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#### Homework 5.2.4.1

21/21 points (graded)

Compute

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

✓ ✓

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{array}{c} \boxed{-2} \checkmark \\ \boxed{0} \checkmark \end{array}$$

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{array}{c} \boxed{-1} \checkmark \\ \boxed{2} \checkmark \end{array}$$

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{array}{ccc} \boxed{1} & \boxed{-2} & \boxed{-1} \\ \checkmark & \checkmark & \checkmark \\ \boxed{2} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{2} \\ \checkmark & \checkmark & \checkmark \end{array}$$

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{array}{ccc} \boxed{1} & \boxed{-2} & \boxed{-1} \\ \checkmark & \checkmark & \checkmark \\ \boxed{2} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{2} \\ \checkmark & \checkmark & \checkmark \\ \boxed{-1} & \boxed{3} & \boxed{-1} \\ \checkmark & \checkmark & \checkmark \end{array}$$

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## Homework 5.2.4.2

18/18 points (graded)

Compute

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} =$$

1	✓
2	✓
-1	✓

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} =$$

-2	✓
0	✓
3	✓

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} =$$

-1	✓
2	✓
-1	✓

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} =$$

1	-2	-1
✓	✓	✓
2	0	2
✓	✓	✓
-1	3	-1
✓	✓	✓

### Homework 5.2.4.3

1/1 point (graded)

Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and let  $\mathbf{I}$  denote the identity matrix of appropriate size.

$$\mathbf{AI} = \mathbf{IA} = \mathbf{A}$$




### Homework 5.2.4.4

12/12 points (graded)

Compute

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} =$$

2	✓
4	✓

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{array}{c} \boxed{2} \\ \boxed{0} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \checkmark \\ \checkmark \end{array}$$

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{array}{c} \boxed{3} \\ \boxed{-6} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \checkmark \\ \checkmark \end{array}$$

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{array}{ccc} \boxed{2} & \boxed{2} & \boxed{3} \\ \checkmark & \checkmark & \checkmark \\ \boxed{4} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{-6} \\ \checkmark & \checkmark & \checkmark \end{array}$$

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## Homework 5.2.4.5

18/18 points (graded)

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 2 \\ \hline -2 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \checkmark \\ \checkmark \\ \checkmark \end{array}$$

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline -4 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline -9 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \checkmark \\ \checkmark \\ \checkmark \end{array}$$

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline -2 \\ \hline -2 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \checkmark \\ \checkmark \\ \checkmark \end{array}$$

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 2 \\ \hline -2 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline -4 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline -9 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline -2 \\ \hline -2 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \checkmark \\ \checkmark \\ \checkmark \\ \checkmark \\ \checkmark \\ \checkmark \end{array}$$

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## Homework 5.2.4.6

1/1 point (graded)

Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and let  $\mathbf{D}$  denote the diagonal matrix with diagonal elements  $\delta_0, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_{n-1}$ . Partition  $\mathbf{A}$  by columns :

$$\mathbf{A} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} \mathbf{a}_0 & \mathbf{a}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{a}_{n-1} \end{array} \right).$$

$$\mathbf{AD} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} \delta_0 \mathbf{a}_0 & \delta_1 \mathbf{a}_1 & \dots & \delta_{n-1} \mathbf{a}_{n-1} \end{array} \right).$$

Always



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## Homework 5.2.4.7

1/1 point (graded)

Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and let  $\mathbf{D}$  denote the diagonal matrix with diagonal elements  $\delta_0, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_{m-1}$ . Partition  $\mathbf{A}$  by rows :

$$\mathbf{A} = \left( \begin{array}{c} \hline \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_0^T \\ \hline \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_1^T \\ \hline \vdots \\ \hline \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_{m-1}^T \\ \hline \end{array} \right).$$

$$\mathbf{DA} = \left( \begin{array}{c} \hline \delta_0 \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_0^T \\ \hline \delta_1 \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_1^T \\ \hline \vdots \\ \hline \delta_{m-1} \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_{m-1}^T \\ \hline \end{array} \right).$$

Always



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## Homework 5.2.4.8

9/9 points (graded)

Compute

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} =$$

-2	0	-5
✓	✓	✓
0	2	7
✓	✓	✓
0	0	1
✓	✓	✓

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## Homework 5.2.4.9

9/9 points (graded)

Compute the following, using what you know about partitioned matrix-matrix multiplication:

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & -2 & \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} -2 & 1 & -1 & \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \end{array} \right) =$$

-2	0	-5
✓ Answer: -2	✓ Answer: 0	✓ Answer: -5
0	2	7
✓ Answer: 0	✓ Answer: 2	✓ Answer: 7
0	0	1
✓ Answer: 0	✓ Answer: 0	✓ Answer: 1



**Answer:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} -2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \\
 &= \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} \left( \begin{array}{cc} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{cc} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) + \left( \begin{array}{c} -2 \\ 3 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) & \left( \begin{array}{cc} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} -1 \\ 2 \end{array} \right) + \left( \begin{array}{c} -2 \\ 3 \end{array} \right) (1) \\ \hline \left( \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{cc} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) + (1) \left( \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) & \left( \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} -1 \\ 2 \end{array} \right) + (1)(1) \end{array} \right) \\
 &= \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} \left( \begin{array}{cc} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{array} \right) + \left( \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) & \left( \begin{array}{c} -3 \\ 4 \end{array} \right) + \left( \begin{array}{c} -2 \\ 3 \end{array} \right) \\ \hline \left( \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) + \left( \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) & (0+0) + (1) \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} -2 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 2 & 7 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

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### Homework 5.2.4.10

1/1 point (graded)

Let  $U, R \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be uppertriangular matrices.The product  $UR$  is an upper triangular matrix.Always 

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 Correct (1/1 point)

### Homework 5.2.4.11

1/1 point (graded)

The product of an  $n \times n$  lower triangular matrix times an  $n \times n$  lower triangular matrix is a lower triangular matrix.Always 

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 Correct (1/1 point)

## Homework 5.2.4.12

0/1 point (graded)

The product of an  $n \times n$  lower triangular matrix times an  $n \times n$  upper triangular matrix is a diagonal matrix.

Always ▾

✗ Answer: Sometimes

### Explanation

Diagonal matrices are both upper and lower triangular. Multiply them together, and you get a diagonal matrix. But take any lower triangular matrix that is not diagonal and multiply it by an upper triangular matrix (diagonal or not), and you don't get a diagonal matrix.

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## Homework 5.2.4.13

1/1 point (graded)

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

$A^T A$  is symmetric.

Always ▾

✓ Answer: Always

### Explanation

Answer: Always

$$(A^T A)^T = A^T (A^T)^T = A^T A.$$

Hence,  $A^T A$  is symmetric.

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## Homework 5.2.4.14

45/45 points (graded)

Compute

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} =$$

<input type="text" value="1"/>	✓	<input type="text" value="-1"/>	✓	<input type="text" value="-2"/>	✓
Answer: 1		Answer: -1		Answer: -2	
<input type="text" value="-1"/>	✓	<input type="text" value="1"/>	✓	<input type="text" value="2"/>	✓
Answer: -1		Answer: 1		Answer: 2	
<input type="text" value="-2"/>	✓	<input type="text" value="2"/>	✓	<input type="text" value="4"/>	✓
Answer: -2		Answer: 2		Answer: 4	

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} =$$

<input type="text" value="4"/>	✓	<input type="text" value="0"/>	✓	<input type="text" value="-2"/>	✓
Answer: 4		Answer: 0		Answer: -2	
<input type="text" value="0"/>	✓	<input type="text" value="0"/>	✓	<input type="text" value="0"/>	✓
Answer: 0		Answer: 0		Answer: 0	
<input type="text" value="-2"/>	✓	<input type="text" value="0"/>	✓	<input type="text" value="1"/>	✓
Answer: -2		Answer: 0		Answer: 1	

$$\bullet \left( \begin{array}{c|c} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{ccc} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right) =$$

<input type="text" value="5"/>	✓ Answer: 5	<input type="text" value="-1"/>	✓ Answer: -1	<input type="text" value="-4"/>	✓ Answer: -4
<input type="text" value="-1"/>	✓ Answer: -1	<input type="text" value="1"/>	✓ Answer: 1	<input type="text" value="2"/>	✓ Answer: 2
<input type="text" value="-4"/>	✓ Answer: -4	<input type="text" value="2"/>	✓ Answer: 2	<input type="text" value="5"/>	✓ Answer: 5

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} (1 \quad -2 \quad 2) =$$

<input type="text" value="1"/> ✓	<input type="text" value="-2"/> ✓	<input type="text" value="2"/> ✓
Answer: 1	Answer: -2	Answer: 2
<input type="text" value="-2"/> ✓	<input type="text" value="4"/> ✓	<input type="text" value="-4"/> ✓
Answer: -2	Answer: 4	Answer: -4
<input type="text" value="2"/> ✓	<input type="text" value="-4"/> ✓	<input type="text" value="4"/> ✓
Answer: 2	Answer: -4	Answer: 4

$$\bullet \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{ccc} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ \hline 1 & -2 & 2 \end{array} \right) =$$

<input type="text" value="6"/> ✓ Answer: 6	<input type="text" value="-3"/> ✓ Answer: -3	<input type="text" value="-2"/> ✓ Answer: -2
<input type="text" value="-3"/> ✓ Answer: -3	<input type="text" value="5"/> ✓ Answer: 5	<input type="text" value="-2"/> ✓ Answer: -2
<input type="text" value="-2"/> ✓ Answer: -2	<input type="text" value="-2"/> ✓ Answer: -2	<input type="text" value="9"/> ✓ Answer: 9

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\bullet \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{ccc} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 & -4 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ -4 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 4 & -4 \\ 2 & -4 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\bullet \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{ccc} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 \end{array} \right) =$$

**Answer:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{ccc} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right) + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 & -4 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ -4 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 4 & -4 \\ 2 & -4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -3 & -2 \\ -3 & 5 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 9 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

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## Homework 5.2.4.15

1/1 point (graded)

Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

$\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T$  is symmetric.

Always

✓ Answer: Always

**Explanation****Answer:** Always**Proof 1:** Since  $A^T A$  is symmetric for any matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and vector  $A = x^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is just the special case where the matrix is a vector.**Proof 2:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 xx^T &= \begin{pmatrix} \chi_0 \\ \chi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \chi_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_0 & \chi_1 & \cdots & \chi_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} \chi_0\chi_0 & \chi_0\chi_1 & \cdots & \chi_0\chi_{n-1} \\ \chi_1\chi_0 & \chi_1\chi_1 & \cdots & \chi_1\chi_{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \chi_{n-1}\chi_0 & \chi_{n-1}\chi_1 & \cdots & \chi_{n-1}\chi_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\chi_i\chi_j = \chi_j\chi_i$ , the  $(i, j)$  element of  $xx^T$  equals the  $(j, i)$  element of  $xx^T$ . This means  $xx^T$  is symmetric.

**Proof 3:**  $(xx^T)^T = (x^T)^T x^T = xx^T$ .

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1/1 point (graded)

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be symmetric and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . $A + xx^T$  is symmetric.

Always

✔ Answer: Always

**Explanation**

If matrices  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  are symmetric, then  $A + B$  is symmetric since  $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T = A + B$ . In this case,  $B = xx^T$ .

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1/1 point (graded)

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . $AA^T$  is symmetric.

Always

✔ Answer: Always

**Explanation**

**Answer:** Always

**Proof 1:**  $(AA^T)^T = (A^T)^T A^T = AA^T$ .

**Proof 2:** We know that  $A^T A$  is symmetric. Take  $B = A^T$ . Then  $AA^T = B^T B$  and hence  $AA^T$  is symmetric.

**Proof 3:**

$$\begin{aligned} AA^T &= \left( a_0 \mid a_1 \mid \cdots \mid a_{n-1} \right) \left( a_0 \mid a_1 \mid \cdots \mid a_{n-1} \right)^T \\ &= \left( a_0 \mid a_1 \mid \cdots \mid a_{n-1} \right) \begin{pmatrix} a_0^T \\ a_1^T \\ \vdots \\ a_{n-1}^T \end{pmatrix} \\ &= a_0 a_0^T + a_1 a_1^T + \cdots + a_{n-1} a_{n-1}^T. \end{aligned}$$

But each  $a_j a_j^T$  is symmetric (by a previous exercise) and adding symmetric matrices yields a symmetric matrix. Hence,  $AA^T$  is symmetric.

**Proof 4:**

Proof by induction on  $n$ .

Base case:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $a_0$  is a vector. Then  $AA^T = a_0 a_0^T$ . But we saw in an earlier homework that if  $x$  is a vector, then  $xx^T$  is symmetric.

Induction Step: Assume that  $AA^T$  is symmetric for matrices with  $n = N$  columns, where  $N \geq 1$ . We will show that  $AA^T$  is symmetric for matrices with  $n = N + 1$  columns.

Let  $A$  have  $N + 1$  columns.

$$\begin{aligned} AA^T &= \text{Partition } A > \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} A_0 \mid a_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_0 \mid a_1 \end{pmatrix}^T \\ &= \text{Transpose partitioned matrix } > \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} A_0 \mid a_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_0^T \\ a_1^T \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \text{Partitioned matrix-matrix multiplication } > \\ &= A_0 A_0^T + a_1 a_1^T \end{aligned}$$

Now, by the I.H.  $A_0 A_0^T$  is symmetric. From a previous exercise we know that  $xx^T$  is symmetric and hence  $a_1 a_1^T$  is. From another exercise we know that adding symmetric matrices yields a symmetric matrix.

By the Principle of Mathematical Induction (PMI), the result holds for all  $n$ .

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## Homework 5.2.4.18

1/1 point (graded)

Let  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be symmetric matrices.

$\mathbf{AB}$  is symmetric.

Sometimes ▼

✔ Answer: Sometimes

### Explanation

Examples when this is true

•  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}$  so that  $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{AA}$ . Then  $(\mathbf{AA})^T = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{AA}$ .

•  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$  or  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}$ .  $\mathbf{IB} = \mathbf{B}$  and hence  $\mathbf{IB}$  is symmetric. Similarly,  $\mathbf{AI} = \mathbf{A}$  and hence  $\mathbf{AI}$  is symmetric.

An example when this is false

$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$   $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $AB = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ , which is not a symmetric matrix.

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