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# MA2001

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LIVE LECTURE 2

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# Topics for week 2

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1.4 Gaussian Elimination

1.5 Homogeneous Linear System

2.1 Introduction to Matrices

2.2 Matrix Operations

# Let's revise

- The solutions of a LS can be easily obtained from the REF of its augmented matrix
- An augmented matrix has many REF but only one RREF
- A LS has no solution if and only if the last column of its REF is a pivot column
- In a REF,  
number of non-zero rows = number of leading entries  
= number of pivot columns
- For a consistent LS,  
if number of variables in LS = number of non-zero rows in REF, then the LS has exactly one solution  
if number of variables in LS > number of non-zero rows in REF, then the LS has infinitely many solutions

# Merging two augmented matrices

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{rrcr} x & + & 2y & - & 3z & = & 1 \\ 2x & + & 6y & - & 11z & = & 1 \\ x & - & 2y & + & 7z & = & 1 \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{rrcr} x & + & 2y & - & 3z & = & 1 \\ 2x & + & 6y & - & 11z & = & 2 \\ x & - & 2y & + & 7z & = & 1 \end{array} \right.$$

no solution

infinitely many solutions

Same coefficients

You can perform G.E. (G.J.E.) on the two systems  
"simultaneously"

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 & -11 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 7 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \longrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -5 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

# Consistent System with 3 variables

REF	Solutions	Geometrical interpretation
3 leading entries	$\left( \begin{array}{ccc c} \otimes & & & \\ & \otimes & & \\ & & \otimes & \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & \end{array} \right)$	0 parameter Intersect at 1 point
2 leading entries	$\left( \begin{array}{ccc c} \otimes & & & \\ & \otimes & & \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \end{array} \right)$	1 parameter Intersect at a line
1 leading entry	$\left( \begin{array}{ccc c} \otimes & & & \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \end{array} \right)$	2 parameters Intersect at a plane
0 leading entry	$\left( \begin{array}{ccc c} 0 & 0 & 0 & \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \end{array} \right)$	3 parameters NA

# Linear Systems with “unknown” terms

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$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & (a+1)(b-2) & (a+2)(b-1) \end{array} \right)$$

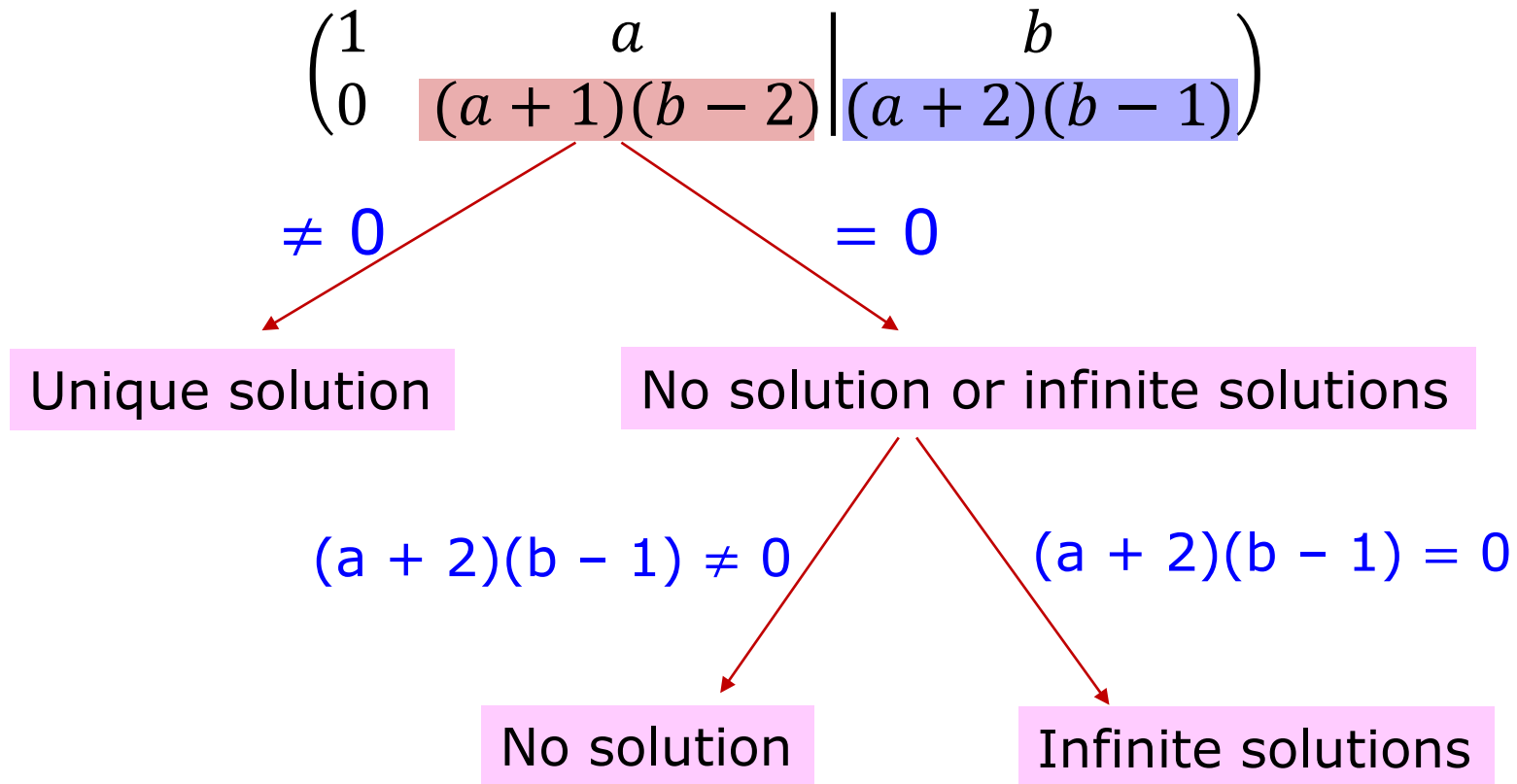
Determine the values of  $a$  and  $b$  so that the system has

- i. no solution
- ii. only 1 solution
- iii. infinitely many solutions

Row 1 has no effect on the # solutions.

Only need to analyse row 2.

# Linear Systems with “unknown” terms



$$\left( \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & a \\ 0 & (a+1)(b-2) \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} b \\ (a+2)(b-1) \end{array} \right)$$

# Linear Systems with “unknown” terms

One solution:  $(a+1)(b-2) \neq 0$

$$(a+1) \neq 0 \text{ AND } (b-2) \neq 0$$

$$a \neq -1 \text{ AND } b \neq 2$$

Infinite solutions:  $(a+1)(b-2) = 0 \text{ AND } (a+2)(b-1) = 0$

$$(a+1) = 0 \text{ OR } (b-2) = 0$$

$$a = -1 \text{ OR } b = 2$$

AND

$$(a+2) = 0 \text{ OR } (b-1) = 0$$

$$a = -2 \text{ OR } b = 1$$

Simplify as

$$a = -1 \text{ AND } b = 1 \text{ OR } b = 2 \text{ AND } a = -2$$

Be careful with  
“AND” vs “OR”



$$\left( \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & a \\ 0 & (a+1)(b-2) \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} b \\ (a+2)(b-1) \end{array} \right)$$

# Linear Systems with “unknown” terms

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No solution:  $(a + 1)(b - 2) = 0$  **AND**  $(a + 2)(b - 1) \neq 0$

$$(a + 1) = 0 \text{ **OR** } (b - 2) = 0 \qquad (a + 2) \neq 0 \text{ **AND** } (b - 1) \neq 0$$

$$a = -1 \text{ **OR** } b = 2 \qquad \text{AND} \qquad a \neq -2 \text{ **AND** } b \neq 1$$

Simplify as

$$a = -1 \text{ **AND** } b \neq 1 \qquad \text{OR} \qquad b = 2 \text{ **AND** } a \neq -2$$

# Linear Systems with “unknown” terms

## Exercise 1 Q24

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} a & a & a & c \\ 0 & b & b & a \\ 0 & 0 & c & b \end{array} \right)$$

Determine the values of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  so that the system has

- i. no solution
- ii. only 1 solution
- iii. infinitely many solutions

All three rows have effect on the # solutions

Depending on whether  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  are 0 or not.

There are 8 cases

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & a & a & | & c \\ 0 & b & b & | & a \\ 0 & 0 & c & | & b \end{pmatrix}$$

# Linear Systems with “unknown” terms

i. All are not 0

only 1 solution

ii. Exactly one 0

no solution

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & | & c \\ 0 & b & b & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c & | & b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & a & a & | & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & a \\ 0 & 0 & c & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & a & a & | & 0 \\ 0 & b & b & | & a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & b \end{pmatrix}$$

iii. Exactly two 0

no solution

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & | & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & a & a & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & b & b & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & b \end{pmatrix}$$

iv. All are 0

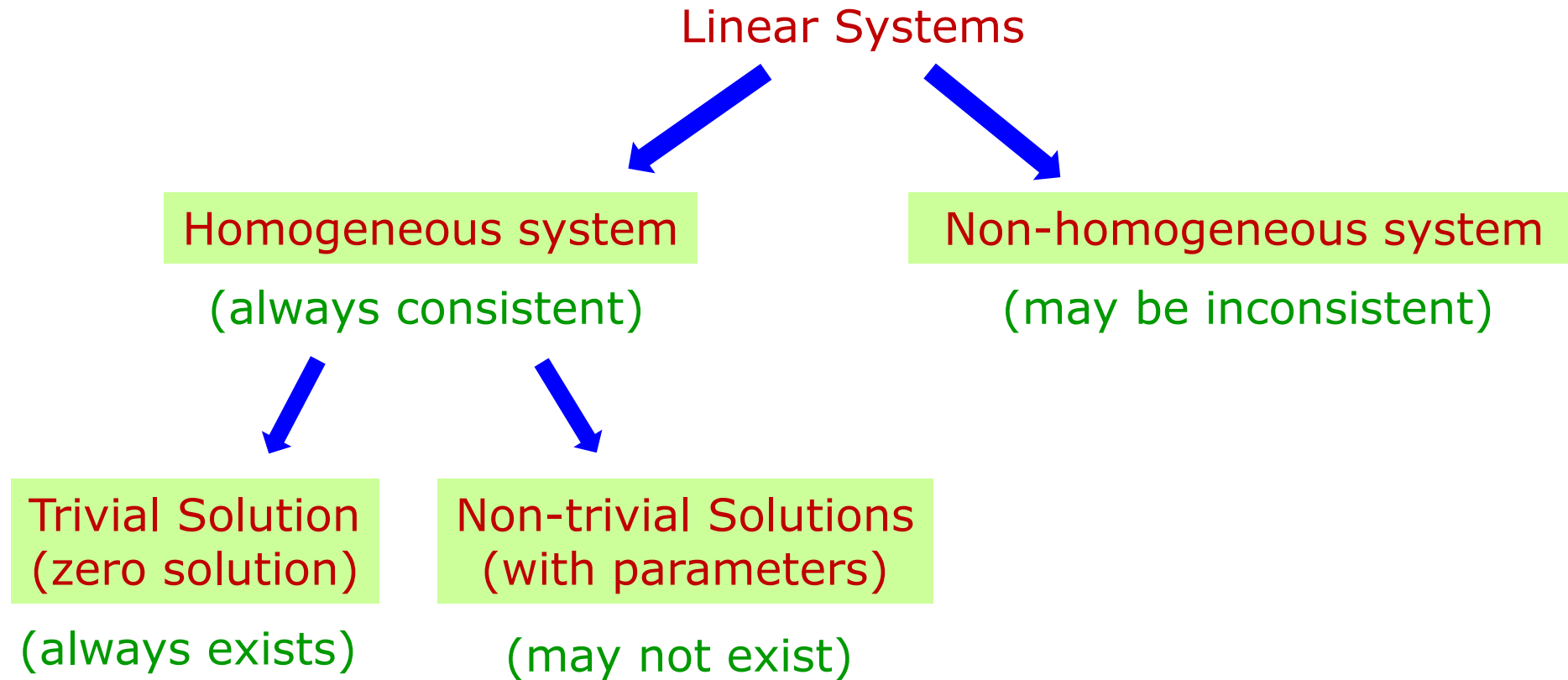
infinite solutions

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = 0 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = 0 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = 0 \end{cases}$$

# Homogeneous system

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# Homogeneous system FIB

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- A linear system that has the zero solution is called a **homogeneous** system.
- A homogeneous system is **always consistent**, as it always has the **trivial solution**.
- If a homogeneous system has a **non-trivial** solution, then it has **infinitely many** solutions.
- A homogeneous system with **more variables than equations** has **infinitely many** solutions.
- A homogeneous system with **more equations than variables** has **one or many** solutions.

# True or False

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- (i) The **unique solution** of a linear system is called the **trivial solution** False
- (ii) The **trivial solution** of a linear system is the **unique solution** False

Trivial solution  $\neq$  Unique solution

We **do not** refer to solutions for a **non-homogeneous** system as **trivial** or **non-trivial**.

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# Announcement

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## ❖ Homework 1

- Available in [LumiNUS > Homework](#)
- Due in week 5 (Sep 10) [instead of week 4](#)
- Read the instructions in the homework set

## ❖ Group Discussion 1

- Next week during your tutorial slot
- Zoom link in [LumiNUS > Conferencing](#)
- Scope: up to week 2 topics

## ❖ Online quiz 1 and 2

- Available in [LumiNUS > Quizzes](#)
- Both quizzes due next Thursday
- Results and correct answers can be viewed after the quiz is closed

# Matrices

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$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

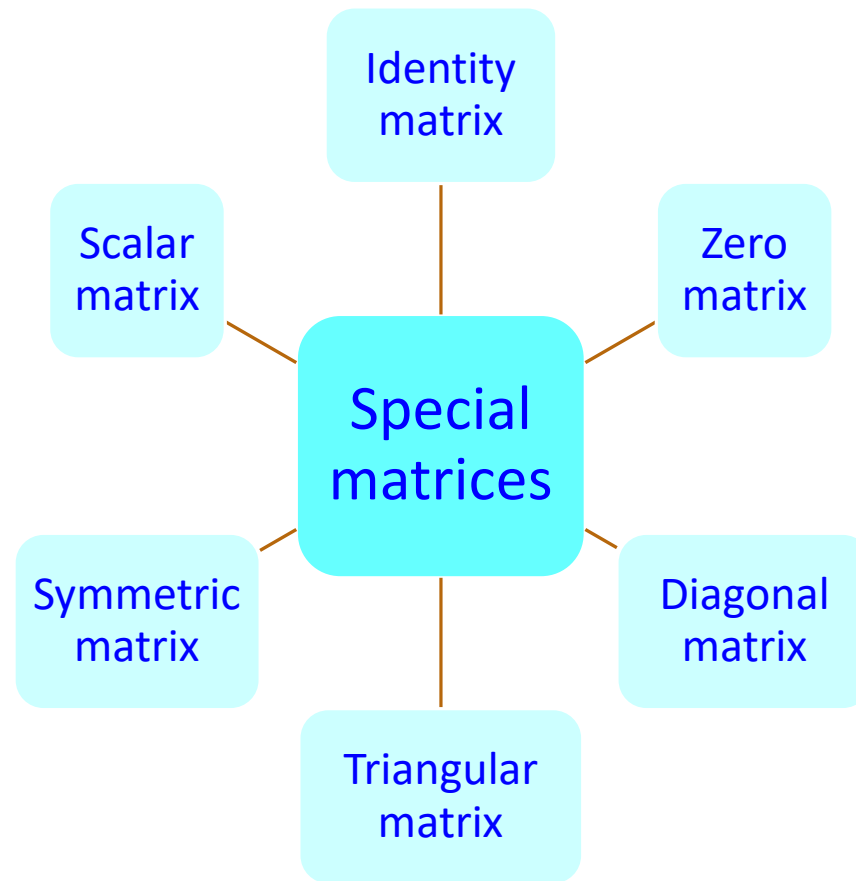
Terms associated to matrix

- **rows** (m)
- **columns** (n)
- **size** (m x n)
- **entries** ( $a_{ij}$ )



# Special Matrices

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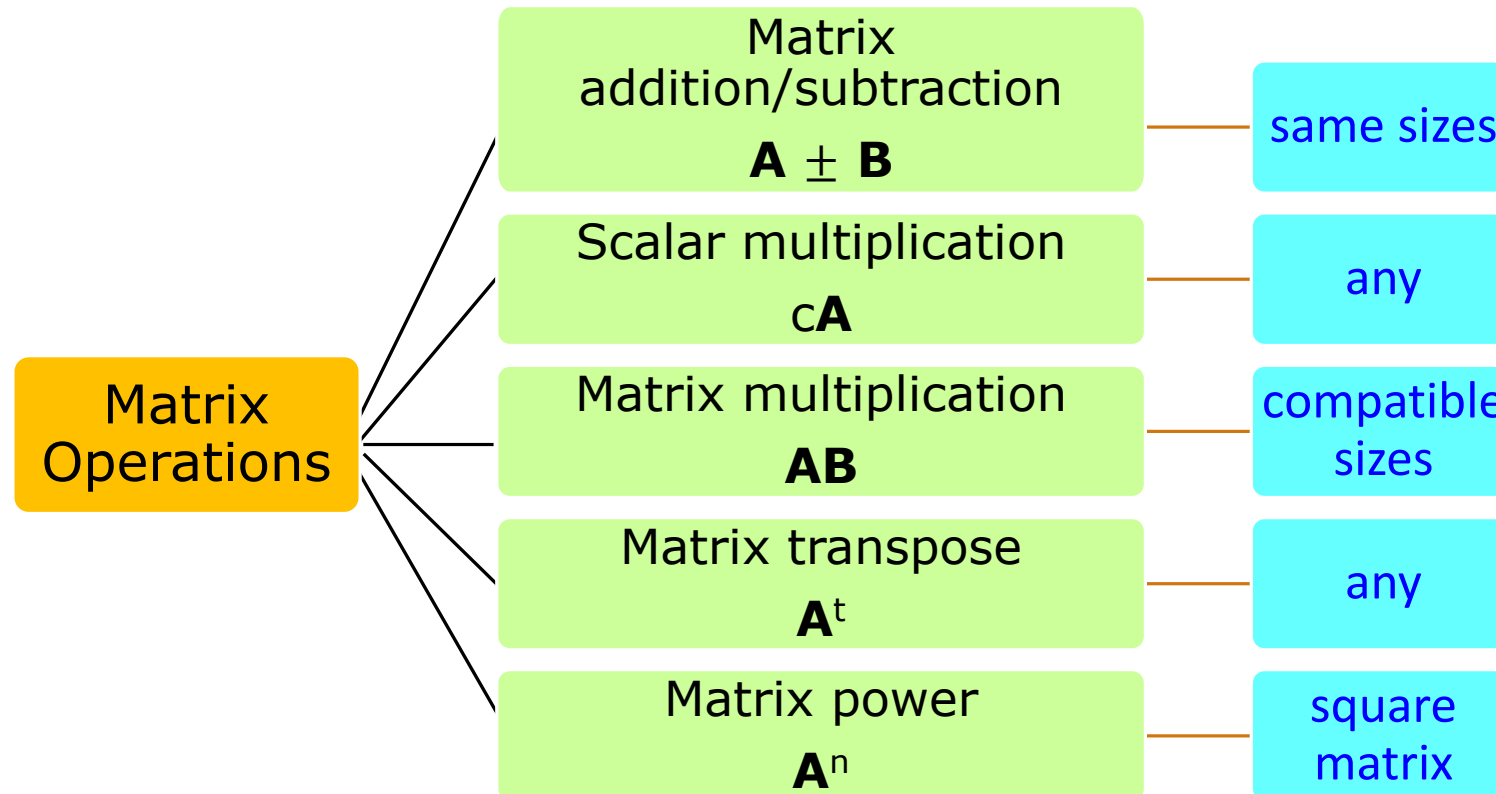


$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Diagonal  
Triangular  
Symmetric

# Matrix Operations

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Compatible size means #columns in A = #rows in B

# Matrix Multiplication (row x column)

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{a}_1 \\ \mathbf{a}_2 \\ \mathbf{a}_3 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{A} \\ \left( \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{array} \right) \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{B} \\ \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array} \right) \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{b}_1 \quad \mathbf{b}_2 \quad \mathbf{b}_3 \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{AB} \\ \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 5 & 7 & 9 \\ 14 & 19 & 24 \\ -9 & -12 & -15 \end{array} \right) \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{a}_1\mathbf{b}_1 \quad \mathbf{a}_1\mathbf{b}_2 \quad \mathbf{a}_1\mathbf{b}_3 \\ \mathbf{a}_2\mathbf{b}_1 \quad \mathbf{a}_2\mathbf{b}_2 \quad \mathbf{a}_2\mathbf{b}_3 \\ \mathbf{a}_3\mathbf{b}_1 \quad \mathbf{a}_3\mathbf{b}_2 \quad \mathbf{a}_3\mathbf{b}_3 \end{array}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 \\ \mathbf{a}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_m \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = (\mathbf{b}_1 \quad \mathbf{b}_2 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{b}_n) \Rightarrow \mathbf{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1\mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{a}_1\mathbf{b}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{a}_1\mathbf{b}_n \\ \mathbf{a}_2\mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2\mathbf{b}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{a}_2\mathbf{b}_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_m\mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{a}_m\mathbf{b}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{a}_m\mathbf{b}_n \end{pmatrix}$$

# $(i, j)$ -entry of matrix multiplication

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$$\mathbf{A} = (a_{ij})_{m \times p} \text{ and } \mathbf{B} = (b_{ij})_{p \times n}$$

$$(i, j)\text{-entry of } \mathbf{AB} = a_{i1}b_{1j} + a_{i2}b_{2j} + \cdots + a_{ip}b_{pj}$$

$$(1, 2)\text{-entry of } \mathbf{AB} = a_{11}b_{12} + a_{12}b_{22} + \cdots + a_{1p}b_{p2}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1p} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mp} \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1n} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \cdots & b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ b_{p1} & b_{p2} & \cdots & b_{pn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{BA} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix} (a_1 \quad a_2 \quad \cdots \quad a_n)$$

# Matrix Multiplication

$$\mathbf{A} = (a_1 \quad a_2 \quad \cdots \quad a_n)$$

row matrix

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}$$

column matrix

What is  $\mathbf{BA}$ ?  $n \times n$  matrix

1.  $(b_1 a_1 + b_2 a_2 + \cdots + b_n a_n)$   $1 \times 1$  matrix

2.  $(b_1 a_1 \quad b_2 a_2 \quad \cdots \quad b_n a_n)$   $1 \times n$  matrix

3.  $\begin{pmatrix} b_1 a_1 & b_1 a_2 & \cdots & b_1 a_n \\ b_2 a_1 & b_2 a_2 & \cdots & b_2 a_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ b_n a_1 & b_n a_2 & \cdots & b_n a_n \end{pmatrix}$

4.  $\begin{pmatrix} b_1 a_1 & b_2 a_1 & \cdots & b_n a_1 \\ b_1 a_2 & b_2 a_2 & \cdots & b_n a_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ b_1 a_n & b_2 a_n & \cdots & b_n a_n \end{pmatrix}$

$n \times n$  matrix

# Matrix Multiplication (matrix x column)

$$\begin{matrix} & \mathbf{A} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{matrix} \mathbf{B} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{matrix} \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} & \mathbf{AB} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 7 & 9 \\ 14 & 19 & 24 \\ -9 & -12 & -15 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathbf{Ab}_1 & \mathbf{Ab}_2 & \mathbf{Ab}_3 \end{matrix}$$

$\mathbf{A}(\text{ } j \text{ th column of } \mathbf{B}) = j \text{ th column of } \mathbf{AB}$

$$\mathbf{AB} = (\mathbf{Ab}_1 \quad \mathbf{Ab}_2 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{Ab}_n)$$

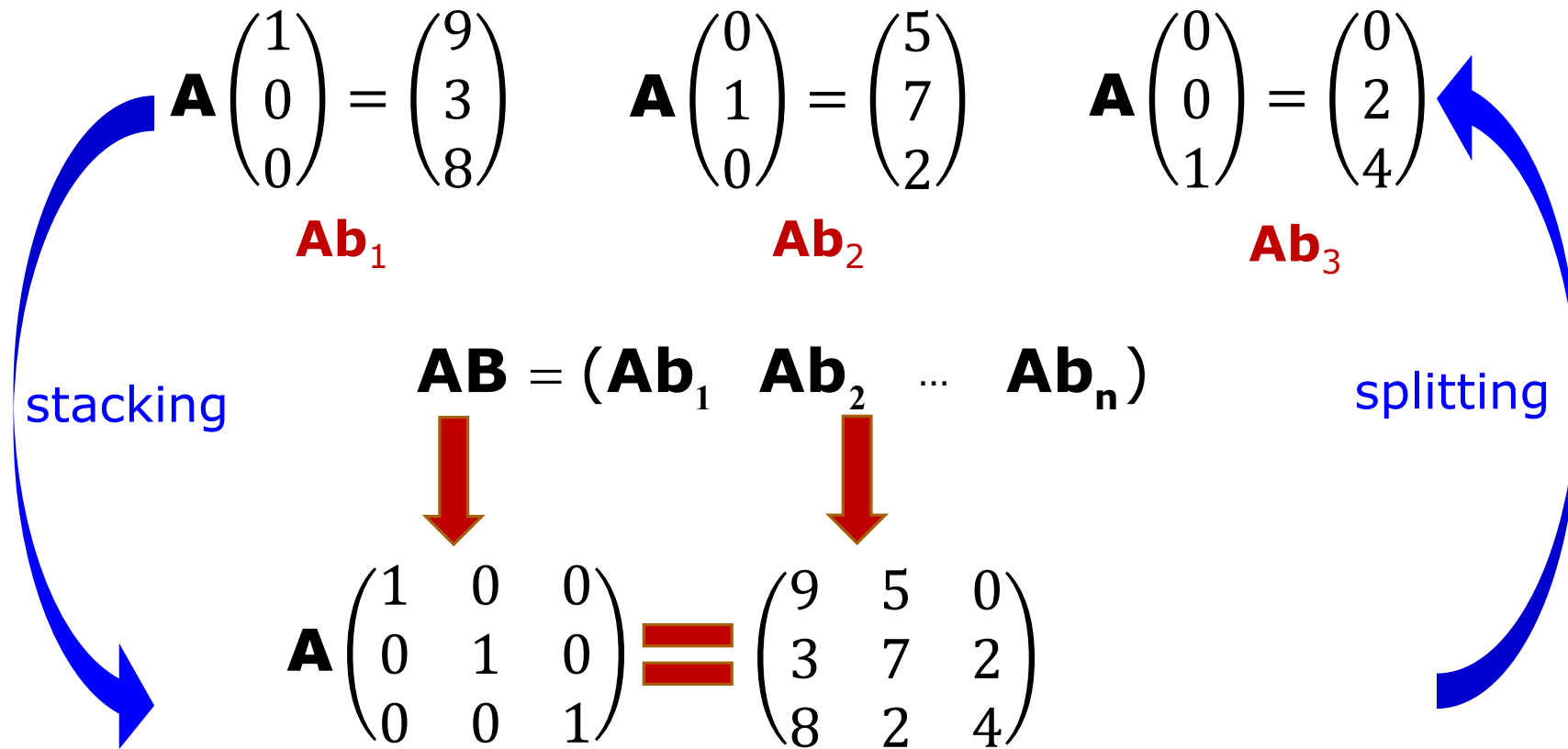
# Matrix Multiplication (row x matrix)

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{a}_1 \\ \mathbf{a}_2 \\ \mathbf{a}_3 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{A} \\ \left( \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{array} \right) \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{B} \\ \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array} \right) \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{AB} \\ \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 5 & 7 & 9 \\ 14 & 19 & 24 \\ -9 & -12 & -15 \end{array} \right) \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{a}_1\mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{a}_2\mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{a}_3\mathbf{B} \end{array}$$

$$(\textit{i th row of } \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{B} = \textit{i th row of } \mathbf{AB}$$

$$\mathbf{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1\mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{a}_2\mathbf{B} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_m\mathbf{B} \end{pmatrix}$$

# What is $A$ ?





Matrix multiplications do not behave like ordinary (number) multiplication

## True or False

Suppose **A**, **B**, **C** are square matrices of the same size.

1.  **$AB = BA$**
2. If  **$AB = 0$** , then  **$A = 0$**  or  **$B = 0$**
3. If  **$A^2 = 0$** , then  **$A = 0$**
4. If  **$A = B$** , then  **$CA = BC$**
5. If  **$AC = BC$** , then  **$A = B$**
6.  **$(AB)^n = A^n B^n$**



All are false

# Matrix Equation Form of Linear System

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ x_1 - x_2 + x_3 - x_4 = 0 \end{cases}$$

**$Ax = b$**  linear system

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**$Au = b$**  linear system  
substituted with  
solution

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

a solution

$$x_1 = 1, x_2 = 0, x_3 = -1, x_4 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

the trivial solution

$$x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0, x_3 = 0, x_4 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{0} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

# True or False

1.  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{BC}) = (\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C}$
2.  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B}_1 + \mathbf{B}_2) = \mathbf{AB}_1 + \mathbf{AB}_2$   
 $(\mathbf{C}_1 + \mathbf{C}_2)\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{C}_1\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C}_2\mathbf{A}$
3.  $c(\mathbf{AB}) = (c\mathbf{A})\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}(c\mathbf{B})$

Suppose  $\mathbf{u}$  is a solution of the homogeneous system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ .  
Then

Given:  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$

- a.  $2\mathbf{u}$  is a solution of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ .      True
- b.  $\mathbf{u}$  is a solution of  $\mathbf{BAx} = \mathbf{0}$ .      True  
( $\mathbf{B}$  is any matrix compatible with  $\mathbf{A}$ )

a. To show:  $\mathbf{A}(2\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$

$\downarrow \quad \uparrow$   
 $2\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u}) = 2\mathbf{0}$

b. To show:  $\mathbf{BA}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$


$\downarrow \quad \uparrow$   
 $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{Au}) = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{0})$

# Transpose

Given  $\mathbf{I}$  is  $n \times n$  identity matrix;  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are  $m \times n$  matrices.

Is the following true?

$$(3\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{B})^T = 3\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{B}^T\mathbf{A} \quad \text{True}$$


$$(3\mathbf{I})^T + (\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{B})^T = 3\mathbf{I}^T + (\mathbf{B})^T(\mathbf{A}^T)^T$$

1.  $(\mathbf{A}^T)^T = \mathbf{A}$
2. If  $\mathbf{B}$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, then  $(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^T = \mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{B}^T$ .
3. If  $a$  is a scalar, then  $(a\mathbf{A})^T = a\mathbf{A}^T$ .
4. If  $\mathbf{B}$  is an  $n \times p$  matrix, then  $(\mathbf{AB})^T = \mathbf{B}^T\mathbf{A}^T$ .