

# Limits of Matrix Sequences

**Definition:** Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  be a sequence of  $m \times n$  matrices, and write

$$A_k = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}^{(k)} & \cdots & a_{1n}^{(k)} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1}^{(k)} & \cdots & a_{mn}^{(k)} \end{pmatrix}.$$

We say that the *limit*  $A$  of this sequence *exists* and write

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A_k = A,$$

if  $A = (a_{ij})$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix such that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_{ij}^{(k)} = a_{ij}, \quad \text{for all } 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n.$$

**Theorem 3 (Rules for limits):** Suppose that  $A = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A_k$  exists and that  $B, C$  are matrices such that the matrix product  $CA_k B$  is defined. Then:

- (a)  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A_k B = AB.$
- (b)  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} CA_k = CA.$
- (c)  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} CA_k B = CAB.$