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Extend the matrix library so that the operations can be performed concurrently.

There are two forms of concurrency to be developed:

- 1. **Concurent operations**: In multiple matrix operations like (A+B) * (C+D) the addition A+B and C+D can be performed asynchronously in any order (or in parallel) before the final multiplication. Same goes for sequence of multiplications like A*B*C*D if the optimized multiplication order happens to be (A*B) * (C*D).
- 2. **Parallel matrix multiplication**: With large matrix multiplication the access times through the polymorphic wrapper can induce an sizable overhead. one way around this is to access big fixed-size submatrices with each call.

With this optimization matrix A is composed of several submatrices (A_{ij}), each fetched with a single polymorphic call. Matrix multiplication can be expressed easily in this form, so C=A*B becomes $C_{ij} = \sum_k A_{ik} * B_{kj}$, where now '*' denotes the usual matrix multiplication for the submatrices.

Now, each C_{ij} can be computed independently from the other and in parallel.

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