THEOREM Properties of Matrix Addition and Scalar Multiplication

Let A, B, and C be matrices of the same size and let r, s be scalars. Then

(a). A + B = B + A commutative

(b).
$$(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$$
 associative

(c).
$$A + 0 = A$$
 additive identity

(d).
$$r(A+B) = rA + rB$$
 distributive

(e).
$$(r+s)A = rA + sA$$
 distributive

(f).
$$r(sA) = (rs)A$$
 associative

Proof of (d).

THEOREM Properties of Matrix Multiplication

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix and let B and C be matrices whose sizes make indicated products and sums defined. Let r be a scalar. Then

(a).
$$A(BC) = (AB)C$$
 associative

(b).
$$A(B+C) = AB + AC$$
 left distributive

(c).
$$(B+C)A = BA + CA$$
 right distributive

(d).
$$r(AB) = (rA)B = A(rB)$$
 scalar associative/commutative

(e).
$$I_m A = A = A I_n$$
 multiplicative identity

Notes:

Proof of (a).

Proof of (e).

THEOREM Properties of Transposed Matrices

Let A and B be matrices whose sizes make indicated products and sums defined. Let r be a scalar. Then

(a).
$$(A^T)^T = A$$

(b).
$$(A+B)^T = A^T + B^T$$

(c).
$$(rA)^T = rA^T$$

(d).
$$(AB)^T = B^T A^T$$

Proof of (a).

Proof of (d).