

Multiplying Matrices

Two matrices can be multiplied if:

Matrix 1's columns = Matrix 2's rows

Given $A_{4 \times 2}$ and $B_{2 \times 5}$

A B

AB is possible because: 4×2 2×5

The resulting matrix is 4×5 (the outside numbers).

B A

BA is not possible because: 2×5 4×2

The inside numbers do not match.

To multiply matrices:

Multiply each entry from a row of the 1st matrix with each entry from a column of the 2nd.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 10 & 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

1st row times 1st column gives address a_{11} : $1(7) + 2(10) = 27$

2nd row times 3rd column gives address a_{23} : $3(9) + 4(12) = 75$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 27 & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & 75 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the product, if possible.

WX

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Check the dimensions. W is 3×2 , X is 2×3 .
 WX is defined and is 3×3 .

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply row 1 of W and column 1 of X as shown.
Place the result in wx_{11} .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \end{bmatrix} \quad 3(4) + -2(5)$$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply row 1 of W and column 2 of X as shown.
Place the result in wX_{12} .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 19 & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \end{bmatrix} \quad 3(7) + -2(1)$$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply row 1 of W and column 3 of X as shown.
Place the result in wx_{13} .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 19 & -4 \\ ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \end{bmatrix} \quad 3(-2) + -2(-1)$$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply row 2 of W and column 1 of X as shown.
Place the result in wx_{21} .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 19 & -4 \\ 4 & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \end{bmatrix} \quad 1(4) + 0(5)$$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply row 2 of W and column 2 of X as shown.
Place the result in wx_{22} .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 19 & -4 \\ 4 & 7 & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \end{bmatrix} \quad 1(7) + 0(1)$$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply row 2 of W and column 3 of X as shown.
Place the result in wX_{23} .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 19 & -4 \\ 4 & 7 & -2 \\ ? & ? & ? \end{bmatrix} \quad 1(-2) + 0(-1)$$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply row 3 of W and column 1 of X as shown.
Place the result in wx_{31} .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 19 & -4 \\ 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 3 & ? & ? \end{bmatrix} \quad 2(4) + -1(5)$$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply row 3 of W and column 2 of X as shown.
Place the result in wX_{32} .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 19 & -4 \\ 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 3 & 13 & ? \end{bmatrix} \quad 2(7) + -1(1)$$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply row 3 of W and column 3 of X as shown.
Place the result in wX_{33} .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 19 & -4 \\ 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 3 & 13 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad 2(-2) + -1(-1)$$

Find each product, if possible.

XW

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Check the dimensions. X is 2×3 , and W is 3×2 so the product is defined and is 2×2 .

$$XW = \begin{bmatrix} 4(3) + 7(1) - 2(2) & 4(-2) + 7(0) - 2(-1) \\ 5(3) + 1(1) - 1(2) & 5(-2) + 1(0) - 1(-1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 & -6 \\ 14 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the product, if possible.

CA

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 & 9 \\ -3 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 11 & -1 \\ 12 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

Check the dimensions. C is 2×2 , and A is 2×3 so the product is defined and is 2×3 .

$$\begin{aligned} CA &= \begin{bmatrix} 11(0) - 1(-3) & 11(4) - 1(3) & 11(9) - 1(2) \\ 12(0) + 10(-3) & 12(4) + 10(3) & 12(9) + 10(2) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 41 & 97 \\ -30 & 78 & 128 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

John and Paul both take a multiple choice test. Their results are shown in the table below.

	# Correct	# No Answer	# Incorrect
John	18	7	5
Paul	20	0	10

Correct answers = 2 pts

No answer = 0 pts

Incorrect answer = -1 pt

How many points did John and Paul score?

Set up two matrices: one for their answers and one from the points awarded.

	Correct	No attempt	Incorrect	
$P =$	$\begin{bmatrix} 18 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{matrix} \textit{John} \\ \textit{Paul} \end{matrix}$

$$\underline{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \textit{Correct} \\ \textit{No attempt} \\ \textit{Incorrect} \end{matrix}$$

Multiply the two matrices.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 18 & 5 & 7 \\ 20 & 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 18(2) + 7(0) + 5(-1) \\ 20(2) + 0(0) + 10(-1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 31 \\ 30 \end{bmatrix}$$

John scored 31 points and Paul scored 30 points.