

## 2.4 Exercises answer key

(1)

a The marginal distribution of  $Y$  is

$$\Pr(Y = y_j) = \sum_{k=1}^K p_{jk},$$

and the marginal distribution of  $X$  is

$$\Pr(X = x_k) = \sum_{j=1}^J p_{jk}.$$

b The randomness of  $E[Y | X]$  solely comes from the randomness of  $X$ . Given  $X = x_k$ ,  $E[Y | X = x_k]$  is constant,

$$E[Y | X = x_k] = \sum_{j=1}^J y_j \frac{p_{jk}}{\sum_{j=1}^J p_{jk}}.$$

Therefore, the random variable  $E[Y | X]$  takes  $K$  values, with the probability  $\Pr(X = x_k)$  for taking  $k$ th value.

c

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y] &= \sum_{j=1}^J [y_j \Pr(Y = y_j)] \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^J \left[ y_j \sum_{k=1}^K p_{jk} \right] \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^J \left[ \sum_{k=1}^K y_j p_{jk} \right] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^K \left[ \sum_{j=1}^J y_j p_{jk} \right] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^K \left[ \sum_{j=1}^J y_j \frac{p_{jk}}{\sum_{j=1}^J p_{jk}} \sum_{j=1}^J p_{jk} \right] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^K \left[ \left( \sum_{j=1}^J y_j \frac{p_{jk}}{\sum_{j=1}^J p_{jk}} \right) \sum_{j=1}^J p_{jk} \right] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^K [E[Y | X = x_k] \Pr(X = x_k)] \\ &= E[E[Y | X]] \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
Var(Y | X) &\stackrel{def}{=} E \left[ (Y - E(Y | X))^2 | X \right] \\
&= E \left[ (Y - E(Y | X, Z) + E(Y | X, Z) - E(Y | X))^2 | X \right] \\
&= E \left[ (Y - E(Y | X, Z))^2 + (E(Y | X, Z) - E(Y | X))^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. - 2(Y - E(Y | X, Z))(E(Y | X, Z) - E(Y | X)) | X \right] \\
&= E \left[ (Y - E(Y | X, Z))^2 | X \right] + E \left[ (E(Y | X, Z) - E(Y | X))^2 | X \right] \\
&\quad - 2E \left[ (Y - E(Y | X, Z))(E(Y | X, Z) - E(Y | X)) | X \right] \\
&= E \left[ E \left[ (Y - E(Y | X, Z))^2 | X, Z \right] | X \right] + E \left[ (E(Y | X, Z) - E[E(Y | X, Z)])^2 | X \right] \\
&= E \left[ Var(Y | X, Z) | X \right] + Var[E(Y | X, Z) | X]
\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
E(XX') &= \begin{bmatrix} E[X_1X_1] & E[X_1X_2] & \cdots & E[X_1X_K] \\ E[X_2X_1] & \cdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \cdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ E[X_KX_1] & \cdots & \cdots & E[X_KX_K] \end{bmatrix} \\
Var(X) &= \begin{bmatrix} Var(X_1) & Cov(X_1, X_2) & \cdots & Cov(X_1, X_K) \\ Cov(X_2, X_1) & \cdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \cdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ Cov(X_K, X_1) & \cdots & \cdots & Var(X_K) \end{bmatrix} \\
Cov(X, Y) &= \begin{bmatrix} Cov(X_1, Y) \\ Cov(X_2, Y) \\ \vdots \\ Cov(X_K, Y) \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

4

Without loss of generality, assume the dimension of  $A$  is  $(I, J)$ . Denote the  $(i, j)$  element of  $A$  as  $A_{i,j}$ . By the definition of transpose,  $A_{i,j} = A'_{j,i}$ , and  $(A')'_{i,j} = A'_{j,i}$ . Therefore,  $A_{i,j} = (A')'_{i,j} \forall i, j$ , which implies  $A = (A')'$ .

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$$\begin{aligned}
A &= \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \cdots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & \cdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \cdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & A_{m2} & \cdots & A_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_n \end{bmatrix} \\
B &= \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} & \cdots & B_{1n} \\ B_{21} & \cdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \cdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ B_{m1} & B_{m2} & \cdots & B_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b'_1 \\ b'_2 \\ \vdots \\ b'_n \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

By the rule of matrix multiplication,

$$(AB)_{ij} = A_{i1}B_{1j} + A_{i2}B_{2j} + \cdots + A_{in}B_{nj} = \sum_{z=1}^n A_{iz}B_{zj}.$$

Note

$$(a_z b'_z)_{ij} = A_{iz}B_{zj},$$

therefore

$$AB = \sum_{z=1}^n a_z b'_z.$$

Similar proof can be applied to  $BA$ .

## 6

First we show that  $(a_j b'_j)' = b_j a'_j$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (a_j b'_j)' &= \left( \begin{bmatrix} A_{1j}B_{j1} & A_{1j}B_{j2} & \cdots & A_{1j}B_{jn} \\ A_{2j}B_{j2} & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ A_{nj}B_{jn} & \cdots & \cdots & A_{nj}B_{jn} \end{bmatrix} \right)' \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} A_{1j}B_{j1} & A_{2j}B_{j2} & \cdots & A_{nj}B_{jn} \\ A_{1j}B_{j2} & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ A_{1j}B_{jn} & \cdots & \cdots & A_{nj}B_{jn} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} B_{j1}A_{1j} & B_{j2}A_{2j} & \cdots & B_{jn}A_{nj} \\ B_{j2}A_{1j} & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ B_{jn}A_{1j} & \cdots & \cdots & B_{jn}A_{nj} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= b_j a'_j. \end{aligned}$$

Using this, we have

$$(AB)' = \left( \sum_{j=1}^n a_j b'_j \right)' = \sum_{j=1}^n (a_j b'_j)' = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j a'_j = B' A'.$$

## 7

Let's prove it by contraposition. Denote  $A$  as

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a'_1 \\ a'_2 \\ \vdots \\ a'_m \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $a'_i$  is the  $i$ th row with length  $n$ . Then

$$A' = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_m \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$A'A = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i a'_i.$$

Notice that  $a_i a'_i$  has nonnegative diagonal for any  $i$ . If  $A \neq 0$ , which implies there is at least one entry  $A_{i,j} \neq 0$ , then the  $j$ th diagonal element of  $a_i a'_i$  is positive, and therefore the  $j$ th diagonal element is positive,  $A'A \neq 0$ .

## 8

The row rank of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  is the number of linear independent row vectors of  $A$ , or the dimension of the space spanned by the row vectors. The column rank of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  is the number of linear independent column vectors of  $A$ , or the dimension of the space spanned by the column vectors.

If the row rank of  $A$  is 1, it means there is only one linearly independent row vector. Denote one non-zero row vector of  $A$  as  $C_1$ , then  $C_i = a_i C_1 \forall i = 1, \dots, m$  where  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & \cdots & C_{1n} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & \cdots & C_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ C_{m1} & C_{m2} & \cdots & C_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & \cdots & C_{1n} \\ a_2 C_{11} & a_2 C_{12} & \cdots & a_2 C_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_m C_{11} & a_m C_{12} & \cdots & a_m C_{1n} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & \frac{C_{12}}{C_{11}} C_{11} & \cdots & \frac{C_{1n}}{C_{11}} C_{11} \\ a_2 C_{11} & \frac{C_{12}}{C_{11}} a_2 C_{11} & \cdots & \frac{C_{1n}}{C_{11}} a_2 C_{11} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_m C_{11} & \frac{C_{12}}{C_{11}} a_m C_{11} & \cdots & \frac{C_{1n}}{C_{11}} a_m C_{11} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Denote the column vector of  $A$  as  $D_j, j = 1, \dots, n$ . We can see  $D_j = \frac{C_{1j}}{C_{11}} D_1 \forall j \geq 2$ . Therefore, the column rank is also 1.

See a more general proof here: [https://ocw.mit.edu/courses/mathematics/18-701-algebra-i-fall-2010/study-materials/MIT18\\_701F10\\_rrk\\_crk.pdf](https://ocw.mit.edu/courses/mathematics/18-701-algebra-i-fall-2010/study-materials/MIT18_701F10_rrk_crk.pdf)

## 9

**a**  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & \cdots & a_m \end{bmatrix} B = \begin{bmatrix} B_{11}a_1 + B_{21}a_2 + \cdots B_{n1}a_n & B_{12}a_1 + B_{22}a_2 + \cdots B_{n2}a_n & \cdots & B_{1m}a_1 + B_{2m}a_2 + \cdots B_{nm}a_n \end{bmatrix}$

Notice that each column of  $AB$  is a linear combination of columns of  $A$ . The dimension of space spanned by linear combinations of the column vectors of  $A$  is no bigger than the dimension of the space spanned by the column vectors of  $A$ . By definition,  $\text{rank}(AB) \leq \text{rank}(A)$ .

**b**  $AB = A \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11}b_1 + A_{12}b_2 + \cdots A_{1n}b_n \\ \vdots \\ A_{m1}b_1 + A_{m2}b_2 + \cdots A_{mn}b_n \end{bmatrix}$ . Similar argument in (a) applies here.

**c** The conclusion in Q8 and 9(a)(b) implies  $\text{rank}(AB) \leq \text{rank}(A)$  and  $\text{rank}(AB) \leq \text{rank}(B)$ .

## 10

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & \cdots & C_{1n} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & \cdots & C_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ C_{m1} & C_{m2} & \cdots & C_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} D_{11} & D_{12} & \cdots & D_{1m} \\ D_{21} & D_{22} & \cdots & D_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ D_{n1} & D_{n2} & \cdots & D_{nm} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n C_{1i}D_{i1} & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \vdots & \sum_{i=1}^n C_{2i}D_{i2} & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \sum_{i=1}^n C_{mi}D_{im} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} D_{11} & D_{12} & \cdots & D_{1m} \\ D_{21} & D_{22} & \cdots & D_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ D_{n1} & D_{n2} & \cdots & D_{nm} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & \cdots & C_{1n} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & \cdots & C_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ C_{m1} & C_{m2} & \cdots & C_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^m D_{1j}C_{j1} & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \vdots & \sum_{j=1}^m D_{2j}C_{j2} & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \sum_{j=1}^m D_{nj}C_{jn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{trace}(AB) = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n C_{ji}D_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m D_{ij}C_{ji} = \text{trace}(BA).$$