

LESSON **Problem Solving**
4-2 **Multiplying Matrices**

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Cooking Club Members Scores			
	Appetizer	Main Course	Dessert
Beth	25	38	28
Jon	35	29	37
Lupe	20	31	39
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Contest Degrees of Difficulty				
	Beth	Jon	Lupe	Amy
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Main Course	2.1	1.8	3.7	2.8
Dessert	2.3	2.4	3.0	3.5

1. Display each table as a matrix. Matrix S should show the scores and matrix D should show the degrees of difficulty.

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{25} & \underline{\quad} & \underline{\quad} \\ \underline{\quad} & \underline{\quad} & \underline{37} \\ \underline{\quad} & \underline{\quad} & \underline{\quad} \\ \underline{\quad} & \underline{\quad} & \underline{\quad} \end{bmatrix} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{3.1} & \underline{\quad} & \underline{\quad} & \underline{\quad} \\ \underline{\quad} & \underline{\quad} & \underline{\quad} & \underline{2.8} \\ \underline{\quad} & \underline{\quad} & \underline{\quad} & \underline{\quad} \\ \underline{\quad} & \underline{\quad} & \underline{\quad} & \underline{\quad} \end{bmatrix}$$

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

4. Write the product matrix P .

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \quad & \quad & \quad & \quad \\ \quad & \quad & \quad & \quad \\ \quad & \quad & \quad & \quad \\ \quad & \quad & \quad & \quad \end{bmatrix}$$

5. Where in matrix P do you find the final score for each person?

6. List the contestants and their final scores, in descending order.

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$$\underline{S} \times \underline{D} = \underline{P}$$

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 .

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

5. Where in matrix P do you find the final score for each person?

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

6. List the contestants and their final scores, in descending order.

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