

# **Block Matrix Multiplication**

**Linear Algebra**

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**Matrix  
Multiplication**

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & \cdots & b_{1p} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & \cdots & b_{np} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}b_{11} + \cdots + a_{1n}b_{n1} & \cdots & a_{11}b_{1p} + \cdots + a_{1n}b_{np} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1}b_{11} + \cdots + a_{mn}b_{n1} & \cdots & a_{m1}b_{1p} + \cdots + a_{mn}b_{np} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Block Matrix  
Multiplication**

$$AB = m_1 \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & \cdots & A_{1N} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{M1} & \cdots & A_{MN} \end{bmatrix} n_1 \quad \cdots \quad n_N \quad n_1 \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & \cdots & B_{1P} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ B_{N1} & \cdots & B_{NP} \end{bmatrix} p_1 \quad \cdots \quad p_P$$

*General  
Case*

$$= m_1 \begin{bmatrix} A_{11}B_{11} + \cdots + A_{1N}B_{N1} & \cdots & A_{11}B_{1P} + \cdots + A_{1N}B_{NP} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{M1}B_{11} + \cdots + A_{MN}B_{N1} & \cdots & A_{M1}B_{1P} + \cdots + A_{MN}B_{NP} \end{bmatrix} p_1 \quad \cdots \quad p_P$$

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$$AB = \begin{matrix} & n_1 & & n_N & & p_1 & & p_P \\ m_1 \mathbf{I} & \boxed{A_{11}} & \cdots & \boxed{A_{1N}} & n_1 \mathbf{I} & \boxed{B_{11}} & \cdots & \boxed{B_{1P}} \\ & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ m_M \mathbf{I} & \boxed{A_{M1}} & \cdots & \boxed{A_{MN}} & n_N \mathbf{I} & \boxed{B_{N1}} & \cdots & \boxed{B_{NP}} \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} & p_1 & & p_P \\ m_1 \mathbf{I} & A_{11}B_{11} + \cdots + A_{1N}B_{N1} & \cdots & A_{11}B_{1P} + \cdots + A_{1N}B_{NP} \\ & \vdots & & \vdots \\ m_M \mathbf{I} & A_{M1}B_{11} + \cdots + A_{MN}B_{N1} & \cdots & A_{M1}B_{1P} + \cdots + A_{MN}B_{NP} \end{matrix}$$

## Case 1

*“Linear Combination of Columns”*

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ A_1 & \cdots & A_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | \\ A_1 \\ | \end{bmatrix} x_1 + \cdots + \begin{bmatrix} | \\ A_n \\ | \end{bmatrix} x_n$$

## Case 2

*“Inner product with rows”*

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} - & a_1^T & - \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ - & a_m^T & - \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} | \\ x \\ | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^T x \\ \vdots \\ a_m^T x \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$AB = \begin{matrix} & \overset{n_1}{\overbrace{\quad}} & \cdots & \overset{n_N}{\overbrace{\quad}} & & & \overset{p_1}{\overbrace{\quad}} & \cdots & \overset{p_P}{\overbrace{\quad}} \\ \begin{matrix} m_1 \\ \vdots \\ m_M \end{matrix} \mathbf{I} & \left[ \begin{matrix} A_{11} & & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & & \\ A_{M1} & \cdots & A_{MN} \end{matrix} \right] & \begin{matrix} n_1 \\ \vdots \\ n_N \end{matrix} \mathbf{I} & \left[ \begin{matrix} B_{11} & \cdots & B_{1P} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ B_{N1} & \cdots & B_{NP} \end{matrix} \right] & = & \begin{matrix} p_1 \\ \vdots \\ p_P \end{matrix} \mathbf{I} & \left[ \begin{matrix} A_{11}B_{11} + \cdots + A_{1N}B_{N1} & & \\ \vdots & & \\ A_{M1}B_{11} + \cdots + A_{MN}B_{N1} & \cdots & A_{M1}B_{1P} + \cdots + A_{MN}B_{NP} \end{matrix} \right] \end{matrix}$$

## Case 3

“Inner product  
with columns”

$$y^T A = \begin{bmatrix} - & y^T & - \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ A_1 & \cdots & A_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y^T A_1 & \cdots & y^T A_n \end{bmatrix}$$

## Case 4

“Linear  
Combination  
of Rows”

$$y^T A = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & \cdots & y_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} - & a_1^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & a_m^T & - \end{bmatrix} = y_1 \begin{bmatrix} - & a_1^T & - \end{bmatrix} + \cdots + y_m \begin{bmatrix} - & a_m^T & - \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$AB = \begin{matrix} & \overset{n_1}{\overbrace{\quad}} & \overset{n_N}{\overbrace{\quad}} & \overset{p_1}{\overbrace{\quad}} & \overset{p_P}{\overbrace{\quad}} \\ \overset{m_1}{\textcolor{blue}{I}} & \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A_{11} & \\ \vdots & \\ A_{M1} & \end{array} \right] & \cdots & \overset{n_1}{\textcolor{red}{I}} & \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} B_{11} & \cdots & B_{1P} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ B_{N1} & \cdots & B_{NP} \end{array} \right] & = & \overset{p_1}{\textcolor{purple}{I}} & \left[ \begin{array}{c} A_{11}B_{11} + \cdots + A_{1N}B_{N1} \\ \vdots \\ A_{M1}B_{11} + \cdots + A_{MN}B_{N1} \end{array} \right] & \cdots & \overset{p_P}{\textcolor{purple}{I}} & \left[ \begin{array}{c} A_{11}B_{1P} + \cdots + A_{1N}B_{NP} \\ \vdots \\ A_{M1}B_{1P} + \cdots + A_{MN}B_{NP} \end{array} \right] \end{matrix}$$

## Case 5

“A times each column of B”

$$AB = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A & \\ \hline \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} | & \\ \hline B_1 & \\ \hline | & \\ \hline \cdots & \\ \hline B_p & \\ \hline | & \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} | & \\ \hline AB_1 & \\ \hline | & \\ \hline \cdots & \\ \hline AB_p & \\ \hline | & \end{array} \right]$$

## Case 6

“B times each row of A”

$$AB = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} - & a_1^T & - \\ \hline \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \hline - & a_m^T & - \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} | & \\ \hline B & \\ \hline | & \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} - & a_1^T B & - \\ \hline \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \hline - & a_m^T B & - \end{array} \right]$$

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$$AB = \begin{matrix} & \overset{n_1}{\overbrace{\quad}} \\ m_1 \mathbf{I} & \left[ \begin{matrix} A_{11} & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & \\ A_{M1} & \cdots & A_{MN} \end{matrix} \right] \end{matrix} \cdot \begin{matrix} & \overset{n_N}{\overbrace{\quad}} \\ n_1 \mathbf{I} & \left[ \begin{matrix} B_{11} & \cdots & B_{1P} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ B_{N1} & \cdots & B_{NP} \end{matrix} \right] \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} & \overset{p_1}{\overbrace{\quad}} \\ m_1 \mathbf{I} & \left[ \begin{matrix} A_{11}B_{11} + \cdots + A_{1N}B_{N1} \\ \vdots \\ A_{M1}B_{11} + \cdots + A_{MN}B_{N1} \end{matrix} \right] \end{matrix} \cdots \begin{matrix} & \overset{p_P}{\overbrace{\quad}} \\ m_M \mathbf{I} & \left[ \begin{matrix} A_{11}B_{1P} + \cdots + A_{1N}B_{NP} \\ \vdots \\ A_{M1}B_{1P} + \cdots + A_{MN}B_{NP} \end{matrix} \right] \end{matrix}$$

## Case 7

“Pairwise inner products of rows of  $A$  & columns of  $B$ ”

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} - & a_1^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & a_m^T & - \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ B_1 & \cdots & B_p \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^T B_1 & \cdots & a_1^T B_p \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_m^T B_1 & \cdots & a_m^T B_p \end{bmatrix}$$

## Case 8

“Sum of outer products of columns of  $A$  and rows of  $B$ ”

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ A_1 & \cdots & A_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} - & b_1^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & b_n^T & - \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | \\ A_1 \\ | \end{bmatrix} [- \ b_1^T \ -] + \cdots + \begin{bmatrix} | \\ A_n \\ | \end{bmatrix} [- \ b_n^T \ -]$$

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$$AB = \begin{matrix} & n_1 & & n_N & & p_1 & & p_P \\ m_1 \mathbf{I} & \boxed{A_{11}} & \cdots & \boxed{A_{1N}} & m_1 \mathbf{I} & \boxed{B_{11}} & \cdots & \boxed{B_{1P}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ m_M \mathbf{I} & \boxed{A_{M1}} & \cdots & \boxed{A_{MN}} & m_N \mathbf{I} & \boxed{B_{N1}} & \cdots & \boxed{B_{NP}} \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} & p_1 & & p_P \\ m_1 \mathbf{I} & A_{11}B_{11} + \cdots + A_{1N}B_{N1} & \cdots & A_{11}B_{1P} + \cdots + A_{1N}B_{NP} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ m_M \mathbf{I} & A_{M1}B_{11} + \cdots + A_{MN}B_{N1} & \cdots & A_{M1}B_{1P} + \cdots + A_{MN}B_{NP} \end{matrix}$$

## Case 9

“Pairwise inner products of rows of  $A$  & columns of  $B$  around  $D$ ”

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} - & a_1^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & a_m^T & - \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} D \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ B_1 & \cdots \\ | & | \\ B_p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^T DB_1 & \cdots & a_1^T DB_p \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_m^T DB_1 & \cdots & a_m^T DB_p \end{bmatrix}$$

## Case 10

“Sum of scaled pairwise outer products”

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ A_1 & \cdots & A_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & \cdots & d_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ d_{n1} & \cdots & d_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} - & b_1^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & b_n^T & - \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | \\ A_1 \\ | \end{bmatrix} d_{11} [- b_1^T -] + \cdots + \begin{bmatrix} | \\ A_1 \\ | \end{bmatrix} d_{1n} [- b_n^T -] + \cdots + \begin{bmatrix} | \\ A_n \\ | \end{bmatrix} d_{n1} [- b_1^T -] + \cdots + \begin{bmatrix} | \\ A_n \\ | \end{bmatrix} d_{nn} [- b_n^T -] = \sum_i \sum_j \begin{bmatrix} | \\ A_i \\ | \end{bmatrix} d_{ij} [- b_j^T -]$$

## Case 10b

“Sum of scaled outer products (diagonal)”

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ A_1 & \cdots & A_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & d_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} - & b_1^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & b_n^T & - \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | \\ A_1 \\ | \end{bmatrix} d_{11} [- b_1^T -] + \cdots + \begin{bmatrix} | \\ A_n \\ | \end{bmatrix} d_{nn} [- b_n^T -] = \sum_i \begin{bmatrix} | \\ A_i \\ | \end{bmatrix} d_{ii} [- b_i^T -]$$