

SOLUTION TO 1.5.67

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Proof. Let A and B be upper triangular $n \times n$ matrices. Then the (i, j) th entry in AB is

$$(AB)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik}B_{kj}.$$

I need to prove that if $i > j$ then this sum is 0. If $k < i$ then since A is upper triangular, $A_{ik} = 0$. If $k \geq i$ then because $i > j$, $k > j$. So since B is upper triangular, $B_{kj} = 0$. So no matter what k is, $A_{ik}B_{kj} = 0$, which means that

$$\sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik}B_{kj} = 0 + 0 + \cdots + 0 = 0.$$

So AB is also upper triangular. □