

Question 1. Show that for each $k = 1, \dots, K$, $Col_k(C)$, the k -th column of the matrix $C = AB$, is $Col_k(C) = ACol_k(B)$.

Solution. Recall that $Col_k(C)$ consists of the elements $C(i, k)$ of the matrix C , $i = 1, \dots, K$. By definition of the product of matrices:

$$C(i, k) = (AB)(i, k) = \sum_{j=1}^K A(i, j)B(j, k).$$

Thus, $C(i, k)$ is obtained by “multiplication” of the i -th row of A by the k -th column $Col_k(B)$ of B . Therefore, $Col_k(C)$ is the result of applying A to the vector $Col_k(B)$. \square