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1. Suppose  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Multiply  $AB$  and  $BA$ . What do you notice???

Nothing. Matrix multiplication is not commutative.

1. Use matrices to solve the system: 
$$\begin{aligned} 2x - y &= 3 \\ x + 3y &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 7x \\ x + 3y \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{7} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7x \\ x + 3y \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{7} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x + 3y \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ x &= 2 \\ x + 3y &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

rest of it with matrices, so I'll just do it normally:  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  3. > Do 2x2 matrices form a group under >  
 $3y = 3$   
 $y = 1$

a. addition? > b. multiplication?

See KBe2020math530refGroups I'll assume that our matrices have real numbers in them.

Operation	Property	Closed	Identity	Inverse	Associative?	Final
Addition		Yes	$e = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -a & -b \\ -c & -d \end{bmatrix} = e$	"Inherits from addition"	Yes
Multiplication		Yes	$e = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	Maybe?	Yes, see below	Undecided

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} i & j \\ k & l \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} ae + bg & af + bh \\ ce + dg & cf + dh \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i & j \\ k & l \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{Associativity of 2x2 matrices under multiplication: } \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i & j \\ k & l \end{bmatrix} \right) &= \begin{bmatrix} ae + bg & af + bh \\ ce + dg & cf + dh \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i & j \\ k & l \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} ei + fg & ej + fh \\ gi + hk & gj + hl \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i & j \\ k & l \end{bmatrix} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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I can't figure out if  $2 \times 2$  matrices have multiplicative inverses... I tried to work it out using algebra but kept proving identities. Not sure what the right way to go about this is...

I spent far too long on this assignment (1.6h), so I probably won't spend as much time LaTeXing my homework in the future.