

# Partitioned Matrices (分块矩阵的乘法)

Lecture 4+

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# Introduction

Often it is useful to think of a matrix as being composed of a number of submatrices. A matrix  $C$  can be partitioned into smaller matrices by drawing horizontal lines between the rows and vertical lines between the columns. The smaller matrices are often referred to as blocks.

# Example

Example.  $C = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & -2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 3 & 3 & 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 & 2 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \right]$ . If lines are drawn between the

second and third rows and between the third and fourth columns, then  $C$  will be divided into four submatrices

$$C = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ \hline C_{21} & C_{22} \end{array} \right]$$

where

$$C_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, C_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, C_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, C_{22} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

# Block Multiplication I

**Block Multiplication I.** If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $B$  is an  $n \times r$  matrix that has been partitioned into columns  $(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r)$ , then the block multiplication of  $A$  times  $B$  is given by

$$AB = (Ab_1, Ab_2, \dots, Ab_r)$$

# Block Multiplication II

**Block Multiplication II.** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. If we partition  $A$  into rows, and if  $B$  is an  $n \times r$  matrix, the  $i$ th row of the product  $AB$  is determined by multiplying the  $i$ th row of  $A$  times  $B$ , then

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1 \\ \vec{a}_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \vec{a}_m \end{bmatrix}, AB = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1 B \\ \vec{a}_2 B \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \vec{a}_m B \end{bmatrix}.$$

# Block Multiplication III

Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $B$  and  $n \times r$  matrix. It is often useful to partition  $A$  and  $B$  and express the product in terms of the submatrices of  $A$  and  $B$ .

$$\text{Case 1. } A(B_1 \ B_2) = (AB_1 \ AB_2)$$

In this case,  $B_1$  is an  $n \times t$  matrix and  $B_2$  is an  $n \times (r-t)$  matrix.

$$\text{Case 2. } \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{bmatrix} B = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 B \\ A_2 B \end{bmatrix}$$

Here  $A_1$  is a  $k \times n$  matrix and  $A_2$  is an  $(m-k) \times n$  matrix.

# Block Multiplication IV

Case 3.  $(A_1 \ A_2) \begin{pmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \end{pmatrix} = A_1 B_1 + A_2 B_2$

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4.  $\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11}B_{11} + A_{12}B_{21} & A_{11}B_{12} + A_{12}B_{22} \\ A_{21}B_{11} + A_{22}B_{21} & A_{21}B_{12} + A_{22}B_{22} \end{bmatrix}$

Can you figure out the sizes of all the above submatrices?

In general, if the blocks have the proper dimensions, the block multiplication can be carried out in the same manner as ordinary matrix multiplication.

# Examples

Example 1  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Partition  $A$

and  $B$  into four blocks and perform the block multiplication.

Example 2 Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & O \\ O & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $A_{11}$  is a  $k \times k$  matrix ( $k < n$ ). Show that  $A$  is nonsingular if and only if  $A_{11}$  and  $A_{22}$  are nonsingular.



# Inner Product

Given two vectors  $x$  and  $y$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , it is possible to perform a matrix multiplication of the vectors if we transpose one of the vectors first. The matrix product  $x^T y$  is the product of a row vector (a  $1 \times n$  matrix) and a column vector (an  $n \times 1$  matrix). The result is a  $1 \times 1$  matrix, or simply a scalar. This type of product is referred to as a scalar product or an inner product.

# Outer product

The outer product has special structure in that each of its rows is a multiple of  $y^T$  and each of its column vectors is a multiple of  $x$ .

# Outer Product Expansion

It is also useful to consider a column vector times a row vector. The matrix product  $xy^T$  is a full  $n \times n$  matrix. The product  $xy^T$  is referred to as the outer product of  $x$  and  $y$ . The outer product matrix has special structure in that each of its rows is a multiple of  $y^T$  and each of its column vectors is a multiple of  $x$ .

Example Compute  $\left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{2023}$ .

# One more example

Example Given

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } Y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

compute the outer product expansion of  $XY^T$ .

# Homework Assignment 5(Suggested)

1.4: 45, 46, 47, 51, 52, 53, 55, 57, 58.