

Linear algebra drills

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1 Valid matrix multiplication and addition

- Notation: A matrix A is described as $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ (read as: A is in the set of real matrices of size m times n) if A is table of numbers of the form:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

and each a_{ij} is a real number also denoted as $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$ (read as: a_{ij} is in the set of real numbers); for all $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ and $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

- Rule 1: Transpose of matrix swaps rows and columns. If $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, then $A^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$.
- Notation: A column vector is a matrix with only one column. Vectors are usually denoted by a boldface small letter $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 1}$ and sometimes the second dimension is omitted: $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{bmatrix}$$

A row vector is a matrix with only one row. Row vectors are often denoted as transpose of column vector $\mathbf{x}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$. The 1 dimension of row vector is never omitted,

$$\mathbf{x}^T = [x_1 \quad \dots \quad x_m]$$

- Rule 2: Matrix multiplication between $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$ is only valid when $n = p$. When matrix multiplication is valid, resulting matrix has size $C = AB \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times q}$.

- Rule 3: Scalar-Matrix multiplication is not a type of matrix multiplication. It is a multiplication of a different type. Scalar-matrix multiplication is always valid irrespective of the size of the matrix.
- Rule 4: Matrix addition between $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$ is only valid when $m = p$ and $n = q$.
- Rule 5: Matrix division and matrix fractions are not defined. $\frac{A}{B}$ or A/B are not defined. (Matrix inverse (when defined) is just another matrix $C = A^{-1}$ that can be multiplied or added with other matrices. If $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ then $C = A^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$.)

Problem 1. Are the following matrix operations valid? If not, which dimensions are unequal? If yes, what is the size of final matrix?

1. AB , where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4}$.
2. PQ , where $P \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 4}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 4}$.
3. $A^T B$, where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 5}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4}$.
4. AB^T , where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4}$.
5. $A^T B^T$, where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4}$.
6. $(BA)^T$, where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4}$.
7. $A\mathbf{x}$, where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}$ and $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$.
8. $A^T \mathbf{x}$, where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}$ and $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$.
9. $\mathbf{x}A$, where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}$ and $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$.
10. $\mathbf{x}^T B$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4}$.
11. $\mathbf{x}B$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4}$.

12. $\mathbf{x}B^\top$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4}$.
13. $\mathbf{x}^\top B^\top$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4}$.
14. $\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{y}$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^3$.
15. $\mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{x}$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^3$.
16. $\mathbf{y}\mathbf{x}$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^3$.
17. $\mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{x}^\top$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^3$.
18. $\mathbf{y}\mathbf{x}^\top$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^3$.
19. $\mathbf{y}A\mathbf{x}^\top$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4}$ and $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^4$.
20. $\mathbf{y}^\top A^\top \mathbf{x}^\top$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4}$ and $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^4$.
21. $\mathbf{x}^\top A\mathbf{y}$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4}$ and $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^4$.
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24. $\mathbf{x}^\top A^\top \mathbf{y}$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4}$ and $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^4$.
25. AB , where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$.
26. PQ , where $P \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p}$.
27. $A^\top B$, where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 5}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$.
28. AB^\top , where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$.
29. $A^\top B^\top$, where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$.
30. $(BA)^\top$, where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$.
31. $A\mathbf{x}$, where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
32. $A^\top \mathbf{x}$, where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$.
33. $\mathbf{x}A$, where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
34. $\mathbf{x}^\top B$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$.
35. $\mathbf{x}B$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$.
36. $\mathbf{x}B^\top$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$.
37. $\mathbf{x}^\top B^\top$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$.
38. $\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{y}$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
39. $\mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{x}$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
40. $\mathbf{y}\mathbf{x}$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
41. $\mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{x}^\top$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
42. $\mathbf{y}\mathbf{x}^\top$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
43. $\mathbf{y}A\mathbf{x}^\top$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ and $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^p$.
44. $\mathbf{y}^\top A^\top \mathbf{x}^\top$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ and $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^p$.
45. $\mathbf{x}^\top A\mathbf{y}$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ and $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^p$.
46. $\mathbf{y}^\top A^\top \mathbf{x}^\top$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ and $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^p$.
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48. $\mathbf{x}^\top A^\top \mathbf{y}$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ and $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^p$.