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LESSON 4-2 *Multiplying Matrices*

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2. Write an equation using *S*, *D*, and product matrix *P* you could use to evaluate the final scores.
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3. Explain how you know that matrix *S* can be multiplied by matrix *D*.

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2. Write an equation using *S*, *D*, and product matrix *P* you could use to evaluate the final scores.

   $S \times D = P$

3. Explain how you know that matrix *S* can be multiplied by matrix *D*.

   Possible answer: because matrix *S* has the same number of columns (3) as matrix *D* has rows (3); the result will be a 4 × 4 matrix.

4. Write the product matrix *P*.

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 221.7 & 185.6 & 312.1 & 241.9 \\ 254.5 & 211.0 & 340.8 & 263.2 \\ 216.8 & 189.4 & 301.7 & 253.3 \\ 274.0 & 224.0 & 366.4 & 275.6 \end{bmatrix}$$

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   The numbers along the main diagonal of the product matrix give the final scores.

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   Lupe: 301.7; Amy: 275.6; Beth: 221.7; Jon: 211

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