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Subject: Re: quick matrix algebra question  
Posted by [Dick Jackson](#) on Mon, 09 Jan 2006 21:17:49 GMT  
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There you go!

Cheers,

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-Dick

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Thanks, I knew it would be something like this. Reading through the documentation for all the permutations of #, ##, matrix\_multiply, and transpose was just too much for a monday morning.

Brad

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