

Matrix & Matrix Operations

Matrix: rectangular array of numbers

entries: the numbers in the array

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$


$$A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n} \text{ or } A = [a_{ij}]$$

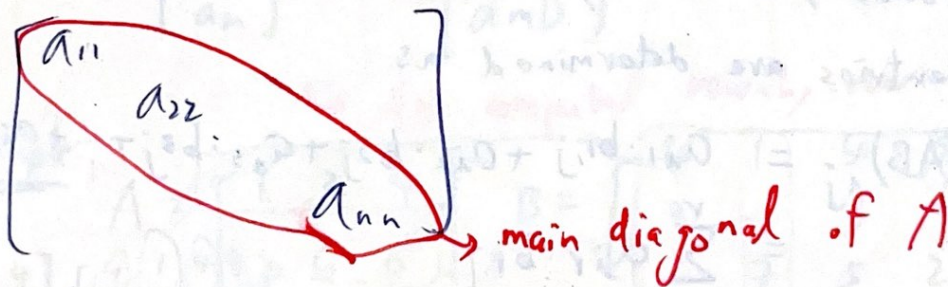
$$(A)_{ij} = a_{ij}$$

$$\vec{a} = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n] \rightarrow \text{a } 1 \times n \text{ row vector}$$

$$\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{a } m \times 1 \text{ column vector}$$

$$* m = n$$

Square matrix 



* equal

For an $m_1 \times n_1$ matrix A
{ an $m_2 \times n_2$ matrix B,

A and B are equal.

if $m_1 = m_2$, $n_1 = n_2$ and $(A)_{ij} = (B)_{ij}$ for $i \in [m_1]$, $j \in [n_1]$
corresponding entries

Summation

If $A = [a_{ij}]$, $B = [b_{ij}]$ have the same size,

$$\text{then } (A+B)_{ij} = (A)_{ij} + (B)_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij}$$

Example :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 4 & -2 & 7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A+C ?? \quad A-C ??$$

Scalar multiple

For any matrix A and scalar c ,

$$(cA)_{ij} = c(A)_{ij} = ca_{ij}$$

Product: For two matrices $A: m \times r$

$B: r \times n$

The product, denoted by AB , is the $m \times n$ matrix whose entries are determined as

$$(AB)_{ij} = a_{i1} \cdot b_{1j} + a_{i2} \cdot b_{2j} + a_{i3} \cdot b_{3j} + \dots + a_{ir} \cdot b_{rj}$$
$$= \sum_{k=1}^r a_{ik} \cdot b_{kj}$$

A Matrix Can be Partitioned

a submatrix

Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{or } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ r_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{or } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & c_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

So,

$$AB = A [b_1 \ b_2 \ \dots \ b_n] = [Ab_1 \ Ab_2 \ \dots \ Ab_n]$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_m \end{bmatrix} \cdot B = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 B \\ a_2 B \\ \vdots \\ a_m B \end{bmatrix}$$

↓
AB computed "column-by-column"

↪ AB computed row-by-row

Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 7 & 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 27 & 30 & 13 \\ 2 & 6 & 0 & \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 4 \\ 2 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} B = \begin{bmatrix} [12 \ 4] B \\ [2 \ 6 \ 0] B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 27 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Matrix products as Linear Combinations

A_1, A_2, \dots, A_r : matrices of the same size

c_1, c_2, \dots, c_r : scalars,

then

$c_1 A_1 + c_2 A_2 + \dots + c_r A_r$ is a linear combination of A_1, \dots, A_r with coefficients c_1, c_2, \dots, c_r

Matrix Product \Rightarrow linear combinations?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n} \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}_{n \times 1}$$

Then

$$A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= x_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m2} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + x_n \begin{bmatrix} a_{1n} \\ a_{2n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem

If A is an $m \times n$ matrix and \mathbf{x} is an $n \times 1$ column vector then $A\mathbf{x}$ can be expressed as a linear combination of the **column vectors** of A in which the coefficients are the entries of \mathbf{x} .

Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -9 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= (2) \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - 1 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot 1 + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot 2 + \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot 3$$

Example

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 7 & 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - 1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + 7 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + 5 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Column-Row Expansion



$$AB = c_1 r_1 + c_2 r_2 + \dots + c_k r_k$$

Example:

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 4 \\ -3 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= c_1 r_1 + c_2 r_2$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 4 & 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -9 & 15 & 3 \\ 3 & -5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 15 & 7 \\ 7 & -5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix Form of a Linear System

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n &= b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n &= b_2 \\ \vdots & \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n &= b_m \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

Can be viewed as a linear combination!

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$

↓
coefficient matrix

Recall:

The augmented matrix:

$$[A|\mathbf{b}] = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{array} \right]$$

Example Compute A^{20} where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -6 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^3 = A^2 \cdot A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -6 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & 0 \\ 0 & -8 \end{bmatrix} = (-8) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = -8I$$

$$\therefore A^{20} = (A^3)^6 \cdot A^2 = (-8I)^6 \cdot A^2 \\ = 8^6 (I^6 \cdot A^2) \\ = 8^6 (IA^2) \\ = 8^6 \cdot A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2(8^6) & -6(8^6) \\ 2(8^6) & -2(8^6) \end{bmatrix}$$

Example

Compute $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{2007}$

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Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, then $X = \begin{bmatrix} I_2 & A \\ 0 & I_2 \end{bmatrix}$ $IA + A \cdot I = A + A = 2A$

We find that $X^2 = \begin{bmatrix} I & A \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & A \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 2A \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$

and $X^3 = XX^2 = \begin{bmatrix} I & A \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} I & 2A \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 3A \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$

$$\therefore X^{2007} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 2007A \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -6021 \\ 0 & 1 & 6021 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Trace : $M_{m \times n}, m=n$

For a **square matrix** A , the trace of A

is $\text{tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$

Example :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 7 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & -8 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 7 & -3 \\ 4 & -2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{tr}(A) = -1 + 5 + 7 + 0 = 11$$

Upper/lower triangular matrix

A is a square matrix of order n and $a_{ij} = 0 \forall i > j$
then A is an **upper** triangular matrix. ($\forall i < j$)
(lower)

upper triangular matrix : $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & * & & \\ & a_{22} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$

lower triangular matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & & & 0 \\ & a_{22} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & * & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

If A is both upper and lower triangular,
then A is called a **diagonal** matrix.

Example Suppose that A and B are symmetric matrices each of order n .

Prove that AB is a symmetric matrix if and only if

$$AB = BA. \quad (91 \text{ 師大資工})$$

$$(\Rightarrow): AB \text{ is symmetric} \Rightarrow (AB)^T = AB$$

$$\Rightarrow B^T A^T = AB$$

$$\Rightarrow BA = AB$$

$$(\Leftarrow): \because AB = BA$$

$$\therefore (AB)^T = B^T A^T = BA = AB$$

$\therefore AB$ is symmetric

Example (先證);

Prove that $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$ (95 南台資工
Suppose that $A \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$, $B \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times p}$ 99 雲科大資工)

$$(AB)^T_{ij} = (AB)_{ji}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n a_{jk} \cdot b_{ki}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n b_{ki} \cdot a_{jk}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n (B^T)_{ik} \cdot (A^T)_{kj}$$

$$= (B^T A^T)_{ij}$$

$$\forall i=1, 2, \dots, p, \quad j=1, 2, \dots, m$$

$$\therefore (AB)^T = B^T A^T$$

Note: $AB \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times p}$

$$(AB)^T \in \mathbb{F}^{p \times m}$$

Theorem Suppose that $A, B \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$, $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}$, then ^(3/15)

(1) $\text{tr}(\alpha A \pm \beta B) = \alpha \cdot \text{tr}(A) \pm \beta \cdot \text{tr}(B)$

(2) $\text{tr}(A^T) = \text{tr}(A)$ \downarrow $\text{tr}(\alpha A + \beta B)$

(3) $\text{tr}(I_n) = n$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n c_{ii} = \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha A)_{ii} + \beta (B)_{ii}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha A_{ii} + \sum_{i=1}^n \beta B_{ii}$$

$$= \alpha \text{tr}(A) + \beta \text{tr}(B)$$

Example

Prove that there do not exist $n \times n$ matrices A and B such that $AB - BA = I_n$

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(proof):

Suppose that there exist $A, B \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$ such that $AB - BA = I_n$

Then $\text{tr}(AB - BA) = \text{tr}(AB) - \text{tr}(BA) = \text{tr}(AB) - \text{tr}(AB) = 0$

But $\text{tr}(I_n) = n$

Theorem Suppose $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$, then $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$

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proof:

Suppose that $C = AB \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$, $D = BA \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

then $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(C) = \sum_{i=1}^m c_{ii} = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \cdot b_{ki} = \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^m b_{ki} \cdot a_{ik}$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n d_{kk}$$

$$= \text{tr}(D)$$

$$= \text{tr}(BA)$$

Problem

2. A matrix B is said to be square root of a matrix A if $BB = A$

(1) Find two square roots of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

(2) How many different square roots can you find of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

(3) Do you think that every 2×2 matrix has at least one square root? Explain your reasoning.

Sol: (1)
Let $B = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & u \end{bmatrix}$, $B^2 = \begin{bmatrix} x^2+yz & xy+yu \\ xz+uz & yz+u^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\therefore x^2+yz = u^2+yz = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = u^2$$

① if $x = -u$

$$\Rightarrow xz+uz = 0 = 2 \quad (\notin \mathbb{R})$$

② we have $x = u$

$$\Rightarrow B^2 = \begin{bmatrix} u^2+z^2 & 2uz \\ 2uz & z^2+u^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow xy+yu = 2y^2 = 2 \Rightarrow y = z$$

$$xz+uz = 2uz = 2$$

$$\therefore u^2+z^2 = 2uz = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow (u-z)^2 = 0$$

$$u = z \text{ or } u = -z$$

and $yu = uz = 1 \Rightarrow y = z$ ($\because u \neq 0$)

$$B^2 = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ x & x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ x & x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x^2+xy & 2xy \\ 2x^2 & x^2+xy \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2z^2 & 2z^2 \\ 2z^2 & 2z^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore x = \pm 1, y = \pm 1$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ or } \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Verify them.

$$\therefore uz = 1$$

$$\therefore u = z = 1$$

$$\text{or } u = z = -1$$

(2) Let $B = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & u \end{bmatrix}$

$$B^2 = \begin{bmatrix} x^2 + yz & xy + yu \\ xz + uz & yz + u^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} y(x+u) = 0 \\ z(x+u) = 0 \end{cases}$$

① if $y=0 \Rightarrow B^2 = \begin{bmatrix} x & 0 \\ z & u \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x & 0 \\ z & u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x^2 & 0 \\ xz+uz & u^2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$x^2 = 5 \Rightarrow x = \pm\sqrt{5}$$

$$u^2 = 9 \Rightarrow u = \pm 3$$

\Rightarrow That means $x+u \neq 0 \therefore z=0$

We have $B = \begin{bmatrix} \pm\sqrt{5} & 0 \\ 0 & \pm 3 \end{bmatrix}$ (4 square roots of A)

(3) Try to find a square root of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Let $B = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & u \end{bmatrix}$

$$B^2 = \begin{bmatrix} x^2 + yz & xy + yu \\ xz + uz & u^2 + yz \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + yz = u^2 + yz = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = u^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = u = 0$$

$$\therefore xy + yu = 0 + 0 = 0 \neq 9 \quad (\neq)$$

Problem For any two 2×2 matrices A and B , " $AB=BA$ "^{is} always true?
why?

(sol). At the beginning, $\forall i, j \in \{1, 2\}$, $(AB)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}b_{kj} = ?$

Find an example (counter-example):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 5 \\ 20 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$

Problem: If A , B , and C are all $n \times n$ square matrices, such that

$$AC = BC, \text{ then } A = B.$$

Is that always true? why?

(sol): It seems that $AC = BC \Rightarrow AC = BC \Rightarrow A = B$?

Let's find a counter-example?

$$\text{Let } C \text{ be } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 \\ 3 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then } AC = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 27 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$BC = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 \\ 3 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 27 \end{bmatrix}$$

WTF?!