

## 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)  $I^T = I$