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## Unit 13 – Matrices and Determinants

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## Unit 13 – Matrices and Determinants

### A. Fundamental Framework of Matrices

#### I. Basic concepts and algebraic operations

A **matrix**  $A$  of size (order)  $m \times n$  is a rectangular array of numbers with  $m$  (horizontal) rows and  $n$  (vertical) columns,

$$A = [a_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad (a_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}.$$

The element  $a_{ij}$  (in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row and the  $j^{\text{th}}$  column) is called the  $i \times j$  or  $(i, j)$  entry of the matrix.

Two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be **equal** if they have the same size and the corresponding entries are equal.

If  $A$  and  $B$  are of the same size  $m \times n$ , then  $A+B$ , the **sum** of  $A$  and  $B$ , is a matrix of size  $m \times n$ , with its entries equal to the sum of the corresponding entries of  $A$  and  $B$ .

Let  $A$  be a matrix of size  $m \times n$ , and  $\lambda$  a certain number, then  $\lambda A$  is a matrix of size  $m \times n$ , with its entries equal to  $\lambda$  times the corresponding entries of  $A$ .  $\lambda A$  is the **scalar multiple** of  $A$  by  $\lambda$ .

By definition,  $A-B = A+(-1)B$ . And  $(-1)B$  is usually written as  $-B$ .

Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix, and  $B = [b_{ij}]$  be an  $n \times p$  matrix.

Then the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row of  $A$  is  $[a_{i1}, a_{i2}, \dots, a_{in}]$ , and

the  $j^{\text{th}}$  column of  $B$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} b_{1j} \\ b_{2j} \\ \vdots \\ b_{nj} \end{bmatrix}$ .

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The **matrix product** of  $A$  and  $B$ , written as  $AB$ , is a matrix  $[c_{ij}]$  of size  $m \times p$  defined as follows.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & \cdots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1j} & \cdots & b_{1p} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \cdots & b_{2j} & \cdots & b_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & b_{n2} & \cdots & b_{nj} & \cdots & b_{np} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & \cdots & c_{1n} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & \cdots & c_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ c_{m1} & c_{m2} & \cdots & c_{mp} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $c_{ij} = a_{i1}b_{1j} + a_{i2}b_{2j} + \cdots + a_{in}b_{nj}$

$a_{i1}$ : 1<sup>st</sup> element of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row of  $A$ .

$b_{1j}$ : 1<sup>st</sup> element of the  $j^{\text{th}}$  column of  $B$ .

For example, taking the 2<sup>nd</sup> row of  $A$  and the 1<sup>st</sup> column of  $B$ , we obtain

$$c_{21} = a_{21}b_{11} + a_{22}b_{21} + \cdots + a_{2n}b_{n1}.$$

**Note:**

The definition of matrix multiplication requires that the number of columns of the first factor  $A$  be the same as the number of rows of the second factor  $B$  in order to form the product  $AB$ . If this condition is not satisfied, the product is undefined.

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**Example 1**

Given the matrices,

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

compute the following

$$A+B, \quad A+C, \quad B-3A, \quad AB, \quad AC, \quad CA.$$

**Solution:**

$$A+B = \begin{bmatrix} 1+0 & -1+1 & 2+1 \\ 0+1 & 3+0 & 4+2 \\ -2-1 & 5+2 & -1+1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 \\ -3 & 7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since  $A$  is  $3 \times 3$ ,  $C$  is  $3 \times 1$ , thus  $A+C$  is undefined.

$$\begin{aligned} B-3A &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 9 & 12 \\ -6 & 15 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0-3 & 1-(-3) & 1-6 \\ 1-0 & 0-9 & 2-12 \\ -1-(-6) & 2-15 & 1-(-3) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 & -5 \\ 1 & -9 & -10 \\ 5 & -13 & 4 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 0 + (-1) \times 1 + 2 \times (-1) & 1 \times 1 + (-1) \times 0 + 2 \times 2 & 1 \times 1 + (-1) \times 2 + 2 \times 1 \\ 0 \times 0 + 3 \times 1 + 4 \times (-1) & 0 \times 1 + 3 \times 0 + 4 \times 2 & 0 \times 1 + 3 \times 2 + 4 \times 1 \\ (-2) \times 0 + 5 \times 1 + (-1) \times (-1) & (-2) \times 1 + 5 \times 0 + (-1) \times 2 & (-2) \times 1 + 5 \times 2 + (-1) \times 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 5 & 1 \\ -1 & 8 & 10 \\ 6 & -4 & 7 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

$$AC = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 + (-1) \times (-1) + 2 \times 2 \\ 0 \times 1 + 3 \times (-1) + 4 \times 2 \\ (-2) \times 1 + 5 \times (-1) + (-1) \times 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$C$  is  $3 \times 1$ ,  $A$  is  $3 \times 3$ , and  $1 \neq 3$ , hence  $CA$  is undefined.

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**Special Matrices**

**Row Matrix:** is a matrix with only 1 row, i.e. a  $1 \times n$  matrix. e.g.  $(2 \ 5), (3 \ 4 \ 7)$ .

**Column Matrix:** is a matrix with only 1 column, i.e. a  $n \times 1$  matrix. e.g.  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Zero Matrix (or null matrix):** is a matrix with all its entries equal zero

e.g.  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

The zero matrix of order  $m \times n$  is denoted by  $\mathbf{0}_{m \times n}$  or simply  $\mathbf{0}$ .

**Square Matrix:** is a matrix with equal number of rows and columns. A  $n \times n$  square matrix is said to be of order  $n$ .

e.g.  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 7 & 1 & -9 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  are square matrices of order 2 and 3 respectively.

**Diagonal Matrix:** is a square matrix  $A$  with all its entries  $a_{ij}$ , where  $i \neq j$ , equal to zero.

e.g.  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

**Identity Matrix or Unit Matrix:** is a diagonal matrix  $A$  with all its entries  $a_{ii} = 1$ . A unit matrix of order  $n$  is denoted by  $I_n$  or simply  $I$ .

e.g.  $I_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, I_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

### General properties of matrices

Let  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  be matrices, and  $\lambda$ ,  $\lambda_1$  &  $\lambda_2$  be scalars. Provided the operations make sense, then

1.  $A + B = B + A$  (Commutative law of addition)
2.  $A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C$  (Associative law of addition)
3. Let  $0$  be a zero matrix, then  $A + 0 = 0 + A = A$  (Additive identity)
4. For any matrix  $A$ ,  $A + (-1)A = A + (-A) = 0$ , a zero matrix (Additive inverse)
5.  $\lambda_1(\lambda_2 A) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 (A)$
6.  $(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)A = \lambda_1 A + \lambda_2 A$
7.  $\lambda(A + B) = \lambda A + \lambda B$
8.  $A(BC) = (AB)C$  (Associative law of multiplication)
- \*9.  $(A + B)C = AC + BC$   
(Distributive law: Multiplication is right distributive over addition)
- \*10.  $A(B + C) = AB + AC$   
(Distributive law: Multiplication is left distributive over addition)
11.  $(\lambda A)B = \lambda(AB)$
12.  $A(\lambda B) = \lambda(AB)$
13. Let  $I$  be an identity matrix. Then  $AI = A$  and  $IA = A$ .
- \*14. The transpose of a matrix,  $A^T$   
e.g.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$   $A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$   $B^T = [1 \ 3]$ .
- \*15.  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$

**Example 2**

Find  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}^n$ .

**Solution**

Let  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Obviously  $P^2 = I$ . Also  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} = aI + bP$ .

Then by the Binomial theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}^n &= (aI + bP)^n = a^n I + C_1^n a^{n-1} b P + C_2^n a^{n-2} b^2 P^2 + C_3^n a^{n-3} b^3 P^3 + \cdots + b^n P^n \\ &= (a^n + C_2^n a^{n-2} b^2 + C_4^n a^{n-4} b^4 + \cdots) I + (C_1^n a^{n-1} b + C_3^n a^{n-3} b^3 + \cdots) P \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ (a^n + C_1^n a^{n-1} b + C_2^n a^{n-2} b^2 + \cdots) + (a^n - C_1^n a^{n-1} b + C_2^n a^{n-2} b^2 - \cdots) \right] I \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left[ (a^n + C_1^n a^{n-1} b + C_2^n a^{n-2} b^2 + \cdots) - (a^n - C_1^n a^{n-1} b + C_2^n a^{n-2} b^2 - \cdots) \right] P \\ &= \left[ \frac{(a+b)^n + (a-b)^n}{2} \right] I + \left[ \frac{(a+b)^n - (a-b)^n}{2} \right] P \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} (a+b)^n + (a-b)^n & (a+b)^n - (a-b)^n \\ (a+b)^n - (a-b)^n & (a+b)^n + (a-b)^n \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

**Note:** Another method of finding  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}^n$  is to make use of a matrix

$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and its inverse  $P^{-1}$ . It is given in Example 5, Section C of this Chapter.

**Instant Drill 1.**

1. Evaluate the following expressions:

a)  $2\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} + 3\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

b)  $-\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - 4\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

c)  $3\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} - 6\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + 2\begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 5 \\ -17 \end{pmatrix}$

d)  $2\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - 3\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

2. Let  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -3 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $Q = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $R = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$ . Evaluate each of the following

a)  $3P - 4Q + 5R$

b)  $R + P + 3Q - 4R - 2P + 2Q + 3R$

c)  $2P - Q + 4R - 2Q - 7R + P$



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**Exercise 1.**

1. It is given that  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} a & 2b \\ c+1 & \frac{d}{3} \end{pmatrix}$ . If  $A = B$ , find the values of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$ .

2. It is given that  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & x \\ 0 & 4 \\ z & y \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} a+2 & 3a \\ b & 2c \\ ac & b-c \end{pmatrix}$ . If  $2A = B$ , find the values of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ ,  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ .

3. Evaluate  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 5 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$

4. Let  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} k \\ 13 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find the values of  $k$  and  $t$ .

5. Let  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ s \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & -4 & 32 \\ 6 & -3 & 24 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find the values of  $s$  and  $t$ .

6. Let  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 4 & x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 11 & -8 \\ y & y \end{pmatrix}$ . Find the values of  $x$  and  $y$ .

7. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3x & y \\ -2z & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . If  $A \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 27 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $A \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , find  $A$ .

## B. Determinants

### I. Basic Concepts

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ . Then the **determinant** of  $A$ , denoted by  $|A|$ ,  $\det(A)$ , or  $\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix}$

equals, by definition,  $a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$ .

The determinant of an  $3 \times 3$  matrix is defined in terms of determinants of  $2 \times 2$  matrices. Thus let

$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$ , then the determinant of  $A$  is given by

$$a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix}.$$

The formula for defining the determinant of a larger size square matrix, in terms of smaller size matrices, is given as follows

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & & \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{cases} \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}(-1)^{i+j} M_{ij} \text{ for any } i \cdots \cdots (a) \\ \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij}(-1)^{i+j} M_{ij} \text{ for any } j \cdots \cdots (b) \end{cases}$$

where  $M_{ij}$  denotes the determinant of the submatrix obtained from a square matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]_{(n \times n)}$  by deleting the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row and the  $j^{\text{th}}$  column of  $A$  (yielding a square matrix of order  $n - 1$ ).

$C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$  is called the **cofactor** of  $a_{ij}$ ,  
and  $M_{ij}$  is called the **minor** of  $a_{ij}$ .

(a) & (b) are called, respectively, the cofactor (minor) expansion of  $\det(A)$  by the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row and  $j^{\text{th}}$  column. It follows that

- (i)  $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$
- (ii)  $\det(A) = 0$  if  $A$  has a zero row or zero column.

The proof is quite simple and is left to the student.

**Example 3**

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the minors and cofactors of  $A$  and evaluate  $|A|$ .

**Solution:**

$$M_{11} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 3, \quad M_{12} = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -3, \quad M_{13} = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = -6,$$

$$M_{21} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -5, \quad M_{22} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -1, \quad M_{23} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

$$M_{31} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -7, \quad M_{32} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 4, \quad M_{33} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 5.$$

Hence  $C_{11} = 3, C_{12} = 3, C_{13} = -6, C_{21} = 5, C_{22} = -1, C_{23} = -1,$   
 $C_{31} = -7, C_{32} = -4, C_{33} = 5.$

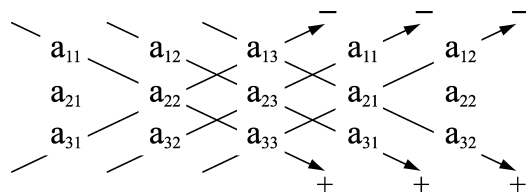
We can use cofactor expansion by any row or column, e.g.  $|A| = a_{11}C_{11} + a_{12}C_{12} + a_{13}C_{13}$   
 (expansion by the 1<sup>st</sup> row)

$$= (1)(3) + (2)(3) + (3)(-6) = -9,$$

or  $a_{12}C_{12} + a_{22}C_{22} + a_{32}C_{32}$  (expansion by the 2<sup>nd</sup> column)

$$= (2)(3) + (3)(-1) + (3)(-4) = -9.$$

**Note:** To evaluate a  $3 \times 3$  determinant, we can use the **Rule of Sarrus**.



$$\det(A) = a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} - a_{31}a_{22}a_{13} - a_{32}a_{23}a_{11} - a_{33}a_{21}a_{12}.$$

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Instant Drill 2.

1. Consider  $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$ .

(a) Find  $M_{23}$ .

(b) Find  $A_{31}$ .

(c) Find  $A_{32}$ .

2. Find the value of each of the following determinants

a.  $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$

b.  $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 7 & -9 \end{vmatrix}$

c.  $\begin{vmatrix} 8 & -5 \\ -6 & 9 \end{vmatrix}$

d.  $\begin{vmatrix} -1 & -9 \\ -6 & -4 \end{vmatrix}$

3. Find the value of each of the following determinants by cofactor expansion.

a.  $\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 9 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$

b.  $\begin{vmatrix} 9 & 0 & 4 \\ -3 & 5 & 0 \\ 7 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$

c.  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \\ -4 & 5 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$

d.  $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$

e.  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & -4 & 3 \\ -3 & 11 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$

f.  $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & -6 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 4 & 8 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$

## II. Further properties of determinants

Aside from using cofactor expansion to evaluate determinants, the following properties are often helpful in computation.

1. Let  $A$  be of the form  $\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix}$ , i.e. entries below the diagonal are zeros.

$$\text{Then } \det A = |A| = a_{11}a_{22} \cdots a_{nn}.$$

2. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. And  $B$  is obtained by interchanging any two rows (or columns) of  $A$ . Then  $|A| = -|B|$ .
3. If one row of  $A$  is a multiple of another row, then  $|A| = 0$ .
4. If  $B$  is the matrix obtained by adding a multiple of one row (or column) of  $A$  to another row (column), then  $|B| = |A|$ .
- \*5. If  $B$  is the matrix obtained by multiplying each entry of a row (or column) of  $A$  by the same number  $k$ , then  $|B| = k|A|$ .
- \*6. The determinant of the product of two square matrices of order  $n$  is the product of their determinants. That is,  $|AB| = |A||B|$ .

**Example 4**

Simplify the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} a+b & ab & a^2b^2 \\ b+c & bc & b^2c^2 \\ c+a & ca & c^2a^2 \end{vmatrix}$ , assuming  $a, b$  &  $c$  are nonzero.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{vmatrix} a+b & ab & a^2b^2 \\ b+c & bc & b^2c^2 \\ c+a & ca & c^2a^2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a+b-(b+c) & ab-bc & a^2b^2-b^2c^2 \\ b+c & bc & b^2c^2 \\ c+a-(b+c) & ca-bc & c^2a^2-b^2c^2 \end{vmatrix} \quad (R1-R2)$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} a-c & b(a-c) & b^2(a+c)(a-c) \\ b+c & bc & b^2c^2 \\ a-b & c(a-b) & c^2(a+b)(a-b) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (a-c)(a-b) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & b & b^2(a+c) \\ b+c & bc & b^2c^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2(a+b) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{(a-c)(a-b)}{bc} \begin{vmatrix} 1 \cdot c - (b+c) & b \cdot c - bc & b^2(a+c) \cdot c - b^2c^2 \\ b+c & bc & b^2c^2 \\ 1 \cdot b - (b+c) & c \cdot b - bc & c^2(a+b) \cdot b - b^2c^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{(a-c)(a-b)}{bc} \begin{vmatrix} -b & 0 & b^2ac \\ b+c & bc & b^2c^2 \\ -c & 0 & c^2ab \end{vmatrix} = (a-c)(a-b) \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 & bac \\ b+c & bc & b^2c^2 \\ -1 & 0 & cab \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (a-c)(a-b) \cdot bc \begin{vmatrix} -1 & bac \\ -1 & cab \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= bc(a-b)(a-c)[-cab - (-bac)] = 0.$$

**Instant Drill 3.**

1. Prove the following identities.

a. 
$$\begin{vmatrix} a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & a \end{vmatrix} = (a+2)(a-1)^2$$

b. 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x & y & z \\ yz & zx & xy \end{vmatrix} = (x-y)(y-z)(z-x)$$

c. 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^2 - bc & b^2 - ac & c^2 - ab \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

d. 
$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ b-c & a+c & b-a \\ b+c & a-c & b+a \end{vmatrix} = 2(a+b)(a-c)(a-b+c)$$

2. Factorize the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} x^3 & y^3 & z^3 \\ x & y & z \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}.$$

**Exercise 2.**

1. Factorize  $\begin{vmatrix} 4 & x+1 & x+1 \\ x+1 & (x+2)^2 & 1 \\ x+1 & 1 & (x+2)^2 \end{vmatrix}$ .

2. Show that  $\begin{vmatrix} b^2+c^2 & ab & ac \\ ab & c^2+a^2 & bc \\ ac & bc & a^2+b^2 \end{vmatrix} = 4a^2b^2c^2$ .

3.(a) Factorize  $\begin{vmatrix} x & 2 & -5 \\ 2 & x & -5 \\ -5 & 2 & x \end{vmatrix}$ .

(b) Hence solve  $\begin{vmatrix} x & 2 & -5 \\ 2 & x & -5 \\ -5 & 2 & x \end{vmatrix} = 0$



## C. The Inverse of Matrix

### I. Definition

Suppose  $A$  is a square matrix of size  $n \times n$ . If there exists an  $n \times n$  matrix  $B$  such that  $AB = BA = I$  (the  $n \times n$  identity matrix), then  $B$  is called the **inverse** of  $A$ .

Obviously, the matrix  $A$  is also the inverse of  $B$ .

A matrix which has an inverse is said to be **invertible** or **nonsingular**. Otherwise, it is said to be **singular** or **non-invertible**.

We denote the inverse of  $A$  be  $A^{-1}$

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$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} [C_{ij}]_{n \times n}^T$$

### Example 5

(a) Show that  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & a \\ b & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{b} \\ \frac{1}{a} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $a \neq 0$  and  $b \neq 0$ .

(b) Hence find  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$ .

**Solution:**

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1.(a) Show that  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $k$  is a real number.

(b) Hence find the inverse of the following matrices.

(i)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

(ii)  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

2. Let  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$  are real numbers.

(a) Find the values of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$ .

(b) Hence find  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$ .

3. It is given that  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) Find  $A^2 - 3A + 2I$ .

(b) Hence find  $A^{-1}$ .

### Exercise 3.

1. Let  $X = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) Show that  $(X - 4I)(6I - X) = I$ .

(b) Show that  $X^2 - 10X + 25I = \mathbf{0}$ .

(c) Hence find  $X^{-1}$ .

2. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) If  $A^2 + xA + yI = \mathbf{0}$ , find the values of  $x$  and  $y$ .

(b) Hence find  $A^{-1}$ .

3. It is given that  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) Find  $A^2$ .

(b) Hence find  $A^{-1}$ .

(c) Find  $A^{101}$ .

4. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ -1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) Prove that  $AB = BA$ .

(b) Verify that  $(A + B)^2 = A^2 + 2AB + B^2$ .

5. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) Find  $AB$  and  $BA$ .

(b) Find  $A^2$  and  $B^2$ .

(c) Verify that  $(A + B)^2 \neq A^2 + 2AB + B^2$ .

(d) Let  $C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Verify that  $(A + C)^2 = A^2 + 2AC + C^2$ .

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6. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) Show that  $AB = BA = I$ .

(b) Hence find  $A^{-1}$  and  $B^{-1}$ .

(c) Prove, by mathematical induction, that for all positive integers  $n$ ,  $A^n = \begin{pmatrix} \cos n\theta & -\sin n\theta \\ \sin n\theta & \cos n\theta \end{pmatrix}$ .

(d) Find  $(B^n)^{-1}$ , where  $n$  is a positive integer.

7. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 9 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) Prove that  $A^2 - 2A + I = \mathbf{0}$ .

(b) Prove, by mathematical induction, that for all positive integers  $n$ ,  $A^n = nA - (n-1)I$ .

(c) Find  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 9 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}^{2010}$ .

8. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are real numbers.

(a) Find  $A^2$  and  $A^3$ .

(b) Show that  $(A^2 - A + I)(A + I) = A^3 + I$ .

(c) Hence find  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$ .

9. Let  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) Prove that  $P^3 = -I$ , and hence prove that  $P^6 = I$ .

(b) Find  $P^{-1}$ .

(c) Prove that  $P^5 + P^4 + P^3 + P^2 + P + I = \mathbf{0}$ .

(d) Prove that  $(P^{-1})^5 + (P^{-1})^4 + (P^{-1})^3 + (P^{-1})^2 + P^{-1} + I = \mathbf{0}$ .

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10. Let  $U = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $A = \frac{1}{9} \begin{pmatrix} 17 & -8 & 4 \\ -8 & 17 & -4 \\ 4 & -4 & 11 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) Prove that  $U^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(b) Let  $M = UAU^{-1}$ . Find  $M$ .

(c) It is given that  $\begin{pmatrix} c_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c_3 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{c_1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{c_2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{c_3} \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} c_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c_3 \end{pmatrix}^n = \begin{pmatrix} c_1^n & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_2^n & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c_3^n \end{pmatrix}$  for all

positive integers  $n$ , where  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$  and  $c_3$  are real numbers. Find  $(A^{-1})^n$ .

11. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find  $A^T A$  and  $AA^T$ .

12. Let  $X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find  $X^T X$  and  $XX^T$ .

13. It is given that  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are square matrices, where  $A^2 B^T = C$ ,  $|A| = 2$ ,  $|C| = 3$ . Find the value of  $|B|$ .

14. It is given that  $P$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$  are  $2 \times 2$  matrices, where  $R$  is invertible,  $P^T Q^3 = -R^{-1}$ ,  $P^2 R = I$  and  $|P| = 8$ . Find the values of  $|Q|$  and  $|R|$ .

15. Let  $M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$  are real numbers. It is given that  $M \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $M \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -14 \\ -25 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) Find the values of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$ .

(b) Find  $M^{-1}$ .

(c) Find  $M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -5 & -14 \\ -9 & -25 \end{pmatrix}$ .

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