

LECTURE 13 EXERCISES

1. Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad C = (1 \ 1), \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) For each of the following, decide whether or not the product is defined. If so, compute it; if not, say why not. **(i)** AB , **(ii)** BA , **(iii)** AC , **(iv)** CA , **(v)** BC , **(vi)** CB , **(vii)** CD , **(viii)** DC .

(b) Compare $(CA)B$ (multiply CA and B) and $C(AB)$ (multiply C and AB).

(c) For $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$, we denote $A^\ell := \overbrace{AA \cdots A}^{\ell \text{ terms}}$. For each of the following, decide whether or not the product is defined. If so, compute it; if not, say why not. **(i)** A^2 **(ii)** B^2 **(iii)** C^2 **(iv)** D^2

2. Recall $E_{i,j}$ denotes a matrix with a 1 in row i , col j and 0's elsewhere.

(a) Working in $M_3(F) = M_{3,3}(F)$, let

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} X_{1,1} & X_{1,2} & X_{1,3} \\ X_{2,1} & X_{2,2} & X_{2,3} \\ X_{3,1} & X_{3,2} & X_{3,3} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Compute **(i)** $E_{1,2}X$, **(ii)** $XE_{1,2}$, **(iii)** $E_{3,3}X$, **(iv)** $XE_{3,3}$.

(b) Working more generally over $M_n(F) = M_{n,n}(F)$, let $X \in M_n(F)$ and let $1 \leq i, j, k, \ell \leq n$.

Describe/conjecture the following.^[1] **(i)** $E_{i,j}X$, **(ii)** $XE_{i,j}$, **(iii)** $E_{i,j}XE_{k,\ell}$, **(iv)** $E_{i,j}E_{k,\ell}$.

3. The **identity matrix** I_n is the $n \times n$ matrix with 1 and (i, i) -entry for $i = 1, \dots, n$, and 0's elsewhere. For example,

$$I_1 = (1), \quad I_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad I_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) If $f : F^3 \rightarrow F^3$ is the function associated to I_3 , compute $f((x, y, z)^T)$.

(b) Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space over F with $\dim(V) = n$. Let $\mathcal{B} = \langle \mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n \rangle$ be an ordered basis of V . Compute $\text{Rep}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{B}}(\text{id})$, the matrix representation of the identity map $\text{id} : V \rightarrow V$, and verify that it's equal to I_n . [See warmup #3.]

(c) Use the fact that I_n is the encoding of the identity map in any ordered basis to explain why $XI_\ell = X$ and $I_kX = X$ for any $X \in M_{k,\ell}(F)$.

(d) Verify 3c specifically for the following example, where B and D are from Problem 1.

Compute **(i)** I_2B , **(ii)** BI_1 , **(iii)** I_2D , **(iv)** DI_3 .

(e) Note that $I_3 = E_{1,1} + E_{2,2} + E_{3,3}$. Reconcile your answers to 2b with the fact that $I_3X = X$ and $XI_3 = X$ for all $X \in M_3(F)$.

(f) **CAUTION!!** The identity function is only represented by the identity matrix when the domain and codomain bases are the same.^[2] Consider the following ordered bases of \mathbb{R}^3 :

$$\mathcal{E} = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle, \quad \mathcal{A} = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{B} = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle.$$

Compute the following. **(i)** $\text{Rep}_{\mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{A}}(\text{id})$, **(ii)** $\text{Rep}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathcal{B}}(\text{id})$, **(iii)** $\text{Rep}_{\mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{B}}(\text{id})$, **(iv)** $\text{Rep}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{E}}(\text{id})$.

^[1]Your answers may depend on whether some of i, j, k, ℓ are equal or not. "Describe" might be something like "the $n \times n$ matrix whose i th column is..."

^[2]I promise that there will be good reasons to study the identity map expressed in mixed bases.