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## Question:

A square matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  will be lower triangular matrix if and only if  $a_{MN}$  represents an element in the  $M^{th}$  row and  $N^{th}$  column of the matrix

$$1) a_{MN} = 0, N > M$$

$$2) a_{MN} = 0, M > N$$

$$3) a_{MN} \neq 0, M > N$$

$$4) a_{MN} \neq 0, N > M$$

## Solution:

Let us solve the given question theoretically and then verify the solution computationally.

A lower triangular matrix of size  $m \times n$  is defined as for any element  $a_{ij}$  in the matrix,

$$a_{ij} = 0 \quad \forall i < j \quad (4.1)$$

By the definition, option (1) are correct.