

# Tutorial exercise sheet – Matrices

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1. Given the matrices

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$
$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{E} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 6 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix},$$

determine, if possible, each of the following.

- (a)  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$ ; (b)  $3\mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{B}$ ; (c)  $\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}$ ; (d)  $2\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{F}$ ; (e)  $\mathbf{AB}$ ; (f)  $\mathbf{BA}$ ; (g)  $\mathbf{AC}$ ; (h)  $\mathbf{BD}$ ; (i)  $\mathbf{CD}$ ; (j)  $\mathbf{FE}$ ; (k)  $\mathbf{A}^2 - \mathbf{B}^2$ ; (l)  $\mathbf{A}^3$ ; (m)  $\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{DAC}$ ; (n)  $2\mathbf{B}^\top - 3\mathbf{A}^\top$ ; (o)  $(\mathbf{B}^\top - (\mathbf{AB})^\top)^\top$ ; (p)  $\mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{D}^\top$ .

2. Given

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -5 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

- (a) evaluate  $(\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C}$  and  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{BC})$ ;  
(b) verify that  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{AB} + \mathbf{AC}$ .

3. If  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , show that  $(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I})^2 = \mathbf{0}$ .

4. In each case, determine whether the statement is true or false, and justify your answer.

- (a) An  $m \times n$  matrix has  $m$  columns and  $n$  rows.  
(b) For every matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , it is true that  $(\mathbf{A}^\top)^\top = \mathbf{A}$ .  
(c) If  $\mathbf{A}$  has a column of zeros, then so does  $\mathbf{AB}$  if this product is defined.  
(d) If  $\mathbf{A}$  has a column of zeros, then so does  $\mathbf{BA}$  if this product is defined.  
(e) If  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are square matrices of the same order, then  $(\mathbf{AB})^\top = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{B}^\top$ .  
(f) If  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$  are square matrices of the same order such that  $\mathbf{AC} = \mathbf{BC}$ , then  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}$ .