

# Interlude on Matrix Multiplication

**For you:** Find the dot product of the following vectors (if possible):

$$(-1, 1) \cdot (2, 3)$$

$$(-1, 0, 1) \cdot (2, 3)$$

$$(6, -4, 2, 1) \cdot (-1, 2, -3, 4)$$

**Solutions:**  $-1(2) + 1(3) = 1$

Not possible!  
Must be the same size

$$-6 + -8 + -6 + 4 = -16$$

If you know dot product, you know matrix multiplication! It's just a whole bunch of dot products:

**Ex:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -6 & -5 \\ -4 & -3 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -6-8-6 & -5-6-3 \\ -24-20-12 & -20-15-6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -20 & -14 \\ -56 & -41 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\begin{matrix} 2 \times 3 & 3 \times 2 \\ \uparrow & \text{match} \uparrow \end{matrix}$ 
 $\begin{matrix} 2 \times 2 & \text{result} \\ \uparrow & \uparrow \end{matrix}$

In general, if  $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times m}$  and  $B = (b_{ij})_{m \times p}$ , we can find the product  $AB := (AB)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^m A_{ik} B_{kj}$ , which is an  $n \times p$  matrix.

**you try:** Multiply the following matrices:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 & 7 & 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ -4 & -1 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\begin{matrix} 3 \times 2 & 2 \times 4 \\ \text{---} & \text{---} \end{matrix}$ 
 $\begin{matrix} 3 \times 4 \\ \text{---} \end{matrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 3 & -6 \\ 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 27 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\begin{matrix} 1 \times 4 & 4 \times 2 \\ \text{---} & \text{---} \end{matrix}$ 
 $\begin{matrix} 1 \times 2 \\ \text{---} \end{matrix}$

$\begin{pmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -6 & -5 \\ -4 & -3 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  **X**  $3 \times 2$  and  $3 \times 2$  cannot be multiplied.  
 (Can they be added? subtracted? scalar multiplied?)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -4 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ -25 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\begin{matrix} 3 \times 3 & 3 \times 1 \\ \text{---} & \text{---} \end{matrix}$ 
 $\begin{matrix} 3 \times 1 \\ \text{---} \end{matrix}$

Def: The change of basis matrix, or transition matrix from a basis  $B_1$  to another basis

$B_2$  is the  $n \times n$  matrix (where  $\dim V = n$ )

$$\begin{pmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \text{rep}_{B_2}(u_1) & \text{rep}_{B_2}(u_2) & \dots & \text{rep}_{B_2}(u_n) \\ | & | & & | \end{pmatrix}_{B_1 \rightarrow B_2}$$

where  $B_1 = \{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$  and each column corresponds to  $u_i$ 's coordinates wrt  $B_2$ .

In the context of matrix multiplication, left multiplication by this matrix converts a representation of a vector with respect to  $B_1$  to its representation with respect to  $B_2$ .

In our example,

COB matrix is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \\ -\frac{3}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{pmatrix}_{B_1 \rightarrow B_2}$  Then  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \\ -\frac{3}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{pmatrix}_{B_1 \rightarrow B_2} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}_{B_1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{8}{5} \\ -\frac{7}{5} \end{pmatrix}_{B_2} \checkmark$

Quick aside: We solved a system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n &= b_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n &= b_m \end{aligned}$$

by reducing  $\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{array} \right)$  and read off solution.

We can also think of this as a matrix equation using matrix multiplication:

$$Ax = b \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{pmatrix}$$

$A \quad \quad \quad X = b$   
 $m \times n \quad \quad n \times 1 \quad \quad m \times 1$

Another COB ex: We've shown that  $B_1 = \{1, x, x^2\}$  and  $B_3 = \{1+x-x^2, 4+x, 2-x+x^2\}$  are both bases for  $P_2$ . Then the COB matrix from  $B_3$  to  $B_1$  is

$$\left( \text{rep}_{B_1}(1+x-x^2) \mid \text{rep}_{B_1}(4+x) \mid \text{rep}_{B_1}(2-x+x^2) \right)_{B_3 \rightarrow B_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = A$$

We had  $\text{rep}_{B_3}(1-2x+3x^2) = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{B_3} = v$

Then  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}_{B_3 \rightarrow B_1} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{B_3} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}_{B_1} \checkmark$

Question: What polynomial has  $\text{rep}_{B_3} = 4 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{B_3} = \begin{pmatrix} -12 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{B_3}$ ?

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}_{B_3 \rightarrow B_1} \begin{pmatrix} -12 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{B_3} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -8 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}_{B_1}$$

which is  $4 - 8x + 12x^2 = 4(1 - 2x + 3x^2)$   
 $\Rightarrow A(4v) = 4(Av)!$