

# Matrix-Vector Multiplication

We map the column of the vector onto each row of the matrix, multiplying each element and summing the result.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \\ e & f \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a * x + b * y \\ c * x + d * y \\ e * x + f * y \end{bmatrix}$$

The result is a **vector**. The number of **columns** of the matrix must equal the number of **rows** of the vector.

An **m x n matrix** multiplied by an **n x 1 vector** results in an **m x 1 vector**.

Below is an example of a matrix-vector multiplication. Make sure you understand how the multiplication works. Feel free to try different matrix-vector multiplications.

1 % Initialize matrix A  
2 A = [1, 2, 3; 4, 5, 6;7, 8, 9]  
3  
4 % Initialize vector v  
5 v = [1; 1; 1]  
6  
7 % Multiply A \* v  
8 Av = A \* v  
9  
10

Run

Reset

A =

1 2 3

4 5 6

7 8 9

v =

1

1

1

Av =

6

15

24

✓ Complete

