

## 1.3 – Matrices and Matrix Operations

Definition 1: A **matrix** is a rectangular array of numbers. The numbers in the array are called the **entries** of the matrix.

The **size** of a matrix that has  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns is  $m \times n$  (read “ $m$  by  $n$ ”).

6. Use the following matrices to compute the indicated expression if it is defined.

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

- $(2D^T - E)A$
- $(4B)C + 2B$
- $(-AC)^T + 5D^T$
- $(BA^T - 2C)^T$
- $B^T(CC^T - A^T A)$
- $D^T E^T - (ED)^T$

Definition 7: If  $A$  is any  $m \times n$  matrix, then the **transpose of  $A$** , denoted by  $A^T$ , is defined to be the  $n \times m$  matrix that results by interchanging the rows and columns of  $A$ ; that is, the first column of  $A^T$  is the first row of  $A$ , the second column of  $A^T$  is the second row of  $A$ , and so forth.





17. Use the column-row expansion of  $AB$  to express this product as a sum of matrix products.

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

The **column-row expansion** of  $AB$  is  $AB = \mathbf{c}_1\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{c}_2\mathbf{r}_2 + \cdots + \mathbf{c}_r\mathbf{r}_r$ , where  $\mathbf{c}_i$  are column vectors of  $A$  and  $\mathbf{r}_i$  are row vectors of  $B$ .



Definition 6: If  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_r$  are matrices of the same size, and if  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_r$  are scalars, then an expression of the form  $c_1A_1 + c_2A_2 + \dots + c_rA_r$  is called a **linear combination** of  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_r$  with **coefficients**  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_r$ .

22. Example 6 of section 1.2 presents the linear system

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + 3x_2 - 2x_3 + 2x_5 &= 0 \\2x_1 + 6x_2 - 5x_3 - 2x_4 + 4x_5 - 3x_6 &= 0 \\5x_3 + 10x_4 + 15x_6 &= 0 \\2x_1 + 6x_2 + 8x_4 + 4x_5 + 18x_6 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

and the reduced row echelon form of its associated augmented matrix as

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

Express the solution as a linear combination of column vectors that contain only numerical entries.

**Theorem 1.3.1** If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, and if  $\mathbf{x}$  is an  $n \times 1$  column vector, then the product  $A\mathbf{x}$  can be expressed as a linear combination of the column vectors of  $A$  in which the coefficients are the entries of  $\mathbf{x}$ .

The **main diagonal** of a square matrix contains entries from the upper left to lower right corners.

Definition 8: If  $A$  is a square matrix, then the **trace of  $A$** , denoted by  $\text{tr}(A)$ , is defined to be the sum of the entries on the main diagonal of  $A$ . The trace of  $A$  is undefined if  $A$  is not a square matrix.