# MATH 217 - LINEAR ALGEBRA HOMEWORK 3, SOLUTIONS

## Part A (10 points)

Solve the following problems from the book:

Section 2.2: 20, 22, 38;

**Section 2.3:** 18, 34;

Section 2.4: 12, 30.

### Solution.

2.2.20: Denote by T this transformation and

$$\vec{e_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad \vec{e_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad \vec{e_3} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

then

$$T(\vec{e_1}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad T(\vec{e_2}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad T(\vec{e_3}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

By Theorem 2.1.2, the matrix of T is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**2.2.22**: Let T be the rotation about the y-axis. Then  $T(e_2) = e_2$  and  $T(e_1)$  and  $T(e_3)$  lies in the xz-plane, i.e., second coordinate of  $T(e_1)$  and  $T(e_3)$  is zero. In the xz-plane T behaves like a rotation in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We conclude that

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

a. Orthogonal projection:  $\det \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta)^2 & \cos(\theta)\sin(\theta) \\ \cos(\theta)\sin(\theta) & \sin(\theta)^2 \end{bmatrix} = 0.$ 2.2.38

b. Reflection: 
$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \cos(2\theta) & \sin(2\theta) \\ \sin(2\theta) & -\cos(2\theta) \end{bmatrix} = -1.$$
  
c. Rotation:  $\det \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix} = 1.$ 

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d. Shear: 
$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ k & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1$$
.

**2.3.18** If  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  commutes with  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , then

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2a - 3b = 2a + 3c \\ 3a + 2b = 2b + 3d \\ 2c - 3d = -3a + 2c \\ 3c + 2d = -3b + 2d \end{cases} \quad \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a = s \\ b = t \\ c = -t \\ d = s, \end{cases}$$

hence the set of all matrices which commute with A is equal to  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} s & t \\ -t & s \end{bmatrix} \middle| s, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ .

**2.3.34** 
$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
,  $A^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .  
By induction,  $A^n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & n \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A^{1001} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1001 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**2.4.12** We have

$$\operatorname{rref} \left[ \begin{array}{c|ccc|c} 2 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \ = \ \left[ \begin{array}{c|ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & -5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right],$$

so the matrix is invertible with the inverse  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$ 

2.4.30 Putting this into rref we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & b \\ -1 & 0 & c \\ -b & -c & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -c \\ 0 & 1 & b \\ 0 & -c & -bc \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -c \\ 0 & 1 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and the matrix is never invertible.

## Part B (25 points)

**Problem 1.** Suppose A is an  $m \times n$  matrix, B is an  $n \times m$  matrix, and  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$  is given by  $T(\vec{v}) = A\vec{v}$  for all  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

- (a) Prove that if  $AB = I_m$ , then T is surjective.
- (b) Prove that if  $BA = I_n$ , then T is injective.

#### Solution.

- (a) Suppose  $AB = I_m$ , and let  $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . Then  $\vec{y} = (AB)\vec{y} = A(B\vec{y}) = T(B\vec{y}) \in \text{im}(T)$ , which shows that T is surjective.
- (b) Suppose  $BA = I_n$ . Let  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and suppose  $T(\vec{x}) = T(\vec{y})$ , so  $A\vec{x} = A\vec{y}$ . Then  $\vec{x} = (BA)\vec{x} = B(A\vec{x}) = B(A\vec{y}) = (BA)\vec{y} = \vec{y}$ .

So we have shown that  $\vec{x} = \vec{y}$  whenever  $T(\vec{x}) = T(\vec{y})$ , which proves that T is injective.

**Notation:** For any line L in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  that passes through the origin, we write  $\operatorname{proj}_L$  for the *orthogonal* projection onto L and  $\operatorname{ref}_L$  for reflection over L, as in Section 2.2 of the textbook.

**Problem 2.** Let  $L_1$  be a line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  passing through the origin, let  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$  be a unit vector parallel to  $L_1$ , and let  $L_2$  be a line passing through the origin that is perpendicular to  $L_1$ .

- (a) Find the standard matrix of  $\operatorname{proj}_{L_1} \circ \operatorname{proj}_{L_2}$ .
- (b) Prove that for all  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\operatorname{proj}_{L_1}(\vec{x}) + \operatorname{proj}_{L_2}(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}$ .
- (c) Prove that  $\operatorname{ref}_{L_1} \circ \operatorname{ref}_{L_2}$  is a rotation, and find the angle of rotation.

**Solution.** First, note that a unit vector parallel to  $L_2$  is  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ -u_1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) We know that the standard matrix for  $\operatorname{proj}_{L_1}$  is given by  $\begin{bmatrix} u_1^2 & u_1u_2 \\ u_1u_2 & u_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$  and the standard matrix for  $\operatorname{proj}_{L_2}$  is given by  $\begin{bmatrix} u_2^2 & -u_1u_2 \\ -u_1u_2 & u_1^2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then the matrix for  $\operatorname{proj}_{L_1} \circ \operatorname{proj}_{L_2}$  is the product of these two matrices:

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1^2 & u_1u_2 \\ u_1u_2 & u_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_2^2 & -u_1u_2 \\ -u_1u_2 & u_1^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1^2u_2^2 - (u_1u_2)^2 & -u_1^3u_2 + u_1^3u_2 \\ u_1u_2^3 - u_1u_2^3 & -(u_1u_2)^2 + u_1^2u_2^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Geometrically, this makes sense! The first projection will send every vector onto the line  $L_2$ ; since  $L_2$  is orthogonal to  $L_1$ , the second projection will send every vector on  $L_2$  to  $\vec{0}$ . Thus the composition of these two projections will send every vector to  $\vec{0}$ .

(b) This is equivalent to proving that the sum of the matrices for  $\operatorname{proj}_{L_1}$  and  $\operatorname{proj}_{L_2}$  is  $I_2$ . We can find this:

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1^2 & u_1 u_2 \\ u_1 u_2 & u_2^2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} u_2^2 & -u_1 u_2 \\ -u_1 u_2 & u_1^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1^2 + u_2^2 & u_1 u_2 - u_1 u_2 \\ u_1 u_2 - u_1 u_2 & u_2^2 + u_1^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

where the last equality is true because  $\vec{u}$  is a unit vector, and therefore  $u_1^2 + u_2^2 = 1$ . Note that this also makes sense geometrically, as we know that  $\operatorname{proj}_{L_2}(\vec{x})$  is what Bretscher calls  $\vec{x}^{\perp}$  for  $\operatorname{proj}_{L_1}$ . (c) We know that the matrix for  $\operatorname{ref}_{L_1}$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 2u_1^2 - 1 & 2u_1u_2 \\ 2u_1u_2 & 2u_2^2 - 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and the matrix for  $\operatorname{ref}_{L_2}$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 2u_2^2 - 1 & -2u_1u_2 \\ -2u_1u_2 & 2u_1^2 - 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then the matrix for the composition of the reflections is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2u_1^2 - 1 & 2u_1u_2 \\ 2u_1u_2 & 2u_2^2 - 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2u_2^2 - 1 & -2u_1u_2 \\ -2u_1u_2 & 2u_1^2 - 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} (2u_1^2 - 1)(2u_2^2 - 1) - 4u_1^2u_2^2 & -4u_1^3u_2 + 2u_1u_2 + 4u_1^3u_2 - 2u_1u_2 \\ 4u_1u_2^3 - 2u_1u_2 - 4u_2^3u_1 + 2u_1u_2 & -4u_1^2u_2^2 + (2u_2^2 - 1)(2u_2^2 - 1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4u_1^2u_2^2 - 2u_1^2 - 2u_2^2 + 1 - 4u_1^2u_2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & -4u_1^2u_2^2 + 4u_1^2u_2^2 - 2u_1^2 - 2u_2^2 + 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -2(u_1^2 + u_2^2) + 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2(u_1^2 + u_2^2) + 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

In order to show that this is the matrix for a rotation, we need to find an angle  $\theta$  such that  $\cos(\theta) = -1$  and  $\sin(\theta) = 0$ . This is true when  $\theta = \pi$ . So this transformation is a rotation by  $\pi$  radians.

In fact, a more general result is true: composing the reflections across any two lines through the origin will always be a rotation about the origin by an angle equal to twice the angle between the two lines. You can convince yourself that this makes sense geometrically by drawing pictures. A proof using matrices is best done using the angle definition for a rotation matrix and applying the appropriate trigonometric identities.

**Definition:** For any square matrix A, we define the *trace* of A to be the sum of the diagonal entries of A, written  $\operatorname{tr}(A)$ . That is, for any  $n \times n$  matrix A whose (i, j)-entry is  $a_{ij}$  for each  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ , we define

$$\operatorname{tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{ii}.$$

#### Problem 3.

the product

- (a) Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that for all  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  and  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , we have  $\operatorname{tr}(AB) = \operatorname{tr}(BA)$ . [Hint: you may use 5(e) below.]
- (b) Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove by induction on k that for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and for all matrices  $A_1, \ldots A_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\operatorname{tr}(A_1 + \cdots + A_k) = \operatorname{tr}(A_k + \cdots + A_1)$ . [Note that part (b) is independent of part (a), since part (a) involves multiplying matrices while part (b) involves adding them.]

### Solution.

(a) We have

(0.1) 
$$\operatorname{tr}(AB) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (AB)_{ii}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{m} a_{ik} b_{ki} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{m} \sum_{i=1}^{n} b_{ki} a_{ik}$$

$$(0.4) = \sum_{k=1}^{m} (BA)_{kk}$$

$$= \operatorname{tr}(BA).$$

Line (0.1) was the definition of the trace of AB, line (0.2) was using the definition of matrix multiplication, line (0.3) was switching the order of summation, line (0.4) was rewriting the inside sum as matrix multiplication, and line (0.5) was recognizing this as the trace of BA.

(b) To help us prove this by induction, we will first prove the following Lemma, which you may or may not have proved in class:

**Lemma.** For any  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\operatorname{tr}(A + B) = \operatorname{tr}(A) + \operatorname{tr}(B)$ . Proof:  $\operatorname{tr}(A + B) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (a_{ii} + b_{ii}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{ii} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} b_{ii} = \operatorname{tr}(A) + \operatorname{tr}(B)$ , where the two summations are equal due to associativity and commutativity of addition of real numbers.

Now we use induction on  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  to prove that for all matrices  $A_1, \ldots A_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,

$$\operatorname{tr}(A_1 + \dots + A_k) = \operatorname{tr}(A_k + \dots + A_1).$$

**Base case.** For k = 1, we have tr(A) = tr(A).

**Inductive step.** Let  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  be fixed, and assume for inductive hypothesis that for all  $n \times n$  matrices  $A_1, \ldots, A_j$  we have  $\operatorname{tr}(A_1 + \cdots + A_j) = \operatorname{tr}(A_j + \cdots + A_1)$ . Let  $A_1, \ldots, A_{j+1}$  be arbitrary  $n \times n$  matrices, and consider  $\operatorname{tr}(A_1 + \cdots + A_j + A_{j+1})$ . We have

$$\operatorname{tr}(A_1 + \dots + A_j + A_{j+1}) = \operatorname{tr}(A_1 + \dots + A_j) + \operatorname{tr}(A_{j+1}) \qquad \text{(by the lemma)}$$

$$= \operatorname{tr}(A_j + \dots + A_1) + \operatorname{tr}(A_{j+1}) \qquad \text{(by the inductive hypothesis)}$$

$$= \operatorname{tr}(A_{j+1}) + \operatorname{tr}(A_j + \dots + A_1) \qquad \text{(commutativity of addition)}$$

$$= \operatorname{tr}(A_{j+1} + A_j + \dots + A_1) \qquad \text{(by the lemma)}$$

**Problem 4.** In each part below, determine whether the given statement is true or false and justify your claim with a proof or a counterexample.

- (a) If A and B are invertible  $n \times n$  matrices, then A + B is invertible.
- (b) If A and B are invertible  $n \times n$  matrices, then  $ABA^{-1}$  is invertible.
- (c) If A is a diagonal<sup>1</sup> matrix, then A is invertible.
- (d) If A and B are  $n \times n$  matrices such that A and AB are invertible, then B is invertible.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Recall that a diagonal matrix is a square matrix whose non-diagonal entries are all zero; that is, the  $n \times n$  matrix A whose (i, j)-entry is  $a_{ij}$  for each  $1 \le i, j \le n$  is diagonal if  $a_{ij} = 0$  whenever  $i \ne j$ .

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### Solution.

- (a) False. For example, if  $A = I_n$  and  $B = -I_n$ , then A and B are invertible but A + B = 0so A + B is not invertible.
- (b) True. Let A and B be invertible  $n \times n$  matrices, and consider the matrix  $AB^{-1}A^{-1}$ . Since  $AB^{-1}A^{-1}ABA^{-1} = I_n = ABA^{-1}AB^{-1}A^{-1}$ , the matrix  $AB^{-1}A^{-1}$  is the inverse of  $ABA^{-1}$ .
- (c) False. For example, let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . This matrix is diagonal, since all of the non-diagonal entries are zero, but it is not invertible, because it has rank one.
- (d) True. Let A and B be  $n \times n$  matrices such that both A and AB are invertible. Let  $A^{-1}$ be the inverse of A and let C be the inverse of AB, so we have  $AA^{-1} = I_n = A^{-1}A$  and  $(AB)C = I_n = C(AB)$ . We claim that B is invertible with inverse  $B^{-1} = CA$ . To prove this, we must show that  $(CA)B = I_n$  and  $B(CA) = I_n$ . The first of these follows from associativity of matrix multiplication and the fact that  $C(AB) = I_n$ . In fact, this alone is sufficient to complete the proof, since 2.4.8 in the text now implies that  $B(CA) = I_n$ .

However, even without invoking 2.4.8, we can prove  $B(CA) = I_n$  directly as follows. First, we know that  $(AB)C = I_n$ , which implies  $A(BC) = I_n$ . Multiplying each side by  $A^{-1}$  on the left gives us  $BC = A^{-1}$ , and then multiplying each side by A on the right gives us  $(BC)A = I_n$ . Using associativity one last time gives us  $B(CA) = I_n$ , as desired.

**Problem 5 (Recreational Problem).** <sup>2</sup> Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ , and write  $a_{ij}$  and  $b_{ij}$ for the (i, j)-entries of A and B, respectively.

- (a) Prove that for all  $1 \le j \le n$ ,  $A\vec{e_j}$  is the jth column of A.
- (b) Prove that for all  $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \vec{v}^{\top} \vec{w} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}$ .
- (c) Prove that for all  $1 \leq i \leq m$ ,  $\vec{e_i}^{\mathsf{T}} A$  is the *i*th row of A.
- (d) Prove that for all  $1 \le i \le m$  and  $1 \le j \le p$ ,  $\vec{e_i}^{\top} A \vec{e_j}$  is the (i, j)-entry of A.
- (e) Prove that for all  $1 \le i \le m$  and  $1 \le j \le p$ , the (i, j)-entry of AB is  $\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{ik} b_{kj}$ .
- (f) Prove that  $(AB)^{\top} = B^{\top}A^{\top}$ .
- (g) Prove that for all  $1 \le i \le m$ , the *i*th row of AB is  $\alpha_i B$  where  $\alpha_i$  is the *i*th row of A. (h) Prove that  $AB = \sum_{k=1}^{n} (A\vec{e_k})(\vec{e_k}^{\top}B)$ .

#### Solution.

(a) This follows immediately from our definition of matrix-vector products, where we defined  $A\vec{x}$  to be the linear combination of the columns of A using the entries in  $\vec{x}$  as weights. (For more details, if A has columns  $\vec{a}_1, \ldots, \vec{a}_n$ , then for each  $1 \leq j \leq n$  we have

$$A\vec{e_j} = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \vec{a_1} & \cdots & \vec{a_n} \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \vec{e_j} = \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{ij} \vec{a_j} = \vec{a_j},$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Recreational Problems" may come up from time to time and exist for your amusement and edification, but they are optional and will not be graded. Typically they can be safely ignored unless you are looking for an extra challenge; however, this particular one has some useful facts about matrix multiplication that you can (and will likely need) to use often in the future, so we recommend that you read and make sure you understand each part.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Note that technically  $\vec{v}^{\top}\vec{w}$  is a 1 × 1 matrix and  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}$  is a scalar, so this equation is only true if you are willing to treat  $1 \times 1$  matrices and scalars as the same thing. Hopefully this does not bother you too much, but if it does, don't worry: we will be able to explain the relationship between  $\mathbb R$  and  $\mathbb R^{1\times 1}$  more precisely in a few weeks!

where  $\delta_{ij}$  is defined to be 1 if i=j and 0 otherwise. This function  $\delta_{ij}$  is called the "Kronicker delta" and we will meet it again in Ch 5.)

(b) Let  $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , where as usual we view  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{w} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w \end{bmatrix}$  as  $n \times 1$  column vectors.

Then by the same definition of matrix-vector product that we used in part (a), we have

$$\vec{v}^{\top}\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & \cdots & v_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_n \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i v_i = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}.$$

(c) Write  $\vec{a}_1, \ldots, \vec{a}_n$  for the columns of A. Then by our definition of matrix multiplication and part (b), for each  $1 \le i \le m$  we have

$$\vec{e_i}^{\mathsf{T}} A = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{e_i}^{\mathsf{T}} \vec{a_1} & \cdots & \vec{e_i}^{\mathsf{T}} \vec{a_n} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{e_i} \cdot \vec{a_1} & \cdots & \vec{e_i} \cdot \vec{a_n} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since  $\vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{a}_i$  is the *i*th entry in  $\vec{a}_j$ , which is the (i,j)-entry of A, we see that  $\vec{e}_i^{\mathsf{T}} A$  is indeed the *i*th row of A (as a row vector).

- (d) By parts (a) and (c) and the associativity of matrix multiplication,  $\vec{e}_i A \vec{e}_i$  is the *i*th entry of the jth column of A, or equivalently the jth entry of the ith row of A; either way, it is the (i, j)-entry of A.
- (e) Let  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $1 \leq j \leq p$ , and write  $\vec{b}_j$  for the jth column of B. By our definition of matrix multiplication, the jth column of AB is  $A\vec{b}_{j}$ . So the (i,j)-entry of AB, which is just the *i*th entry of  $A\vec{b}_j$ , will be  $\vec{e}_i^{\top}A\vec{b}_j$  by part (c). But by parts (b) and (c),  $\vec{e}_i^{\top}A\vec{b}_j$  is the the dot product of the *i*th row of A with the *j*th column of B; that is, it is  $\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{ik}b_{kj}$ .
- (f) First note that  $(AB)^{\top}$  and  $B^{\top}A^{\top}$  are both  $m \times p$  matrices. Next, let  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . Then the (i, j)-entry of  $(AB)^{\top}$  is the (j, i)-entry of AB, which is  $\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{jk}b_{ki}$  by part (e), and, again by part (e) (and the definition of transpose), the (i, j)-entry of  $B^{\top}A^{\top}$ is  $\sum_{k=1}^n b_{ki}a_{jk}$ . Since these sums are equal, we see that  $(AB)^{\top}$  and  $B^{\top}A^{\top}$  have the same (i,j)-entry for all  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , which means they are the same matrix.
- (g) Using part (c), the *i*th row of AB is  $\vec{e_i}^{\top}(AB) = (\vec{e_i}^{\top}A)B = \alpha_i B$ , where  $\alpha_i$  is the *i*th row of A (as a row vector).
- (h) For all  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , the (i,j)-entry of  $\sum_{k=1}^{n} (A\vec{e_k})(\vec{e_k}^{\top}B)$  is

$$\vec{e}_i^{\top} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n (A\vec{e}_k) (\vec{e}_k^{\top} B) \right) \vec{e}_j = \sum_{k=1}^n \vec{e}_i^{\top} A \vec{e}_k \vec{e}_k^{\top} B \vec{e}_j = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj}$$

by part (d), so the claim follows from part (e).