

Multiplication of a Matrix $A_{m \times n}$ and a Vector $\vec{x}_{n \times 1}$: $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}_{m \times 1}$

linear combinations of columns of A using the weights from \vec{x} :

$$A\vec{x} = x_1 \text{col}1A + x_2 \text{col}2A + \dots$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} = 7 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + 8 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} + 9 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \cdot 1 + 8 \cdot 2 + 9 \cdot 3 \\ 7 \cdot 4 + 8 \cdot 5 + 9 \cdot 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

dot products of rows of A using \vec{x} : $A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{row}1A \cdot \vec{x} \\ \text{row}2A \cdot \vec{x} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} [1 \ 2 \ 3] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \\ [4 \ 5 \ 6] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} = \text{sum product of entries}$$

Multiple representations allow us to go back and forth between a matrix equation, vector equation, system of equations, and augmented matrix