

General terminology

matrix = a rectangular array of numbers called **entries**

$m \times n$ matrix = matrix with m rows and n columns

row matrix = $1 \times n$ matrix

column matrix = $m \times 1$ matrix

Rows are counted from top to bottom

Columns are counted from left to right

The entry that belongs to row i and column j is called the **(i,j)-entry**.

A general $m \times n$ matrix A :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}.$$

square matrix = $n \times n$ matrix

main diagonal = entries $a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{nn}$.

symmetric matrix = $n \times n$ matrix with $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$

Matrix equality

Two matrices A and B are called **equal** if

- They have the same number of rows and columns
- For all i and j , we have $a_{ij} = b_{ij}$.

Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + a & 2 - b \\ 3 + c & 4 - d \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Matrix additions

If A and B are matrices of the same size, then the sum matrix $A + B$ is the matrix with entries $a_{ij} + b_{ij}$.

Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ c & -d \end{bmatrix}.$$

Theorem Let A , B and C be matrices of the same size.

$$A + B = B + A \quad (\text{commutativity})$$

$$A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C \quad (\text{associativity})$$

$$A + O = A \quad (\text{zero matrix})$$

$$A + (-A) = O \quad (\text{negative matrix})$$

Example

Solve the matrix equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - X = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 3 \\ 9 & -7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Scalar multiplications

For any number k and any matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$, the scalar multiplication matrix kA is the matrix with entries ka_{ij}

Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 5 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Compute $3A - B$.

Theorem: Let A and B be two matrices of the same size, and let k and p be two numbers. Then:

1. $k(A + B) = kA + kB$.
2. $(k + p)A = kA + pA$.
3. $(kp)A = k(pA)$.

Example

Simplify $2(A + 3B - 4C)$

Example

Find all solutions of the matrix equation $kA = O$.

Transpose

If $A = [a_{ij}]$ is a $m \times n$ matrix, then its **transpose** A^T is the $n \times m$ matrix with the entries

$$A^T := [a_{ji}].$$

Symmetric $n \times n$ matrix A is the matrix with $A^T = A$.

Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 15 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem: Let A and B be matrices of the same size, and let k be a number. Then:

1. $(A^T)^T = A$.
2. $(kA)^T = kA^T$.
3. $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$.

Example

If A and B are symmetric matrices of the same size, prove that $kA + pB$ is a symmetric matrix.