

## Chapter 3. Matrices

### Matrix and Operations of Matrices

#### 1 Mark Questions

1. If  $2\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 5 & x \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & y \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 10 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find  $(x - y)$ . Delhi 2014

$$\text{Given, } 2\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 5 & x \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & y \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 10 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 8 \\ 10 & 2x \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & y \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 10 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 8 + y \\ 10 & 2x + 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 10 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

On comparing the corresponding elements, we get

$$8 + y = 0 \text{ and } 2x + 1 = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -8 \text{ and } x = \frac{5 - 1}{2} = 2$$

$$\therefore x - y = 2 - (-8) = 10 \quad (1)$$

2. Solve the following matrix equation for  $x$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{Delhi 2014}$$

We have,  $[x \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0$

By using matrix multiplication, we get

$$[x-2 \ 0] = [0 \ 0]$$

On comparing the corresponding elements from both sides, we get

$$x - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 2 \quad (1)$$

- 3.** If  $A$  is a square matrix such that  $A^2 = A$ , then write the value of  $7A - (I + A)^3$ , where  $I$  is an identity matrix. All India 2014

We have,  $A^2 = A$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} 7A - (I + A)^3 &= 7A - [I^3 + A^3 + 3IA(I + A)] \\ &\quad [\because (x + y)^3 = x^3 + y^3 + 3xy(x + y)] \\ &= 7A - [I + A^2 \cdot A + 3A(I + A)] \quad [\because I^3 = I] \\ &= 7A - [I + A \cdot A + 3AI + 3A^2] \quad [\because A^2 = A, \text{ given}] \\ &= 7A - [I + A + 3A + 3A] \quad [\because AI = A] \\ &= 7A - [I + 7A] = -I \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

- 4.** If  $\begin{bmatrix} x-y & z \\ 2x-y & w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find the value of  $x + y$ . All India 2014

We have,  $\begin{bmatrix} x-y & z \\ 2x-y & w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

On comparing the corresponding elements, we get

$$x - y = -1 \quad \dots(i)$$

and  $2x - y = 0 \quad \dots(ii)$

On solving the above equations, we get

$$x = 1$$

and  $y = 2$

Now,  $x + y = 1 + 2 = 3 \quad (1)$

5. If  $\begin{bmatrix} a+4 & 3b \\ 8 & -6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2a+2 & b+2 \\ 8 & a-8b \end{bmatrix}$ , write the value of  $a - 2b$ . Foreign 2014

Given,  $\begin{bmatrix} a+4 & 3b \\ 8 & -6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2a+2 & b+2 \\ 8 & a-8b \end{bmatrix}$

We know that two matrices are equal, if its corresponding elements are equal.

$$\therefore a + 4 = 2a + 2 \quad \dots (i)$$

$$3b = b + 2 \quad \dots(ii)$$

and  $-6 = a - 8b \quad \dots(iii)$

On solving Eqs. (i), (ii) and (iii), we get

$$a = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad b = 1$$

Now,  $a - 2b = 2 - 2(1) = 2 - 2 = 0 \quad (1)$

6. If  $\begin{bmatrix} x \cdot y & 4 \\ z + 6 & x + y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & w \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ , write the value of  $(x + y + z)$ .

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Given,  $\begin{bmatrix} x \cdot y & 4 \\ z + 6 & x + y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & w \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

We know that, if two matrices are equal, then their corresponding elements are equal.

$$\therefore x \cdot y = 8 \Rightarrow y = \frac{8}{x} \quad \dots(i)$$

$$z + 6 = 0 \Rightarrow z = -6 \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$\text{and } x + y = 6 \quad \dots(iii)$$

(1/2)

Now, put the value of  $y$  from Eq. (i), in Eq. (iii), we get

$$x + \frac{8}{x} = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 8 = 6x$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 4)(x - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 4, 2$$

On putting the values of  $x$  in Eq. (iii), we get

$$y = 2, 4$$

$$\text{Now, } (x + y + z) = (2 + 4 - 6) = 0 \quad (1/2)$$

7. The elements  $a_{ij}$  of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix are given

by  $a_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} |-3i + j|$ . Write the value of

element  $a_{32}$ .

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Given, for a  $3 \times 3$  matrix.

$$a_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} |-3i + j|$$

Here, element  $a_{32}$  denotes the element of third row corresponding to second column.

So, to find  $a_{32}$ , put  $i = 3$  and  $j = 2$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} a_{32} &= \frac{1}{2} |-3 \times 3 + 2| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} |-9 + 2| \\ &= \frac{7}{2} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

8. If  $[2x \ 4] \begin{bmatrix} x \\ -8 \end{bmatrix} = 0$ , find the positive value of  $x$ .

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$$\text{We have, } [2x \ 4] \begin{bmatrix} x \\ -8 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2x^2 - 32) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 = 32$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm 4$$

$\therefore$  Positive value of  $x = 4$ .

(1)

9. If  $2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & x \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} y & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find the value of  $(x + y)$ .

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Firstly, multiply each element of the first matrix by 2, then use property of matrix addition and equality of matrices, to calculate the values of  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Given, } 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & x \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} y & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 2x \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} y & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2+y & 6 \\ 1 & 2x+2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1/2) \end{aligned}$$

On comparing corresponding elements, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 2+y &= 5 \text{ and } 2x+2 = 8 \\ \Rightarrow y &= 3 \text{ and } 2x = 6 \\ \Rightarrow y &= 3 \text{ and } x = 3 \\ \therefore x+y &= 3+3=6 \quad (1/2) \end{aligned}$$

**10.** Find the value of  $a$ , if

$$\begin{bmatrix} a-b & 2a+c \\ 2a-b & 3c+d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 5 \\ 0 & 13 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Delhi 2013}$$



Use the definition of equality of matrices.

We know that two matrices are equal, if their corresponding elements are equal. (1/2)

$$\therefore a-b = -1 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{and } 2a-b = 0 \quad \dots(ii)$$

On subtracting Eq. (i) from Eq. (ii), we get

$$a = 1 \quad (1/2)$$

**11.** If  $\begin{bmatrix} 9 & -1 & 4 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = A + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find

the matrix  $A$ .

Delhi 2013

Given matrix equation can be rewritten as

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -1 & 4 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1/2)$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} 9-1 & -1-2 & 4-1 \\ -2-0 & 1-4 & 3-9 \end{bmatrix}$$

[two matrices can be subtracted only when  
their orders are same]

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -3 & 3 \\ -2 & -3 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1/2)$$

- 12.** If matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $A^2 = kA$ , then write  
the value of  $k$ . All India 2013

Given,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  ...(i)

and  $A^2 = kA$

Now,  $A^2 = A \cdot A$  ...(ii)

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1+1 & -1-1 \\ -1-1 & 1+1 \end{bmatrix}$$

[multiplying row by column]

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1/2)$$

$$\Rightarrow A^2 = 2A \quad [\text{from Eq. (i)}]$$

On comparing with Eq. (ii) we get

$$k = 2 \quad (1/2)$$

- 13.** If matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $A^2 = pA$ , then write  
the value of  $p$ . All India 2013

$$\text{Given, } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{and } A^2 = pA \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } A^2 &= A \cdot A \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 4+4 & -4-4 \\ -4-4 & 4+4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad \text{[multiplying row by column]} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -8 \\ -8 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1/2) \\ &= 4 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^2 = 4A \quad \text{[from Eq.(i)]}$$

On comparing with Eq. (ii), we get

$$p = 4 \quad (1/2)$$

**14.** If matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $A^2 = \lambda A$ , then  
write the value of  $\lambda$ . All India 2013

$$\text{Given, matrix } A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{Also, } A^2 = \lambda A \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } A^2 &= A \cdot A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 9+9 & -9-9 \\ -9-9 & 9+9 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad \text{[multiplying row by column]} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 18 & -18 \\ -18 & 18 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \cdot 3 & -6 \cdot 3 \\ -6 \cdot 3 & 6 \cdot 3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= 6 \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1/2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda A = 6A \text{ [from Eqs. (i) and (ii)]}$$

$$\therefore \lambda = 6 \quad (1/2)$$

**15.** Simplify

$$\cos \theta \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} + \sin \theta \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \\ \cos \theta & \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Delhi 2012; HOTS



Firstly, we multiply each element of the first matrix by  $\cos \theta$  and second matrix by  $\sin \theta$  and then using the matrix addition.

We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\cos \theta \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} + \sin \theta \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \\ \cos \theta & \sin \theta \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \theta & \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ -\sin \theta \cos \theta & \cos^2 \theta \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \sin^2 \theta & -\sin \theta \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \cos \theta & \sin^2 \theta \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta & \sin \theta \cos \theta - \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ -\sin \theta \cos \theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta & \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad [\because \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1] \\
 &= I = \text{unit matrix} \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

- 16.** Find the value of  $y - x$  from following equation

$$2\begin{bmatrix} x & 5 \\ 7 & y-3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 6 \\ 15 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

All India 2012

We have,

$$\begin{aligned} 2\begin{bmatrix} x & 5 \\ 7 & y-3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 6 \\ 15 & 14 \end{bmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2x & 10 \\ 14 & 2y-6 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 6 \\ 15 & 14 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2x & 10 \\ 14 & 2y-6 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 7-3 & 6+4 \\ 15-1 & 14-2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 10 \\ 14 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1/2) \end{aligned}$$

On equating the corresponding elements, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 2x &= 4 \text{ and } 2y - 6 = 12 \\ \Rightarrow x &= 2 \text{ and } 2y = 18 \\ \Rightarrow x &= 2 \text{ and } y = 9 \\ \therefore y - x &= 9 - 2 = 7 \quad (1/2) \end{aligned}$$

- 17.** If  $x\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + y\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , then write the value of  $x$ .

Foreign 2012

We have,  $x \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2x \\ 3x \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -y \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2x - y \\ 3x + y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

On comparing corresponding elements, we get

$$2x - y = 10, 3x + y = 5$$

On adding both equations, we get

$$5x = 15 \Rightarrow x = 3 \quad (1)$$

**18.** If  $3A - B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find

the matrix A.

Delhi 2012C

Given  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $3A - B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow 3A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \text{put } B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \right]$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 5+4 & 3 \\ 1+2 & 1+5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 3 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

On comparing both sides, we get

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

**19.** Write the value of  $x - y + z$  from following equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} x + y + z \\ x + z \\ y + z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Foreign 2011}$$



Use the definition of equality of matrices i.e. if two matrices are equal, then their corresponding elements are equal.

Given matrix equation is

$$\begin{bmatrix} x + y + z \\ x + z \\ y + z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

On equating the corresponding elements, we get

$$x + y + z = 9 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$x + z = 5 \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$\text{and} \quad y + z = 7 \quad \dots(iii)$$

On putting the value of  $x + z$  from Eq. (ii) in Eq. (i), we get

$$y + 5 = 9 \Rightarrow y = 4$$

On putting  $y = 4$  in Eq. (iii), we get  $z = 3$

Again, putting  $z = 3$  in Eq. (ii), we get  $x = 2$

$$\text{Now,} \quad x - y + z = 2 - 4 + 3 = 1 \quad (1)$$

**20.** Write the order of product matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} [2 \ 3 \ 4]. \quad \text{Foreign 2011; HOTS}$$



Use the fact that if a matrix  $A$  has order  $m \times n$  and other matrix  $B$  has order  $n \times z$ , then the matrix  $AB$  has order  $m \times z$ , that means if number of columns of matrix  $A$  is same as number of rows of matrix  $B$ , then matrix multiplication  $AB$  is possible.

$$\text{Let} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = [2 \ 3 \ 4]$$

Here, order of matrix  $A = 3 \times 1$

and order of matrix  $B = 1 \times 3$

$$\therefore \text{Order of product matrix } AB = 3 \times 3 \quad (1)$$

- 21.** If a matrix has 5 elements, then write all possible orders it can have. **All India 2011**



Use the result that a matrix has order  $m \times n$ , then total number of elements in that matrix is  $mn$ .

Given a matrix has 5 elements. So, possible order of this matrix are  $5 \times 1, 1 \times 5$ . **(1)**

- 22.** For a  $2 \times 2$  matrix,  $A = [a_{ij}]$  whose elements are given by  $a_{ij} = i/j$ , write the value of  $a_{12}$ .

**Delhi 2011**

Given, for a  $2 \times 2$  matrix,

$$A = [a_{ij}], a_{ij} = \frac{i}{j}$$

To find  $a_{12}$ , put  $i = 1$  and  $j = 2$ , we get

$$a_{12} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \textbf{(1)}$$

- 23.** If  $\begin{bmatrix} x & x-y \\ 2x+y & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 8 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find the value of  $y$ . **Delhi 2011C**

$$\text{Given, } \begin{bmatrix} x & x-y \\ 2x+y & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 8 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

On comparing corresponding elements, we get

$$x = 3 \text{ and } x - y = 1 \Rightarrow y = x - 1 = 3 - 1 = 2 \quad \textbf{(1)}$$

- 24.** From the following matrix equation, find the value of  $x$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} x+y & 4 \\ -5 & 3y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \textbf{Foreign 2010}$$

Do same as Que 10.

**[Ans. 1]**

- 25.** Find  $x$  from the matrix equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \textbf{Foreign 2010; HOTS}$$

💡 Firstly, we calculate the multiplication of matrices in LHS and then equate the corresponding elements of both sides.

Given matrix equation is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x+6 \\ 4x+10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

[multiplying row by column]

On equating the corresponding elements, we get

$$x+6=5$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1 \quad (1)$$

**26.** If  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 19 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find the value of  $x$ .  
Foreign 2010; HOTS

Do same as Que 25. **[Ans. 5]**

**27.** If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$ , then for what value of  $\alpha$ ,  $A$  is an identity matrix? Delhi 2010; HOTS

💡 Firstly, we put the given matrix  $A$  equal to an identity matrix and then equate the corresponding elements to get the value of  $\alpha$ .

Given,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$

For  $A$  to be an identity matrix, we must have

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \left[ \because I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right]$$

On equating element  $a_{11}$  from both sides, we get

$$\cos \alpha = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \alpha = \cos 0^\circ \quad [\because \cos 0^\circ = 1]$$

$$\therefore \alpha = 0^\circ$$

So, for  $\alpha = 0^\circ$ ,  $A$  is an identity matrix.

$$[\because \sin 0^\circ = 0] \quad (1)$$

28. If  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 11 \\ k & 23 \end{bmatrix}$ , then write the value of  $k$ .

Delhi 2010

Given,

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 11 \\ k & 23 \end{bmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow & \begin{bmatrix} 3+4 & 1+10 \\ 9+8 & 3+20 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 11 \\ k & 23 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \text{[multiplying row by column]} \\ \Rightarrow & \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 11 \\ 17 & 23 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 11 \\ k & 23 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

On equating element  $a_{21}$  from both sides, we get

$$17 = k$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 17 \quad (1)$$

29. If  $A$  is a matrix of order  $3 \times 4$  and  $B$  is a matrix of order  $4 \times 3$ , then find order of matrix  $(AB)$ .

Delhi 2010C

Order of matrix  $AB = 3 \times 3$

[if a matrix  $A$  has order  $x \times y$  and  $B$  has order  $y \times z$ , then matrix  $AB$  has order  $x \times z$ ](1)

30. If  $\begin{bmatrix} x+y & 1 \\ 2y & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find the value of  $x$ .

Delhi 2010C

Given matrix equation is  $\begin{bmatrix} x+y & 1 \\ 2y & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

On equating the corresponding elements, we get

$$x + y = 7 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{and} \quad 2y = 4 \quad \dots(ii)$$

From Eq. (ii), we get

$$y = \frac{4}{2} = 2$$

On putting the value of  $y$  in Eq. (i), we get

$$x + 2 = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad x = 5 \quad (1)$$

**31.** If  $\begin{bmatrix} 2x+y & 3y \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find the value of  $x$ .  
All India 2010C

Do same as Que 30. [**Ans.**  $x = 3$ ]

**32.** If  $\begin{bmatrix} 3y-x & -2x \\ 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find the value of  $y$ .  
All India 2010C

Do same as Que 30. [**Ans.**  $y = 2$ ]

**33.** If  $\begin{bmatrix} 2x & 1 \\ 5 & x+2y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find the value of  $y$ .  
All India 2009C

Do same as Que 30. [**Ans.**  $y = -1$ ]

**34.** If  $\begin{bmatrix} y+2x & 5 \\ -x & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 5 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find the value of  $y$ .  
Foreign 2009

Do same as Que 30. [**Ans.**  $y = 3$ ]



**35.** Find the value of  $x$ , if

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3x + y & -y \\ 2y - x & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

All India 2009

Do same as Que 30. [**Ans.**  $x = 1$ ]

**NOTE** Sometimes on solving an equation, we get more than one values of one variable. This means that such a matrix does not exist.

**36.** Find the value of  $y$ , if  $\begin{bmatrix} x - y & 2 \\ x & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$

All India 2009

Do same as Que 30. [**Ans.**  $y = 1$ ]

**37.** Find the value of  $x$ , if  $\begin{bmatrix} 2x - y & 5 \\ 3 & y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 5 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$

All India 2009

Do same as Que 30. [**Ans.**  $x = 2$ ]

**38.** If  $\begin{bmatrix} 15 & x + y \\ 2 & y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 & 8 \\ x - y & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find the value of  $x$ .

Delhi 2009C

Do same as Que 30. [**Ans.**  $x = 5$ ]

**39.** If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find  $A - B$ .

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For finding  $A - B$ , subtracting the corresponding elements.

Given,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore A - B &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2-1 & 4-3 \\ 3-(-2) & 2-5 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

40. If  $\begin{bmatrix} x+2y & 3y \\ 4x & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ 8 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find  $x$  and  $y$ .  
All India 2008C

Do same as Que 30. [Ans.  $x = 2, y = 1$ ]

41. Find  $x$  and  $y$ , if  $2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & x \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} y & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Delhi 2008; HOTS

Do same as Que 9. [Ans.  $x = 3, y = 3$ ]

#### 4 Marks Questions

42. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find value of

$$A^2 - 3A + 2I.$$

All India 2010

Given,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

We have to find the value of  $A^2 - 3A + 2I$ .

Now,  $A^2 = A \cdot A$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 4+0+1 & 0+0-1 & 2+0+0 \\ 4+2+3 & 0+1-3 & 2+3+0 \\ 2-2+0 & 0-1-0 & 1-3+0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

[multiplying row by column]

$$\Rightarrow A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 & 2 \\ 9 & -2 & 5 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1\frac{1}{2})$$

$$3A = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 3 \\ 6 & 3 & 9 \\ 3 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1/2)$$

$$\text{and } 2I = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1/2)$$

$$\therefore A^2 - 3A + 2I = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 & 2 \\ 9 & -2 & 5 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 3 \\ 6 & 3 & 9 \\ 3 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^2 - 3A + 2I = \begin{bmatrix} 5-6+2 & -1-0+0 & 2-3+0 \\ 9-6+0 & -2-3+2 & 5-9+0 \\ 0-3+0 & -1+3+0 & -2-0+2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^2 - 3A + 2I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 3 & -3 & -4 \\ -3 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1\frac{1}{2})$$

43. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then prove that

$$A^2 - 4A - 5I = 0.$$

Delhi 2008

$$\text{Given, } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore A^2 &= A \cdot A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1+4+4 & 2+2+4 & 2+4+2 \\ 2+2+4 & 4+1+4 & 4+2+2 \\ 2+4+2 & 4+2+2 & 4+4+1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 8 & 8 \\ 8 & 9 & 8 \\ 8 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1\frac{1}{2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, LHS} = A^2 - 4A - 5I$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 8 & 8 \\ 8 & 9 & 8 \\ 8 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} - 4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 8 & 8 \\ 8 & 9 & 8 \\ 8 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -8 & -8 \\ -8 & -4 & -8 \\ -8 & -8 & -4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = O = \text{RHS} \quad (1\frac{1}{2}) \text{ Hence proved.} \end{aligned}$$

## Transpose of a Matrix and Symmetric Matrix

### 1 Mark Questions

1. Write  $2 \times 2$  matrix which is both symmetric and skew-symmetric matrices. **Delhi 2014C**

A null matrix of order  $2 \times 2$  is both symmetric and skew-symmetric matrices.

For a symmetric matrix,

$$a_{ij} = a_{ji} \quad \dots(i)$$

and for a skew-symmetric matrix,

$$a_{ij} = -a_{ji} \quad \dots(ii)$$

From Eqs. (i) and (ii), we get  $a_{ij} = 0$  **(1)**

2. For what value of  $x$ , is the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \\ x & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ a skew-symmetric matrix?}$$

**All India 2013: HOTS**



If  $A$  is a skew-symmetric matrix, then  $A = -A^T$ ,  
where  $A^T$  is transpose of matrix  $A$ .

$$\text{Given, } A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \\ x & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We know that, if  $A$  is a skew-symmetric matrix, then

$$A = -A^T \quad \dots(i)$$

From Eq. (i), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \\ x & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} &= - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & x \\ 1 & 0 & -3 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \\ x & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -x \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1/2) \end{aligned}$$

On comparing the corresponding element,  
we get

$$x = 2 \quad (1/2)$$

3. If  $A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find  $A^T - B^T$ . All India 2012


Given,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Transpose of  $B = B^T = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  (1/2)

Now,  $A^T - B^T = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $= \begin{bmatrix} 3+1 & 4-1 \\ -1-2 & 2-2 \\ 0-1 & 1-3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ -3 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  (1/2)

4. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find  $A + A'$ .

All India 2010C

 Firstly, we find the transpose of matrix A and then add the corresponding elements of both matrices A and A'.

Given,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

$\therefore A' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

Now,  $A + A' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$  (1)

5. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find  $A + A'$ , where  $A'$  is transpose of A. All India 2009C

Do same as Que 4.

**Ans.**  $\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 6 \\ 6 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

6. If matrix  $A = [1 \ 2 \ 3]$ , then write  $AA'$ .

Delhi 2009; HOTS





Firstly, we write the transpose of matrix  $A$  of order  $1 \times 3$ , whose order is  $3 \times 1$ , then multiply if matrix multiplication is possible to get required answer.

Given, matrix is  $A = [1 \ 2 \ 3]$

$$\therefore A' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } AA' = [1 \ 2 \ 3] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= [(1 \times 1) + (2 \times 2) + (3 \times 3)]$$

$$= [1 + 4 + 9] = [14] \quad (1)$$

#### 4 Mark Questions

7. For the following matrices  $A$  and  $B$ , verify that

$$[AB]' = B'A'; \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, B = [-1 \ 2 \ 1]$$

All India 2010

$$\text{Given, } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = [-1 \ 2 \ 1]$$

To verify  $(AB)' = B'A'$

$$\text{Here, } AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1} [-1 \ 2 \ 1]_{1 \times 3}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & -8 & -4 \\ -3 & 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

[multiplying row by column]

$$\therefore \text{LHS} = (AB)' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 & -3 \\ 2 & -8 & 6 \\ 1 & -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \dots(i)$$

[interchanging rows and columns] (1½)

$$\text{Now, } B' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A' = [1 \quad -4 \quad 3] \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{RHS} = B'A' &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} [1 \quad -4 \quad 3] \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 & -3 \\ 2 & -8 & 6 \\ 1 & -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \dots(ii) \end{aligned}$$

[multiplying row by column](1)

From Eqs. (i) and (ii), we get

$$(AB)' = B'A'$$

$$\therefore \text{LHS} = \text{RHS} \quad (1/2)$$

- 8.** Express the following matrix as a sum of a symmetric and a skew-symmetric matrices and verify your result.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & -4 \\ 3 & -2 & -5 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{All India 2010; HOTS}$$

Write the given matrix  $A$  as  $A = P + Q$ , where  $P = \frac{1}{2}(A + A')$  and  $Q = \frac{1}{2}(A - A')$ . Also, verify that  $P$  is a symmetric matrix and  $Q$  is a skew-symmetric matrix.

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & -4 \\ 3 & -2 & -5 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let us introduce two matrices  $P$  and  $Q$ , such that

$$P = \frac{1}{2}(A + A') \text{ and } Q = \frac{1}{2}(A - A')$$

We will show that  $A = (P + Q)$

$$\text{Now, } P = \frac{1}{2}(A + A')$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow P &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & -4 \\ 3 & -2 & -5 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & -1 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 \\ -4 & -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & -5 \\ 1 & -4 & -4 \\ -5 & -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } P' = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & -5 \\ 1 & -4 & -4 \\ -5 & -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = P$$

$$\therefore P' = P$$

So,  $P$  is a symmetric matrix. (1)

$$\text{Now, } Q = \frac{1}{2}(A - A')$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & -4 \\ 3 & -2 & -5 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & -1 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 \\ -4 & -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -5 & -3 \\ 5 & 0 & -6 \\ 3 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 5 & 0 & -6 \\ 3 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{and } Q' &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & -6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -5 & -3 \\ 5 & 0 & -6 \\ 3 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= -Q
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q' = -Q$$

$\therefore Q$  is a skew-symmetric matrix. (1)

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 P + Q &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & -5 \\ 1 & -4 & -4 \\ -5 & -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -5 & -3 \\ 5 & 0 & -6 \\ 3 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & -5 \\ 1 & -4 & -4 \\ -5 & -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -5 & -3 \\ 5 & 0 & -6 \\ 3 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -4 & -8 \\ 6 & -4 & -10 \\ -2 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & -4 \\ 3 & -2 & -5 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $P + Q = A$  (1)

## Inverse of a Matrix by Elementary Operations

### Previous Year Examination Question

#### 4 Marks Questions

1. Use elementary column operations  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - 2C_1$  in the matrix equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Foreign 2014



We write the matrix  $A$  as  $A = AI$  for applying elementary column operations. So, apply column operation on the matrix of LHS and on the second matrix of RHS.

Given matrix equation is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

On applying  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2-8 \\ 3 & 3-6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0-4 \\ 1 & 1-2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -6 \\ 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

which is the required answer.

2. Using elementary row transformation (ERT), find inverse of matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Foreign 2010; HOTS



Firstly, put  $A = IA$ . Then, by applying elementary row transformation on  $A$  of LHS and  $I$  of RHS, convert this matrix in the form  $I = BA$ , where  $B$  gives the inverse of  $A$ .

Given matrix is  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Let  $A = IA$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1/2)$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1)$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 5R_1$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1)$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 5 \\ -5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1/2)$$

Now, applying  $R_2 \rightarrow (-1)R_2$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 5 \\ 5 & -6 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1/2)$$

Hence,  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 5 \\ 5 & -6 \end{bmatrix} [\because A^{-1}A = I] \quad (1/2)$

**3.** Find  $A^{-1}$ , by using elementary row

transformation for matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Foreign 2010

Do same as Que 2.  $\left[ \text{Ans. } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -7 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \right]$

4. Using elementary row transformation, find

inverse of matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Delhi 2010

Do same as Que 2.  $\left[ \text{Ans. } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right]$

### 6 Marks Questions

5.  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Delhi 2012

Given matrix is  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Let  $A = IA$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1)$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 3R_1$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1)$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow (-1)R_1$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1)$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$  and  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 4R_2$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 \\ -5 & 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1)$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow (-1)R_2$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -5 & 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 2R_3$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -8 & 7 & -5 \\ -5 & 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1)$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow (-1)R_3$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -8 & 7 & -5 \\ 5 & -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} A$$

which is of the form  $I = BA$ .

Hence,  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -8 & 7 & -5 \\ 5 & -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$

6.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Foreign 2011



Given matrix is  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Let  $A = IA$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1)$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow 3R_1$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & -3 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1/2)$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -3 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1)$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_3$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1/2)$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 5R_1$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -15 & 6 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1)$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -15 & 6 & -5 \\ 15 & -6 & 6 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1/2)$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}R_3$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -15 & 6 & -5 \\ 5 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1/2)$$

Hence,  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -15 & 6 & -5 \\ 5 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$

7.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ -3 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Delhi 2010

Given matrix is  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ -3 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . (1)

Let  $A = IA$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ -3 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1)$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 3R_1$  and  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 9 & -7 \\ 0 & -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1)$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow \frac{R_2}{9}$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -7/9 \\ 0 & -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/3 & 1/9 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1/2)$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 5R_2$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -7/9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/3 & 1/9 & 0 \\ -1/3 & 5/9 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1/2)$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow 9R_3$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -7/9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/3 & 1/9 & 0 \\ -3 & 5 & 9 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1/2)$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 3R_2$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 1 & -7/9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1/3 & 0 \\ 1/3 & 1/9 & 0 \\ -3 & 5 & 9 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1/2)$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - \frac{1}{3}R_3$  and  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + \frac{7}{9}R_3$ ,

we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 \\ -2 & 4 & 7 \\ -3 & 5 & 9 \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$\text{Hence, } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 \\ -2 & 4 & 7 \\ -3 & 5 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$8. \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Do same as Que 7.  $\left[ \text{Ans. } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \right]$

9.  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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Do same as Que 7.  $\left[ \text{Ans. } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 & 3 \\ -2 & 3 & -2 \\ 8 & -12 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \right]$

10.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ -2 & -4 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$

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Do same as Que 7.  $\left[ \text{Ans. } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & -1 \\ -4 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right]$