

Example
row view

$$\begin{matrix} & A & & B & & \\ & & & & & 2 \times 2 \\ \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} \end{bmatrix} & = & \begin{bmatrix} (AB)_{11} & (AB)_{12} \\ (AB)_{21} & (AB)_{22} \end{bmatrix} \\ 2 \times 3 & 3 \times 2 & & \end{matrix}$$

$$(AB)_{11} = (\text{1st row of } A) \cdot (\text{1st column of } B) = a_{11}b_{11} + a_{12}b_{21} + a_{13}b_{31} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{1j}b_{j1}$$

$$(AB)_{ij} = (\text{i-th row of } A) \cdot (\text{j-th column of } B)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}b_{kj}$$

column view

$$AB \quad B \text{ has columns } \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_p \end{bmatrix}$$

$m \times n \quad n \times p$

$$AB = [Ab_1 \quad Ab_2 \quad \dots \quad Ab_p]$$

Q: why do we use this definition of matrix multiplication.

A: because it is useful.

Observation: Gaussian elimination operations are given by matrix multiplication by special matrices called elementary matrices

recall:

$$\begin{aligned} 2u + v + w &= 5 & \textcircled{1} \\ 4u - 6v &= -2 & \textcircled{2} \\ -2u + 7v + 2w &= 9 & \textcircled{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 & -2 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

step ①: $\left. \begin{matrix} \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{2} - 2\textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix} \right\}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 & -2 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 & -12 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

step ②: $\left. \begin{matrix} \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{2} \\ \textcircled{3} + \textcircled{1} \end{matrix} \right\}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 & -12 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 & -12 \\ 0 & 8 & 3 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

can also swap rows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c & d \\ a & b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} \end{bmatrix}$$

swaps middle two rows.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

swaps rows 1 and 3.

Properties of matrix multiplication

$$\begin{matrix} A & B \\ m \times n & n \times p \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} AB \\ m \times p \end{matrix}$$

- each entry $(AB)_{ij}$ of AB is the product of the i th row of A with the j th column of B .
- each column of AB is the product of A by the j -th column of B .
- the i th row of AB is row i of A times B .

Associativity $(AB)C = A(BC)$ so can just write ABC .

distributive $A(B+C) = AB+AC$
 $(A+B)C = AC+BC$

not commutative! $AB \neq BA$

note: $\begin{matrix} A & B \\ m \times n & n \times p \end{matrix}$ makes sense $\begin{matrix} B & A \\ n \times p & m \times n \end{matrix}$ doesn't work!

but even if A, B $n \times n$ $AB \neq BA$ in general.

Example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$