

## 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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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 \\ 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 58 & 64 \\ 139 & 154 \end{bmatrix}$$

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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,

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1p} \\ \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & \cdots & a_{ip} \\ \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mp} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & \cdots & b_{1j} & \cdots & b_{1n} \\ \vdots & \cdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \cdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \cdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ b_{p1} & \cdots & b_{pj} & \cdots & b_{pn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & \cdots & c_{1n} \\ \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & c_{ij} & \vdots \\ \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ c_{m1} & \cdots & c_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

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  $p \neq q$ .

## Matrix-Matrix Multiplication through Matrix-Vector Multiplication

If  $B$  has  $k$  columns  $\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \dots, \vec{b}_k$ , then the columns of  $AB$  are  $A\vec{b}_1, A\vec{b}_2, \dots, A\vec{b}_k$ :

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{red} & \text{green} & \text{blue} \\ \text{red} & \text{green} & \text{blue} \\ \text{red} & \text{green} & \text{blue} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} a & d & g \\ b & e & h \\ c & f & i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{light pink} & \text{medium pink} & \text{dark purple} \\ \text{light pink} & \text{medium pink} & \text{dark purple} \\ \text{light pink} & \text{medium pink} & \text{dark purple} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{light pink} \\ \text{light pink} \\ \text{light pink} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ \text{red} \\ \text{red} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b \\ \text{green} \\ \text{green} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c \\ \text{blue} \\ \text{blue} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{medium pink} \\ \text{medium pink} \\ \text{medium pink} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d \\ \text{red} \\ \text{red} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} e \\ \text{green} \\ \text{green} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} f \\ \text{blue} \\ \text{blue} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{dark purple} \\ \text{dark purple} \\ \text{dark purple} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} g \\ \text{red} \\ \text{red} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} h \\ \text{green} \\ \text{green} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} i \\ \text{blue} \\ \text{blue} \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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