

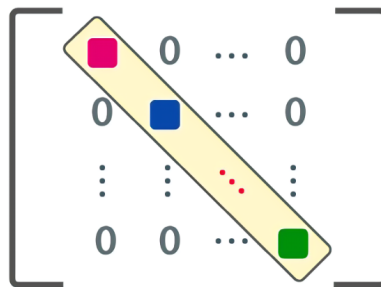
Matrix

Popular type of matrix

Identity Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3}$$

Diagonal matrix



A diagram of a square matrix with a yellow diagonal band. The diagonal elements are represented by colored squares: a pink square at the top-left, a blue square, a green square at the bottom-right, and a red square in the middle. The off-diagonal elements are represented by the number 0. Ellipses (...) are used to indicate the continuation of the matrix.

Scalar matrix

$$k \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k \end{bmatrix}$$

Triangular matrix

$$\begin{array}{cc}
 \text{Upper Triangular Matrix} & \text{Lower Triangular Matrix} \\
 U = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{44} \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 4} & L = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & 0 & 0 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & 0 \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 4}
 \end{array}$$

Symmetric matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

Symmetric matrix

Matrix Operation

Addition and Subtraction

The two matrices must be the same size.

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Example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{✗ We cannot add them}$$

But we can add

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -9 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{✓ We can add them}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 5 \\ -8 & 12 \\ 0 & -18 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{✓ We can add them}$$

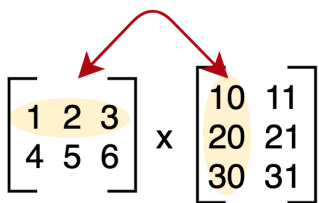
Multiplication

The first column of the matrix must be the same as the first row of the matrix.

If I have a matrix of size $m \times n$ and a second matrix of size $n \times c$.

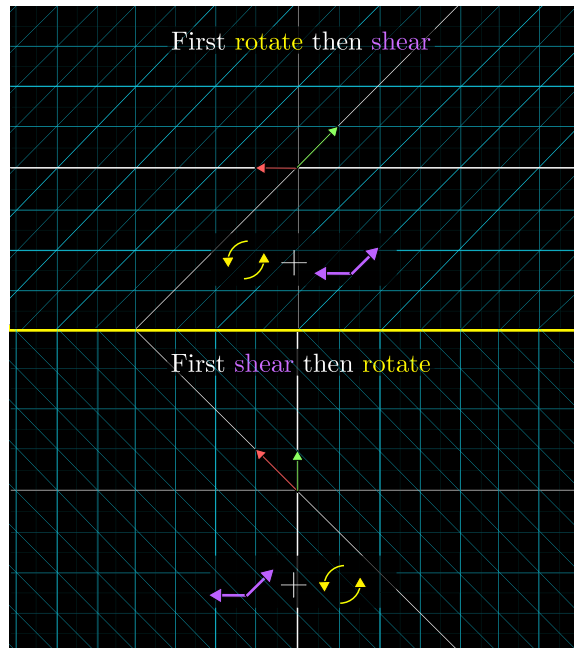
We discovered that the size of the first column of the matrix is identical to the size of the first row. Consequently, the output matrix has a size of $m \times c$.

The operation of multiplication involves multiplying the first row by the first column to obtain the first element in the new matrix, and so on.


$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 11 \\ 20 & 21 \\ 30 & 31 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 10 + 2 \times 20 + 3 \times 30 & 1 \times 11 + 2 \times 21 + 3 \times 31 \\ 4 \times 10 + 5 \times 20 + 6 \times 30 & 4 \times 11 + 5 \times 21 + 6 \times 31 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 10+40+90 & 11+42+93 \\ 40+100+180 & 44+105+186 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 140 & 146 \\ 320 & 335 \end{bmatrix}$$

The multiplication is noncommutativity

$$M1 M2 \neq M2 M1$$



We could show that matrix multiplication isn't commutative through numerical computation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}}_{M_2} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix}}_{M_1} &= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} ae + bg & af + bh \\ ce + dg & cf + dh \end{bmatrix}}_{M_2 M_1} \\
 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix}}_{M_1} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}}_{M_2} &= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} ae + cf & be + df \\ ag + ch & bg + dh \end{bmatrix}}_{M_1 M_2} \\
 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} ae + bg & af + bh \\ ce + dg & cf + dh \end{bmatrix}}_{M_2 M_1} &\neq \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} ae + cf & be + df \\ ag + ch & bg + dh \end{bmatrix}}_{M_1 M_2}
 \end{aligned}$$

I know we just said that matrices don't commute! That is true, *generally*. However there are some examples of matrices commuting, even if not every pair of matrices being multiplied is commutative like this

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{?}{=} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This example isn't intuitive in numeric form so let's think about it visually.

One matrix is rotating by 90° counterclockwise. The other matrix is scaling by -2 (reflecting through the $y=-x$ line and multiplying by 2). Does it matter if we first rotate and then scale, or can we also scale and then rotate?