

# Matrix Multiplication

## Section 2.2 (Hartman)

### The Matrix product:

Let  $A$  be an  $m \times r$  matrix and  $B$  be an  $r \times n$  matrix. The matrix product of  $A$  and  $B$ , denoted by  $AB$  is the  $m \times n$  matrix  $M$  whose entry in the  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th column is the product of the  $i$ -th row of  $A$  and the  $j$ -th column of  $B$ .

NOTE:

- In order to multiply  $A$  and  $B$ , the number of columns of  $A$  must be the same as the number of rows of  $B$ .
- The resulting matrix has the same number of rows as  $A$  and columns as  $B$ .

**Important:** In general,  $AB \neq BA$ .

**Example #1:** Given  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ . If possible, find;

(a)  $AB =$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} & \cdot & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 2 \times 3 \\ 3 \times 2 \end{matrix} & & \begin{matrix} 3 \times 2 \\ 2 \times 2 \end{matrix} \end{array} = \begin{pmatrix} 2(1) - 3(1) + 0(2) & 2(0) - 3(-1) + 0(0) \\ 3(1) + 1(1) + 5(2) & 3(0) + 1(-1) + 5(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 14 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b)  $BA =$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & \cdot & \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 3 \times 2 \\ 2 \times 3 \end{matrix} & & \begin{matrix} 3 \times 3 \end{matrix} \end{array} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & 0 \\ -1 & -4 & -5 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c)  $AC =$  Not possible, columns in  $A \neq$  rows in  $C$       d.  $CA = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & 0 \\ -1 & -4 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$

**Identity Matrix:**

The  $n \times n$  square matrix with 1's on the diagonal and zeros else-where is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix, and it is denoted by  $I_n$ .

$$\text{e.g. } I_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad I_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Example #2:** Given  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ . Prove  $AI = IA = A$ .

$$AI = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$IA = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Properties:**

Let  $A, B, C$  be matrices with dimensions so that the following operations make sense, and let  $k$  be a scalar. Then the following equalities hold:

- $(AB)C = A(BC)$
- $A(B + C) = AB + AC$
- $k(AB) = (kA)B = A(kB)$
- $AI = IA = A$

NOTE: For matrices,  $A^{-1} \neq \frac{1}{A}$ . In fact,  $\frac{1}{A}$  makes no sense. We will learn about  $A^{-1}$  under inverse matrices.