1. Vectors



A vector is an ordered list of numbers. For instance, a point on a plane (x, y) is a vector! We label vectors using an arrow overhead \vec{v} , and since vectors can live in ANY dimension of space we'll need to leave our notation general $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, ...)$. Below are few more examples (the left-most form is the general definition):

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n \qquad \qquad \vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \qquad \qquad \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2.4 \\ 5.3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

Just to unpack this a bit more, $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ in english means "vector \vec{b} lives in 3-Dimensional space".

- The \in symbol literally means "in"
- The \mathbb{R} stands for "real numbers" (FUN FACT: \mathbb{Z} means "integers" like -2, 4, 0, ...)
- The exponent $\mathbb{R}^{n} \leftarrow$ indicates the dimension of space, or the number of elements in the vector.

One last thing: it is standard to write vectors in column-form, like seen with $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{x}$ above. We call these *column vectors*, in contrast to horizontally written vectors which we call *row vectors*.

Okay, let's dig into a few examples:

(a) Which of the following vectors live in \mathbb{R}^2 space?

$$i. \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad ii. \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad iii. \begin{bmatrix} -4.76 \\ 1.32 \\ 0.01 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad iv. \begin{bmatrix} -20 \\ 100 \end{bmatrix}$$

Answer:

i. Yes ii. No iii. No iv. Yes

Remember \mathbb{R}^2 means 2D space, which hosts vectors with 2 terms. We count and see only i. and iv. have 2 terms.

(b) Graphically show the vectors (either in a sketch with axes, or a plot on a computer):

i.	2	ii	5		
	5	μ.	2		

Answer: Although these vectors look similar, remember that the ordering matters!



(c) Compute the sum $\vec{a} + \vec{b} = \vec{c}$ from the vectors below, and then graphically sketch or plot these vectors. (show them in a way that forms a triangle; also is there only one possible triangle?)



2. Computations: matrix-vector multiplication

For each matrix vector multiplication problem, find the product by hand

(a)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 2 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 9 & 2 \\ 7 & 10 & -7 \\ -1 & 2 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Answer:

(a) To Let $a_i \in \mathbb{R}^3$ represent the transpose of the i_{th} row of the *A* matrix. To find the i_{th} entry of the $A\vec{b}$ vector we find the inner product of a_i and b. In this case, we get

$$A\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 13\\-12 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Let $A_i \in \mathbb{R}^3$ represent the i_{th} column of A and let $b_i \in \mathbb{R}$ represent the i_{th} component of b.

$$A\vec{b} = A_1b_1 + A_2b_2 + A_3b_3 = 1 \times \begin{bmatrix} 1\\7\\-1 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \times \begin{bmatrix} 2\\-7\\-8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7\\-14\\-25 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Matrix Multiplication

Consider the following matrices:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{E} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 9 & 5 & 7 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 & 8 \\ 6 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 7 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 1 & 6 \\ 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 4 & 9 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 8 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

For each matrix multiplication problem, *if the product exists*, find the product by hand. Otherwise, explain why the product does not exist.

- (a) **A B Answer:** A is a 1×2 matrix and B_1 is a 2×1 matrix, so the product exists! **AB** = $1 \cdot 3 + 4 \cdot 2 = 11$
- (b) **C D** Answer: Since both **C** and **D** are 2×2 matrices, the product exists and is a 2×2 matrix. $\mathbf{CD} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 3 + 4 \cdot 2 & 1 \cdot 2 + 4 \cdot 1 \\ 2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 2 & 2 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 6 \\ 12 & 7 \end{bmatrix}.$
- (c) **D C Answer:** Since both **C** and **D** are 2×2 matrices, the product exists and is a 2×2 matrix. $\mathbf{DC} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 & 3 \cdot 4 + 2 \cdot 3 \\ 2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 & 2 \cdot 4 + 1 \cdot 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 18 \\ 4 & 11 \end{bmatrix}.$
- (d) **C E Answer:** Since **C** is a 2×2 matrix and **E** is a 2×4 matrix, the product exists and is a 2×4 matrix. $\mathbf{CE} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 9 & 5 & 7 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 4 & 1 \cdot 9 + 4 \cdot 3 & 1 \cdot 5 + 4 \cdot 2 & 1 \cdot 7 + 4 \cdot 2 \\ 2 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 4 & 2 \cdot 9 + 3 \cdot 3 & 2 \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot 2 & 2 \cdot 7 + 3 \cdot 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 17 & 21 & 13 & 15 \\ 14 & 27 & 16 & 20 \end{bmatrix}.$
- (e) F E (only note whether or not the product exists) Answer: Since E is a 2 × 4 matrix and F is a 4 × 3 matrix, the product does not exist. This is because the number of columns in the first matrix (F) should match the number of rows in the second matrix (E) for this product to be defined.

(f) E F (only note whether or not the product exists) Answer: Since E is a 2 × 4 matrix and F is a 4 × 3 matrix, the product exists and is a 2 × 3 matrix.

$$\mathbf{EF} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 9 & 5 & 7 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 & 8 \\ 6 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 7 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 5 + 9 \cdot 6 + 5 \cdot 4 + 7 \cdot 3 & 1 \cdot 5 + 9 \cdot 1 + 5 \cdot 1 + 7 \cdot 2 & 1 \cdot 8 + 9 \cdot 2 + 5 \cdot 7 + 7 \cdot 2 \\ 4 \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot 6 + 2 \cdot 4 + 2 \cdot 3 & 4 \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 & 4 \cdot 8 + 3 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 7 + 2 \cdot 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 100 & 33 & 75 \\ 52 & 29 & 56 \end{bmatrix}$$

(g) **G H** (Practice on your own) **Answer:** Since **G** and **H** are both 3×3 matrices, the product exists and is another 3×3 matrix.

$$\mathbf{GH} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 1 & 6 \\ 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 4 & 9 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 8 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \cdot 5 + 1 \cdot 1 + 6 \cdot 2 & 8 \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot 8 + 6 \cdot 3 & 8 \cdot 4 + 1 \cdot 2 + 6 \cdot 5 \\ 3 \cdot 5 + 5 \cdot 1 + 7 \cdot 2 & 3 \cdot 3 + 5 \cdot 8 + 7 \cdot 3 & 3 \cdot 4 + 5 \cdot 2 + 7 \cdot 5 \\ 4 \cdot 5 + 9 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 & 4 \cdot 3 + 9 \cdot 8 + 2 \cdot 3 & 4 \cdot 4 + 9 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 53 & 50 & 64 \\ 34 & 70 & 57 \\ 33 & 90 & 44 \end{bmatrix}$$

(h) **H G** (Practice on your own) **Answer:** Since **H** and **G** are both 3×3 matrices, the product exists and is another 3×3 matrix.

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$\mathbf{GH} =$	1	8	2		3	5	7	=	$1 \cdot 8 + 8 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 4$	$1 \cdot 1 + 8 \cdot 5 + 2 \cdot 9$	$1 \cdot 6 + 8 \cdot 7 + 2 \cdot 2$	=	40	59	66
	2	3	5	4	4	9	2		$2\cdot 8 + 3\cdot 3 + 5\cdot 4$	$2 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 5 + 5 \cdot 9$	$2 \cdot 6 + 3 \cdot 7 + 5 \cdot 2$		45	62	43