

Adding Matrices

In this chapter we will look at how to add matrices.

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Required Prior Knowledge

Basics of Matrix Calculations

1. Requirement

Matrices can only be added if they have the same number of rows and columns.

Example 1

Is an addition of the matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \end{pmatrix}$$

possible?

An addition of A and B is possible because both matrices have the same number of rows and columns.

Example 2

Is an addition of the matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

possible?

An addition of A and B is **not possible**, because the two matrices do not have the same number of rows and columns.

2. Sum Matrix

The result of the addition is called the **sum matrix**.

The sum matrix has exactly as many rows and columns as the matrices A and B .

3. Instructions

$$A + B = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} & a_{12} + b_{12} \\ a_{21} + b_{21} & a_{22} + b_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

Matrices are added by adding the corresponding entries of the original matrices.



4. Example

Example 3

Add the matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$A + B = \begin{pmatrix} 1+5 & 2+6 \\ 3+7 & 4+8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 8 \\ 10 & 12 \end{pmatrix}$$

5. Calculation Rules

$$A + B = B + A$$

Commutative Law

$$(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$$

Associative Law

Subtracting Matrices

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Basics of Matrix Calculations

1. Requirement

Matrices can only be subtracted if they have the same number of rows and columns.

Example 1

Is a subtraction of the matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \end{pmatrix}$$

possible?

A subtraction of A and B is possible because both matrices have the same number of rows and columns.

Example 2

Is a subtraction of the matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

possible?

A subtraction of A and B is **not possible**, because the two matrices do not have the same number of rows and columns.

2. Difference Matrix

The result of the subtraction is called the **difference matrix**.

The difference matrix has exactly as many rows and columns as the matrices A and B .

3. Instructions

$$A - B = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} - b_{11} & a_{12} - b_{12} \\ a_{21} - b_{21} & a_{22} - b_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

Matrices are subtracted by subtracting the corresponding entries of the original matrices.

Matrix Multiplication

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Required Prior Knowledge

- Basics of matrix calculations
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1. Requirement

Two matrices can only be multiplied if the number of columns of the first matrix matches the number of rows of the second matrix.

Example 1

Is a multiplication of the matrices

$$A_{(2,3)} \cdot B_{(3,2)} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} \end{pmatrix}$$

possible?

Yes. multiplying A and B is possible because the number of columns of A matches the number of rows of B .

Example 2

Is a multiplication of the matrices

$$A_{(2,3)} \cdot B_{(2,2)} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

possible?

Multiplying A and B is **not** possible because the number of columns of A does not match the number of rows of B .

2. Product Matrix

The result of the multiplication is called the **product matrix**, **matrix product**, or **matrix multiplication result**.

The product matrix has as many rows as matrix A and as many columns as matrix B .

Example 3

$$A_{(2,3)} \cdot B_{(3,2)} = C_{(2,2)}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

Example 4

$$A_{(2,3)} \cdot B_{(3,4)} = C_{(2,4)}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} & b_{14} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} & b_{24} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} & b_{33} & b_{34} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & c_{13} & c_{14} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & c_{23} & c_{24} \end{pmatrix}$$

3. Calculation Rules

$$(A \cdot B) \cdot C = A \cdot (B \cdot C)$$

Associative Law

$$A \cdot (B + C) = (A \cdot B) + (A \cdot C)$$

$$(A + B) \cdot C = (A \cdot C) + (B \cdot C)$$

Distributive Law

**WARNING!**

In general:

$$A \cdot B \neq B \cdot A$$

The **commutative law** (of multiplication) does **not** apply to matrices!

4. Matrix Multiplication Using the Falk Scheme

To multiply matrices by hand, the so-called “**Falk Scheme**” is commonly used.

1. Draw a cross
2. Enter matrix A in the lower-left
3. Enter matrix B in the upper-right
4. Enter the result matrix C in the lower-right
5. Calculate the elements of the result matrix C
6. Write down the result

Example 5

Given the matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{und} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Calculate the matrix product $A \cdot B$.

1. Draw a cross



2. Enter matrix A in the lower-left

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} & & & \\ & & & \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & \end{array}$$

3. Enter matrix B in the upper-right

$$\begin{array}{ccc|cc} & & & 2 & 1 \\ & & & 1 & 2 \\ & & & 2 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & & \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & & \end{array}$$

4 Enter the result matrix C in the bottom right

Note: You can skip this step if you have already solved some exercises.

$$\begin{array}{ccc|cc} & & & 2 & 1 \\ & & & 1 & 2 \\ & & & 2 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & x_{11} & x_{12} \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & x_{21} & x_{22} \end{array}$$

5 Calculate the elements of the result matrix C

x_{11} is obtained from the dot product of the 1st row of matrix A and the 1st column of matrix B .

$$\begin{array}{ccc|cc} & & & 2 & 1 \\ & & & 1 & 2 \\ & & & 2 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & x_{11} & x_{12} \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & x_{21} & x_{22} \end{array}$$

$$x_{11} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 2 = 10$$

x_{12} is obtained from the dot product of the 1st row of matrix A and the 2nd column of matrix B .

$$\begin{array}{ccc|cc} & & & 2 & 1 \\ & & & 1 & 2 \\ & & & 2 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & x_{11} & x_{12} \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & x_{21} & x_{22} \end{array}$$

$$x_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 1 = 8$$

and so on

$$\begin{array}{ccc|cc} & & & 2 & 1 \\ & & & 1 & 2 \\ & & & 2 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & x_{11} & x_{12} \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & x_{21} & x_{22} \end{array}$$

$$x_{21} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 3 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 = 9$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc|cc} & & & 2 & 1 \\ & & & 1 & 2 \\ & & & 2 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & x_{11} & x_{12} \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & x_{21} & x_{22} \end{array}$$

$$x_{22} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 3 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 1 = 6$$

Here is the result:

$$\begin{array}{ccc|cc} & & & 2 & 1 \\ & & & 1 & 2 \\ & & & 2 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & 10 & 8 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 9 & 6 \end{array}$$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 8 \\ 9 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$