

## 4-1 Algebra 2 Notes

**MATRIX:** a rectangular array of numbers. It has the same number of **elements** (each value in the matrix) in each of its rows, and each column shares the same number of elements.

Matrix = singular, Matrices = plural

- Matrices are a way to organize data.

Malcolm wants to attend one of three Iowa Universities next year. He has gathered information about tuition (T), room and board (R/B), and enrollment (E) for the universities.

- Use a matrix to organize the information
- Which university's total cost is the lowest?

Iowa State University: T- \$3132, R/B- \$4432, E- \$26,845

University of Iowa: T- \$3204, R/B- \$4597, E- \$28,311

University of Northern Iowa: T- 3130, R/B- \$4149, E- \$14,106

		T	R/B	E
Rows (Colleges)	ISU	3132	4432	26845
Columns (Costs)	UI	3204	4592	28311
	UNI	3130	4149	14106

The University of Northern Iowa has the lowest cost.

- The data in a matrix is organized so that each position in the matrix has a purpose.
- A matrix can be described by its dimensions. A matrix with m rows and n columns is an m x n matrix (read "m by n")

\*\*\* **ORDER MATTERS** (just like coordinates) ROWs then COLUMNs

- Note on notation: Matrix: named with an uppercase letter  
Element: named with the lower case letter of the matrix it belongs to as well as a subscript of its location in the matrix  
[Brackets indicate dealing with matrices]

College Example: Matrix C (3 x 3), UI R/B element =  $c_{22}$

**SPECIAL NAME MATRICES:**

**Row Matrix:** A matrix that has only one row  $[2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5]$  (1 x 4)

**Column Matrix:** A matrix that only has one column  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$   
(3 x 1)

**Square Matrix:** A matrix that has the same number of rows and columns

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 8 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  (2 x 2)       $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 6 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  (3 x 3)       $[2]$  (1 x 1)

**Zero Matrix:** Every element in the matrix is 0. Can be any dimension.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
(3 x 1)

**EQUAL MATRICES:** Two matrices are considered equal matrices if they have the same dimension and if each element of one matrix is equal to the corresponding element of the other matrix.

**Examples of Not Equal Matrices**

$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 9 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$   $\neq$   $\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 9 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  Different Dimensions  
(3 x 2)      (2 x 3)

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 8 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$   $\neq$   $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 8 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  Same dimensions but corresponding elements are not equal  
(2 x 2)      (2 x 2)

**Examples of Equal Matrices**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

(3 x 2)            (3 x 2)

Same dimension and corresponding elements are equal

**SOLVING AND EQUATION INVOLVING MATRICES**

$$\begin{bmatrix} y \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3x - 2 \\ 2y + x \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the two equations are equal, corresponding elements are equal. When you write the sentences to show equality, two linear equations are formed.

$$Y = 3x - 2$$
$$3 = 2y + x$$

**Solve using substitution.**

$$Y = 3x - 2$$
$$3 = 2y + x$$

sub  $3x - 2$  in for  $y$  in the 2<sup>nd</sup> equation

$$3 = 2(3x - 2) + x$$
$$3 = 6x - 4 + x$$
$$3 = 7x - 4$$
$$7 = 7x$$

distribute  
combine like terms  
solve for  $x$  add 4 to both sides  
divide both sides by 7

$$x = 1$$

Sub  $x = 1$  into 1<sup>st</sup> equation:  $y = 3x - 2$

$$Y = 3(1) - 2$$
$$Y = 3 - 2$$
$$Y = 1$$

(1, 1) = solution  
 $x, y$

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$$\mathbf{EX:} [4x \quad 3y] = [12 \quad -1]$$

$$4x = 12$$

$$3y = -1$$

$$x = 3$$

$$y = -1$$

Concept check: pg. 156

#1-10 in class

hwk # 11-25 odds, check answers in the back. Must see all your work!!

- Problems written out
- Work done step-by-step
- Answer circled, underlined, or boxed