For any matrix $A = (a_{i\,j})$, we let $-A$ be the matrix $(-a_{i\,j})$. Given a scalar $\lambda \in K$, we define the matrix λA as the matrix $C = (c_{i\,j})$ such that $c_{i\,j} = \lambda a_{i\,j}$; that is

$$\lambda \begin{pmatrix} a_{1\,1} & a_{1\,2} & \dots & a_{1\,n} \\ a_{2\,1} & a_{2\,2} & \dots & a_{2\,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m\,1} & a_{m\,2} & \dots & a_{m\,n} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda a_{1\,1} & \lambda a_{1\,2} & \dots & \lambda a_{1\,n} \\ \lambda a_{2\,1} & \lambda a_{2\,2} & \dots & \lambda a_{2\,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \lambda a_{m\,1} & \lambda a_{m\,2} & \dots & \lambda a_{m\,n} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Given an $m \times n$ matrices $A = (a_{i\,k})$ and an $n \times p$ matrices $B = (b_{k\,j})$, we define their *product* AB as the $m \times p$ matrix $C = (c_{i\,j})$ such that

$$c_{i\,j} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{i\,k} b_{k\,j},$$

for $1 \leq i \leq m$, and $1 \leq j \leq p$. In the product $AB = C$ shown below

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{1\,1} & a_{1\,2} & \dots & a_{1\,n} \\ a_{2\,1} & a_{2\,2} & \dots & a_{2\,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m\,1} & a_{m\,2} & \dots & a_{m\,n} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_{1\,1} & b_{1\,2} & \dots & b_{1\,p} \\ b_{2\,1} & b_{2\,2} & \dots & b_{2\,p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{n\,1} & b_{n\,2} & \dots & b_{n\,p} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{1\,1} & c_{1\,2} & \dots & c_{1\,p} \\ c_{2\,1} & c_{2\,2} & \dots & c_{2\,p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{m\,1} & c_{m\,2} & \dots & c_{m\,p} \end{pmatrix},$$

note that the entry of index i and j of the matrix AB obtained by multiplying the matrices A and B can be identified with the product of the row matrix corresponding to the i-th row of A with the column matrix corresponding to the j-column of B:

$$(a_{i\,1} \cdots a_{i\,n}) \begin{pmatrix} b_{1\,j} \\ \vdots \\ b_{n\,j} \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{i\,k} b_{k\,j}.$$

Definition 3.14. The square matrix I_n of dimension n containing 1 on the diagonal and 0 everywhere else is called the *identity matrix*. It is denoted by

$$I_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Definition 3.15. Given an $m \times n$ matrix $A = (a_{i\,j})$, its *transpose* $A^\top = (a^\top_{j\,i})$, is the $n \times m$-matrix such that $a^\top_{j\,i} = a_{i\,j}$, for all i, $1 \leq i \leq m$, and all j, $1 \leq j \leq n$.

The transpose of a matrix A is sometimes denoted by A^t, or even by ${}^t A$. Note that the transpose $A^\top$ of a matrix A has the property that the j-th row of $A^\top$ is the j-th column of