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58. Let  $A = A_{180^{\circ}}$ , and let B be the matrix that reflects  $R^2$  about the x-axis; that is,

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Compute BA, and describe geometrically how a vector v is affected by multiplication by BA.

60. Let A be an  $n \times n$  matrix. If A and B are  $n \times n$  diagonal matrices, then AB is a diagonal matrix whose jth columns is  $a_{jj}b_{jj}e_j$ .

59. A square matrix A is called **lower triangular** if the (i, j)-entry of A is zero whenever i < j. Prove that if A and B are both  $n \times n$  lower triangular matrices, then AB is also a lower triangular matrix.

61. A square matrix A is called **upper triangular** if the (i, j)-entry of A is zero whenever i > j. Prove that if A and B are both  $n \times n$  upper triangular matrices, then AB is also an upper triangular matrix.

62. Let 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ -1 & -1 & 4 & 3 \\ -5 & 3 & -4 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$
.

Find a nonzero  $4 \times 2$  matrix *B* with rank 2 such that AB = O

## 63. Find an example of $n \times n$ matrices A and B such that AB = O, but $BA \neq O$ .

64. Let A and B be  $n \times n$  matrices. Prove and disprove that the ranks of AB and BA are equal.

65. Recall the definition of *trace* of a matrix. Prove that if A is an  $m \times n$  matrix and B is an  $n \times m$  matrix, then trace(AB) = trace(BA).

66. Let  $1 \le r, s \le n$  be integers, and let *E* be the  $n \times n$  matrix with 1 as the (r, s)-entry and 0s elsewhere. Let *B* be any  $n \times n$  matrix. Describe *EB* in terms of the entries of *B*.

68. (a) Let A and B be symmetric matrices of the same size. Prove that AB is symmetric if and only if AB = BA.

(b) Find symmetric  $2 \times 2$  matrices A and B such that  $AB \neq BA$ .