

AS  $\Rightarrow$  Matrix multiplication is associative.

$$\text{Let } A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}, C \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$$

$$R = AB \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p}, S = BC \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$$

$$\text{Let } T = (AB)C = RC \Rightarrow \text{[scribble]} \quad t_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^p a_{ik} \cdot c_{kj}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{ik} = \sum_{l=1}^n a_{il} \cdot b_{lk}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow t_{ij} &= \sum_{k=1}^p \left( \sum_{l=1}^n a_{il} \cdot b_{lk} \right) \cdot c_{kj} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^p \sum_{l=1}^n a_{il} \cdot b_{lk} \cdot c_{kj} \end{aligned}$$

[Multiplication can be distributed over addition]

$$\text{Let } T' = A(BC) = AS \Rightarrow t'_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^p a_{ik} s_{kj}$$

$$\Rightarrow s_{kj} = \sum_{l=1}^p b_{kl} \cdot c_{lj}$$

$$\Rightarrow t'_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^p \left( \sum_{l=1}^p b_{kl} \cdot c_{lj} \right) \cdot a_{ik}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^p \sum_{l=1}^p a_{ik} \cdot b_{kl} \cdot c_{lj} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Multiplication} \\ \text{can be} \\ \text{distributed over} \\ \text{addition} \end{array} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{l=1}^p \sum_{k=1}^p a_{il} \cdot b_{lk} \cdot c_{kj} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Change of} \\ \text{variable} \\ l \rightarrow k \\ k \rightarrow l \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{Hence } t_{ij} = t'_{ij} \quad \forall i, j \Rightarrow T = T' \Rightarrow (AB)C = A(BC) \quad \checkmark$$

$\Rightarrow$  Matrix multiplication is not commutative.

Consider the following counterexample.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 7 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \neq BA = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 7 \\ -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  When multiplying two matrices of dimensions  $A(p \times q)$  and  $B(q \times r)$  the  $ij$ <sup>th</sup> element of multiplication is given by

$$\sum_{k=1}^q a_{ik} \cdot b_{kj} \quad \text{additions}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Total steps} = \underbrace{q}_{\text{multiplications}} + \underbrace{(q-1)}_{\text{additions}}$$

$$\approx 2q$$

This is done for  $1 \leq i \leq p$ ,  
 $1 \leq j \leq r$

$\Rightarrow p * r$  times.

Total complexity of multiplication

$$\approx 2pqr$$

$$= O(pqr)$$

MATRIX	DIMENSIONS
A	$p \times q$
B	$q \times r$
C	$r \times t$
AB	$p \times r$
BC	$q \times t$

$\Rightarrow$  Time complexity for  $(AB)C$

$$= (pqr) + (prt)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Time complexity for  $A(BC)$

$$= (qrt) + (pqt)$$

We want  $pqr + prt < qrt + prt$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{q} < \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{r}$$