

Lecture 3. Matrix-Matrix Multiplications

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- The **diagonal entries** in an $m \times n$ matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$ are $a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{33}, \dots$

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Matrix Multiplication as a Dot Product

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$$\begin{matrix} \text{rows=2} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} & \times & \begin{matrix} \text{columns=3} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 \\ 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} & \text{columns=2} \\ \text{First matrix} & & & \text{Second matrix} & = \\ & & & \text{rows=3} & \begin{bmatrix} 58 & 64 \\ 139 & 154 \end{bmatrix} \\ & & & & \text{Product} \end{matrix}$$

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$$[1 \ 2 \ 3] \bullet (8, 10, 12) = 1 \times 8 + 2 \times 10 + 3 \times 12 = 64$$

Example 3.1. Compute AB , BA , AC , and CA , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -4 \\ 5 & -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

In general,

Suppose $A = [a_{ik}]$ and $B = [b_{kj}]$ are matrices such that the number of columns of A is equal to the number of rows of B ; say, A is an $m \times p$ matrix and B is a $p \times n$ matrix. Then the product AB is the $m \times n$ matrix whose ij -entry is obtained by multiplying the i th row of A by the j th column of B . That is,

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1p} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{il} & \dots & a_{ip} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mp} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & \dots & b_{1j} & \dots & b_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{p1} & \dots & b_{pj} & \dots & b_{pn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & \dots & c_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & c_{ij} & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{m1} & \dots & c_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

where $c_{ij} = a_{ik}b_{kj}$.

- The product AB is **not defined** if A is an $m \times p$ matrix and B is a $q \times n$ matrix, where $p \neq q$.

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Warning. In general, $AB \neq BA$.

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Practice 3.3. Compute AB and CA using the matrix-vector multiplications, where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 5 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$