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Multiplying Matrices

Exercise 1: You are given the dimensions of matrices A and B. Is AB defined? Is BA defined? Give the dimensions of each possible product.

- 1) $A_{3 \times 5}$, $B_{5 \times 2}$
- 2) $A_{7 \times 6}$, $B_{2 \times 7}$
- 3) $A_{1 \times 4}$, $B_{3 \times 1}$
- 4) $A_{5 \times 7}$, $B_{7 \times 3}$
- 5) $A_{2 \times 4}$, $B_{3 \times 4}$

Exercise 2: Suppose that A, B, C, D, and E are the following matrices:

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

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, E = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Determine whether the following matrix expressions are defined, and, for those that are defined, compute the resulting matrix.

- 1) AB
- 2) BA
- 3) (3E)D
- 4) (AB)C
- 5) A(BC)
- 6) (4B)C + 2B
- 7) CA + 2E
- 8) DD

Exercise 3: Suppose that A, B, and C are the following matrices and that $a = 4$ and $b = -7$.

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

Verify computationally that:

- 1) $(AB)C = A(BC)$
- 2) $a(BC) = (aB)C = B(aC)$
- 3) $(B + C)A = BA + CA$