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symmetric matrix

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**Definition:**

Let  $A = (a_{ij})$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ . The matrix  $A$  is *symmetric* if  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n$ .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Properties:**

1.  $A^t = A$  where  $A^t$  is the matrix transpose

**Examples:**

- $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix}$
- $\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & d & e \\ c & e & f \end{pmatrix}$