

# Partitioned Matrices

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$A$  is a  $(m_1 + m_2) \times (n_1 + n_2)$  matrix where  $A_{11}$  is a  $m_1 \times n_1$  matrix and  $A_{21}$  is a  $m_2 \times n_1$  matrix.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \qquad B = \begin{bmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$B_1$  should be  $n_1 \times k$  and  $B_2$  should be  $n_2 \times k$ . The result will be a  $(m_1 + m_2) \times k$  matrix.

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11}B_1 + A_{12}B_2 \\ A_{21}B_1 + A_{22}B_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Important note: the order of the multiplications cannot be switched because the elements of the matrix are themselves matrices.

## Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ 0 & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $A_{11}$  and  $A_{22}$  are invertible and  $A_{12}$  is any arbitrary matrix, then prove that  $A$  is invertible.