

# Lecture 15: Matrix Multiplication

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We know  $M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$  is a vector space. ie. we can add any  $m \times n$  matrices and we can multiply any  $m \times n$  matrix by a scalar.

Here is another operation:

$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ m \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ p \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 7 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ m \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 25 & -1 \\ -1 & 52 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \leftarrow n \end{matrix}$$

Always remember: row x column

## 14.1 How to multiply a matrix by another matrix

Example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} \\ \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} \end{bmatrix} \quad \star \quad \begin{matrix} \text{to multiply two matrices, the \# of} \\ \text{columns in A must equal the \# of} \\ \text{rows in B} \end{matrix}$$

A                      B

- dimension of product matrix = **# of rows in A by # of columns in B**  
i.e. in this example, A has 2 rows and B has 2 columns, so the product matrix is 2 rows by 2 columns

- each element of the product matrix has a unique address;  $[1,1]$ ,  $[1,2]$ ,  $[2,1]$ ,  $[2,2]$
- element  $[1,1]$  is equal to the dot product of the first row of A and the 1st column of B (=19)

○ every element  $[x,y]$  of the product matrix is equal to  $A_x \cdot B_y$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & \boxed{2} & \boxed{3} \\ \boxed{4} & \boxed{5} & \boxed{6} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{5} & \boxed{2} \\ \boxed{1} & \boxed{3} \\ \boxed{4} & \boxed{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5(1) + 2(2) + 3(4) & 2(1) + 2(3) + 3(2) \\ 4(5) + 5(2) + 6(4) & 4(2) + 5(3) + 6(2) \end{bmatrix}$$

row x in A      column y in B

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 19 & 14 \\ 49 & 35 \end{bmatrix}$$

More Examples

a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

A                      B

b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$       Each column is a linear combination of the columns of A

A                      B

For a matrix A and a matrix  $B = [b_1 | b_2 | \dots | b_n]$  we can say:

$$A \cdot B = [Ab_1 | Ab_2 | \dots | Ab_n]$$

c) Relation to linear systems

Problem: Try to solve  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$

vector equation  $x_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + x_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$

linear system  $\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 &= 5 \\ 3x_1 + 4x_2 &= 6 \end{aligned}$

Solution:  $x_1 = -1, x_2 = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{system: } x_1 + 2x_2 &= 5 \\ 3x_1 + 4x_2 &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 & 6 \end{array} \right] &\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & -2 & -9 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 9/2 \end{array} \right] \\ &\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 9/2 \end{array} \right] \quad S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 9/2 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \\ x_1 &= -4 \\ x_2 &= \frac{9}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d) } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

## 14.2 Strange properties of multiplying matrices

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } A &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ A \cdot B &= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & -1 \\ 11 & 12 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} -1 \text{ 1st col} \\ \text{of } A \\ 0 \text{ 2nd col} \\ \text{of } A \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

$B \cdot A = \text{not defined!}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } A &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ A \cdot B &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, B \cdot A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

**ie. matrix multiplication is non-commutative**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } A &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} n \times 1 \text{ matrices} \\ \text{(column vectors)} \end{array} \\ A^T B &= 8 \quad (= A \cdot B - \text{dot product of vectors}) \\ B^T A &= 8 \quad (= B \cdot A - \text{dot product of vectors}) \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} A^T B \\ B^T A \end{array}} \right\} \text{commutative}$$

$$AB^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot [4 \ -1 \ 2] = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$BA^T = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot [1 \ 0 \ 2] = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 8 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(=tensor products of vectors)  $\leftarrow$  non-commutative

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d) } A &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ A \cdot B &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0_{2 \times 2} \end{aligned}$$

**Note:** we can read  $A \cdot B$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The first column of the product is } 1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ the second one is} \\ 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e) } A &= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 7 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ AC &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix}, BC = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

### 14.3 Pleasant properties

**NOTE:** Notation:

$$0_{m \times n} = \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ m \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & 0 \\ & & \\ 0 & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \leftarrow n \rightarrow \\ \text{"zero matrix"} \end{matrix}$$
$$I_m = \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ m \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \leftarrow m \rightarrow \\ \text{"identity matrix"} \end{matrix}$$

#### Theorem

Let  $A, B, C$  be matrices and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  be a scalar. Then, whenever defined:

- a)  $(AB)C = A(BC)$
- b)  $A(B + C) = AB + AC$
- c)  $(B + C)A = BA + CA$
- d)  $k(AB) = (kA)B = A(kB)$
- e)  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$
- f) If  $A$  is  $m \times n$ , then  $I_m A = A$  and  $A I_n = A$
- g) If  $A$  is  $m \times n$ , then  $A \cdot 0_{n \times p} = 0_{m \times p}$