

Pre-AP Algebra II  
Notes Day # 50-51  
Matrix Basics

A matrix is a rectangular array of numbers enclosed by brackets.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The numbers in a matrix are called the elements of the matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

2, 5, 1, and 0 are the elements of this matrix

The number of rows (horizontal) and the number of columns (vertical) determine the dimensions of the matrix.

When giving the dimensions of a matrix, you always write the number of rows first, then the columns (rows X columns).

2 Rows

3 columns

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 & -9 \\ 9 & 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

This matrix is a 2 row by 3 column matrix, a 2 X 3

In a square matrix, the number of rows and the number of columns are equal.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

a 2 X 2 matrix

Capital letters are used to name matrices.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 9 & 3 \\ 4 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

If all the elements of a matrix are zeros, the matrix is called a zero matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Two matrices are equal if and only if they have the same dimensions and the elements in all corresponding positions are equal.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 8 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 8 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrices must be the same size to add or subtract them.  
Simply add or subtract the corresponding elements.

Ex. 1:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 3 & -5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 9 & -3 \\ -9 & 6 & 12 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 & -3 \\ -6 & 1 & 19 \end{bmatrix}$

Ex. 2:  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 \\ -2 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$

Directions: Solve for matrix X.

Ex. 3:  $X - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $+ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 11 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$

Directions: Solve for x and y.

Ex. 4:  $\begin{bmatrix} 2x-5 & 4 \\ 3 & 3y+12 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 4 \\ 3 & y+18 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x-5 = 25 \\ +5 \quad +5 \\ \hline 2x = 30 \\ \frac{2x}{2} = \frac{30}{2} \\ \hline x = 15 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3y+12 = y+18 \\ -y \quad -y \\ \hline 2y+12 = 18 \\ -12 \quad -12 \\ \hline 2y = 6 \\ \frac{2y}{2} = \frac{6}{2} \\ \hline y = 3 \end{array}$$

Ex. 5:  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x & 5 \\ 0 & y \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x & 5 \\ 0 & y \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{matrix} x=1 \\ y=2 \end{matrix}$

You can also multiply a matrix by a real number

Ex. 6:  $3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 15 \\ 6 & 24 \end{bmatrix}$

3 is called a scalar.

Directions: Solve for matrix X.

Ex. 7:  $4X + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $4X + \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 8 \\ -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $- \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 8 \\ -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 8 \\ -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$   


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 $\frac{1}{4} \left[ 4X = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -8 \\ 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right]$   
 $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

To multiply matrices, the number of columns in the first matrix has to equal the number of rows in the second matrix.

$$\text{Ex. 8: } \begin{matrix} \textcircled{A} & & \textcircled{B} \\ \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 3 \\ 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix} & = & \begin{bmatrix} 12 & -12 \\ -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\text{Ex. 9: } \begin{matrix} & \textcircled{B} & & \textcircled{A} \\ \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 3 \\ 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & = & \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ -24 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

The two matrices in examples 8 and 9 are the same but in a different order.

Notice we have different products for the multiplication.

Matrix multiplication is not commutative.

The order in which matrices are multiplied matters.

$$\text{Ex. 10: } \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 16 \\ 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Ex. 11: } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 6 \\ 15 & 12 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

### MATRIX DETERMINANTS AND INVERSES

The Determinant

The determinant of  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  is  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc$

Directions: Find the value of the following determinant.

$$\text{Ex. 12: } \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 4 \\ 2 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = 15 - 8 = \boxed{7}$$

$$\text{Ex. 13: } \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 6 & 3 \\ -2 & 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = \boxed{13}$$

If the determinant is equal to 0, then there is no inverse. Determinants help us find the inverses!

Recall, in the real number system, 1 is the multiplication identity since  $1 \cdot a = a$ .

The multiplicative inverse of  $a$  is  $\frac{1}{a}$  since  $\frac{1}{a} \cdot a = 1$ , the identity.

For matrices, the multiplicative identity is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  for a 2x2 matrix since

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

The identity matrix for a 3x3 is:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

**If you multiply a matrix and the inverse of that matrix, you will have the identity matrix.**

To show that two matrices are inverses of each other, we must show that

$$A^{-1} \cdot A = I$$

**Directions:** Determine if the following matrices are inverses. **If you do not get the identity matrix, then they are not inverses.**

Ex. 14:  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  Inverses

Ex. 15:  $\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 & -9 \\ 3 & 1 & -4 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 2 \\ -2 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  Not inverses

The inverse of the 2x2 matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  is:  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$

**Directions:** Find the inverse of each of the following matrices.

Ex. 16:  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$

Ex. 17:  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  No inverse

Ex. 18:  $\begin{bmatrix} 12 & -9 & 13 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 \\ -9 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{57} & \frac{35}{456} & -\frac{3}{19} \\ -\frac{3}{19} & \frac{43}{152} & -\frac{4}{19} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{8} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$