# Two-sided Matrix Regression 

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- The columns of $Y$ can be well explained by linear combinations of the columns of $X$.


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- Other cases: meteorological data, medical or pharmaceutical data and so on.


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Unifies Low-rank Matrix Regression and Low-Rank Matrix Factorization under a same framework.


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- Note: $\operatorname{rank} A^{*} X B^{*} \leq \min \left(\operatorname{rank} A^{*}, \operatorname{rank} X, \operatorname{rank} B^{*}\right)$.


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## Rank recovering



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