

Show $\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{BA})$

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{i,j} b_{j,i}$$

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{BA}) = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n b_{j,i} a_{i,j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{BA})$$

Show $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A+B}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{B})$

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A+B}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (a_{i,i} + b_{i,i}) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,i} + \sum_{i=1}^n b_{i,i} = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{B})$$

Show associative of matrix multiplication $\mathbf{ABC} = \mathbf{A(BC)}$

$$[(\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C}]_{i,j} = \sum_{m=1}^n \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_{i,k} b_{k,m} \right) c_{m,j} = \sum_{m=1}^n \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_{i,k} b_{k,m} c_{m,j} \right)$$

$$[\mathbf{A(BC)}]_{i,j} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{i,k} \left(\sum_{m=1}^n b_{k,m} c_{m,j} \right) = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\sum_{m=1}^n a_{i,k} b_{k,m} c_{m,j} \right)$$
$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{ABC} = \mathbf{A(BC)}$$