an identity matrix of order 12
I(12)
# To make a matrix of 6 rows and 10 columns of all ones
J(6, 10)
# To make a matrix of unity, dimensions 6 x 6.
J(6)
```

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**tr***Matrix Trace*

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**Description**

Computes the trace of a square numeric matrix *A*.

**Usage**

```
tr(A)
```

**Arguments**

*A*                    Square matrix.

**Note**

If the argument is not a square numeric matrix, the function presents an error and terminates.

**See Also**

Other matrix: [special.matrix](#), [vec\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
A <- matrix(seq(1, 16, 1), nrow = 4, byrow = TRUE)
A
tr(A)
tr(I(3))
```

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vec *Stacks a Matrix using matrix operator "vec"*

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### Description

Returns a column vector that stacks the columns of  $A$ , a  $m \times n$  matrix.

### Usage

```
vec(A, use.Names = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

A	A matrix with $m$ rows and $n$ columns.
use.Names	Logical. If TRUE, the names of $A$ are taken to be names of the stacked matrix. Default: TRUE.

### Value

A vector with  $mn$  elements.

### Note

1. Unlike other 'vec()' functions on CRAN, matrixNormal versions inherit names from matrices to their vectorized forms.
2. vec() was adapted from Frederick Novomestky's **matrixcalc**. This function is edited so that it can take dimension names and return the matrix as a vector.
3. These functions were used as accessories used in matrixNormal functions.

### References

Magnus, J. R. and H. Neudecker (1999). *Matrix Differential Calculus with Applications in Statistics and Econometrics*. Second Edition, John Wiley, ed.

### See Also

Other matrix: [special.matrix](#), [tr\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
M <- matrix(c(4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9), nrow = 3)
M
# Compare vec from \pkg{matrixcalc} and new function.
matrixcalc::vec(M)
vec(M)
# The names are rownames(M):colnames(M) in that order.
# Very similar to matrixcalc but dimension names are different.
```

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vech *Half-Vectorization of a matrix*

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### Description

Stacks elements of the lower triangle of a numeric symmetric matrix  $A$ .

### Usage

```
vech(A, use.Names = TRUE, tol = .Machine$double.eps^0.5)
```

### Arguments

<code>A</code>	A matrix with $m$ rows and $n$ columns.
<code>use.Names</code>	Logical. If TRUE, the names of $A$ are taken to be names of the stacked matrix. Default: TRUE.
<code>tol</code>	A numeric tolerance level used to check if a matrix is symmetric. That is, a matrix is symmetric if the difference between the matrix and its transpose is between $-tol$ and $tol$ .

### Details

For a symmetric matrix  $A$ , the vectorization of  $A$  contains more information than necessary. The half-vectorization, denoted `vech()`, of a symmetric square  $n$  by  $n$  matrix  $A$  is the vectorization of the lower triangular portion.

### Value

A vector with  $n(n+1)/2$  elements.

### Note

Unlike other `vech()` functions available on CRAN, `matrixNormal` versions inherit names from matrices to their vectorized forms.

### Examples

```
x <- matrix(c(1, 2, 2, 4),
  nrow = 2, byrow = TRUE,
  dimnames = list(1:2, c("Sex", "Smoker")))
)
print(x)

# Example 1
vech(x)
# If you just want the vectorized form
vech(x, use.Names = FALSE)
```

```
# Example 2: If one has NA's  
x[1, 2] <- x[2, 1] <- NA  
vech(x)
```

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