

## **Basic notation**

 $\bullet$  A matrix with real-valued entries, m rows, and n columns

 $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ 

•  $A_{ij}$  denotes the entry in the *i*th row and *j*th column

• A (column) vector with n real-valued entries

 $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ 

•  $x_i$  denotes the *i*th entry

## The Transpose

• The transpose operator  $A^T$  switches rows and columns of a matrix

$$A_{ij} = (A^T)_{ji}$$

• For a vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $x^T \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$  would represent a row vector

## **Elements of a Matrix**

• Can write a matrix in terms of its columns

$$A = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} | & | & | \\ a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_n \\ | & | & | \end{array} \right]$$

• Careful,  $a_i$  here corresponds to an entire vector  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , not an element of a vector

• Similarly, can write a matrix in terms of rows

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} - & a_1^T & - \\ - & a_2^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & a_m^T & - \end{bmatrix}$$

•  $a_1 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  here and  $a_1 \in \mathbb{R}^m$  from previous slide are *not* the same vector