## Ramagrog Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

#### The Dot Product

If  $v := (a_1, \ldots, a_n)$  and  $w := (b_1, \ldots, b_n)$  are ntuples then the dot product of v and w, written  $v \cdot w$ , is defined by:  $v \cdot w := a_1b_1 + \cdots + a_nb_n$ .

E.g.: 
$$(2,3,4) \cdot (5,6,7) = 2 \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot 6 + 4 \cdot 7$$
  
=  $10 + 18 + 28 = 56$ 

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Note: ntuples are often called vectors.

SKILL: Vector dot product

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and I tell you  $u \cdot v_1, \ldots, u \cdot v_p$ .

How can you figure out u?

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$$u = (a, b, c, d) \in \mathbb{R}^4$$
.

Then 
$$u \cdot (w, x, y, z)$$
 is equal to  $aw + bx + cy + dz$ 

Then  $u \cdot (1,0,0,0) = a$ , so you can find the first entry of u. The other three entries can be found by asking for  $u \cdot (0,1,0,0)$ ,  $u \cdot (0,0,1,0)$ ,  $u \cdot (0,0,0,1)$ .

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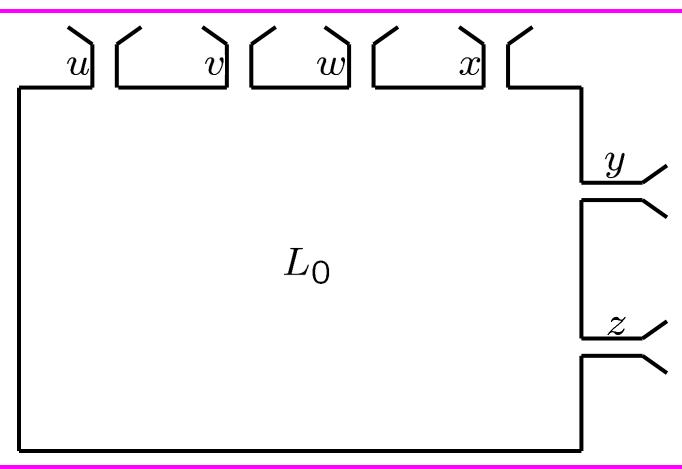
We say that

y and z depend linearly on u, v, w and x if there are constants

such that, whenever we do a measurement, we find that

$$y = au + bv + cw + dx$$
$$z = eu + fv + gw + hx.$$

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#### Key point to remember:

The entries in the jth column of M are the same as the entries in  $L_M(0,\ldots,0,\frac{1}{4},0,\ldots,0)$ .

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## Problem of general interest:

Given  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times n}$  and  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times q}$ , form  $L_A:\mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^k$  and  $L_B:\mathbb{R}^q \to \mathbb{R}^n$ 

and then compose:

$$L_A \circ L_B : \mathbb{R}^q o \mathbb{R}^k$$
  $L_B ext{ then } L_A$ 

and try to find  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times q}$ such that  $L_C: \mathbb{R}^q \to \mathbb{R}^k$  is equal to  $L_A \circ L_B$ .

E.g.: 
$$k = 2$$
,  $n = 3$ ,  $q = 4$ ,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 & 9 & 1 \\ 7 & 3 & 8 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Recall: The first column of C "is"  $L_C(1,0,0,0)$ .  $L_C(1,0,0,0)$  is horizontal, with commas and parentheses.

The first column of  ${\cal C}$  is vertical, with no commas and no parentheses.

Same entries, though!
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The (j,k) entry of XY is equal to the jth row of X dotted against the kth column of Y

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If A is  $p \times q$  and B is  $q \times r$ , then AB is  $p \times r$ .

### Warning:

Matrix multiplication is not commutative:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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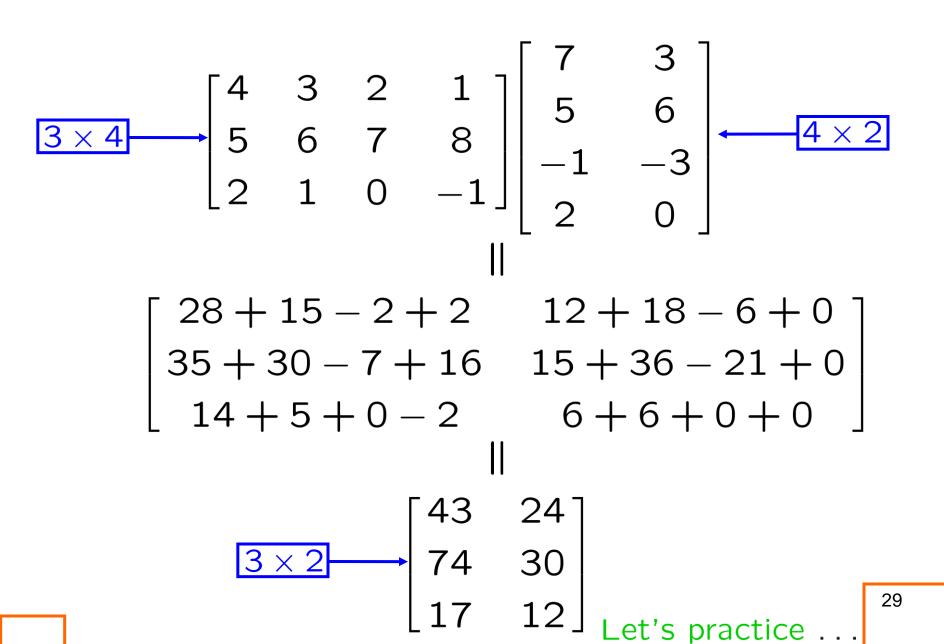
#### However, it is associative:

$$\forall A \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}, \ \forall B \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times r}, \ \forall C \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times s},$$

$$(L_A \circ L_B) \circ L_C = L_A \circ (L_B \circ L_C),$$

$$\text{so} (AB)C = A(BC).$$

### Matrix multiplication



#### Next: The world of Ramagrog

#### SKILL:

Given two matrices, find their product.

#### e.g.:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & -2 & 4 & 6 & -3 \\ 0 & 9 & 2 & -8 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 7 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Discussion:

Shape of answer?? First row of answer?? Last two columns?? REFERENCE BOTTOM OF P. 2

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## The world of Ramagrog

On Ramagrog, there live Ramatins and Grogali.

Ramatins and Grogali take one year to mature. No old age death!

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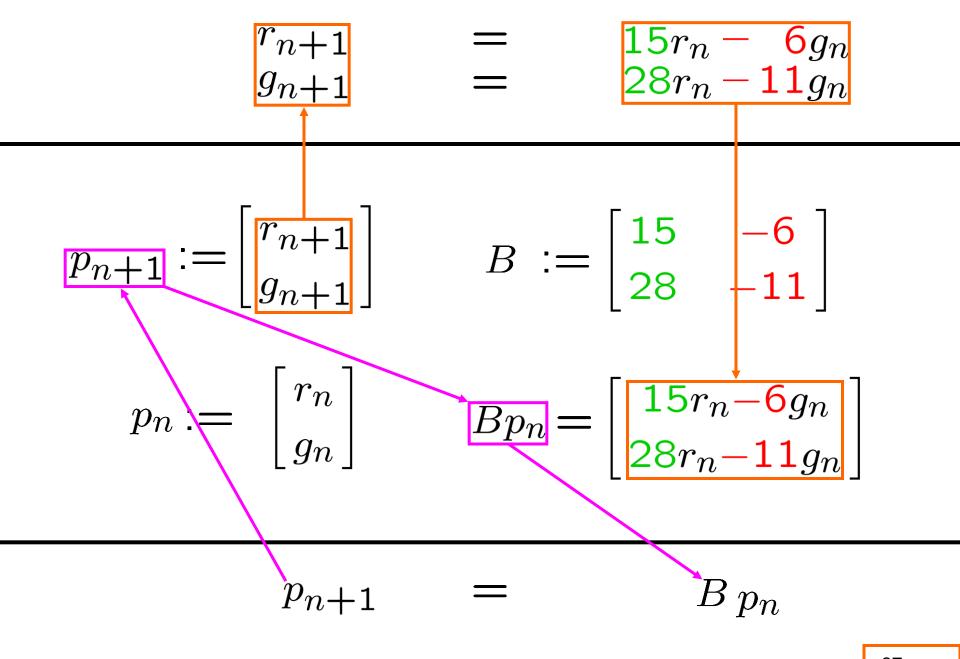
Exercise: Do the arithmetic.

$$r_n$$
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$$3 p_n$$

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$$rac{||}{h_*}$$

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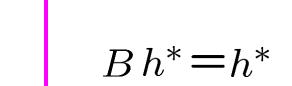
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Population after 10 years has 9 big herds and  $8 \cdot 3^{10}$  little herds.

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 $p_{\mathsf{0}}$  $h_*$ 

" $p_{\mathsf{O}}$  is a linear combination of  $h^*$  and  $h_*$ 46 with coefficients 9 and 8."

## The big idea of eigenvectors and eigenvalues:

If you want to apply a matrix many times to a one-column matrix
(a.k.a. a "column vector"),
the computation becomes much simpler if you can write the column vector as a linear combination of eigenvectors.

#### *e.g.*:

Computing  $B^{10}p_0$  looks hard, but becomes much easier if you note that

$$p_0 = 9h^* + 8h_* Bh^* = h^* Bh_* = 3h_*$$

