MAS140: Mathematics (Chemical)

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Course matters

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Warning!

It is not possible to add two matrices if their dimensions are different, so take care!

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Activity. Working in groups of two or three, find a matrix A such that

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$$A^{25} \begin{pmatrix} 600,000 \\ 400,000 \end{pmatrix}.$$

And finally. . .

Reminders:

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- website http://engmaths.group.shef.ac.uk/mas140 (also accessible through MOLE).