

Non-square matrix multiplication

TOTAL POINTS 8

1. In the previous lecture we saw the Einstein summation convention, in which we sum over any indices which are repeated. In traditional notation we might write, for example, $\sum_{j=1}^3 A_{ij}B_j = A_{i1}B_1 + A_{i2}B_2 + A_{i3}B_3$. With the Einstein summation convention we can avoid the big sigma and write this as $A_{ij}B_j$. We know that we sum over j because it appears twice.

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We saw that thinking about this type of notation helps us to multiply non-square matrices together. For example, consider the matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

and remember that in the A_{ij} notation the first index i represents the row number and the second index j represents the column number. For example, $A_{12} = 2$.

Let's define the matrix $C = AB$. Then in Einstein summation convention notation $C_{ik} = A_{ij}B_{jk}$.

Using the Einstein summation convention, calculate $C_{21} = A_{ij}B_{j1}$.

- ☐ $C_{21} = 3$
- ☐ $C_{21} = 4$
- ☒ $C_{21} = 5$
- ☐ $C_{21} = 6$

✔ Correct

Writing out the summation we see that $C_{21} = A_{2j}B_{j1} = A_{21}B_{11} + A_{22}B_{21} + A_{23}B_{31}$. We can get the same answer as acting the 2nd row of A on the 1st column of B , which is exactly how we would multiply square matrices together.

2. We can use the same method to calculate every element of $C = AB$. Doing so we see that we are multiplying A 's rows with B 's columns in exactly the same way as we would for square matrices.

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In fact, we can multiply any matrices together as long as the terms which we sum over have the same number of elements. For example, there are the same number of values for j in $C_{ik} = A_{ij}B_{jk}$. The resulting matrix C will have as many rows as A and as many columns as B .

Using the same matrices as before, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, what is $C = AB$?

- ☐ $C = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- ☐ $C = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$
- ☒ $C = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- ☐ $C = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

✔ Correct

Did you calculate this by considering each element $C_{ik} = A_{ij}B_{jk}$, or by multiplying row by column? Make sure you understand why they give the same answer!

3. Let's practice multiplying together a few more matrices which are not square.

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Calculate the product:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ☐ 29
- ☒ 30
- ☐ 31
- ☐ 32

✔ Correct

This is another way to define the dot product of two vectors!

4. Calculate the product:

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ☐ $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 15 & 12 & 18 \\ 8 & 4 & 12 & 10 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$
- ☐ 30
- ☐ 32
- ☒ $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 12 & 15 & 18 \\ 4 & 8 & 10 & 12 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

✔ Correct

Well done.

5. Calculate the product:

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 4 & -1 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ☐ $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & -8 & 4 \\ -6 & 0 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$
- ☐ $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 8 & -4 \\ 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & -1 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- ☒ $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 8 & -4 \\ -6 & 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
- ☐ $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & 8 & 4 \\ -6 & 0 & 6 & 6 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

✔ Correct

Well done!

6. We have seen that we can multiply an $m \times n$ matrix with an $n \times k$ matrix, and the resultant matrix will be an $m \times k$ matrix. You can check this is consistent with your previous answers.

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Let $D = ABC$ where A is a 5×3 matrix, B is a 3×7 matrix and C is a 7×4 matrix.

What are the dimensions of the matrix D ?

- ☐ D is a 5×7 matrix
- ☐ A , B and C cannot be multiplied together because they have the wrong dimensions.
- ☐ D is a 4×5 matrix
- ☐ D is a 3×7 matrix
- ☒ D is a 5×4 matrix

✔ Correct

We can use the rule about multiplying non square matrices to more than two matrices.

7. Calculate the product:

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ☐ $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$
- ☐ $\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$
- ☐ $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 6 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$
- ☒ $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

✔ Correct

We can see that the identity matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ doesn't change $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ even though the second matrix is not square.

8. Let u and v be vectors with n elements. Which of the following are equal to the dot product of these two vectors?

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☒ $u_i v_i$

✔ Correct

This is the dot product in Einstein summation convention notation. It doesn't matter which letter we use for our indices as long as they are the same.

☒ $\sum_{i=1}^n u_i v_i$

✔ Correct

This is the dot product with the full sum written out.

☒ $u \cdot v$

✔ Correct

This is the typically how we write the dot product.

☐ $\begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_n \end{bmatrix}$

☐ $u_i v_j$

☒ $\begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & \dots & u_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$

✔ Correct

This gives the same result as the dot product, like in question 3.