Chapter 2

Matrix Algebra

Section 2.1

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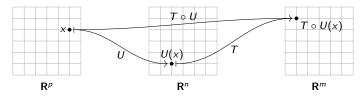
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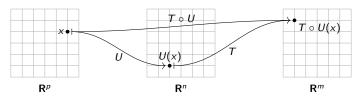
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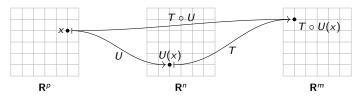
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Before we computed
$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 14 & -10 \\ 32 & -28 \end{pmatrix}$$
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Yes! Here's an example:

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Other Reading

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