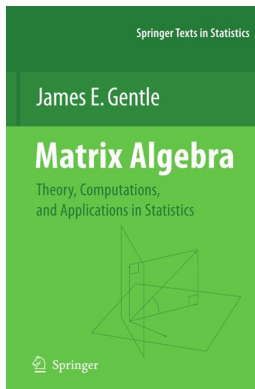


# Theory of Matrices

## Chapter 3. Basic Properties of Matrices

### 3.9. Matrix Norm—Proofs of Theorems



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