

## Reflexive

$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}_n^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{I}_n$  trivially, for all order  $n$  square matrices  $\mathbf{A}$ .

So matrix similarity is reflexive.

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## Symmetric

Let  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{P}^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}$ .

As  $\mathbf{P}$  is invertible, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{P}^{-1} &= \mathbf{P} \mathbf{P}^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{P}^{-1} \\ &= \mathbf{I}_n \mathbf{A} \mathbf{I}_n \\ &= \mathbf{A} \end{aligned}$$

So matrix similarity is symmetric.

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## Transitive

Let  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{P}_1^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_1$  and  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{P}_2^{-1} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{P}_2$ .

Then  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{P}_2^{-1} \mathbf{P}_1^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{P}_2$ .

The result follows from the definition of invertible matrix, that the product of two invertible matrices is itself invertible.

So matrix similarity is transitive.

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