

## 2.4 MATRIX PRODUCTS

The *composite* of two functions:  $y = \sin(x)$  and  $z = \cos(y)$  is  $z = \cos(\sin(x))$ .

Consider two transformation systems:

$$\vec{y} = A\vec{x}, \text{ with } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{z} = B\vec{y}, \text{ with } B = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 7 \\ 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

The composite of the two transformation systems is

$$\vec{z} = B(A\vec{x})$$

Question: Is  $\vec{z} = T(\vec{x})$  linear? If so, what's the matrix?

(a) Find the matrix for the composite:

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 &= 6y_1 + 7y_2 & \text{and} & & y_1 &= x_1 + 2x_2 \\ z_2 &= 8y_1 + 9y_2 & & & y_2 &= 3x_1 + 5x_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 &= 6(x_1 + 2x_2) + 7(3x_1 + 5x_2) \\ &= (6 \cdot 1 + 7 \cdot 3)x_1 + (6 \cdot 2 + 7 \cdot 5)x_2 \\ &= 27x_1 + 47x_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z_2 &= 8(x_1 + 2x_2) + 9(3x_1 + 5x_2) \\ &= (8 \cdot 1 + 9 \cdot 3)x_1 + (8 \cdot 2 + 9 \cdot 5)x_2 \\ &= 35x_1 + 61x_2 \end{aligned}$$

This shows the composite is linear with matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 \cdot 1 + 7 \cdot 3 & 6 \cdot 2 + 7 \cdot 5 \\ 8 \cdot 1 + 9 \cdot 3 & 8 \cdot 2 + 9 \cdot 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 27 & 47 \\ 35 & 61 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Use Fact to show the transformation  $T(\vec{x}) = B(A\vec{x})$  is linear:

$$T(\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = B(A(\vec{v} + \vec{w})) = B(A\vec{v} + A\vec{w}) = B(A\vec{v}) + B(A\vec{w}) = T(\vec{v}) + T(\vec{w})$$

$$T(k\vec{v}) = B(A(k\vec{v})) = B(k(A\vec{v})) = k(B(A\vec{v})) = kT(\vec{v})$$

Once we know that  $T$  is linear, we can find its matrix by computing the vectors:  $T(\vec{e}_1)$  and  $T(\vec{e}_2)$ :

$$T(\vec{e}_1) = B(A(\vec{e}_1)) = B(\text{first column of } A) = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 7 \\ 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 27 \\ 35 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(\vec{e}_2) = B(A(\vec{e}_2)) = B(\text{second column of } A) = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 7 \\ 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 47 \\ 61 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix of  $T(\vec{x}) = B(A\vec{x}) = BA(\vec{x})$ :

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \left. \begin{array}{c} | \\ T(\vec{e}_1) \\ | \end{array} \right. & \left. \begin{array}{c} | \\ T(\vec{e}_2) \\ | \end{array} \right. \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 27 & 47 \\ 35 & 61 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Definition. Matrix multiplication

1. Let  $B$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $A$  a  $q \times p$  matrix. The product  $BA$  is defined if (and only if)  $n = q$ .
2. If  $B$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $A$  an  $n \times p$  matrix, then the product  $BA$  is defined as the matrix of the linear transformation  $T(\vec{x}) = B(A\vec{x})$ . This means that  $T(\vec{x}) = B(A\vec{x}) = (BA)\vec{x}$ , for all  $\vec{x}$  in  $R^p$ . The product  $BA$  is an  $m \times p$  matrix.

Let  $B$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $A$  an  $n \times p$  matrix. Let's think about the columns of the matrix  $BA$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\textit{i} \text{th columns of } BA) \\
 &= (BA)\vec{e}_i \\
 &= B(A\vec{e}_i) \\
 &= B(\textit{i} \text{th column of } A).
 \end{aligned}$$

If we denote the columns of  $A$  by  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p$ , we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 BA &= B \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \vec{v}_p \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}}_A = \\
 & \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ B\vec{v}_1 & B\vec{v}_2 & \dots & B\vec{v}_p \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

## The matrix product, column by column

Let  $B$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $A$  an  $n \times p$  matrix with columns  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p$ . Then, the product  $BA$  is

$$BA = B \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \vec{v}_p \\ \hline \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} B\vec{v}_1 & B\vec{v}_2 & \dots & B\vec{v}_p \\ \hline \end{array} \right].$$

To find  $BA$ , we can multiply  $B$  with the columns of  $A$  and combine the resulting vectors.

**Fact** Matrix multiplication is noncommutative:  $AB \neq BA$ , in general. However, at times it does happen that  $AB = BA$ ; then, we say that the matrices  $A$  and  $B$  commute.

## The matrix product, entry by entry

Let  $B$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $A$  an  $n \times p$  matrix. The  $ij$ th entry of  $BA$  is the dot product of the  $i$ th row of  $B$  and the  $j$ th column of  $A$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \dots & b_{1n} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \dots & b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{i1} & b_{i2} & \dots & b_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{m1} & b_{m2} & \dots & b_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1j} & \dots & a_{1p} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2j} & \dots & a_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nj} & \dots & a_{np} \end{bmatrix}$$

is the  $m \times p$  matrix whose  $ij$ th entry is

$$b_{i1}a_{1j} + b_{i2}a_{2j} + \dots + b_{in}a_{nj} = \sum_{k=1}^n b_{ik}a_{kj}.$$

**Example.**  $\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 7 \\ 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 \cdot 1 + 7 \cdot 3 & 6 \cdot 2 + 7 \cdot 5 \\ 8 \cdot 1 + 9 \cdot 3 & 8 \cdot 2 + 9 \cdot 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 27 & 47 \\ 35 & 61 \end{bmatrix}.$$

*We have done these computations before. (where?)*

## Matrix Algebra

**Fact (a)** For an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ .

$$AA^{-1} = I_n \text{ and } A^{-1}A = I_n.$$

**Fact (b)** For an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ .

$$AI_n = I_m A = A.$$

**Fact (c)** Matrix multiplication is associative

$$(AB)C = A(BC).$$

We can write simply  $ABC$  for the product  $(AB)C = A(BC)$ .



**Proof** (a)  $(AB)C = (AB)[ \vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \cdots \ \vec{v}_q ]$   
 $= [ (AB)\vec{v}_1 \ (AB)\vec{v}_2 \ \cdots \ (AB)\vec{v}_q ]$

and

$$A(BC) = A[ B\vec{v}_1 \ B\vec{v}_2 \ \cdots \ B\vec{v}_q ]$$
$$= [ A(B\vec{v}_1) \ A(B\vec{v}_2) \ \cdots \ A(B\vec{v}_q) ]$$

Since  $(AB)\vec{v}_i = A(B\vec{v}_i)$ , by definition of the matrix product, we find that  $(AB)C = A(BC)$ .

**Proof** (b) Consider two linear transformations

$$T(\vec{x}) = ((AB)C)\vec{x}$$

and

$$L(\vec{x}) = (A(BC))\vec{x}$$

are identical because,

$$T(\vec{x}) = ((AB)C)\vec{x} = (AB)(C\vec{x}) = A(B(C\vec{x}))$$

and

$$L(\vec{x}) = (A(BC))\vec{x} = A((BC)\vec{x}) = A(B(C\vec{x}))$$

If  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible  $n \times n$  matrices, is  $BA$  invertible?

$$\vec{y} = BA\vec{x}$$

multiply both sides by  $B^{-1}$

$$B^{-1}\vec{y} = B^{-1}BA\vec{x} = I_n A\vec{x} = A\vec{x}$$

next, multiply both sides by  $A^{-1}$

$$A^{-1}B^{-1}\vec{y} = A^{-1}A\vec{x} = I_n \vec{x} = \vec{x}$$

This computation shows that the linear transformation is invertible since

$$\vec{x} = A^{-1}B^{-1}\vec{y}$$

**Fact** The inverse of a product of matrices

If  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible  $n \times n$  matrices, then  $BA$  is invertible as well, and

$$(BA)^{-1} = A^{-1}B^{-1}.$$

Pay attention to the order of the matrices.

**Proof** Verify it by yourself.

**Fact** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two  $n \times n$  matrices such that

$$BA = I_n.$$

Then,

- a.  $A$  and  $B$  are both invertible.
- b.  $A^{-1} = B$  and  $B^{-1} = A$ , and
- c.  $AB = I_n$ .

**Proof** (a) To demonstrate  $A$  is invertible it suffices to show that the linear system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has only the solution  $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

$$BA\vec{x} = B\vec{0} = \vec{0}$$

(b)  $B = A^{-1}$  since

$$(BA)A^{-1} = (I_n)A^{-1} = A^{-1}$$

and

$$B^{-1} = (A^{-1})^{-1} = A$$

(c)  $AB = AA^{-1} = I_n$

**Example.**  $B = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$  is the inverse of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ .

it suffices to verify that  $BA = I_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} BA &= \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} ad - bc & bd - bd \\ ac - ac & ad - bc \end{bmatrix} = I_2. \end{aligned}$$

**Example.**

Suppose  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are three  $n \times n$  matrices and  $ABC = I_n$ . Show that  $B$  is invertible, and express  $B^{-1}$  in term of  $A$  and  $C$ .

**Solution**

Write  $ABC = (AB)C = I_n$ . We have  $C(AB) = I_n$ . Since matrix multiplication is associative, we can write  $(CA)B = I_n$ . We conclude that  $B$  is invertible, and  $B^{-1} = CA$ .

## Distributive property for matrices

**Fact** If  $A, B$  are  $n \times n$ , and  $C, D$  are  $n \times p$  matrices, then

$$A(C + D) = AC + AD$$

and

$$(A + B)C = AC + BC.$$

**Fact** If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix,  $B$  an  $n \times p$  matrix, and  $k$  a scalar, then

$$(kA)B = A(kB) = k(AB).$$

## Partitioned Matrices

It is sometimes useful to break a large matrix down into smaller submatrices by slicing it up with horizontal or vertical lines that go all the way through the matrix.

For example, we can think of the  $4 \times 4$  matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 8 & 7 & 6 \\ 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

as a  $2 \times 2$  matrix whose "entries" are four  $2 \times 2$  matrices:

$$A = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ \hline 9 & 8 & 7 & 6 \\ 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 \end{array} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix},$$

with  $A_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ , etc.

The submatrices in such a partition need not be of equal size; for example, we could have

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ \hline 7 & 8 & 9 \end{array} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix}.$$

A useful property of partitioned matrices is the following:

**Multiplying partitioned matrices** Partitioned matrices can be multiplied as though the submatrices were scalars:

$$AB =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{i1} & A_{i2} & \dots & A_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & A_{m2} & \dots & A_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} & \dots & B_{1j} & \dots & B_{1p} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} & \dots & B_{2j} & \dots & B_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ B_{n1} & B_{n2} & \dots & B_{nj} & \dots & B_{np} \end{bmatrix}$$

is the partitioned matrix whose  $ij$ th "entry" is the matrix

$$A_{i1}B_{1j} + A_{i2}B_{2j} + \dots + A_{in}B_{nj} = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik}B_{kj},$$

provided that all the products  $A_{ik}B_{kj}$  are defined.



### Example.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ \hline 7 & 8 & 9 \end{array} \right] \\ &= \left[ \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 \end{array} \right] + \left[ \begin{array}{c} -1 \\ 1 \end{array} \right] [7 \ 8] \mid \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 6 \end{array} \right] + \left[ \begin{array}{c} -1 \\ 1 \end{array} \right] [9] \right] \\ &= \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -3 & -3 & -3 \\ 8 & 10 & 12 \end{array} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Compute this product without using a partition, and see whether you find the same result.

### Example.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ 0 & A_{22} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $A_{11}$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix,  $A_{22}$  is an  $m \times m$  matrix, and  $A_{12}$  is an  $n \times m$  matrix.

- a. For which choices of  $A_{11}$ ,  $A_{12}$ , and  $A_{22}$  is  $A$  invertible ?
- b. If  $A$  is invertible, what is  $A^{-1}$  (in terms of  $A_{11}$ ,  $A_{12}$ ,  $A_{22}$ )?

## Solution

We are looking for an  $(n + m) \times (n + m)$  matrix  $B$  such that

$$BA = I_{n+m} = \begin{bmatrix} I_n & 0 \\ 0 & I_m \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let us partition  $B$  in the same way as  $A$ :

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $B_{11}$  is  $n \times n$ ,  $B_{22}$  is  $m \times m$ , etc. The fact that  $B$  is the inverse of  $A$  means that

$$\begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ 0 & B_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I_n & 0 \\ 0 & I_m \end{bmatrix},$$

or using

$$\begin{vmatrix} B_{11}A_{11} & = & I_n \\ B_{11}A_{12} + B_{12}A_{22} & = & 0 \\ B_{21}A_{11} & = & 0 \\ B_{21}A_{12} + B_{22}A_{22} & = & I_m \end{vmatrix}.$$

We have to solve this system for the submatrices  $B_{ij}$ .

1. By Equation 1,  $A_{11}$  must be invertible, and  $B_{11} = A_{11}^{-1}$ .
2. By Equation 3,  $B_{21} = 0$  (Multiply by  $A_{11}^{-1}$  from the right)
3. Equation 4 now simplifies to  $B_{22}A_{22} = I_m$ . Therefore,  $A_{22}$  must be invertible, and  $B_{22} = A_{22}^{-1}$ .
4. Lastly, Solve for  $B_{12}$  by Equation 2

$$A_{11}^{-1}A_{12} + B_{12}A_{22} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow B_{12}A_{22} = -A_{11}^{-1}A_{12}$$

$$\Rightarrow B_{12} = -A_{11}^{-1}A_{12}A_{22}^{-1}$$

So

a.  $A$  is invertible if (and only if) both  $A_{11}$  and  $A_{22}$  are invertible (no condition is imposed on  $A_{12}$ ).

b. If  $A$  is invertible, then its inverse is

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11}^{-1} & -A_{11}^{-1}A_{12}A_{22}^{-1} \\ 0 & A_{22}^{-1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Verify this result for the following example:

**Example. 5**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]^{-1} = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|ccc} 2 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -3 & -3 & -3 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right].$$

**Homework.**

Exercise 2.4: 5, 13, 17, 23, 27, 35