

Notation

All vectors will be expressed as column vectors. The typographic convention used for a column vector \mathbf{x} is $\vec{\mathbf{x}}$. Row vectors will be represented by the transpose of a column vector. For example, if we wish to represent the row vector:

$$\left(\mathbf{1} \ \mathbf{2} \ \mathbf{3} \right)$$

we would first define a column vector:

$$\vec{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{2} \\ \mathbf{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then, the row vector would be expressed as:

$$\vec{\mathbf{x}}^T = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{2} \\ \mathbf{3} \end{pmatrix}^T = \left(\mathbf{1} \ \mathbf{2} \ \mathbf{3} \right)$$

The **MATLAB**® command “`x = [1 2 3]`” generates a row vector. To generate a column vector in **MATLAB**®, we use the transpose command “`.’`”. So, $\vec{\mathbf{x}}$ of the previous example would be declared in **MATLAB**® by “`x = [1 2 3].’`”. Note, that the **MATLAB**® command “`.’`” is really the *adjoint* (denoted as \dagger). The adjoint of a $\vec{\mathbf{x}}$ is defined as the complex conjugate of the transpose of $\vec{\mathbf{x}}$, i.e. $\vec{\mathbf{x}}^\dagger = \vec{\mathbf{x}}^*{}^T$. Of course for real vectors, the adjoint and the transpose are the same. Just beware when dealing with complex vectors!