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Lecture 18: Matrices

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e.g. Proof of the first property

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Proof

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This means the matrices $(A + B) + C$ and $A + (B + C)$ have the same entries. Hence they are equal. \square

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