

4.4: Matrices-Basic Operations

We will learn how to add matrices and how to multiply a matrix by a number (scalar).

Equality:

Two matrices are *equal* if they are the same size *and* all the corresponding elements are equal.

Example 1:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$B = D$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, F = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E \neq F \text{ (different sizes)}$$

Addition:

Matrices can be added only if they are the same size. In this case, we add the corresponding elements in the matrices.

Example 2:

$$\begin{matrix} 2 \times 2 & 2 \times 1 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \neq \text{cannot be added} \quad (\text{not defined})$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 7 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ 3 \times 1 \end{matrix} + \begin{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ 3 \times 1 \end{matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1+4 \\ 2-5 \\ 3+6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Addition of numbers is associative and commutative. Addition of matrices is associative and commutative also.

- Commutative: $A + B = B + A$
- Associative: $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$

A *zero matrix* is a matrix with zero in all positions. The following are zero matrices of different sizes:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

2×2 3×2

The *negative* of a matrix A , denoted $-A$, is the matrix with all elements that are the opposites of the corresponding elements in the matrix A .

Example 3:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -12 \\ -7 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-A = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 12 \\ 7 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Subtraction:

As with addition, subtraction can be performed only if matrices are the same size. The difference $A - B$ is defined to be $A + (-B)$. So to subtract, we just subtract the corresponding elements.

Example 4:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -6 \\ -3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & -2 \\ 4 & 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-0 & 2-(-2) & -6-(-2) \\ -3-4 & 4-6 & 5-5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & -4 \\ -7 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiplication of a matrix by a number:

The product of a number k and a matrix M , denoted by kM , is the matrix formed by multiplying each element of M by k . This is often called *scalar multiplication*.

Example 5:

$$4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 7 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 12 \\ -8 & 28 \\ 0 & -16 \end{bmatrix}$$

Product of a row matrix and a column matrix (in that order):

The product of a $1 \times n$ row matrix A and an $n \times 1$ column matrix is the 1×1 matrix given by

$$AB = \underbrace{[a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_n]}_{1 \times n} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}}_{n \times 1} = \underbrace{[a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \dots + a_n b_n]}_{1 \times 1}.$$

Note: For this formula to hold, they must be in this order: row \times column. If they are in the other order (column \times row), you get a different result. We'll see one like this later.

Note: The number of elements in the row and column must be the same in order for the multiplication to be defined.

Example 6:

$$\underbrace{[1 \ -2 \ 3 \ -5]}_{1 \times 4} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}}_{4 \times 1} = \underbrace{[1(-4) - 2(0) + 3(2) - 5(-4)]}_{1 \times 1} = \underbrace{[-4 - 0 + 6 + 20]}_{1 \times 1} = \boxed{[22]}$$

$$\underbrace{[21 \ -32 \ 19]}_{1 \times 3} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 23 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix}}_{3 \times 1} = \underbrace{[2(11) - 32(23) + 19(13)]}_{1 \times 1} = \boxed{[-258]}$$

$$\underbrace{[3 \ -2 \ 5 \ 3]}_{1 \times 4} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}}_{3 \times 1} = \boxed{\text{not possible}}$$

Matrix multiplication:

If A is an $m \times p$ and B is a $p \times n$ matrix, then the product of these is denoted AB and it is an $m \times n$ matrix.

$$\underbrace{(m \times p)}_{\text{must match}} \underbrace{(p \times n)}_{\text{must match}} = (m \times n)$$

The entries in the matrix AB are formed as follows: the element in the i th row and j th column is the product of the i th row of A with the j th column of B .

Important Note: If the number of columns of A is not equal to the number of rows of B , the product AB is not defined! The matrices cannot be multiplied!!

Example 7:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & - \\ - & - \end{bmatrix}$$

2×3 3×2 2×2

$$R_1 C_1: 2(1) + 1(4) + 3(1) = 9$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & - \\ - & - \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1 C_2: 2(0) + 1(-2) + 3(1) = 0 - 2 + 3 = 1$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 1 \\ -9 & - \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 C_1: 0(1) - 2(4) - 1(1) = 0 - 8 - 1 = -9$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 1 \\ -9 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 C_2: 0(0) - 2(-2) - 1(1) = 0 + 4 - 1 = 3$$

Example 8:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 10 \\ 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

2×2 2×2 2×2

match

$$R_1 C_1: 1(3) + 2(-1) = 3 - 2 = 1$$

$$R_1 C_2: 1(2) + 2(4) = 2 + 8 = 10$$

$$R_2 C_1: 2(3) + 1(-1) = 6 - 1 = 5$$

$$R_2 C_2: 2(2) + 1(4) = 4 + 4 = 8$$

Example 9:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 8 & 10 & 12 \\ 12 & 15 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$$

3×1 1×3
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 match

$$\begin{aligned} R1C1: 1(4) &= 4 \\ R1C2: 1(5) &= 5 \\ R1C3: 1(6) &= 6 \\ R2C1: 2(4) &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

Example 10:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 6 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 17 & 1 & -9 \\ 16 & 10 & 8 \\ 28 & 1 & -16 \end{bmatrix}$$

3×2 2×3
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 match

$$\begin{aligned} R1C1: -1(1) + 3(6) &= 17 \\ &= -1 + 18 = 17 \end{aligned}$$

Example 11:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} =$$

2×3 2×3
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 \neq

not possible

Example 12:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

A B

$$\begin{aligned} R1C1: 1(2) + 2(-1) &= 0 \\ R1C2: 1(6) + 2(-3) &= 6 - 6 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

same matrices
different order

Ex 13:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 20 & 40 \\ -10 & -20 \end{bmatrix}$$

B A

Note: so $AB \neq BA$

Example 13:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} =$$

(worked out on
previous page)

Example 14:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 3 \\ -3 & 1 & 5 \\ 10 & -2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 3 \\ -3 & 1 & 5 \\ 10 & -2 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 3 \\ -3 & 1 & 5 \\ 10 & -2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{1C1}: & 2(2) - 4(-3) + 3(10) \\ & = 46 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 46 & -10 & 7 \\ 41 & 3 & 31 \\ 96 & -56 & 69 \end{bmatrix}$$