

**MA 01 LINEAR ALGEBRA I**  
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§8. MATRIX MULTIPLICATION FOR THE  $3 \times 3$  CASE.

Today's agenda: Multiplications involving  $3 \times 3$  matrices. As a starter:

$$\underline{\text{The correct conversion of}} \quad \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{\underline{\text{is}}} \quad \begin{bmatrix} a_1p + a_2q + a_3r \\ b_1p + b_2q + b_3r \\ c_1p + c_2q + c_3r \end{bmatrix}.$$

Like last time, we must *officially* declare this to be the rule that is going to be enforced throughout:

• **Rule.** 
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1p + a_2q + a_3r \\ b_1p + b_2q + b_3r \\ c_1p + c_2q + c_3r \end{bmatrix}.$$

Paraphrase:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \quad A\mathbf{x} &= \begin{bmatrix} a_1p + a_2q + a_3r \\ b_1p + b_2q + b_3r \\ c_1p + c_2q + c_3r \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

• This one you could have easily guessed by extrapolating from the  $2 \times 2$  case (the case  $A$  is  $2 \times 2$  and  $\mathbf{x}$  is  $2 \times 1$ , to be precise). It's just that three separate multiplications instead of two, every step of the way, and also there are three separate steps instead of two. Just in case, I want to offer the following breakdown:

**Break-down.** We are going to do

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \diamond \\ \spadesuit \\ \triangle \end{bmatrix}.$$

(i) To find  $\diamond$ , observe

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1p + a_2q + a_3r \\ \spadesuit \\ \triangle \end{bmatrix}.$$

(ii) To find  $\spadesuit$ , observe

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1p + a_2q + a_3r \\ b_1p + b_2q + b_3r \\ \triangle \end{bmatrix}.$$

(iii) To find  $\triangle$ , observe

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1p + a_2q + a_3r \\ b_1p + b_2q + b_3r \\ c_1p + c_2q + c_3r \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Example 1.** For  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -6 & 5 \\ -2 & 4 & 7 \\ -1 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} A\mathbf{x} &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -6 & 5 \\ -2 & 4 & 7 \\ -1 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 \cdot 2 + (-6) \cdot 3 + 5 \cdot 1 \\ (-2) \cdot 2 + 4 \cdot 3 + 7 \cdot 1 \\ (-1) \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 3 + 9 \cdot 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 15 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 1.** Perform each of the following multiplications:

$$(1) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (2) \quad A\mathbf{x}, \quad \text{where} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$(3) \quad A\mathbf{x}, \quad \text{where} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 4 & -4 \\ -5 & -2 & 5 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

• Now we talk about multiplying a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with another  $3 \times 3$  matrix. Here is the rule that we hereby *officially* declare to enforce throughout:

**Rule.**  $\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \\ r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \end{bmatrix}$  is calculated as

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1p_1 + a_2q_1 + a_3r_1 & a_1p_2 + a_2q_2 + a_3r_2 & a_1p_3 + a_2q_3 + a_3r_3 \\ b_1p_1 + b_2q_1 + b_3r_1 & b_1p_2 + b_2q_2 + b_3r_2 & b_1p_3 + b_2q_3 + b_3r_3 \\ c_1p_1 + c_2q_1 + c_3r_1 & c_1p_2 + c_2q_2 + c_3r_2 & c_1p_3 + c_2q_3 + c_3r_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

• Paraphrase:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \\ r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = \begin{bmatrix} a_1p_1 + a_2q_1 + a_3r_1 & a_1p_2 + a_2q_2 + a_3r_2 & a_1p_3 + a_2q_3 + a_3r_3 \\ b_1p_1 + b_2q_1 + b_3r_1 & b_1p_2 + b_2q_2 + b_3r_2 & b_1p_3 + b_2q_3 + b_3r_3 \\ c_1p_1 + c_2q_1 + c_3r_1 & c_1p_2 + c_2q_2 + c_3r_2 & c_1p_3 + c_2q_3 + c_3r_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

This is a little bit more complicated than the  $2 \times 2$  case, though, again, this could have been easily extrapolated from the case  $A$  and  $B$  are  $2 \times 2$ . In case, let me offer the following break-down:

- **Break-down:** First and foremost, acknowledge the following:

$A$  and  $B$  are both  $3 \times 3$  matrices  $\implies AB$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix.

In other words:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \\ r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} \\ \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} \\ \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (i) Let us find  $\diamond$  in

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \\ r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{\phantom{00} \diamond \phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{000}} & \boxed{\phantom{000}} \\ \boxed{\phantom{000}} & \boxed{\phantom{000}} & \boxed{\phantom{000}} \\ \boxed{\phantom{000}} & \boxed{\phantom{000}} & \boxed{\phantom{000}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since  $\diamond$  is in the top-left, accordingly highlight the portion of  $A$  and  $B$ , like

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boxed{a_1} & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{p_1} & p_2 & p_3 \\ q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \\ r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$\diamond$  is  $a_1p_1 + a_2q_1 + a_3r_1$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \\ r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{a_1p_1 + a_2q_1 + a_3r_1} & \boxed{\phantom{000}} & \boxed{\phantom{000}} \\ \boxed{\phantom{000}} & \boxed{\phantom{000}} & \boxed{\phantom{000}} \\ \boxed{\phantom{000}} & \boxed{\phantom{000}} & \boxed{\phantom{000}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

(ii) Next, let's find  $\heartsuit$  in

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \\ r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline a_1p_1 + a_2q_1 + a_3r_1 & \heartsuit & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline \end{array} \right]$$

Since  $\heartsuit$  is the top-middle (top-row & middle-column), accordingly highlight the portion of  $A$  and  $B$ , like

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boxed{a_1} & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & \boxed{p_2} & p_3 \\ q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \\ r_1 & \boxed{r_2} & r_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$\heartsuit$  is  $a_1p_2 + a_2q_2 + a_3r_2$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \\ r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline a_1p_1 + a_2q_1 + a_3r_1 & a_1p_2 + a_2q_2 + a_3r_2 & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline \end{array} \right].$$

(iii) Similarly, we can find ♣ in

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \\ r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline a_1p_1 + a_2q_1 + a_3r_1 & a_1p_2 + a_2q_2 + a_3r_2 & \clubsuit \\ \hline & & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline \end{array} \right]$$

as

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \\ r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline a_1p_1 + a_2q_1 + a_3r_1 & a_1p_2 + a_2q_2 + a_3r_2 & a_1p_3 + a_2q_3 + a_3r_3 \\ \hline & & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline \end{array} \right].$$

(iv) Next, we can find ♠ in

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \\ r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline a_1p_1 + a_2q_1 + a_3r_1 & a_1p_2 + a_2q_2 + a_3r_2 & a_1p_3 + a_2q_3 + a_3r_3 \\ \hline \spadesuit & & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline \end{array} \right]$$

as

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \\ r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \end{bmatrix} \\
= \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{a_1p_1 + a_2q_1 + a_3r_1} & \boxed{a_1p_2 + a_2q_2 + a_3r_2} & \boxed{a_1p_3 + a_2q_3 + a_3r_3} \\ \boxed{b_1p_1 + b_2q_1 + b_3r_1} & \boxed{\phantom{a_1p_2 + a_2q_2 + a_3r_2}} & \boxed{\phantom{a_1p_3 + a_2q_3 + a_3r_3}} \\ \boxed{\phantom{a_1p_1 + a_2q_1 + a_3r_1}} & \boxed{\phantom{a_1p_2 + a_2q_2 + a_3r_2}} & \boxed{\phantom{a_1p_3 + a_2q_3 + a_3r_3}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now, the rest goes the same way. The following is the end result:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \\ r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \end{bmatrix} \\
= \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{a_1p_1 + a_2q_1 + a_3r_1} & \boxed{a_1p_2 + a_2q_2 + a_3r_2} & \boxed{a_1p_3 + a_2q_3 + a_3r_3} \\ \boxed{b_1p_1 + b_2q_1 + b_3r_1} & \boxed{b_1p_2 + b_2q_2 + b_3r_2} & \boxed{b_1p_3 + b_2q_3 + b_3r_3} \\ \boxed{c_1p_1 + c_2q_1 + c_3r_1} & \boxed{c_1p_2 + c_2q_2 + c_3r_2} & \boxed{c_1p_3 + c_2q_3 + c_3r_3} \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Example 2.** For  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 7 \\ 2 & -1 & 8 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& AB \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 7 \\ 2 & -1 & 8 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 2 + 7 \cdot 1 & 1 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 1 + 7 \cdot (-3) & 1 \cdot 2 + (-1) \cdot 1 + 7 \cdot 2 \\ 2 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 2 + 8 \cdot 1 & 2 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 1 + 8 \cdot (-3) & 2 \cdot 2 + (-1) \cdot 1 + 8 \cdot 2 \\ 3 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 + (-1) \cdot 1 & 3 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot (-3) & 3 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 2 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -21 & 15 \\ 8 & -23 & 19 \\ 4 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix},
\end{aligned}$$

$BA$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 7 \\ 2 & -1 & 8 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 & 1 \cdot (-1) + 1 \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot 1 & 1 \cdot 7 + 1 \cdot 8 + 2 \cdot (-1) \\ 2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 3 & 2 \cdot (-1) + 1 \cdot (-1) + 1 \cdot 1 & 2 \cdot 7 + 1 \cdot 8 + 1 \cdot (-1) \\ 1 \cdot 1 + (-3) \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 & 1 \cdot (-1) + (-3) \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot 1 & 1 \cdot 7 + (-3) \cdot 8 + 2 \cdot (-1) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 & 13 \\ 7 & -2 & 21 \\ 1 & 4 & -19 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -21 & 15 \\ 8 & -23 & 19 \\ 4 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad BA = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 & 13 \\ 7 & -2 & 21 \\ 1 & 4 & -19 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So, once again, (just like the  $2 \times 2$  case) in general,  $AB$  and  $BA$  are not equal.

**Exercise 2.** Calculate  $AB$  and  $BA$ :

$$(1) \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$(2) \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$(3) \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 4 & 8 & 16 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$(4) \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$



- The inverse matrix  $A^{-1}$ .

Next, let's revisit the inverse of  $3 \times 3$  matrices. Remember that the following was thrown at the end of "Review of Lectures — III":

**Inverse of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix.**

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix}$ . The inverse  $A^{-1}$  of  $A$  is the following matrix:

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \operatorname{adj} A,$$

where

$$\det A = a_1 b_2 c_3 - a_1 b_3 c_2 - a_2 b_1 c_3 + a_2 b_3 c_1 + a_3 b_1 c_2 - a_3 b_2 c_1,$$

and

$$\operatorname{adj} A = \begin{bmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} b_2 & b_3 \\ c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} & - \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & a_3 \\ c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} & + \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & a_3 \\ b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} \\ - \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} & + \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_3 \\ c_1 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} & - \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} \\ + \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & b_2 \\ c_1 & c_2 \end{vmatrix} & - \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ c_1 & c_2 \end{vmatrix} & + \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$A^{-1}$  exists, provided  $\det A \neq 0$ .

The above inversion method was touched — if ever so briefly — at the end of “Review of Lectures – III”. It would have been too much for one lecture to include this remark so I left it out, but there is something we have to be super-meticulous about. Actually I have already made the same remark for the  $2 \times 2$  case (in page 3–4 of “Review of Lectures – III”), so the following is a mere extrapolation. In the previous page, inside the smaller highlighted box,

- the part  $\frac{1}{\det A}$  is a scalar,

whereas

- the part  $\text{adj } A$  is a matrix.

Those two ingredients are being juxtaposed. It signifies

“ a scalar being multiplied to a  $3 \times 3$  matrix ”.

We haven’t *officially* defined it yet, which we must now. Here we go:

- **Definition (Scalar multiplied to a matrix).** Let  $s$  be a scalar. Then

$$s \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} sa_1 & sa_2 & sa_3 \\ sb_1 & sb_2 & sb_3 \\ sc_1 & sc_2 & sc_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Paraphrase:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} & \text{and} & s : \text{ a scalar} \\ \implies & & sA = \begin{bmatrix} sa_1 & sa_2 & sa_3 \\ sb_1 & sb_2 & sb_3 \\ sc_1 & sc_2 & sc_3 \end{bmatrix}. \end{array}$$

I trust you have been circumspect about this point — however minute — when you tried Exercise 5 in page 14 of “Review of Lextures — III”. Speaking of, I think this is a good place to revisit that exercise, so let me pull one of the questions therein:

**Example 3.** For

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 5 & -4 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(= part (1) of Exercise 5, in “Review of Lextures — III”), let’s find its inverse  $A^{-1}$ .

**Step 1.** First find the determinant of  $A$ , as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= 2 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} -4 & -1 \\ -3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} + (-2) \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2 \cdot (-19) - 1 \cdot (-21) + (-2) \cdot (-11) \\ &= -38 - 21 + 22 = -37. \end{aligned}$$

**Step 2.** Second find the adjoint matrix  $\text{adj } A$  of  $A$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{adj } A &= \begin{bmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} -4 & -1 \\ -3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} & - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} & + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -4 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ - \begin{vmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} & + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} & - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 5 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ + \begin{vmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} & - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} & + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 5 & -4 \end{vmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -19 & 2 & -9 \\ -21 & 10 & -8 \\ -11 & 7 & -13 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

To conclude,

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1} &= \frac{1}{-37} \begin{bmatrix} -19 & 2 & -9 \\ -21 & 10 & -8 \\ -11 & 7 & -13 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{37} \begin{bmatrix} 19 & -2 & 9 \\ 21 & -10 & 8 \\ 11 & -7 & 13 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\left( = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{19}{37} & \frac{-2}{37} & \frac{9}{37} \\ \frac{21}{37} & \frac{-10}{37} & \frac{8}{37} \\ \frac{11}{37} & \frac{-7}{37} & \frac{13}{37} \end{bmatrix} \right). \end{aligned}$$

- Let me do another example (not from the past exercises):

**Example 4.** For

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 3 & -5 & 2 \\ 6 & -6 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

let's find its inverse  $A^{-1}$ .

**Step 1.** First find the determinant of  $A$ , as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ -6 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - (-3) \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 6 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ 6 & -6 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1 \cdot 2 - (-3) \cdot (-6) + 2 \cdot 12 \\ &= 2 - 18 + 24 = 8. \end{aligned}$$

**Step 2.**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{adj } A &= \begin{bmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ -6 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & - \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ -6 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & + \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ -5 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ - \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 6 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 6 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ + \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ 6 & -6 \end{vmatrix} & - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 6 & -6 \end{vmatrix} & + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 3 & -5 \end{vmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -6 & 4 \\ 6 & -10 & 4 \\ 12 & -12 & 4 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

To conclude,

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1} &= \frac{1}{8} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -6 & 4 \\ 6 & -10 & 4 \\ 12 & -12 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 3 & -5 & 2 \\ 6 & -6 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \left( \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{-3}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{3}{4} & \frac{-5}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{3}{2} & \frac{-3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \right). \end{aligned}$$

**Note.** Realize that, in this example,  $A^{-1}$  equals  $\frac{1}{4}A$ . This happens rarely.

- **The  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix.**

Recall that  $2 \times 2$  identity matrix was  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . What would be its  $3 \times 3$  counterpart? Yes, it is

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We call it the  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix. If you want to be meticulous, you can denote it  $I_3$  to indicate the size. The following two facts are in sync with the  $2 \times 2$  case:

**Fact 1.** For  $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix}$ , we have

$$IA = A, \quad \text{and} \quad AI = A.$$

**Fact 2.** For  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix}$ , suppose

$$\det A \neq 0.$$

Then

$$AA^{-1} = I, \quad \text{and} \quad A^{-1}A = I.$$

**Exercise 3.** Prove Fact 1 and Fact 2 above (brute-force calculation).

- **Gaussian elimination.**

One more stuff before wrapping up today's session. You probably remember the name "Gaussian elimination method", as I mentioned it several times over the course of the semester. I alluded that we are going to cover it at some point. That's going to happen in the next lecture. (Hooray!) I thought spending the last ten or so minutes to give some sneak preview of it wouldn't hurt. The above way of finding  $A^{-1}$  involves a lot of calculations. Good news: There is a way to reduce the amount of work when  $A$  is a concrete matrix filled by numbers, and that's "Gaussian elimination method". Before full disclosure, I suggest we look at some archetypal examples of "Gaussian elimination method". What's potentially confusing is, such (what I would call) archetypal examples — such as Example 5 below — make no direct reference to the inverse of a matrix. So don't get freaked out the following example may appear to have nothing to do with inverting a matrix. I will explain everything in the forthcoming lectures, how "Gaussian elimination method" has a bearing on the business of inverting matrices (see "Review of Lectures – IX"; page 6–10). Below is a kind that you are all familiar with from high school, yet it best captures the essence of "Gaussian elimination method".

**Example 5.** Consider the following system of linear equations

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 2, \\ -x + 3y + 2z = 8, \\ 4x + y = 4. \end{cases}$$

Let's solve this system *brute-force*, without relying on any formula whatsoever. It goes step-by-step.

**Step 1.** Multiply 2 to the first equation in the system sidewise. The result is

$$2x + 2y + 2z = 4.$$

**Step 2.** Subtract it from the second equation in the given system sidewise. The result is

$$-3x + y = 4.$$

**Step 3.** Subtract it from the third equation in the given system sidewise. The result is

$$7x = 0.$$

**Step 4.** Multiply  $\frac{1}{7}$  to the two sides. The result is

$$x = 0.$$

**Step 5.** Go back to Step 2:

$$-3x + y = 4.$$

Substitute the outcome of Step 4:  $x = 0$ . The result is

$$y = 4.$$

**Step 6.** Go back to the first equation in the original system:

$$x + y + z = 2.$$

Substitute the outcomes of Step 4 and Step 5:  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 4$ . The result is

$$4 + z = 2.$$

Solve it for  $z$ :

$$z = -2.$$

In sum, we have obtained the solution

$$(x, y, z) = (0, 4, -2).$$

• And that was some elementary stuff. But like I said, this example fairly depicts the flavor of the “Gaussian elimination method”. Our next job is to do exactly the same but using matrices. — To be continued.