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Objective: To find sums and differences of matrices and products of a scalar and a matrix.

The sum of matrices having the same dimensions is the matrix whose elements are the sums of the corresponding elements of the matrices being added.

Strategy: To add or subtract matrices

- 1) They must have the same dimensions
- 2) Add or subtract the corresponding elements (elements in the same position in the matrices)

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

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

Matrices with different dimensions do not have corresponding elements, therefore, addition of matrices with different dimensions is not defined.

For any $m \times n$ matrices, $O_{m \times n}$ is the identity for addition.

$$\begin{aligned}A_{2 \times 2} + O_{2 \times 2} &= \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a+0 & b+0 \\ c+0 & d+0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

The additive inverse of matrix A is the matrix $-A$. Each element in $-A$ is the opposite of its corresponding element in A . For example,

$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } -A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Adding two matrices that are *additive inverses* gives you the *additive identity*, which is a *zero matrix*.

Ex 2) Find $A-B$

$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ -8 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A - B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ -8 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Remember that $A - B = A + (-B)$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ -8 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ -3 & -7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 8 \\ -11 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex 3) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 5 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$ Find $3A$

$$3A = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 5 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 \cdot 2 & 3 \cdot 0 \\ 3 \cdot 5 & 3 \cdot -7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 15 & -21 \end{bmatrix}$$

An equation where a variable represents a matrix is called a *matrix equation*. Matrix equations can be solved using *matrix addition* and *scalar multiplication*.

Ex 4) Solve the matrix for X :

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

$$2X + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ -8 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2X = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ -8 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2X = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ -8 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 0 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2X = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -8 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -8 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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