

## 9.9 Special Matrices:

### 1. Transpose of a Matrix

If  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is  $m \times n$  matrix, then the matrix of order  $n \times m$  obtained by interchanging the rows and columns of  $A$  is called the transpose of  $A$ . It is denoted  $A^t$  or  $A'$ .

$$\text{Example if } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{then } A^t = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

### 2. Symmetric Matrix:

A square matrix  $A$  is called symmetric if  $A = A^t$   
for example if

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & d & e \\ c & e & f \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{then } A^t = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & d & e \\ c & e & f \end{bmatrix} = A$$

Thus  $A$  is symmetric

### 3. Skew Symmetric:

A square matrix  $A$  is called skew symmetric if  $A = -A^t$

for example if  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 & -3 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , then

$$B^t = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 & -1 \\ -4 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = (-1) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 & -3 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B^t = -B$$

Thus matrix  $B$  is skew symmetric.

### 4. Singular and Non-singular Matrices:

A square matrix  $A$  is called singular if  $|A| = 0$  and is non-singular if  $|A| \neq 0$ , for example if

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 9 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{then } |A| = 0, \text{ Hence } A \text{ is singular}$$

$$\text{and if } A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 6 \\ -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } |A| \neq 0,$$

Hence A is non-singular.

**Example:** Find k If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} k-2 & 1 \\ 5 & k+2 \end{bmatrix}$  is singular

**Solution:** Since A is singular so  $\begin{vmatrix} k-2 & 1 \\ 5 & k+2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$

$$(k-2)(k+2) - 5 = 0$$

$$k^2 - 4 - 5 = 0$$

$$k^2 - 9 = 0 \Rightarrow K = \pm 3$$

### 5. Adjoint of a Matrix:

Let  $A = (a_{ij})$  be a square matrix of order  $n \times n$  and  $(c_{ij})$  is a matrix obtained by replacing each element  $a_{ij}$  by its corresponding cofactor  $c_{ij}$  then  $(c_{ij})^t$  is called the adjoint of A. It is written as  $\text{adj. } A$ .

For example, if

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

Cofactor of A are:

$$A_{11} = 5, \quad A_{12} = -2, \quad A_{13} = +1$$

$$A_{21} = -1, \quad A_{22} = 2, \quad A_{23} = -1$$

$$A_{31} = 3, \quad A_{32} = -2, \quad A_{33} = 3$$

Matrix of cofactors is

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 & +1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C^t = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 & 3 \\ -2 & 2 & -2 \\ +1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Hence } \text{adj } A = C^t = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 & 3 \\ -2 & 2 & -2 \\ +1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Note: Adjoint of a 2x2 Matrix:**

The adjoint of matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  is denoted by  $\text{adj } A$  is defined as

$$\text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

**6. Inverse of a Matrix:**

If  $A$  is a non-singular square matrix, then  $A^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj } A}{|A|}$

For example if matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

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

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 6 - 4 = 2$$

$$\text{Hence } A^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj } A}{|A|} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Alternately:**

For a non singular matrix  $A$  of order  $(n \times n)$  if there exist another matrix  $B$  of order  $(n \times n)$  Such that their product is the identity matrix  $I$  of order  $(n \times n)$  i.e.,  $AB = BA = I$

Then  $B$  is said to be the inverse (or reciprocal) of  $A$  and is written as  $B = A^{-1}$

**Example 9:** If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  then show that

$$AB = BA = I \text{ and therefore, } B = A^{-1}$$

**Solution:**

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

$$\text{and } BA = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -2 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence  $AB = BA = I$

$$\text{and therefore } B = A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example 10:** Find the inverse, if it exists, of the matrix.

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

**Solution:**

$$|A| = 0 + 2(-2 + 3) - 3(-2 + 3) = 2 - 3$$

$$|A| = -1, \text{ Hence solution exists.}$$

Cofactor of A are:

$$A_{11} = 0, \quad A_{12} = 1, \quad A_{13} = 1$$

$$A_{21} = 2, \quad A_{22} = -3, \quad A_{23} = 2$$

$$A_{31} = 3, \quad A_{32} = -3, \quad A_{33} = 2$$

Matrix of transpose of the cofactors is

$$\text{adj } A = C' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -3 & -3 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

So

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj } A = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -3 & -3 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

### 9.11 Solution of Linear Equations by Matrices:

Consider the linear system:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n = b_n \end{array} \right\} \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

It can be written as the matrix equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Then latter equation can be written as,

$$AX = B$$

If  $B \neq 0$ , then (1) is called non-homogenous system of linear equations and if  $B = 0$ , it is called a system of homogenous linear equations.

If now  $B \neq 0$  and  $A$  is non-singular then  $A^{-1}$  exists.

Multiply both sides of  $AX = B$  on the left by  $A^{-1}$ , we get

$$A^{-1}(AX) = A^{-1}B$$

$$(A^{-1}A)X = A^{-1}B$$

$$1X = A^{-1}B$$

$$\text{Or } X = A^{-1}B$$

Where  $A^{-1}B$  is an  $n \times 1$  column matrix. Since  $X$  and  $A^{-1}B$  are equal, each element in  $X$  is equal to the corresponding element in  $A^{-1}B$ . These elements of  $X$  constitute the solution of the given linear equations.

If  $A$  is a singular matrix, then of course it has no inverse, and either the system has no solution or the solution is not unique.

**Example 11:** Use matrices to find the solution set of

$$\begin{aligned}x + y - 2z &= 3 \\3x - y + z &= 5 \\3x + 3y - 6z &= 9\end{aligned}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Since } |A| = 3 + 21 - 24 = 0$$

Hence the solution of the given linear equations does not exist.

**Example 12:** Use matrices to find the solution set of

$$\begin{aligned}4x + 8y + z &= -6 \\2x - 3y + 2z &= 0 \\x + 7y - 3z &= -8\end{aligned}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 8 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 & 2 \\ 1 & 7 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Since } |A| = -32 + 48 + 17 = 61$$

So  $A^{-1}$  exists.

$$\begin{aligned}A^{-1} &= \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj } A \\ &= \frac{1}{61} \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 31 & 19 \\ 8 & -13 & -16 \\ 17 & -20 & -28 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Now since,

$$X = A^{-1} B, \text{ we have}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{61} \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 31 & 19 \\ 8 & -13 & -16 \\ 17 & -20 & -28 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 0 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{61} \begin{bmatrix} 30+152 \\ -48+48 \\ -102+224 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence Solution set:  $\{(x, y, z)\} = \{(-2, 0, 2)\}$

### Exercise 9.3

Q.1 Which of the following matrices are singular or non-singular.

$$(i) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (ii) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -3 & 4 & 5 \\ -4 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad (iii) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q.2 Which of the following matrices are symmetric and skew-symmetric

$$(i) \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 7 \\ 6 & -2 & 3 \\ 7 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (ii) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & -5 \\ -3 & 0 & 6 \\ 5 & -6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (iii) \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & d & e \\ c & e & f \end{bmatrix}$$

Q.3 Find K such that the following matrices are singular

$$(i) \begin{bmatrix} K & 6 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (ii) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -3 & 4 & K \\ -4 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad (iii) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \\ k & 3 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q.4 Find the inverse if it exists, of the following matrices

$$(i) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (ii) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & -3 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(iii) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (iv) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -3 & 4 & 5 \\ -4 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q.5 Find the solution set of the following system by means of matrices:

$$(i) \quad \begin{cases} 2x - 3y = -1 \\ x + 4y = 5 \end{cases} \quad (ii) \quad \begin{cases} x + y = 2 \\ 2x - z = 1 \\ 2y - 3z = -1 \end{cases} \quad (iii) \quad \begin{cases} x - 2y + z = -1 \\ 3x + y - 2z = 4 \\ y - z = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$(iv) \quad \begin{cases} -4x + 2y - 9z = 2 \\ 3x + 4y + z = 5 \\ x - 3y + 2z = 8 \end{cases} \quad (v) \quad \begin{cases} x + y - 2z = 3 \\ 3x - y + z = 0 \\ 3x + 3y - 6z = 8 \end{cases}$$

### Answers 9.3

Q.1 (i) Non-singular (ii) Singular  
(iii) Singular

Q.2 (i) Symmetric (ii) Skew-symmetric  
(iii) Symmetric

Q.3 (i) 8 (ii) 5 (iii) 3

$$Q.4 \quad (i) \quad \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{7} & \frac{3}{7} \\ \frac{2}{7} & \frac{1}{-7} \end{bmatrix} \quad (ii) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -3 & -3 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (iii) \quad \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} & -\frac{4}{5} \\ -\frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} & \frac{7}{10} \\ \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

(iv)  $A^{-1}$  does not exist.  
Q.5 (i)  $\{(1, 1)\}$  (ii)  $\{(1, 1, 1)\}$  (iii)  $\{(1, 1, 0)\}$   
(iv)  $\{(7, -3, -4)\}$  (v) no solution

**Summary**

1. If  $A = [a_{ij}]$ ,  $B = [b_{ij}]$  of order  $m \times n$ . Then  $A + B = [a_{ij} + b_{ij}]$  is also  $m \times n$  order.
2. The product  $AB$  of two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  is conformable for multiplication if No of columns in  $A =$  No. of rows in  $B$ .
3. If  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is  $m \times n$  matrix, then the  $n \times m$  matrix obtained by interchanging the rows and columns of  $A$  is called the transpose of  $A$ . It is denoted by  $A^t$ .
4. **Symmetric Matrix:**  
A square matrix  $A$  is symmetric if  $A^t = A$ .

5. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$  Then,

(i)  $\text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{21} & c_{31} \\ c_{12} & c_{22} & c_{32} \\ c_{13} & c_{23} & c_{33} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $a_{ij}$  are the co-factor elements.

And inverse of  $A$  is:

(ii)  $A^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj } A}{|A|}$

6. A square matrix  $A$  is singular if  $|A| = 0$ .