

Laws of Addition of Matrices

Commutative Law:

For any two matrices A and B of the same order

$$A + B = B + A$$

This law is called commutative law of matrices with respect to addition.

Associative Law:

For three matrices A, B and C of same order,

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

This law is called associative law of matrices with respect to addition.

Additive Identity of Matrices

$$A + O = O + A = A$$

Additive Inverse of a Matrix

If two matrices A and B are such that their sum (A + B) is a zero matrix, then A and B are called additive inverse of each other.

For example: $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$, and $B = \begin{bmatrix} -a & -b \\ -c & -d \end{bmatrix}$

Exercise 6.3

1- If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 & 5 \\ 4 & 9 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

Find

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|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| (i) $A + B$ | (ii) $A - B$ | (iii) $B - A$ |
| (iv) $2A + 3B$ | (v) $3A - 4B$ | (vi) $A - 2B$ |

Solutions:

(i) $A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 & 5 \\ 4 & 9 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2+0 & 3+1 & 4+5 \\ 1+2 & 5+3 & 5+6 \\ 4+1 & 9+4 & 3-2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 9 \\ 3 & 8 & 11 \\ 5 & 13 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(ii)

$$A-B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 & 5 \\ 4 & 9 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2-0 & 3-1 & 4-5 \\ 1-2 & 5-3 & 5-6 \\ 4-1 & 9-4 & 3+2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

(iii)

$$B-A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 & 5 \\ 4 & 9 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0-2 & 1-3 & 5-4 \\ 2-1 & 3-5 & 6-5 \\ 1-4 & 4-9 & -2-3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ -3 & -5 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(iv)} \quad 2A + 3B &= 2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 & 5 \\ 4 & 9 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 & 8 \\ 2 & 10 & 10 \\ 8 & 18 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 15 \\ 6 & 9 & 18 \\ 3 & 12 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 4+0 & 6+3 & 8+15 \\ 2+6 & 10+9 & 10+18 \\ 8+3 & 18+12 & 6-6 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 9 & 23 \\ 8 & 19 & 28 \\ 11 & 30 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(v)} \quad 3A - 4B &= 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 & 5 \\ 4 & 9 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - 4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 9 & 12 \\ 3 & 15 & 15 \\ 12 & 27 & 9 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 & 20 \\ 8 & 12 & 24 \\ 4 & 16 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 6-0 & 9-4 & 12-20 \\ 3-8 & 15-12 & 15-24 \\ 12-4 & 27-16 & 9+8 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 5 & -8 \\ -5 & 3 & -9 \\ 8 & 11 & 17 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(vi)} \quad A-2B &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 & 5 \\ 4 & 9 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 & 5 \\ 4 & 9 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 10 \\ 4 & 6 & 12 \\ 2 & 8 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2-0 & 3-2 & 4-10 \\ 1-4 & 5-6 & 5-12 \\ 4-2 & 9-8 & 3+4 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -6 \\ -3 & -1 & -7 \\ 2 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

2- Find the additive inverse of the following matrices.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 3 \\ 4 & \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -7 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Sol:

Matrix	Additive Inverse
$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix},$	$-A = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -3 \\ -2 & -6 \end{bmatrix},$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 3 \\ 4 & \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}, \quad -B = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2} & -3 \\ -4 & -\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -7 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad -C = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 7 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix},$$

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

$$E = [2 \quad 5 \quad -3] \quad -E = [-2 \quad -5 \quad 3]$$

3- If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ then show that

(i) $4A - 3A = A$ (ii) $3B - 3A = 3(B - A)$

Sol:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad 4A - 3A &= 4 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} - 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 12 \\ 4 & 20 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 9 \\ 3 & 15 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 8-6 & 12-9 \\ 4-3 & 20-15 \end{bmatrix} \\ 4A - 3A &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = A \quad (\text{Proved}) \end{aligned}$$

(ii) $3B - 3A = 3(B - A)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{L.H.S. } 3B - 3A &= 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 21 \\ 12 & 18 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 9 \\ 3 & 15 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 3-6 & 21-9 \\ 12-3 & 18-15 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 12 \\ 9 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \dots\dots\dots(i)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{R.H.S. } = 3(B - A) &= 3 \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
 &= 3 \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1-2 & 7-3 \\ 4-1 & 6-5 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
 &= 3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 12 \\ 9 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{(ii)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$3B - 3A = 3(B - A) \text{ From (i) and (ii)}$$

4. Find x and y if $\begin{bmatrix} x+3 & 1 \\ -3 & 3y-4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Sol:

$$x + 3 = 2$$

$$x = 2 - 3$$

$$\boxed{x = -1}$$

and $3y - 4 = 2$

$$3y = 2 + 4$$

$$3y = 6$$

$$y = \frac{6}{3}$$

$$\boxed{y = 2}$$

5. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 \\ 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$, $C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ then

prove that,

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

(i) $A + B = B + A$

Sol:

$$A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 \\ 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1+4 & 3+7 \\ 4+6 & 5+5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 10 \\ 10 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \dots\dots (i)$$

and $B + A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 \\ 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4+1 & 7+3 \\ 6+4 & 5+5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 10 \\ 10 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \dots\dots (ii)$$

From (i) and (ii) $A + B = B + A$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 A + (B + C) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} + \left(\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 \\ 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 4+2 & 7+6 \\ 6+3 & 5-2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 13 \\ 9 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1+6 & 3+13 \\ 4+9 & 5+3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 16 \\ 13 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \dots\dots (i)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 (A + B) + C &= \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 \\ 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \right) + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1+4 & 3+7 \\ 4+6 & 5+5 \end{bmatrix} \right) + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 10 \\ 10 & 10 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 5+2 & 10+6 \\ 10+3 & 10-2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 16 \\ 13 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \dots\dots (ii)
 \end{aligned}$$

From (i) and (ii)

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

6- Solve the matrix equation for X.

$$3X - 2A = B \text{ if } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution:

$$3X - 2A = B$$

$$3X = B + 2A$$

$$3X = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ -8 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2+4 & -3+6 \\ 4-8 & 4+2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3X = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ -4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ -4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 6 \times \frac{1}{3} & 3 \times \frac{1}{3} \\ -4 \times \frac{1}{3} & 6 \times \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -\frac{4}{3} & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

7. Find a, b, c, d, e and f such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 5 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & 3 \\ -2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol: } \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 5 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & 3 \\ -2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} a+3 & b-2 & c+1 \\ d+5 & e-0 & f-4 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & 3 \\ -2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$a+3 = -1, \quad b-2 = -2, \quad c+1 = 3$$

$$a = -1 - 3 \quad b = -2 + 2 \quad c = 3 - 1$$

$$\boxed{a = -4}$$

$$\boxed{b = 0}$$

$$\boxed{c = 2}$$

and

$$d+5 = -2, \quad e-0 = 4, \quad f-4 = 6$$

$$d = -2 - 5$$

$$\boxed{e = 4}$$

$$f = 6 + 4$$

$$\boxed{d = -7}$$

$$\boxed{f = 10}$$

8. Find w, x, y, z such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} w & x \\ y & z \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 6 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Sol: } \begin{bmatrix} w+3 & x+0 \\ y-1 & z+5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 6 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Hence } w+3 = 2, \quad x+0 = 1$$

$$w = 2 - 3$$

$$\boxed{x = 1}$$

$$\boxed{w = -1}$$

$$y-1 = 6,$$

$$z+5 = -3$$

$$y = 6 + 1$$

$$z = -3 - 5$$

$$\boxed{y = 7}$$

$$\boxed{z = -8}$$

9. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ then what is the additive inverse of A ?

Sol: $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$

$$-A = -\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{Additive Inverse of } A)$$

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

10. Given that $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ verify that $A^2 - 4A + 5I = 0$.

Sol: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{L.H.S} = A^2 - 4A + 5I$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - 4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1-2 & -1-3 \\ 2+6 & -2+9 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ 8 & 12 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -4 \\ 8 & 7 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ 8 & 12 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1-4 & -4+4 \\ 8-8 & 7-12 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} -5+5 & 0+0 \\ 0+0 & -5+5 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence proved

$$A^2 - 4A + 5I = 0$$

11- If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$, then verify that

$$(A + B)' = A' + B'$$

Sol: $A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2+3 & 4-2 \\ 1+4 & 5+6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 5 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(A + B)' = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 \\ 2 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \dots\dots (i)$$

Now $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \dots\dots (ii)$$

and

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \dots\dots (iii)$$

$$A' + B' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{From (i) and (ii)}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2+3 & 1+4 \\ 4-2 & 5+6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 \\ 2 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \dots\dots (iv)$$

$$(A + B)' = A' + B' \quad \text{From (i) and (iv)}$$

12- If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -7 \\ 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$, $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ then

show that $A + B - C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -10 \\ 8 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Solution:

$$A + B - C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -7 \\ 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1+2 & 2-7 \\ 3+5 & -4+8 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3-1 & -5-5 \\ 8-0 & 4-2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -10 \\ 8 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence proved

$$A + B - C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -10 \\ 8 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

MULTIPLICATION OF MATRICES

Two matrices A and B are said to be conformable for the product AB , if the number of columns in A is equal to the number of rows in B .

Remember that:

For multiplication AB of two matrices A and B the following points should be kept in mind.

- (i) The number of columns in A = number of rows in B .
- (ii) The product of matrices A and B is denoted by $A \times B$ or AB .
- (iii) If A is a m -by- p matrix and B is a p -by- n matrix then AB is m -by- n matrix.

Associative Law of Matrices with respect to Multiplication

If three matrices A , B and C are conformable for multiplication, then

$$A(BC) = (AB)C$$

is called associative law with respect to multiplication.

Distributive Laws:

If the matrices A , B and C are conformable for addition and multiplication, then

- (i) $A(B + C) = AB + AC$ (left distributive law for matrices)
 - (ii) $(A + B)C = AC + BC$ (right distributive law for matrices)
- (i) and (ii) are called distributive laws.