

Matrix Product

If $A = (a_{ij})$ is a $m \times n$ matrix and $B = (b_{ij})$ is a $p \times q$ matrix and we want to multiply A and B i.e. find $A \times B$ then we must have $n = p$, i.e. we must have that number of columns in A is the same as the number of rows of B and in such a case the order of the product i.e. the order of $A \times B$ will be $m \times q$.

Further, if $A \times B = C = (c_{re})$

$$\text{then } c_{re} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{rk} b_{ke}$$

$$= a_{r1}b_{1e} + a_{r2}b_{2e} + a_{r3}b_{3e} + \dots + a_{rn}b_{ne}$$

Example

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ p & q & r \end{bmatrix}$ is a 2×3 matrix

If we want to multiply it with another matrix B , then B must have 3 rows. The number of columns in B does not matter.

Let $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 & 4 \\ 3 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ a 3×3 matrix

$$\text{Then } A \times B = \begin{bmatrix} a.1 + b.2 + c.3 & a.4 + b.6 + c.9 & a.3 + b.4 + c.2 \\ p.1 + q.2 + r.3 & p.4 + q.6 + r.9 & p.3 + q.4 + r.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{i.e. } A \times B = \begin{bmatrix} a+2b+3c & 4a+6b+9c & 3a+4b+2c \\ p+2q+3r & 4p+6q+9r & 3p+4q+2r \end{bmatrix}$$

which is a (2×3) matrix.

We now try to find $B \times A$

In this case B is 3×3 matrix

while A is 2×3 matrix and

So we can not find $B \times A$

$$\text{If we take } A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ x & y \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then } A \times B = \begin{bmatrix} a+3b & 2a+4b \\ x+3y & 2x+4y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{while } B \times A = \begin{bmatrix} a+2b & b+2y \\ 3a+4x & 3b+4y \end{bmatrix}$$

obviously $A \times B \neq B \times A$ here

Thus we say that even if both $A \times B$ and $B \times A$ be calculated then

in general $A \times B \neq B \times A$

i.e. Matrix Multiplication is not Commutative.

Associative

Let $A = (a_{ij})$ is a $m \times n$ Matrix
and $B = (b_{jk})$ is a $n \times p$ Matrix
and $C = (c_{kl})$ is a $p \times q$ Matrix

We want to check if $A \times (B \times C) = (A \times B) \times C$

For this we consider the element
 p^{th} row in the p^{th} row and r^{th}
column on both sides.

For the left side,

r^{th} term of $B \times C$

$$= \sum_k b_{rk} c_{kr}$$

So, p^{th} term of $A \times (B \times C)$ is

$$= \sum_k a_{pk} \left(\sum_r b_{rk} c_{kr} \right)$$

Similarly for Right side, the p^{th} term
of $A \times B$ is $\sum_p a_{pp} b_{pr}$ and thus

$$\text{the } r^{th} \text{ term of } (A \times B) \times C = \sum_r \left(\sum_p a_{pp} b_{pr} \right) c_{rr}$$

Thus both terms are the same and

So we get $A \times (B \times C) = (A \times B) \times C$
Thus Matrix Multiplication is Associative.

And so if $A \times (B \times C)$ and $A \times (B \times (A \times B))$
and so $A \times (B \times C) = A$

Extending this Associative Law
We see $A \times (A \times A) = (A \times A) \times A$
 $= A^3$

Similarly $(A \times A) \times (A \times A) = A^4$
and so on.

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Distributive Law.

$$A \times (B + C) = A \times [$$

Here, take $A = (a_{ij})$, a $m \times n$ matrix.

$B = (b_{pq})$ a $n \times q$ matrix

and $C = (c_{pq})$ a $n \times q$ matrix

So $B + C = (b_{pq} + c_{pq})$ a $n \times q$ matrix

$$\therefore A \times (B + C) = \sum_{p=1}^n a_{ip} (b_{pq} + c_{pq})$$

$$= \sum_p (a_{ip} b_{pq} + a_{ip} c_{pq})$$

$$= \sum_p a_{ip} b_{pq} + \sum_p a_{ip} c_{pq}$$

$$= A \times B + A \times C$$

$$\therefore A \times (B + C) = A \times B + A \times C$$

Thus Distributive Law holds.