

Multiplying by a scalar.

That is, multiplying a matrix by a number.

Example :

$$2 \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

NB: The scalar (2) must multiply each of the matrix values.

$$= \begin{bmatrix} (2 \times 5) & (2 \times 0) \\ (2 \times 5) & (2 \times 2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 \\ 10 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 9 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (3 \times 1) & (3 \times 2) \\ (3 \times 9) & (3 \times 4) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 27 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$