

Chapter - Matrices

Topic-1: Order of Matrices, Types of Matrices, Addition & Subtraction of Matrices, Scalar Multiplication of Matrices, Multiplication of Matrices



1 MCQs with One Correct Answer

1. If $M = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 \\ -3 & -1 \\ -2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$, then which of the following matrices is equal to M^{2022} ? [Adv. 2022]

- (a) $\begin{pmatrix} 3034 & 3033 \\ -3033 & -3032 \end{pmatrix}$ (b) $\begin{pmatrix} 3034 & -3033 \\ 3033 & -3032 \end{pmatrix}$
(c) $\begin{pmatrix} 3033 & -3032 \\ -3032 & -3031 \end{pmatrix}$ (d) $\begin{pmatrix} 3032 & 3031 \\ -3031 & -3030 \end{pmatrix}$

2. How many 3×3 matrices M with entries from $\{0, 1, 2\}$ are there, for which the sum of the diagonal entries of $M^T M$ is 5? [Adv. 2017]

- (a) 126 (b) 198 (c) 162 (d) 135

3. Let $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 16 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and I be the identity matrix of order 3.

If $Q = [q_{ij}]$ is a matrix such that $P^{50} - Q = I$, then $\frac{q_{31} + q_{32}}{q_{21}}$ equals

- (a) 52 (b) 103 (c) 201 (d) 205 [Adv. 2016]

4. If A and B are square matrices of equal degree, then which one is correct among the followings? [1995S]

- (a) $A + B = B + A$ (b) $A + B = A - B$
(c) $A - B = B - A$ (d) $AB = BA$



2 Integer Value Answer/Non-Negative Integer

5. Let β be a real number. Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \beta & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

If $A^7 - (\beta - 1)A^6 - \beta A^5$ is a singular matrix, then the value of 9β is [Adv. 2022]

6. Let $z = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{2}$, where $i = \sqrt{-1}$, and $r, s \in \{1, 2, 3\}$. Let

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} (-z)^r & z^{2s} \\ z^{2s} & z^r \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } I \text{ be the identity matrix of order 2.}$$

Then the total number of ordered pairs (r, s) for which $P^2 = -I$ is [Adv. 2016]

7. Let M be a 3×3 matrix satisfying

$$M \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, M \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } M \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then the sum of the diagonal entries of M is [2011]



6 MCQs with One or More than One Correct Answer

8. Let ω be a complex cube root of unity with $\omega \neq 1$ and $P = [p_{ij}]$ be a $n \times n$ matrix with $p_{ij} = \omega^{i+j}$. Then $p^2 \neq 0$, when $n =$ [Adv. 2013]

- (a) 57 (b) 55 (c) 58 (d) 56



Topic-2: Transpose of Matrices, Symmetric & Skew Symmetric Matrices, Inverse of a Matrix by Elementary Row Operations



1 MCQs with One Correct Answer

1. If P is a 3×3 matrix such that $P^T = 2P + I$, where P^T is the transpose of P and I is the 3×3 identity matrix, then there

exists a column matrix $X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ such that [2012]

(a) $PX = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(b) $PX = X$

(c) $PX = 2X$

(d) $PX = -X$

2. If $P = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \\ -1 & \sqrt{3} \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $Q = PAP^T$ and

$X = P^T Q^{2005} P$ then X is equal to

(a) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2005 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(b) $\begin{bmatrix} 4 + 2005\sqrt{3} & 6015 \\ 2005 & 4 - 2005\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$

(c) $\frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 2 + \sqrt{3} & 1 \\ -1 & 2 - \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$

(d) $\frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 2005 & 2 - \sqrt{3} \\ 2 + \sqrt{3} & 2005 \end{bmatrix}$



2 Integer Value Answer/Non-Negative Integer

3. Let $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 3 & b \\ c & 2 & d \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \{0, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19\} \right\}$.

Then the number of invertible matrices in R is [Adv. 2023]



6 MCQs with One or More than One Correct Answer

4. Let X and Y be two arbitrary, 3×3 , non-zero, skew-symmetric matrices and Z be an arbitrary 3×3 , non zero, symmetric matrix. Then which of the following matrices is (are) skew symmetric? [Adv. 2015]

(a) $Y^3 Z^4 - Z^4 Y^3$

(b) $X^{44} + Y^{44}$

(c) $X^4 Z^3 - Z^3 X^4$

(d) $X^{23} + Y^{23}$



7 Match the Following

5. Match the Statements/Expressions in Column I with the Statements / Expressions in Column II and indicate your answer by darkening the appropriate bubbles in the 4×4 matrix given in the ORS. [2008]

Column I

(A) The minimum value of $\frac{x^2 + 2x + 4}{x + 2}$ is

(B) Let A and B be 3×3 matrices of real numbers, where A is symmetric, B is skew-symmetric, and $(A + B)(A - B) = (A - B)(A + B)$. If $(AB)^t = (-1)^k AB$, where $(AB)^t$ is the transpose of the matrix AB , then the possible values of k are

(C) Let $a = \log_3 \log_3 2$. An integer k satisfying

$1 < 2^{(-k+3^{-a})} < 2$, must be less than

(D) If $\sin \theta = \cos \phi$, then the possible values of $\frac{1}{\pi} \left(\theta \pm \phi - \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$ are

Column II

(p) 0

(q) 1

(r) 2

(s) 3



Answer Key

Topic-1 : Order of Matrices, Types of Matrices, Addition & Subtraction of Matrices, Scalar
Multiplication of Matrices, Multiplication of Matrices

1. (a) 2. (b) 3. (b) 4. (a) 5. (3) 6. (1) 7. (9) 8. (b, c, d)

Topic-2 : Transpose of Matrices, Symmetric & Skew Symmetric Matrices, Inverse of a Matrix
by Elementary Row Operations

1. (d) 2. (a) 3. (3780) 4. (c, d) 5. $A \rightarrow r, B \rightarrow q, s; C \rightarrow r, s; D \rightarrow p, r$

Hints & Solutions



Topic-1: Order of Matrices, Types of Matrices, Addition & Subtraction of Matrices, Scalar Multiplication of Matrices, Multiplication of Matrices

1. (a) Given that $M = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \\ -\frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow M^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ -3 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow M^3 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{11}{2} & \frac{9}{2} \\ \frac{9}{2} & \frac{7}{2} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow M^4 = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 6 \\ -6 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and soon}$$

$$\Rightarrow M^n = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3n}{2} + 1 & \frac{3n}{2} \\ -\frac{3n}{2} & -\frac{3n}{2} + 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } M^n = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3 \times 2022}{2} + 1 & \frac{3 \times 2022}{2} \\ -\frac{3 \times 2022}{2} & -\frac{3 \times 2022}{2} + 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3034 & 3033 \\ -3033 & -3032 \end{pmatrix} \therefore \text{option (a) is correct}$$

2. (b) Let $M = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_4 & a_5 & a_6 \\ a_7 & a_8 & a_9 \end{bmatrix}$ where $a_i \in \{0, 1, 2\}$

$$\text{Then } M^T M = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_4 & a_7 \\ a_2 & a_5 & a_8 \\ a_3 & a_6 & a_9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_4 & a_5 & a_6 \\ a_7 & a_8 & a_9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sum of the diagonal entries in $M^T M = 5$
 $\Rightarrow (a_1^2 + a_4^2 + a_7^2) + (a_2^2 + a_5^2 + a_8^2) + (a_3^2 + a_6^2 + a_9^2) = 5$, which is possible when

Case I: Five a_i 's are 1 and four a_i 's are zero
 Which can be done in 9C_4 ways

$$= \frac{9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6}{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} = 126$$

Case II: One a_i is 1, one a_i is 2 and rest seven a_i 's are zero

It can be done in ${}^9C_1 \times {}^8C_1 = 9 \times 8 = 72$ ways

$\therefore$ Total no. of ways = $126 + 72 = 198$.

3. (b) $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 16 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 16 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = I + A$

where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 16 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 16 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

and $A^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\therefore A^n = O, \forall n \geq 3$

Now $P^{50} = (I + A)^{50} = {}^{50}C_0 I^{50} + {}^{50}C_1 I^{49} A + {}^{50}C_2 I^{48} A^2 + O$
 $= I + 50A + 25 \times 49 A^2$

$\therefore Q = P^{50} - I = 50A + 25 \times 49 A^2$

$\Rightarrow q_{21} = 50 \times 4 = 200, q_{31} = 50 \times 16 + 25 \times 49 \times 16 = 20400$

and $q_{32} = 50 \times 4 = 200$

$\therefore \frac{q_{31} + q_{32}}{q_{21}} = \frac{20600}{200} = 103$

4. (a) Since A and B are square matrices of the same degree, therefore matrices A and B can be added or subtracted or multiplied. By algebra of matrices the only correct option is $A + B = B + A$.

5. (3) $A = \begin{pmatrix} \beta & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$, $\therefore |A| = -1$

Given that $A^7 - (\beta - 1)A^6 - \beta A^5$ is a singular matrix

$|A^5| |A^2 - (\beta - 1)A - \beta I| = 0$

$\Rightarrow |A^5| |(A + I)(A - \beta I)| = 0$

$\therefore |A^5| |A + I| |A - \beta I| = 0$ [$\because |A^5| = |A|^5$]

As $|A| \neq 0$; $|A + I|$ or $|A - \beta I| = 0$

$\Rightarrow |A + I| = \begin{vmatrix} \beta + 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$

$-1 = 0$ (Rejected) $\{ |A + I| \neq 0 \}$

$\therefore |A - \beta I| = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 - \beta & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 - \beta \end{vmatrix} = 0$

$\Rightarrow 2 - 3(1 - \beta) = 0 \Rightarrow 2 - 3 + 3\beta = 0$

$\Rightarrow \beta = \frac{1}{3} \therefore 9\beta = 3$

6. (1) $z = \frac{-1 + i\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow z^3 = 1$ and $1 + z + z^2 = 0$

$$P^2 = \begin{bmatrix} (-z)^r & z^{2s} \\ z^{2s} & z^r \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (-z)^r & z^{2s} \\ z^{2s} & z^r \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} z^{2r} + z^{4s} & z^{2s}((-z)^r + z^r) \\ z^{2s}((-z)^r + z^r) & z^{4s} + z^{2r} \end{bmatrix}$$

For $P^2 = -I$, we should have

$$z^{2r} + z^{4s} = -1 \text{ and } z^{2s}((-z)^r + z^r) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z^{2r} + z^{4s} + 1 = 0 \text{ and } (-z)^r + z^r = 0$$

$\Rightarrow r$ is odd and $s = r$ but not a multiple of 3,

which is possible when $s = r = 1 \therefore$ only one pair is there.

7. (9)

$$\text{Let } M = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow b_1 = -1, b_2 = 2, b_3 = 3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 - b_1 = 1, a_2 - b_2 = 1, a_3 - b_3 = -1 \Rightarrow a_1 = 0, a_2 = 3, a_3 = 2$$

$$\text{and } \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_3 + b_3 + c_3 = 12 \Rightarrow c_3 = 7$$

$$\therefore \text{Sum of diagonal elements} = a_1 + b_2 + c_3 = 0 + 2 + 7 = 9$$

8. (b, c, d)

$$\text{For } n = 3, P = \begin{bmatrix} w^2 & w^3 & w^4 \\ w^3 & w^4 & w^5 \\ w^4 & w^5 & w^6 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } P^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

It shows $P^2 = 0$ if n is a multiple of 3.

So for $P^2 \neq 0$, n should not be a multiple of 3, hence n can take values 55, 58 and 56

Topic-2: Transpose of Matrices, Symmetric & Skew Symmetric Matrices, Inverse of a Matrix by Elementary Row Operations

1. (d) $P^T = 2P + I$

$$\Rightarrow P = 2P^T + I \Rightarrow P = 2(2P + I) + I$$

$$\Rightarrow P = 4P + 3I \Rightarrow P + I = 0 \Rightarrow PX + X = 0 \Rightarrow PX = -X$$

2. (a) Given: $P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}, A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$Q = P A P^T \text{ and } X = P^T Q^{2005} P$$

$$\text{Now } Q = P A P^T \Rightarrow Q^2 = (P A P^T)(P A P^T)$$

$$= P A (P^T P) A P^T = P A (I A) P^T = P A^2 P^T$$

Proceeding in the same way, $Q^{2005} = P A^{2005} P^T$

$$\text{Now, } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Proceeding in the same way, } A^{2005} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2005 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } X = P^T Q^{2005} P = P^T (P A^{2005} P^T) P$$

$$= (P^T P) A^{2005} (P^T P) = I A^{2005} I = A^{2005} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2005 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. (3780)

Let us calculate when $|R| = 0$

Case -I : $ad = bc = 0$

If $ad = 0$ (When none of a & d is 0)

$$\text{Total} = 8^2 - 1 = 15 \text{ ways}$$

Similarly $bc = 0 \Rightarrow 15$ ways

$$\therefore 15 \times 15 = 225 \text{ ways of } ad = bc = 0$$

Case-II : $ad = bc \neq 0$

either $a = d = b = c$ OR $a \neq d, b \neq d$ but $ad = bc$

$${}^7C_1 = 7 \text{ ways} \quad \text{or} \quad {}^7C_2 \times 2 \times 2 = 84 \text{ ways}$$

$$\text{Total} = 7 + 84 = 91 \text{ ways}$$

$$\therefore |R| = 0 \text{ in } 225 + 91 = 316 \text{ ways}$$

$$|R| \neq 0 \text{ in } 8^4 - 316 = 3780.$$

4. (c, d) $X' = -X, Y' = -Y, Z' = Z$

$$(Y^3 Z^4 - Z^4 Y^3)' = (Z^4)(Y^3)' - (Y^3)(Z^4)'$$

$$= (Z^4)(Y^3)' - (Y^3)(Z^4)'$$

$$= -Z^4 Y^3 + Y^3 Z^4 = Y^3 Z^4 - Z^4 Y^3$$

Therefore $(Y^3 Z^4 - Z^4 Y^3)$ is a symmetric matrix.

Similarly $X^{44} + Y^{44}$ is a symmetric matrix and $X^4 Z^3 - Z^3 X^4$ and $X^{23} + Y^{23}$ are skew symmetric matrices.

5. $A \rightarrow r, B \rightarrow q, s; C \rightarrow r, s; D \rightarrow p, r$

$$(A) \text{ Let } y = \frac{x^2 + 2x + 4}{x + 2} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2 + 4x}{(x + 2)^2}$$

$$\text{Now put } \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{x^2 + 4x}{(x + 2)^2} = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0, -4$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{8}{(x + 2)^3} \text{ At } x = 0, \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = 1 > 0$$

$\therefore y$ is min when $x = 0$

$$\therefore \text{minimum value of } y \text{ i.e., } \frac{x^2 + 2x + 4}{x + 2} \text{ is } 2.$$

$\therefore (A) \rightarrow (r)$

(B) Since A is symmetric and B is skew symmetric matrix,

$$\therefore A^t = A \text{ and } B^t = -B \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{Now } (A + B)(A - B) = (A - B)(A + B)$$

$$\Rightarrow A^2 - AB + BA - B^2 = A^2 + AB - BA - B^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2BA = 2AB \Rightarrow AB = BA \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$\text{Also } (AB)^t = (-1)^k AB$$

$$\Rightarrow (BA)^t = (-1)^k AB \text{ (using (ii))}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^t B^t = (-1)^k AB$$

$$\Rightarrow -AB = (-1)^k AB \text{ [using (i)]}$$

$$\Rightarrow k \text{ should be an odd number}$$

$$\therefore (B) \rightarrow (q), (s)$$

$$(C) \quad a = \log_3 \log_3 2 \Rightarrow \log_3 2 = 3^a$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\log_2 3} = 3^a \Rightarrow \log_2 3 = 3^{-a}$$

$$\therefore 3 = 2^{(3^{-a})} \dots (i)$$

$$\text{Now } 1 < 2^{(-k+3^{-a})} < 2 \Rightarrow 1 < 2^{-k} \cdot 2^{3^{-a}} < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 < 2^{-k} \cdot 3 < 2 \quad (\text{using (i)})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} < 2^{-k} < \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{2} < 2^k < 3 \Rightarrow k = 1$$

$$\therefore k \text{ is less than 2 and 3}$$

$$\therefore (C) \rightarrow (r), (s).$$

$$(D) \quad \sin \theta = \cos \phi \Rightarrow \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right) = \cos \phi$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta = 2n\pi \pm \phi, n \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \theta \pm \phi - \frac{\pi}{2} = -2n\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\theta \pm \phi - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = -2n$$

For $n = 0, -1$; possible values of $\frac{1}{\pi} \left(\theta \pm \phi - \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$ are 0 and 2.

$$\therefore D \rightarrow (p), (r).$$