

Addition and Scalar Multiplication

Addition and subtraction are **element-wise**, so you simply add or subtract each corresponding element:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} w & x \\ y & z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a+w & b+x \\ c+y & d+z \end{bmatrix}$$

Subtracting Matrices:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} w & x \\ y & z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a-w & b-x \\ c-y & d-z \end{bmatrix}$$

To add or subtract two matrices, their dimensions must be **the same**.

In scalar multiplication, we simply multiply every element by the scalar value:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} * x = \begin{bmatrix} a*x & b*x \\ c*x & d*x \end{bmatrix}$$

In scalar division, we simply divide every element by the scalar value:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} / x = \begin{bmatrix} a/x & b/x \\ c/x & d/x \end{bmatrix}$$

Experiment below with the Octave/Matlab commands for matrix addition and scalar multiplication. Feel free to try out different commands. Try to write out your answers for each command before running the cell below.

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% Initialize matrix A and B

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A = [1, 2, 4; 5, 3, 2]

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B = [1, 3, 4; 1, 1, 1]

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% Initialize constant s

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s = 2

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% See how element-wise addition works

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add_AB = A + B

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% See how element-wise subtraction works

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sub_AB = A - B

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% See how scalar multiplication works

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mult_As = A * s

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% Divide A by s

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div_As = A / s

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% What happens if we have a Matrix + scalar?

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add_As = A + s

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Run

Reset

A =

1

2

4

5

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2

B =

1

3

4

1

1

1

s = 2

add_AB =

2

5

8

6

4

3

sub_AB =

0

-1

0

4

2

1

mult_As =

2

4

8

10

6

4

div_As =

0.50000

1.00000

2.00000

2.50000

1.50000

1.00000

add_As =

3

4

6

7

5

4

✓ Complete