

Example: Prove $(BA)^T = A^T B^T$.

$$\begin{aligned} ((BA)^T)_{ij} &= (BA)_{ji} = \sum_k B_{jk} A_{ki} = \sum_k A_{ki} B_{jk} \\ &= \sum_k (A^T)_{ik} (B^T)_{kj} = (A^T)(B^T) \end{aligned}$$

Example: Prove $(B+A)^T = B^T + A^T$.

$$\begin{aligned} ((B+A)^T)_{ij} &= (B+A)_{ji} = B_{ji} + A_{ji} = (B^T)_{ij} + (A^T)_{ij} \\ &= (B^T + A^T)_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

Example: Prove that if A and B are symmetric then $A^T + 2B$ is symmetric.

Since A is sym: $A_{ij} = A_{ji}$.

Since B is sym: $B_{ij} = B_{ji}$.

$$\text{Then } (A^T + 2B)_{ij} = (A^T)_{ij} + 2B_{ij} = A_{ji} + 2B_{ij}$$

$$\cancel{(A^T)_{ij}} = A_{ij} + 2B_{ij}$$

$$= A^T_{ji} + 2B_{ji} = (A^T + 2B)_{ji}$$

Example: Prove $C(BA) = (CB)A$.

$$\begin{aligned} (C(BA))_{ij} &= \sum_k C_{ik} (BA)_{kj} = \sum_k C_{ik} \left(\sum_l B_{kl} A_{lj} \right) = \sum_k \sum_l C_{ik} B_{kl} A_{lj} \\ &= \sum_l \left(\sum_k C_{ik} B_{kl} \right) A_{lj} = \sum_l (CB)_{il} A_{lj} = ((CB)A)_{ij} \end{aligned}$$