

## Exercises 2

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Problems denoted by “BV X.YZ” are exercises from the book *Introduction to Applied Linear Algebra* by Boyd and Vandenberghe, which can be downloaded for free at the authors’ website here.

**Exercise 1**

For  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the inner product/dot product is defined as  $x^T y = \langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$ . Show that  $x^T y = y^T x$ .

**Exercise 2**

Show that the inner product is linear in the first argument, i.e., show that  $\langle x + y, z \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle$  and  $\langle \alpha x, y \rangle = \alpha \langle x, y \rangle$ , where  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Exercise 3**

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**Exercise 4**

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**Exercise 5**

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{20 \times 37}$ . What size is  $A_{17,:}$ ?  $A_{:,3}$ ? Let  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{37 \times 4}$ . What size is  $AB$ ?

**Exercise 6**

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ ,  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times q}$ .

- What must be true for  $A(B + C)$  to be a valid operation?
- What is  $A(B + C)$  when  $C = 0$ ? When  $A = 0$ ?

**Exercise 7**

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 127}$ ,  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{4000 \times 1}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{127 \times 4000}$ . What size is  $ABC$ ? What is the most memory-efficient way to place parentheses when computing this product?

**Exercise 8**

Where is the associative property used on the Exercises 1 sheet?

**Exercise 9**

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Where must parentheses be placed to make  $Av^T v$  a valid operation?

**Exercise 10**

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{200 \times 40}$ . What size must  $I$  be to compute  $IA$ ? To compute  $AI$ ?

**Exercise 11**

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

What is  $AB$ ? What is  $BA$ ? What can you conclude about the relationship between  $AB$  and  $BA$ ? Can you construct an example where they are the same?

**Exercise 12**

If  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  have angle  $0^\circ$  between them, what can you say about  $\|x + y\|$ ? If  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are orthogonal, what can you say about  $\|x + y\|^2$ ?

**Exercise 13**

For  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , verify that

- $(x + y)^T(x - y) = \|x\|^2 - \|y\|^2$
- $\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 = 2(\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2)$ .

**Exercise 14**

For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , show that  $\|x\|^2 = \text{tr}(xx^T)$ .