

# Chapter 2 Matrix Algebra

## Section 2.1 Matrix Operations

### Definitions

- The **diagonal entries** in an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  are  $a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{33}, \dots$ , and they form the **main diagonal** of  $A$ .
- A **diagonal matrix** is a square  $n \times n$  matrix whose nondiagonal entries are zero.
  - An example is the  $n \times n$  **identity matrix**,  $I_n$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \dots$$

- An  $m \times n$  matrix whose entries are all zero is a **zero matrix** and is written as  $\mathbf{0}$ .

### Sums and Scalar Multiples

1. If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $m \times n$  matrices, then the **sum**  $A + B$  is the  $m \times n$  matrix whose columns are the sums of the corresponding columns in  $A$  and  $B$ .
2. If  $r$  is a scalar and  $A$  is a matrix, then the **scalar multiple**  $rA$  is the matrix whose columns are  $r$  times the corresponding columns in  $A$ .

**Theorem 1** Let  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  be matrices of the same size, and let  $r$  and  $s$  be scalars.

- $A + B = B + A$
- $r(A + B) = rA + rB$
- $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$
- $(r + s)A = rA + sA$
- $A + \mathbf{0} = A$
- $r(sA) = (rs)A$

## Matrix Multiplication

### Motivation

When a matrix  $B$  multiplies a vector  $\mathbf{x}$ , it transforms  $\mathbf{x}$  into the vector  $B\mathbf{x}$ . If this vector is then multiplied in turn by a matrix  $A$ , the resulting vector is  $A(B\mathbf{x})$ .

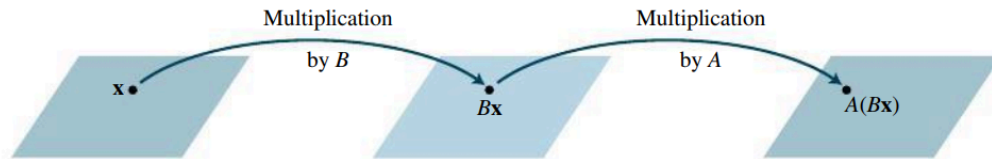


FIGURE 2 Multiplication by  $B$  and then  $A$ .

Thus  $A(B\mathbf{x})$  is produced from  $\mathbf{x}$  by a composition of mappings—the linear transformations studied in Section 1.8. We want to represent this composite mapping as multiplication by a single matrix, denoted by  $AB$ , so that

$$A(B\mathbf{x}) = (AB)\mathbf{x}$$

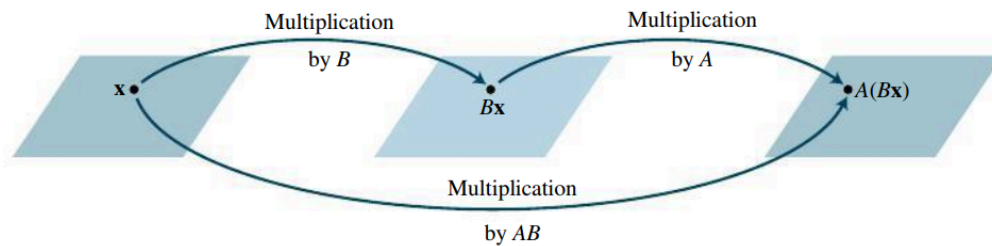


FIGURE 3 Multiplication by  $AB$ .

**Definition (Matrix Multiplication)** If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, and if  $B$  is an  $n \times p$  matrix with columns  $\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p$ , then the product  $AB$  is the  $m \times p$  matrix whose columns are  $A\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, A\mathbf{b}_p$ . That is,

$$AB = A[\mathbf{b}_1 \ \mathbf{b}_2 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{b}_p] = [A\mathbf{b}_1 \ A\mathbf{b}_2 \ \cdots \ A\mathbf{b}_p]$$

Remark:

- Each column of  $AB$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$  using weights from the corresponding column of  $B$ .
- $AB$  has the same number of rows as  $A$  and the same number of columns as  $B$ .

$$A_{m \times n} \cdot B_{n \times p} = (AB)_{m \times p}$$

🤔 **Question.** If a matrix  $A$  is  $5 \times 6$  and the product  $AB$  is  $5 \times 8$ , what is the size of  $B$ ? 6 × 8

$$A_{5 \times 6} \cdot B_{6 \times 8} = (AB)_{5 \times 8}$$

(Red arrows point from the 6 in  $5 \times 6$  to the 6 in  $6 \times 8$ , and from the 6 in  $6 \times 8$  to the 8 in  $5 \times 8$ )

**Example 1.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 4 & -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -5 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  
 $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $E = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Compute  $A + 2B$ ,  $3C - E$ ,  $CB$ ,  $EB$ . If an expression is undefined, explain why.

$$\bullet A + 2B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 4 & -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -5 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & -10 & 1 \\ 6 & -11 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\bullet 3C - E$  is undefined since  $3C$  is  $2 \times 2$ , but  $E$  is  $2 \times 1$

$$\bullet C_{2 \times 2} \cdot B_{2 \times 3} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -5 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C\vec{b}_1 & C\vec{b}_2 & C\vec{b}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 7 + 2 \cdot 1 & 1 \cdot (-5) + 2 \cdot (-4) & 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot (-3) \\ -2 \cdot 7 + 1 \cdot 1 & (-2) \cdot (-5) + 1 \cdot (-4) & -2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot (-3) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -13 & -5 \\ -13 & 6 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\bullet E_{2 \times 1} B_{2 \times 3}$  is not defined because the number

of columns of  $E$  is not the same as the number of rows of  $B$ .

### ROW-COLUMN RULE FOR COMPUTING $AB$

If the product  $AB$  is defined, then the entry in row  $i$  and column  $j$  of  $AB$  is the sum of the products of corresponding entries from row  $i$  of  $A$  and column  $j$  of  $B$ . If  $(AB)_{ij}$  denotes the  $(i, j)$ -entry in  $AB$ , and if  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, then

$$(AB)_{ij} = a_{i1}b_{1j} + a_{i2}b_{2j} + \cdots + a_{in}b_{nj}$$

**Example 2.** Compute the product  $AB$  in two ways:

(a) by the definition, where  $A\mathbf{b}_1$  and  $A\mathbf{b}_2$  are computed separately, and

(b) by the row-column rule for computing  $AB$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

ANS: (a).  $A\vec{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -3 \\ 23 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A\vec{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ -9 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$

$$AB = [A\vec{b}_1 \quad A\vec{b}_2] = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 14 \\ -3 & -9 \\ 23 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Row-column Rule:

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot 4 & 4 \cdot 3 - 2 \cdot (-1) \\ -3 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 4 & -3 \cdot 3 - 0 \cdot (-1) \\ 3 \cdot 1 + 5 \cdot 4 & 3 \cdot 3 + 5 \cdot (-1) \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 14 \\ -3 & -9 \\ 23 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example 3.** If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 6 & -9 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , determine the first and third columns of  $B$ .

$$\text{ANS: } AB = [A\vec{b}_1 \quad A\vec{b}_2 \quad A\vec{b}_3] = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 6 & -9 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

The 1st column of  $B$  satisfies the equation

$$A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ -2 & 5 & 6 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right]. \text{ So } \vec{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Similarly,

$$A\vec{x} = A\vec{b}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ -2 & 5 & 3 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{So } \vec{b}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Properties of Matrix Multiplication

**Theorem 2.** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix, and let  $B$  and  $C$  have sizes for which the indicated sums and products are defined.

- $A(BC) = (AB)C$  (associative law of multiplication)
- $A(B + C) = AB + AC$  (left distributive law)
- $(B + C)A = BA + CA$  (right distributive law)
- $r(AB) = (rA)B = A(rB)$  for any scalar  $r$
- $I_m A = A = A I_n$  (identity for matrix multiplication)

### Warnings:

1. In general,  $AB \neq BA$ .
2. The cancellation laws do not hold for matrix multiplication. That is, if  $AB = AC$ , then it is not true in general that  $B = C$ . (See Exercise 10.)
3. If a product  $AB$  is the zero matrix, you cannot conclude in general that either  $A = 0$  or  $B = 0$ . (See Exercise 12.)

### Power of a Matrix

If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix and if  $k$  is a positive integer, then  $A^k$  denotes the product of  $k$  copies of  $A$ .

$$A^k = \underbrace{A \cdots A}_k$$

### The Transpose of a Matrix

Given an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , the **transpose** of  $A$  is the  $n \times m$  matrix, denoted by  $A^T$ , whose columns are formed from the corresponding rows of  $A$ .

Example:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 2}$ ,  $A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$

**Theorem 3.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  denote matrices whose sizes are appropriate for the following sums and products.

- $(A^T)^T = A$
- $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$
- For any scalar  $r$ ,  $(rA)^T = rA^T$
- $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$  (The transpose of a product of matrices equals the product of their transposes in the reverse order.)

**Example 4.** Let  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{u} \mathbf{v}^T$ , and  $\mathbf{v} \mathbf{u}^T$ . How are they related?

ANS:  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}_{1 \times 3} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1} = -2a + 3b - 4c$

$$\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \end{bmatrix}_{1 \times 3} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1} = -2a + 3b - 4c$$

$$\mathbf{u} \mathbf{v}^T = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \end{bmatrix}_{1 \times 3} = \begin{bmatrix} -2a & -2b & -2c \\ 3a & 3b & 3c \\ -4a & -4b & -4c \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3}$$

$$\vec{v} \vec{u}^T = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}_{1 \times 3} = \begin{bmatrix} -2a & 3a & -4a \\ -2b & 3b & -4b \\ -2c & 3c & -4c \end{bmatrix}$$

Notice: •  $\vec{u}^T \vec{v}$  and  $\vec{v}^T \vec{u}$  are real numbers,  
and real numbers equal to their  
transposes.

$$\cdot \vec{u} \vec{v}^T = (\vec{v} \vec{u}^T)^T$$

You need to show this in the the Handwritten  
HW.

Hint: Use Thm 3.

The following questions are left as exercises. I will provide the complete notes for solving them after the lecture.

**Exercise 5.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute  $AD$  and  $DA$ . Explain how the columns or rows of  $A$  change when  $A$  is multiplied by  $D$  on the right or on the left. Find a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $B$ , not the identity matrix or the zero matrix, such that  $AB = BA$ .

**Solution.**

$$AD = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 8 & 9 \\ 2 & 16 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$DA = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 8 & 12 \\ 3 & 12 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

Right-multiplication (that is, multiplication on the right) by the diagonal matrix  $D$  multiplies each column of  $A$  by the corresponding diagonal entry of  $D$ .

Left-multiplication by  $D$  multiplies each row of  $A$  by the corresponding diagonal entry of  $D$ .

To make  $AB = BA$ , one can take  $B$  to be a multiple of  $I_3$ . For instance, if  $B = 3I_3$ , then  $AB$  and  $BA$  are both the same as  $3A$ .

**Exercise 6.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ . Construct a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $B$  such that  $AB$  is the zero matrix. Use two different nonzero columns for  $B$ .

**Solution.** Consider  $B = [\mathbf{b}_1 \quad \mathbf{b}_2]$ . To make  $AB = \mathbf{0}$ , one needs  $A\mathbf{b}_1 = \mathbf{0}$  and  $A\mathbf{b}_2 = \mathbf{0}$ .

By inspection of  $A$ , a suitable  $\mathbf{b}_1$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , or any multiple of  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Example:  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .



**Exercise 7.** Compute  $A - 5I_3$  and  $(5I_3)A$ , when

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -1 & 3 \\ -8 & 7 & -3 \\ -4 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution.**  $A - 5I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -1 & 3 \\ -8 & 7 & -3 \\ -4 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 3 \\ -8 & 2 & -3 \\ -4 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$(5I_3)A = 5(I_3A) = 5A = 5 \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -1 & 3 \\ -8 & 7 & -3 \\ -4 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 45 & -5 & 15 \\ -40 & 35 & -15 \\ -20 & 5 & 40 \end{bmatrix}$ , or

$(5I_3)A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -1 & 3 \\ -8 & 7 & -3 \\ -4 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \cdot 9 + 0 + 0 & 5(-1) + 0 + 0 & 5 \cdot 3 + 0 + 0 \\ 0 + 5(-8) + 0 & 0 + 5 \cdot 7 + 0 & 0 + 5(-3) + 0 \\ 0 + 0 + 5(-4) & 0 + 0 + 5 \cdot 1 & 0 + 0 + 5 \cdot 8 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 45 & -5 & 15 \\ -40 & 35 & -15 \\ -20 & 5 & 40 \end{bmatrix}$$