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# Matrices

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## 1. Definition.

A rectangular arrangement of numbers (which may be real or complex numbers) in rows and columns, is called a matrix. This arrangement is enclosed by small ( ) or big [ ] brackets. The numbers are called the elements of the matrix or entries in the matrix. A matrix is represented by capital letters  $A, B, C$  etc. and its elements by small letters  $a, b, c, x, y$  etc. The following are some examples of matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 2+i & -3 & 2 \\ 1 & -3+i & -5 \end{bmatrix}, C = [1, 4, 9], D = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ g \\ h \end{bmatrix}, E = [l]$$

## 2. Order of a Matrix.

A matrix having  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns is called a matrix of order  $m \times n$  or simply  $m \times n$  matrix (read as 'an  $m$  by  $n$  matrix'). A matrix  $A$  of order  $m \times n$  is usually written in the following manner

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots a_{1j} & \dots a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots a_{2j} & \dots a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & a_{i3} & \dots a_{ij} & \dots a_{in} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \dots a_{mj} & \dots a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}, \text{ where } \begin{matrix} i = 1, 2, \dots, m \\ j = 1, 2, \dots, n \end{matrix}$$

Here  $a_{ij}$  denotes the element of  $i^{\text{th}}$  row and  $j^{\text{th}}$  column. *Example:* order of matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 5 \\ 6 & 2 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$  is  $2 \times 3$

**Note:** A matrix of order  $m \times n$  contains  $mn$  elements. Every row of such a matrix contains  $n$  elements and every column contains  $m$  elements.



### 3. Equality of Matrices.

Two matrix  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be equal matrix if they are of same order and their corresponding elements are equal *Example:* If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{bmatrix}$  are equal matrices.

Then  $a_1 = 1, a_2 = 6, a_3 = 3, b_1 = 5, b_2 = 2, b_3 = 1$

### 4. Types of Matrices.

(1) **Row matrix:** A matrix is said to be a row matrix or row vector if it has only one row and any number of columns. *Example:*  $[5 \ 0 \ 3]$  is a row matrix of order  $1 \times 3$  and  $[2]$  is a row matrix of order  $1 \times 1$ .

(2) **Column matrix:** A matrix is said to be a column matrix or column vector if it has only one column and any number of rows. *Example:*  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$  is a column matrix of order  $3 \times 1$  and  $[2]$  is a column matrix of order  $1 \times 1$ . Observe that  $[2]$  is both a row matrix as well as a column matrix.

(3) **Singleton matrix:** If in a matrix there is only one element then it is called singleton matrix. Thus,  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  is a singleton matrix if  $m = n = 1$  *Example:*  $[2], [3], [a], [-3]$  are singleton matrices.

(4) **Null or zero matrix:** If in a matrix all the elements are zero then it is called a zero matrix and it is generally denoted by  $O$ . Thus  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  is a zero matrix if  $a_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i$  and  $j$ .

*Example:*  $[0], \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, [0 \ 0]$  are all zero matrices, but of different orders.

(5) **Square matrix:** If number of rows and number of columns in a matrix are equal, then it is called a square matrix. Thus  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  is a square matrix if  $m = n$ . *Example:*  $\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$  is a square matrix of order

$3 \times 3$



(i) If  $m \neq n$  then matrix is called a rectangular matrix.

(ii) The elements of a square matrix  $A$  for which  $i = j$ , i.e.  $a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{33}, \dots, a_{nn}$  are called diagonal elements and the line joining these elements is called the principal diagonal or leading diagonal of matrix  $A$ .

(iii) **Trace of a matrix:** The sum of diagonal elements of a square matrix.  $A$  is called the trace of matrix  $A$ , which is denoted by  $\text{tr } A$ .  $\text{tr } A = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii} = a_{11} + a_{22} + \dots + a_{nn}$

**Properties of trace of a matrix:** Let  $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  and  $B = [b_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  and  $\lambda$  be a scalar

(i)  $\text{tr}(\lambda A) = \lambda \text{tr}(A)$

(ii)  $\text{tr}(A - B) = \text{tr}(A) - \text{tr}(B)$

(iii)  $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$

(iv)  $\text{tr}(A) = \text{tr}(A')$  or  $\text{tr}(A^T)$

(v)  $\text{tr}(I_n) = n$

(vi)  $\text{tr}(0) = 0$

(vii)  $\text{tr}(AB) \neq \text{tr } A \cdot \text{tr } B$

(6) **Diagonal matrix:** If all elements except the principal diagonal in a square matrix are zero, it is called a diagonal matrix. Thus a square matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is a diagonal matrix if  $a_{ij} = 0$ , when  $i \neq j$ .

Example:  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  is a diagonal matrix of order  $3 \times 3$ , which can be denoted by  $\text{diag } [2, 3, \text{ and } 4]$

Note: No element of principal diagonal in a diagonal matrix is zero.

□ Number of zeros in a diagonal matrix is given by  $n^2 - n$  where  $n$  is the order of the matrix.

□ A diagonal matrix of order  $n \times n$  having  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n$  as diagonal elements is denoted by  $\text{diag } [d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n]$ .



(7) **Identity matrix:** A square matrix in which elements in the main diagonal are all '1' and rest are all zero is called an identity matrix or unit matrix. Thus, the square matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is an identity matrix, if

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = j \\ 0, & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

We denote the identity matrix of order  $n$  by  $I_n$ .

*Example:*  $[1]$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  are identity matrices of order 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

(8) **Scalar matrix :** A square matrix whose all non-diagonal elements are zero and diagonal elements are equal is called a scalar matrix. Thus, if  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is a square matrix and  $a_{ij} = \begin{cases} \alpha, & \text{if } i = j \\ 0, & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$ , then  $A$  is a scalar matrix.

*Example:*  $[2]$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  are scalar matrices of order 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

**Note:** Unit matrix and null square matrices are also scalar matrices.

(9) **Triangular Matrix:** A square matrix  $[a_{ij}]$  is said to be triangular matrix if each element above or below the principal diagonal is zero. It is of two types

(i) **Upper Triangular matrix:** A square matrix  $[a_{ij}]$  is called the upper triangular matrix, if  $a_{ij} = 0$  when  $i > j$ .

*Example:*  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  is an upper triangular matrix of order  $3 \times 3$ .

(ii) **Lower Triangular matrix:** A square matrix  $[a_{ij}]$  is called the lower triangular matrix, if  $a_{ij} = 0$  when  $i < j$ .

*Example:*  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is a lower triangular matrix of order  $3 \times 3$ .



Note: Minimum number of zeros in a triangular matrix is given by  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$  where  $n$  is order of matrix.

□ Diagonal matrix is both upper and lower triangular.

□ A triangular matrix  $a = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  is called strictly triangular if  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$

## 5. Addition and Subtraction of Matrices.

If  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  and  $B = [b_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  are two matrices of the same order then their sum  $A+B$  is a matrix whose each element is the sum of corresponding elements. *i.e.*  $A + B = [a_{ij} + b_{ij}]_{m \times n}$

Example: If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 5+1 & 2+5 \\ 1+2 & 3+2 \\ 4+3 & 1+3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 7 \\ 3 & 5 \\ 7 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

Similarly, their subtraction  $A - B$  is defined as  $A - B = [a_{ij} - b_{ij}]_{m \times n}$

*i.e.* in above example  $A - B = \begin{bmatrix} 5-1 & 2-5 \\ 1-2 & 3-2 \\ 4-3 & 1-3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

Note: Matrix addition and subtraction can be possible only when matrices are of the same order.

**Properties of matrix addition:** If  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are matrices of same order, then

(i)  $A + B = B + A$  (Commutative law)

(ii)  $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$  (Associative law)

(iii)  $A + O = O + A = A$ , Where  $O$  is zero matrix which is additive identity of the matrix.

(iv)  $A + (-A) = 0 = (-A) + A$ , where  $(-A)$  is obtained by changing the sign of every element of  $A$ , which is additive inverse of the matrix.

(v)  $\left. \begin{matrix} A + B = A + C \\ B + A = C + A \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow B = C$  (Cancellation law)





## 6. Scalar Multiplication of Matrices.

Let  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  be a matrix and  $k$  be a number, then the matrix which is obtained by multiplying every element of  $A$  by  $k$  is called scalar multiplication of  $A$  by  $k$  and it is denoted by  $kA$ .

Thus, if  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$ , then  $kA = Ak = [ka_{ij}]_{m \times n}$ . *Example:* If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $5A = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 20 \\ 15 & 5 \\ 20 & 30 \end{bmatrix}$

### Properties of scalar multiplication:

If  $A, B$  are matrices of the same order and  $\lambda, \mu$  are any two scalars then

(i)  $\lambda(A + B) = \lambda A + \lambda B$

(ii)  $(\lambda + \mu)A = \lambda A + \mu A$

(iii)  $\lambda(\mu A) = (\lambda\mu A) = \mu(\lambda A)$

(iv)  $(-\lambda A) = -(\lambda A) = \lambda(-A)$

**Note:** All the laws of ordinary algebra hold for the addition or subtraction of matrices and their multiplication by scalars.

## 7. Multiplication of Matrices.

Two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are conformable for the product  $AB$  if the number of columns in  $A$  (pre-multiplier) is same as the number of rows in  $B$  (post multiplier). Thus, if  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  and  $B = [b_{ij}]_{n \times p}$  are two matrices of order  $m \times n$  and  $n \times p$  respectively, then their product  $AB$  is of order  $m \times p$  and is defined as

$$(AB)_{ij} = \sum_{r=1}^n a_{ir} b_{rj}$$

$$= [a_{i1} a_{i2} \dots a_{in}] \begin{bmatrix} b_{1j} \\ b_{2j} \\ \vdots \\ b_{nj} \end{bmatrix} = (i^{\text{th}} \text{ row of } A)(j^{\text{th}} \text{ column of } B) \quad \dots(i), \quad \text{where } i=1, 2, \dots, m \text{ and } j=1, 2, \dots, p$$

Now we define the product of a row matrix and a column matrix.

Let  $A = [a_1 a_2 \dots a_n]$  be a row matrix and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$  be a column matrix.

Then  $AB = [a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \dots + a_n b_n]$  ... (ii). Thus, from (i),

$(AB)_{ij}$  = Sum of the product of elements of  $i^{\text{th}}$  row of  $A$  with the corresponding elements of  $j^{\text{th}}$  column of  $B$ .



## Properties of matrix multiplication

If  $A, B$  and  $C$  are three matrices such that their product is defined, then

- (i)  $AB \neq BA$  (Generally not commutative)
- (ii)  $(AB)C = A(BC)$  (Associative Law)
- (iii)  $IA = A = AI$  Where  $I$  is identity matrix for matrix multiplication
- (iv)  $A(B + C) = AB + AC$  (Distributive law)
- (v) If  $AB = AC \not\Rightarrow B = C$  (Cancellation law is not applicable)
- (vi) If  $AB = 0$  It does not mean that  $A = 0$  or  $B = 0$ , again product of two non zero matrix may be a zero matrix.

Note: If  $A$  and  $B$  are two matrices such that  $AB$  exists, then  $BA$  may or may not exist.

- The multiplication of two triangular matrices is a triangular matrix.
- The multiplication of two diagonal matrices is also a diagonal matrix and  $\text{diag}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \times \text{diag}(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) = \text{diag}(a_1 b_1, a_2 b_2, \dots, a_n b_n)$
- The multiplication of two scalar matrices is also a scalar matrix.
- If  $A$  and  $B$  are two matrices of the same order, then

- (i)  $(A + B)^2 = A^2 + B^2 + AB + BA$
- (ii)  $(A - B)^2 = A^2 + B^2 - AB - BA$
- (iii)  $(A - B)(A + B) = A^2 - B^2 + AB - BA$
- (iv)  $(A + B)(A - B) = A^2 - B^2 - AB + BA$
- (v)  $A(-B) = (-A)B = -(AB)$

## 8. Positive Integral Powers of a Matrix.

The positive integral powers of a matrix  $A$  are defined only when  $A$  is a square matrix. Also then

$A^2 = A.A$ ,  $A^3 = A.A.A = A^2.A$ . Also for any positive integers  $m, n$ .

- (i)  $A^m A^n = A^{m+n}$
- (ii)  $(A^m)^n = A^{mn} = (A^n)^m$
- (iii)  $I^n = I, I^m = I$
- (iv)  $A^0 = I_n$  Where  $A$  is a square matrix of order  $n$ .



## 9. Matrix Polynomial.

Let  $f(x) = a_0x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + a_2x^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1}x + a_n$  be a polynomial and let  $A$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ . Then  $f(A) = a_0A^n + a_1A^{n-1} + a_2A^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1}A + a_nI_n$  is called a matrix polynomial.

*Example:* If  $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 2$  is a polynomial and  $A$  is a square matrix, then  $A^2 - 3A + 2I$  is a matrix polynomial.

## 10. Transpose of a Matrix.

The matrix obtained from a given matrix  $A$  by changing its rows into columns or columns into rows is called transpose of Matrix  $A$  and is denoted by  $A^T$  or  $A'$ .

From the definition it is obvious that if order of  $A$  is  $m \times n$ , then order of  $A^T$  is  $n \times m$

*Example:* Transpose of matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 2}$

**Properties of transpose:** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two matrices then

- (i)  $(A^T)^T = A$
- (ii)  $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$ ,  $A$  and  $B$  being of the same order
- (iii)  $(kA)^T = kA^T$ ,  $k$  be any scalar (real or complex)
- (iv)  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$ ,  $A$  and  $B$  being conformable for the product  $AB$
- (v)  $(A_1 A_2 A_3 \dots A_{n-1} A_n)^T = A_n^T A_{n-1}^T \dots A_3^T A_2^T A_1^T$
- (vi)  $I^T = I$



## 11. Determinant of a Matrix.

If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$  be a square matrix, then its determinant, denoted by  $|A|$  or  $\text{Det}(A)$  is defined as

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

### Properties of determinant of a matrix

- (i)  $|A|$  Exists  $\Leftrightarrow A$  is square matrix
- (ii)  $|AB| = |A||B|$
- (iii)  $|A^T| = |A|$
- (iv)  $|kA| = k^n |A|$ , If  $A$  is a square matrix of order  $n$
- (v) If  $A$  and  $B$  are square matrices of same order then  $|AB| = |BA|$
- (vi) If  $A$  is a skew symmetric matrix of odd order then  $|A| = 0$
- (vii) If  $A = \text{diag}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  then  $|A| = a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$
- (viii)  $|A|^n = |A^n|$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

## 12. Special Types of Matrices.

### (1) Symmetric and skew-symmetric matrix

(i) **Symmetric matrix:** A square matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is called symmetric matrix if  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$  for all  $i, j$  or  $A^T = A$

Example:  $\begin{bmatrix} a & h & g \\ h & b & f \\ g & f & c \end{bmatrix}$



Note: Every unit matrix and square zero matrix are symmetric matrices.

□ Maximum number of different elements in a symmetric matrix is  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

(ii) **Skew-symmetric matrix:** A square matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is called skew-symmetric matrix if  $a_{ij} = -a_{ji}$  for all  $i, j$

or  $A^T = -A$ . Example: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & h & g \\ -h & 0 & f \\ -g & -f & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: All principal diagonal elements of a skew-symmetric matrix are always zero because for any diagonal element.  $a_{ij} = -a_{ij} \Rightarrow a_{ij} = 0$

□ Trace of a skew symmetric matrix is always 0.

### Properties of symmetric and skew-symmetric matrices:

(i) If  $A$  is a square matrix, then  $A + A^T, AA^T, A^T A$  are symmetric matrices, while  $A - A^T$  is skew-symmetric matrix.

(ii) If  $A$  is a symmetric matrix, then  $-A, KA, A^T, A^n, A^{-1}, B^T AB$  are also symmetric matrices, where  $n \in N, K \in R$  and  $B$  is a square matrix of order that of  $A$

(iii) If  $A$  is a skew-symmetric matrix, then

(a)  $A^{2n}$  is a symmetric matrix for  $n \in N,$

(b)  $A^{2n+1}$  is a skew-symmetric matrix for  $n \in N,$

(c)  $kA$  is also skew-symmetric matrix, where  $k \in R,$

(d)  $B^T AB$  is also skew-symmetric matrix where  $B$  is a square matrix of order that of  $A$ .

(iv) If  $A, B$  are two symmetric matrices, then

(a)  $A \pm B, AB + BA$  are also symmetric matrices,

(b)  $AB - BA$  is a skew-symmetric matrix,

(c)  $AB$  is a symmetric matrix, when  $AB = BA.$

(v) If  $A, B$  are two skew-symmetric matrices, then

(a)  $A \pm B, AB - BA$  are skew-symmetric matrices,

(b)  $AB + BA$  is a symmetric matrix.



(vi) If  $A$  a skew-symmetric matrix and  $C$  is a column matrix, then  $C^T AC$  is a zero matrix.

(vii) Every square matrix  $A$  can uniquely be expressed as sum of a symmetric and skew-symmetric matrix i.e.

$$A = \left[ \frac{1}{2}(A + A^T) \right] + \left[ \frac{1}{2}(A - A^T) \right].$$

(2) **Singular and Non-singular matrix:** Any square matrix  $A$  is said to be non-singular if  $|A| \neq 0$ , and a square matrix  $A$  is said to be singular if  $|A| = 0$ . Here  $|A|$  (or  $\det(A)$  or simply  $\det |A|$ ) means corresponding determinant of square matrix  $A$ .

Example:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  then  $|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 10 - 12 = -2 \Rightarrow A$  is a non-singular matrix.

(3) **Hermitian and skew-Hermitian matrix:** A square matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is said to be hermitian matrix if

$$a_{ij} = \bar{a}_{ji} \quad \forall i, j \text{ i.e. } A = A^\theta. \text{ Example: } \begin{bmatrix} a & b+ic \\ b-ic & d \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3-4i & 5+2i \\ 3+4i & 5 & -2+i \\ 5-2i & -2-i & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ are Hermitian matrices.}$$

Note: If  $A$  is a Hermitian matrix then  $a_{ii} = \bar{a}_{ii} \Rightarrow a_{ii}$  is real  $\forall i$ , thus every diagonal element of a Hermitian matrix must be real.

□ A Hermitian matrix over the set of real numbers is actually a real symmetric matrix and a square matrix,  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is said to be a skew-Hermitian if  $a_{ij} = -\bar{a}_{ji}, \forall i, j$  i.e.  $A^\theta = -A$ .

Example:  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2+i \\ 2-i & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3i & -3+2i & -1-i \\ 3+2i & -2i & -2-4i \\ 1-i & 2-4i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  are skew-Hermitian matrices.

□ If  $A$  is a skew-Hermitian matrix, then  $a_{ii} = -\bar{a}_{ii} \Rightarrow a_{ii} + \bar{a}_{ii} = 0$  i.e.  $a_{ii}$  must be purely imaginary or zero.

□ A skew-Hermitian matrix over the set of real numbers is actually a real skew-symmetric matrix.

(4) **Orthogonal matrix:** A square matrix  $A$  is called orthogonal if  $AA^T = I = A^T A$  i.e. if  $A^{-1} = A^T$

Example:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$  is orthogonal because  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix} = A^T$

In fact every unit matrix is orthogonal.

(5) **Idempotent matrix:** A square matrix  $A$  is called an idempotent matrix if  $A^2 = A$ .

Example:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$  is an idempotent matrix, because  $A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1/4+1/4 & 1/4+1/4 \\ 1/4+1/4 & 1/4+1/4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} = A$ .



Also,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  are idempotent matrices because  $A^2 = A$  and  $B^2 = B$ .

In fact every unit matrix is idempotent.

(6) **Involutory matrix:** A square matrix A is called an involutory matrix if  $A^2 = I$  or  $A^{-1} = A$

*Example:*  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is an involutory matrix because  $A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$

In fact every unit matrix is involutory.

(7) **Nilpotent matrix:** A square matrix A is called a nilpotent matrix if there exists a  $p \in N$  such that

$$A^p = 0$$

*Example:*  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is a nilpotent matrix because  $A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0$  (Here  $P = 2$ )

(8) **Unitary matrix:** A square matrix is said to be unitary, if  $\bar{A}'A = I$  since  $|\bar{A}'| = |A|$  and  $|\bar{A}'A| = |\bar{A}'||A|$  therefore if  $\bar{A}'A = I$ , we have  $|\bar{A}'||A| = 1$

Thus the determinant of unitary matrix is of unit modulus. For a matrix to be unitary it must be non-singular.

$$\text{Hence } \bar{A}'A = I \Rightarrow A\bar{A}' = I$$

(9) **Periodic matrix:** A matrix A will be called a periodic matrix if  $A^{k+1} = A$  where k is a positive integer. If, however k is the least positive integer for which  $A^{k+1} = A$ , then k is said to be the period of A.

(10) **Differentiation of a matrix:** If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} f(x) & g(x) \\ h(x) & l(x) \end{bmatrix}$  then  $\frac{dA}{dx} = \begin{bmatrix} f'(x) & g'(x) \\ h'(x) & l'(x) \end{bmatrix}$  is a differentiation of matrix A.

*Example:* If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} x^2 & \sin x \\ 2x & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  then  $\frac{dA}{dx} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x & \cos x \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(11) **Submatrix :** Let A be  $m \times n$  matrix, then a matrix obtained by leaving some rows or columns or both,

of A is called a sub matrix of A. *Example :* If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  are sub matrices of matrix

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

(12) **Conjugate of a matrix:** The matrix obtained from any given matrix A containing complex number as its elements, on replacing its elements by the corresponding conjugate complex numbers is called



conjugate of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\bar{A}$ . *Example:*  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1+2i & 2-3i & 3+4i \\ 4-5i & 5+6i & 6-7i \\ 8 & 7+8i & 7 \end{bmatrix}$  then

$$\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-2i & 2+3i & 3-4i \\ 4+5i & 5-6i & 6+7i \\ 8 & 7-8i & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Properties of conjugates:**

- (i)  $\overline{(\bar{A})} = A$
- (ii)  $\overline{(A+B)} = \bar{A} + \bar{B}$
- (iii)  $\overline{(\alpha A)} = \bar{\alpha} \bar{A}$ ,  $\alpha$  being any number
- (iv)  $\overline{(AB)} = \bar{A} \bar{B}$ ,  $A$  and  $B$  being conformable for multiplication.

(13) **Transpose conjugate of a matrix:** The transpose of the conjugate of a matrix  $A$  is called transposed conjugate of  $A$  and is denoted by  $A^\theta$ . The conjugate of the transpose of  $A$  is the same as the transpose of the conjugate of  $A$  i.e.  $\overline{(A')} = (\bar{A})' = A^\theta$ .

If  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  then  $A^\theta = [b_{ji}]_{n \times m}$  where  $b_{ji} = \bar{a}_{ij}$  i.e. the  $(j, i)^{th}$  element of  $A^\theta =$  the conjugate of  $(i, j)^{th}$  element of  $A$ .

*Example:* If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1+2i & 2-3i & 3+4i \\ 4-5i & 5+6i & 6-7i \\ 8 & 7+8i & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $A^\theta = \begin{bmatrix} 1-2i & 4+5i & 8 \\ 2+3i & 5-6i & 7-8i \\ 3-4i & 6+7i & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

**Properties of transpose conjugate**

- (i)  $(A^\theta)^\theta = A$
- (ii)  $(A+B)^\theta = A^\theta + B^\theta$
- (iii)  $(kA)^\theta = \bar{k} A^\theta$ ,  $k$  being any number
- (iv)  $(AB)^\theta = B^\theta A^\theta$





### 13. Adjoint of a Square Matrix.

Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be a square matrix of order  $n$  and let  $C_{ij}$  be cofactor of  $a_{ij}$  in  $A$ . Then the transpose of the matrix of cofactors of elements of  $A$  is called the adjoint of  $A$  and is denoted by  $adj A$

Thus,  $adj A = [C_{ij}]^T \Rightarrow (adj A)_{ij} = C_{ji} = \text{cofactor of } a_{ji} \text{ in } A$ .

$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } adj A = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & C_{23} \\ C_{31} & C_{32} & C_{33} \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{21} & C_{31} \\ C_{12} & C_{22} & C_{32} \\ C_{13} & C_{23} & C_{33} \end{bmatrix};$$

Where  $C_{ij}$  denotes the cofactor of  $a_{ij}$  in  $A$ .

*Example:*  $A = \begin{bmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{bmatrix}, C_{11} = s, C_{12} = -r, C_{21} = -q, C_{22} = p$

$$\therefore adj A = \begin{bmatrix} s & -r \\ -q & p \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} s & -q \\ -r & p \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: The adjoint of a square matrix of order 2 can be easily obtained by interchanging the diagonal elements and changing signs of off diagonal elements.

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