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**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:**

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

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

$$E \neq F$$

$$B \neq E$$

$$B = D$$

**Addition:**

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D \neq G$$

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

**Example 2:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

not possible

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 7 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

3x1 3x1 3x1

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

- **Commutative:**  $A + B = B + A$

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

with numbers: commutative  $\Rightarrow 2 + 3 = 3 + 2$  [both equal 5]  
 associative  $\Rightarrow (2 + 3) + 4 = 2 + (3 + 4)$  [both equal 9]

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

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

$2 \times 2$

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

$3 \times 2$

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:**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 4 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \quad -A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

**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:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -6 \\ -3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & -2 \\ 4 & 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-0 & 2-(-2) & -6-(-2) \\ -3-4 & 4-6 & 5-5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2+2 & -6+2 \\ -7 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$2 \times 3$

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

**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  $1 \times 1$  matrix given by

$$AB = [a_1 \ a_2 \ \cdots \ a_n] \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} = [a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \cdots + a_n b_n].$$

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:**

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

$$[21 \ -32 \ 19] \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 23 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix} = 21(11) - 32(23) + 19(13) = \boxed{-258}$$

$1 \times 3 \quad 3 \times 1$

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

$1 \times 4 \quad 3 \times 1$  sizes don't work

**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.

$m \times p$   $p \times n$   
must match!

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:**

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

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

$2 \times 3$        $3 \times 2$

$$R_0 \times C_0$$

$$R_0 C_0: 2(1) + 1(4) + 3(1)$$

$$= 2 + 4 + 3 = 9$$

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

$$R_0 \times C_1$$

$$2(0) + 1(-2) + 3(1)$$

$$= 0 - 2 + 3 = 1$$

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

$R_1 C_0$

$$R_1 \times C_0$$

$$0(1) - 2(4) - 1(1)$$

$$= 0 - 8 - 1 = -9$$

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

$$R_1 \times C_1$$

$$0(0) - 2(-2) - 1(1)$$


$$= 0 + 4 - 1 = 3$$

**Example 8:**

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


**Example 9:**

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

3x~~1~~ ~~1~~x3  $\Rightarrow$  3x3  



**Example 10:**

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

3x2 2x3  
  
 3x2 2x3  $\Rightarrow$  3x3

**Example 11:**

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

2x3 2x3  


not possible

**Example 12:**

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

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

So Zero Product  
Property does not  
hold for matrices

compare with Ex 12

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**Example 13:**

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

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Note: Ex 12 and Ex 13 are the same matrices, multiplied in different orders, with different results. So  $AB \neq BA$ , in general.

**Example 14:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 3 \\ -3 & 1 & 5 \\ 10 & -2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 3 \\ -3 & 1 & 5 \\ 10 & -2 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 3 \\ -3 & 1 & 5 \\ 10 & -2 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 46 & -18 & 7 \\ 41 & 3 & 31 \\ 96 & -56 & 69 \end{bmatrix}$$