Quiz 3 Solutions, Math 211, Section 1 (Vinroot)

(a): If 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , compute  $2A - 3B$ .  
Solution:  $2A - 3B = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} - 3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(b): If B is a  $3 \times 7$  matrix, and A is a  $3 \times 5$  matrix, what is the size is  $A^T B$ ? Explain briefly.

**Solution:** Since A is  $3 \times 5$ , then  $A^T$  is  $5 \times 3$ . Then  $A^T B$  is a  $5 \times 3$  matrix multiplied by a  $3 \times 7$  matrix, which results in a  $5 \times 7$  matrix. So  $A^T B$  is a  $5 \times 7$  matrix.

(c): If we were given B and A with sizes as in part (b), could we compute BA? Why or why not?

**Solution:** We could not compute *BA*. Since *B* is a  $3 \times 7$  matrix, and *A* is a  $3 \times 5$  matrix, then *BA* is not defined.

(d): If  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $S : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  are linear transformations with standard matrices  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , respectively, what is the standard matrix of the linear transformation  $T \circ S : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ ?

**Solution:** The standard matrix for  $T \circ S$  is the product CD. In fact, this is how we motivated the definition of the product CD. We compute CD:

$$CD = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 2 & 1 \cdot 0 + (-1) \cdot 1 \\ 0 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 & 0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$