



## FORMULAE & KEY POINTS

### CLASS 12 MATHEMATICS

### CHAPTER 03: MATRICES

#### 1. MATRICES

##### 1.1 DEFINITION OF MATRIX

A matrix is an ordered rectangular array of numbers or functions in the form  $m$  Rows and  $n$  Columns.

The numbers or functions belonging to a matrix are called the **Elements** or the **Entries** of the matrix.

##### 1.2 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)

##### TRICK TO REMEMBER

Generally, students get confused that while writing order of a matrix we should write number of rows first or number of columns first. As a trick, let in the spelling 'ORDER', the first letter O stand for Order, and the second letter R stands for Rows. Thus, while writing order of a matrix we first write Number of Rows and then Number of Columns.

1.3 A matrix is denoted by capital letter like A, B, C, X, Y, P, Q etc. and the elements of a matrix are denoted by small letters  $a, b, c, x, y, z, p, q$  etc.

1.4 A general matrix of order  $m \times n$  can be taken as

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1j} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \cdots & a_{2j} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & \cdots & a_{3j} & \cdots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & a_{i3} & \cdots & a_{ij} & \cdots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \cdots & a_{mj} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} m \times n$$

OR

$$A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}, 1 \leq i \leq m; 1 \leq j \leq n; i, j \in N.$$

The element  $a_{ij}$  is called the  $(i, j)^{th}$  element of the matrix A

## 1.5 Examples

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad A &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & \sqrt{3} & -5 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & & \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3} & \text{(ii)} \quad B &= \begin{bmatrix} 3-i & 4 & -\frac{2}{3} \\ 4.5 & -2 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & \sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3} \\ \text{(iii)} \quad C &= \begin{bmatrix} 1+y & y^3 \\ \cos x & (\sin x - 2) \\ \tan x & \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 2} \end{aligned}$$

## 2. TYPES OF MATRICES

### 2.1 ROW MATRIX

A matrix is said to be a row matrix if it has only one row.

#### Examples

$$A = [x \quad -y]_{1 \times 2}; \quad B = [2 \quad \sqrt{3} \quad -1]_{1 \times 3}$$

#### REMARK

The order of a row matrix is of the form  $1 \times n$ .

### 2.2 COLUMN MATRIX

A matrix is said to be a column matrix if it has only one column.

#### Examples

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 1}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ x \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1}$$

#### REMARK

The order of a column matrix is of the form  $m \times 1$ .

### 2.3 ZERO MATRIX OR NULL MATRIX (O)

A matrix is said to be zero matrix or null matrix, denoted as **O** if all its elements are zero. Symbolically,

$A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  is a zero matrix if  $a_{ij} = 0$ , for every  $i, j$ .

#### Examples

$$[0], \quad [0 \quad 0], \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

### 2.4 SQUARE MATRIX

A matrix in which the number of rows is equal to the number of columns, is said to be a square matrix.

#### Examples

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ -2 & \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2}, \quad Q = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & \sqrt{5} \\ 3 & 0 & -4 \\ 6 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3}$$



## REMARKS

- (i) A square matrix of order  $n \times n$  is termed as a square matrix of order  $n$ .
- (ii) If  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is a square matrix of order  $n$ , then the elements (entries)  $a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{nn}$  are said to constitute the diagonal of the matrix  $A$ .
- Thus, in the above examples, the diagonal elements of  $P$  are  $5, \sqrt{3}$  and the diagonal elements of  $Q$  are  $2, 0, -1$

## 2.5 DIAGONAL MATRIX

A square matrix  $B = [b_{ij}]_{m \times m}$  is said to be a diagonal matrix if all its non-diagonal elements are zero. Symbolically,

A matrix  $B = [b_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  is a diagonal matrix  $\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} m = n, \text{ that is, } B \text{ is a square matrix} \\ b_{ij} = 0, & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$

### Examples

$$A = [3], \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3}$$

are diagonal matrices of order 1, 2, 3 respectively

### REMARK

A square zero matrix is also a diagonal matrix.

## 2.6 SCALAR MATRIX

A diagonal matrix is said to be a scalar matrix if its diagonal elements are equal. Symbolically,

A matrix  $B = [b_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  is a scalar matrix  $\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} m = n, \text{ that is, } B \text{ is a square matrix} \\ b_{ij} = 0, & \text{if } i \neq j \\ b_{ij} = k, \text{ if } i = j, \text{ for some constant } k \end{cases}$

### Examples

$$A = [4], \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3}$$

are scalar matrices of order 1, 2, 3, respectively

### REMARK

A square zero matrix is also a scalar matrix.

## 2.7 IDENTITY MATRIX ( $I_n$ )

A square matrix in which each diagonal element is 1 and all other elements are zero is called an identity matrix. Symbolically,

A matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  is an identity matrix  $\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} m = n \text{ that is, } A \text{ is a square matrix} \\ a_{ij} = 0, & \text{if } i \neq j \\ a_{ij} = 1, & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$

### Examples

$$I_1 = [1]_{1 \times 1}, \quad I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2}, \quad I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3}$$

are scalar matrices matrices of order 1, 2, 3, respectively.

### REMARKS

- (i) An identity matrix is called so because for a square matrix A and an identity matrix I, each of order n,  $A \times I = A = I \times A$
- (ii) An identity matrix of order 1, 2, 3 etc. is denoted as  $I_1, I_2, I_3$  etc. respectively.

## 2.8 UPPER TRIANGULAR MATRIX

An upper triangular matrix is a square matrix in which all the entries below the main diagonal are zero. Symbolically,

A matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  is an upper triangular matrix

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} m = n \text{ that is, } B \text{ is a square matrix} \\ a_{ij} = 0, & \text{if } i > j \end{cases}$$

### Examples

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

### REMARK

In an upper triangular matrix, elements on the main diagonal or above the main diagonal can also be zero.

## 2.9 LOWER TRIANGULAR MATRIX

A lower triangular matrix is a square matrix in which all the entries above the main diagonal are zero. Symbolically,

A matrix  $B = [b_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  is a lower triangular matrix

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} m = n \text{ that is, } B \text{ is a square matrix} \\ b_{ij} = 0, & \text{if } i < j \end{cases}$$

### Examples

$$(i) A = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad (ii) B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & -\sqrt{3} & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

### REMARK

In a lower triangular matrix, elements on the main diagonal or below the main diagonal can also be zero.

## 3. EQUALITY OF MATRICES

Two matrices  $A = [a_{ij}]$  and  $B = [b_{ij}]$  are said to be equal if

- (i) Order of A = Order of B
- (ii) Each element of A is equal to the corresponding element of B, that is  $a_{ij} = b_{ij}$  for all i and j

### Examples

$$(i) \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(ii) \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \\ a & b & c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & \sqrt{3} \\ 2.4 & 2/3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x = -1, y = 0, z = \sqrt{3}, a = 2.4, b = 2/3, c = 4$$

## 4. OPERATIONS ON MATRICES

### 4.1 ADDITION OF MATRICES

#### 4.1.1 DEFINITION

If  $A = [a_{ij}]$  and  $B = [b_{ij}]$  are two matrices of the **Same Order**, say  $m \times n$ . Then, the sum of A and B is defined as matrix,  $C = A + B = [c_{ij}]_{m \times n}$ , where  $c_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij}$ , for all possible values of  $i$  and  $j$ .

#### Example

$$\text{Let, } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & \sqrt{3} & -5 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & & \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 2 & & \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3} \text{ then}$$

$$A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 2+3 & 2+\sqrt{3} & -5+1 \\ 2 & 0+3 & -1+\frac{1}{2} \\ 3 & & \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2+\sqrt{3} & -4 \\ 2 & 3 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 3 & & \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$$

#### REMARK

If A and B are not of the same order, then  $A + B$  is not defined.

#### 4.1.2 PROPERTIES OF MATRIX ADDITION

##### (i) Commutative Law

$$A + B = B + A$$

##### (ii) Associative Law

$$(A + B) + C = A + (B + C).$$

##### (iii) Existence of additive identity

For every matrix A of order  $m \times n$ , there exists a zero matrix O of order  $m \times n$  such that  $A + O = O + A = A$ . Here, O is called the additive identity for matrix addition.

##### (iv) Existence of additive inverse

For every matrix A of order  $m \times n$ , there exists a matrix  $(-A)$  of order  $m \times n$  such that  $A + (-A) = O = (-A) + A$ . Here,  $(-A)$  is called the additive inverse of the matrix A and vice-versa.

#### REMARK

$(-A)$  is called the additive inverse of A  $\Leftrightarrow$  A is the additive inverse of  $(-A)$

### 4.2 DIFFERENCE OF MATRICES

If  $A = [a_{ij}]$  and  $B = [b_{ij}]$  are two matrices of the **Same Order**, say  $m \times n$ , then, the difference of  $A$  and  $B$  is defined as matrix,  $D = A - B = [d_{ij}]_{m \times n}$ , where  $d_{ij} = a_{ij} - b_{ij}$ , for all possible values of  $i$  and  $j$ .

### Example

$$\text{Let, } A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & \sqrt{3} & -5 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & & \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & -3 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 2 & & \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3} \text{ then}$$

$$A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 4+3 & \sqrt{3}+2 & -5+1 \\ 2+5 & 0-3 & -1-\frac{1}{2} \\ 3 & & \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & \sqrt{3}+2 & -4 \\ 7 & -3 & -\frac{3}{2} \\ 3 & & \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$$

### REMARK

If  $A$  and  $B$  are not of the same order, then  $A - B$  is not defined.

## 4.3 MULTIPLICATION OF A MATRIX BY A SCALAR

### 4.3.1 DEFINITION

If  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  is a matrix and  $k$  is a scalar, then  $kA$  is another matrix which is obtained by multiplying each element of  $A$  by the scalar  $k$ . Symbolically, for a matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$ ,  $kA = k[a_{ij}]_{m \times n} = [k(a_{ij})]_{m \times n}$

### Example

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 4 \\ \sqrt{3} & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3} \Rightarrow 2A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 & 8 \\ 2\sqrt{3} & 6 & 10 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$$

### REMARK

For a matrix  $A$  of order  $m \times n$ , the matrix  $(-1)A = -A$  is called the negative of the matrix  $A$ .

### 4.3.2 PROPERTIES OF SCALAR MULTIPLICATION OF A MATRIX

If  $A = [a_{ij}]$  and  $B = [b_{ij}]$  are two matrices of the same order, say  $m \times n$ , and  $k$  and  $l$  are scalars, then

$$(i) k(A + B) = kA + kB \quad (ii) (k + l)A = kA + lA$$

## 4.4 MULTIPLICATION OF TWO MATRICES ( $A \times B$ )

4.4.1 Let  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  be a matrix of order  $m \times n$  and  $B = [b_{ij}]_{p \times q}$  be a matrix of order  $p \times q$ , then we have the following results:

- (i) The product  $A \times B$  is defined only when  
(The number of columns of  $A$ ) = (The number of rows of  $B$ ) i.e.  $n = p$
- (ii) Under the condition  $n = p$ , the order of the product matrix, say  $C$ , is given as  $m \times q$  i.e. (Number of rows in  $A$ )  $\times$  (Number of Columns in  $B$ ).
- (iii) The elements  $c_{ij}$  of the product matrix  $C = [c_{ij}]_{m \times q}$  are given as

$c_{ij}$  = Sum of the product of the corresponding elements of the  $i^{th}$  row of the first matrix A and the  $j^{th}$  column of the second matrix B.

(iv) From (iii) above, since  $i^{th}$  row of A is  $[a_{i1} \ a_{i2} \ \dots \ a_{in}]$  and  $j^{th}$  column of B is  $\begin{bmatrix} b_{1k} \\ b_{2k} \\ \vdots \\ b_{nk} \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{then then } c_{ik} = a_{i1} b_{1k} + a_{i2} b_{2k} + a_{i3} b_{3k} + \dots + a_{in} b_{nk} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} b_{jk}$$

### Example

$$\text{Let, } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 5 & 2 \\ -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 2} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & -5 \\ 2 & 7 & -1 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}, \text{ then}$$

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & c_{13} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & c_{23} \\ c_{31} & c_{32} & c_{33} \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 4 + (-3) \times 2 & 1 \times 3 + (-3) \times 7 & 1 \times (-5) + (-3) \times (-1) \\ 5 \times 4 + 2 \times 2 & 5 \times 3 + 2 \times 7 & 5 \times (-5) + 2 \times (-1) \\ (-3) \times 4 + 6 \times 2 & (-3) \times 3 + 6 \times 7 & (-3) \times (-5) + 6 \times (-1) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -18 & -2 \\ 24 & 29 & -27 \\ 0 & 33 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{whereas, } BA &= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & -5 \\ 2 & 7 & -1 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 5 & 2 \\ -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 2} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 4 \times 1 + 3 \times 5 + (-5) \times (-3) & 4 \times (-3) + 3 \times 2 + (-5) \times 6 \\ 2 \times 1 + 7 \times 5 + (-1) \times (-3) & 2 \times (-3) + 7 \times 4 + (-1) \times 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 34 & -36 \\ 40 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

### PROPERTIES OF MATRIX MULTIPLICATION

(i) **If AB is defined, then BA may or may not be defined.**

For example, if A is of order  $3 \times 2$  and B is of order  $2 \times 2$  then AB is defined and is of order  $3 \times 2$ , but BA is not defined since (No. of columns of A)  $\neq$  (No. of rows of B)

(ii) **Product of matrices is non-commutative ie.  $AB \neq BA$ , in general.** But this does not mean that  $AB \neq BA$  for every pair of matrices A and B for which AB and BA are defined. In fact, the multiplication of diagonal matrices of same order will be commutative. The following examples will make clear the above points:

**Example 1 (AB and BA both are defined but are of different order so  $AB \neq BA$ )**

If A is of order  $3 \times 2$  and B is of order  $2 \times 3$  then

AB is defined and is of order  $3 \times 3$ ;

BA is also defined but is of order  $2 \times 2$ .

Clearly,  $AB \neq BA$  as two matrices of different orders can never be equal.

**Example 2 (AB and BA have same order but  $AB \neq BA$ )**

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  then  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -7 \\ -9 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $BA = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 7 \\ 10 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Clearly, the matrices  $AB$  and  $BA$  have same order but  $AB \neq BA$

**Example 3 (AB and BA have same order and  $AB = BA$ )**

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  then  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = BA$

**(iii) AB and BA both are defined  $\Leftrightarrow$  orders of A and B are reverse of each other.**  
That is, if A is a matrix of order  $m \times n$  and B is of order  $n \times m$ , then  $AB$  and  $BA$  both are defined.

**(iv) Zero Matrix as a Product of Two Non-zero Matrices**

If the product of two matrices is a zero matrix, it is not necessary that one of the matrices is a zero matrix. That is,  $AB = O$  does not necessarily imply either  $A = O$  or  $B = O$ .

(Note that in case of real numbers,  $ab = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ .)

**Example 1 (A  $\neq O$ , B  $\neq O$  and  $AB = BA = O$ )**

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  then  $AB = BA = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

**Example 2 (A  $\neq O$ , B  $\neq O$  and  $AB = O$  but  $BA \neq O$ )**

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  then  $AB = O$  but  $BA = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

**(v)** For any two square matrices of same order,  $A = O$  or  $B = O \Rightarrow AB = BA = O$

#### 4.4.2 PROPERTIES OF MULTIPLICATION OF MATRICES

- (i) The Associative Law:**  $(AB)C = A(BC)$ ,
- (ii) The Distributive Law:** (i)  $A(B + C) = AB + AC$  (ii)  $(A + B)C = AC + BC$
- (iii) The Existence of Multiplicative Identity:** For every square matrix A, there exists an identity matrix I of same order such that  $IA = AI = A$ .

### 5. TRANSPOSE OF A MATRIX

#### 5.1 DEFINITION

If  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix, then the transpose of A, denoted as  $A'$  or  $A^T$ , is the matrix obtained by interchanging the rows and columns of A. Symbolically,

$$A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n} \Rightarrow A' = [a_{ji}]_{n \times m}$$

#### 5.2 PROPERTIES OF TRANSPOSE OF THE MATRICES

- (i)**  $(A')' = A$
- (ii)**  $(kA)' = kA'$  (where k is any constant)





$$(iii) (A + B)' = A' + B' \quad (iv) (A - B)' = A' - B'$$

$$(v) (AB)' = B'A' \text{ (Reversal Law)}$$

## 6. SYMMETRIC AND SKEW SYMMETRIC MATRICES

### 6.1 SYMMETRIC MATRIX

A square matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is said to be symmetric if  $A' = A$

Thus, A is symmetric  $\Leftrightarrow a_{ij} = a_{ji}$

#### Example

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & -\sqrt{2} \\ 4 & -\sqrt{2} & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $A' = A$ . Hence A is symmetric matrix.

### 6.2 SKEW SYMMETRIC MATRIX

A square matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is said to be symmetric if  $A' = -A$

Thus, A is symmetric  $\Leftrightarrow a_{ij} = -a_{ji}$

#### Example

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & -b \\ -a & 0 & c \\ b & -c & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $A' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a & b \\ a & 0 & -c \\ -b & c & 0 \end{bmatrix} = -A$ .

Hence A is skew symmetric matrix.

#### REMARKS

- (i) All the diagonal elements of a skew symmetric matrix are zero.  
Thus, A is skew symmetric matrix  $\Leftrightarrow a_{ii} = 0$  for each  $i$ .
- (ii) For a square matrix A, with real number entries,  
 $A + A'$  is a symmetric matrix and  
 $A - A'$  is a skew symmetric matrix
- (iii) Any square matrix A can be expressed as the sum of a symmetric and a skew symmetric matrix as  $A = P + Q$  where,  
 $P = \frac{1}{2}(A + A')$  is symmetric and  $Q = \frac{1}{2}(A - A')$  is a skew symmetric matrix.

## 7. INVERTIBLE MATRIX

A square matrix A of order  $m$  is said to be invertible if there exists another square matrix B of the same order  $m$ , such that  $AB = BA = I$ .

In this case, B is called the inverse of matrix A and it is denoted by  $A^{-1}$ .

#### REMARKS

- (i) A rectangular matrix does not possess inverse matrix



- (ii) A is the Inverse of B  $\Leftrightarrow$  B is the Inverse of A
- (iii) Inverse of a square matrix, if it exists, is unique.
- (iv)  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1} A^{-1}$  (**Reversal Law**)

### A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION

Show that  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is a zero of the polynomial  $x^2 - 4x + 7$  (or a root of the quadratic equation  $x^2 - 4x + 7 = 0$ ). Hence find

- (i)  $A^{-1}$       (ii)  $A^5$

### SOLUTION

Substituting A in place of x in  $x^2 - 4x + 7$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} A^2 - 4A + 7I &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - 4 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + 7 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 12 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 12 \\ -4 & 8 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{O}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, A is a zero of the given polynomial

**Careless Mistake:** (i) Students miss I and write  $A^2 - 4A + 7$  and lose marks

(ii) Students write 0 in place of **O** and lose marks

(i) Consider  $A^2 - 4A + 7I = O$ . Multiplying this equation by  $A^{-1}$  we get :

$$A^2 A^{-1} - 4A A^{-1} + 7I A^{-1} = O A^{-1} \Rightarrow A - 4I + 7A^{-1} = O$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{7}(4I - A) = \frac{1}{7} \left( 4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(ii) Consider  $A^2 - 4A + 7I = O \Rightarrow A^2 = 4A - 7I$       (1)

$$A^5 = [(A^2)^2]A = [(4A - 7I)^2]A \quad [\text{using (1)}]$$

$$= [16A^2 - 56AI + 49I^2]A = [16(4A - 7I) - 56A + 49I]A \quad [\text{using (1)}]$$

$$= [64A - 112I - 56A + 49I]A = [8A - 63I]A = 8A^2 - 63AI$$

$$= 8(4A - 7I) - 63A \quad [\text{using (1)}]$$

$$= 32A - 56I - 63A = -31A - 56I = -31 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - 56 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -118 & -93 \\ 31 & -118 \end{bmatrix}$$

