

## Matrix

A matrix is a rectangular array of numbers arranged into rows and columns

Eg:

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

In the above examples, the horizontal lines of numbers are called rows and the vertical lines are called Columns of the matrix.

If a matrix has  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns ( $m \neq n$ ) it is known as rectangular matrix and its order (or size or dimension) is said to be  $m \times n$  (read as  $m$  by  $n$ ).

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & \dots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Each of the number  $a_{ij}$  is called an element.

### Row Matrix

Any  $1 \times n$  matrix is called a row matrix or a row vector

Eg:-  $[1 \ 2] \quad [1 \ 4 \ 8]$

### Column Matrix

Any  $m \times 1$  matrix is called a column matrix or a column vector

Eg:-  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix}$

### Square Matrix

A matrix having the same number of rows and columns ( $m = n$ ) is called a square matrix

Eg:-  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 16 & 3 & 9 \\ 4 & 16 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

**Zero Matrix or Null Matrix**

A matrix in which every element is zero is said to be a zero matrix or null matrix

$$\text{Eg:- } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Diagonal Matrix**

A square matrix having non zero entries only on the diagonal is called a diagonal matrix. That is a square matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is a diagonal matrix if  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ .

$$\text{Eg:- } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Scalar Matrix**

A diagonal matrix with equal non-zero entries on the main diagonal is called a scalar matrix. That is a square matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is a diagonal matrix if  $a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ k & i = j \end{cases}$  where  $k$  is a number.

$$\text{Eg:- } \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Unit Matrix or Identity Matrix**

A diagonal matrix with all the diagonal elements equal to unity is called a unit or identity matrix and is denoted by  $I_n$ .

$$\text{Eg:- } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Triangular Matrix**

If every element above (or below) the leading diagonal is zero, the matrix is called upper (or lower) triangular matrix.

$$\text{Eg:- } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Operations on Matrices

### I. Equality of Matrices

Two matrices  $A = [a_{ij}]$  and  $B = [b_{ij}]$  are said to be equal if (i) they are of same order and (ii) each element of  $A$  is equal to the corresponding element of  $B$ . (i.e.  $a_{ij} = b_{ij}$  for all  $i, j$ ).

$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 16 & 3 & 9 \\ 4 & 16 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 16 & 3 & 9 \\ 4 & 16 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } A = B.$$

### II. Addition of Matrices

If  $A = [a_{ij}]$  and  $B = [b_{ij}]$  are two matrices of same order, their sum  $C=A+B$  is a defined as the matrix of the same order whose  $(i,j)^{\text{th}}$  element  $c_{ij}$  is obtained by adding the corresponding element of  $A$  and  $B$ , i.e.  $c_{ij}=a_{ij}+b_{ij}$ .

$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 6 & 3 & 9 \\ 4 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \\ 4 & 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } C = \begin{bmatrix} 1+1 & 2+2 & 4+4 \\ 6+1 & 3+3 & 9+9 \\ 4+4 & 6+1 & 5+5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 7 & 6 & 18 \\ 8 & 7 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Properties a matrix addition

##### 1. Matrix Addition is commutative

If  $A$  and  $B$  are nay two matrices of same order then  $A+B = B+A$ .

Eg.

$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } A+B = \begin{bmatrix} 2+1 & 3+3 \\ -1+2 & 4+4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B+A = \begin{bmatrix} 1+2 & 3+3 \\ 2-1 & 4+4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence  $A+B = B+A$ .

##### 2. Matrix addition is associative

If  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are nay two matrices of same order then  $(A+B) + C = A+(B+C)$ .

Eg.

$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then}$$

$$A+B = \begin{bmatrix} 2+1 & 3+3 \\ -1+2 & 4+4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}, (A+B)+C = \begin{bmatrix} 3+3 & 6+6 \\ 1+1 & 8+8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 12 \\ 2 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B+C = \begin{bmatrix} 1+3 & 3+6 \\ 2+1 & 4+8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 9 \\ 3 & 12 \end{bmatrix}, A+(B+C) = \begin{bmatrix} 2+4 & 3+9 \\ -1+3 & 4+12 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 12 \\ 2 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

### 3. Existence of additive identity

Corresponding every  $m \times n$  matrix there exist a zero matrix  $O$  of same order such that  $A + O = O + A = A$ .

$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, O = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } A + O = \begin{bmatrix} 1+0 & 3+0 \\ 2+0 & 4+0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = A.$$

### 4. Existence of additive inverse

Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be any matrix of order  $m \times n$ . Then there exist a matrix  $B$  of order  $m \times n$ , each of whose element is the negative of the corresponding element of  $A$  such that  $A+B = B+A = O$ . Then  $B$  is said to be additive inverse of  $A$  and is denoted by  $-A$ .

$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}, A+B = \begin{bmatrix} 1+(-1) & 3+(-3) \\ -2+2 & 4+(-4) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = O.$$

## III Scalar Multiplication

Let  $A$  be a  $m \times n$  matrix and  $k$  be a scalar. Then  $m \times n$  matrix obtained by multiplying every element of the matrix  $A$  by  $k$  is called the scalar multiple of  $A$  by  $k$  and is denoted by  $kA$ . Thus if  $A = [a_{ij}]$  then  $kA = [ka_{ij}]$ .

$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } 2A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 2 & 3 \times 2 \\ 2 \times 2 & 4 \times 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Note

1. If  $A$  and  $B$  are matrices of same order and  $k$  be any number, then  $k(A+B) = kA+kB$ .
2. If  $A$  and  $B$  are matrices of same order and  $k$  be any number, then  $A-B = A+(-1 \times B)$ .

## IV Matrix Multiplication

The Matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be conformable for multiplication when the number of columns of  $A =$  number of rows of  $B$ .

Let  $A$  be a  $m \times n$  matrix and  $B$  be a  $n \times p$  matrix. So that the number of columns of  $A =$  number of rows of  $B$ . Then the product  $C = A \times B$  is a  $m \times p$  matrix where each element  $c_{ij}$  of  $C$  is obtained by multiplying the elements of  $i^{\text{th}}$  row of  $A$  with  $j^{\text{th}}$  column of  $B$  and adding the products.

Let  $A=[a_{ik}]$  and  $B=[b_{kj}]$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p$ . Then  $C=[c_{ij}]$ , where

$$c_{ij} = a_{i1} b_{1j} + a_{i2} b_{2j} + \dots + a_{in} b_{nj} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj}.$$

Eg:

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ Then}$$

$$C = AB = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \times -1 + -1 \times 2 & 2 \times 3 + -1 \times 0 & 2 \times 2 + -1 \times -1 \\ 4 \times -1 + -1 \times 2 & 4 \times 3 + -1 \times 0 & 4 \times 2 + -1 \times -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 6 & 5 \\ -6 & 12 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Properties of matrix multiplication

#### 1. Matrix multiplication is associative

If  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are three matrices conformable for multiplication, then  
 $A(BC) = (AB)C$

Eg:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 7 \\ 1 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then } AB = \begin{bmatrix} 0+1 & 6+8 & 14+9 \\ 0+4 & 9+32 & 21+36 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 14 & 23 \\ 4 & 41 & 57 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(AB)C = \begin{bmatrix} 3+28+23 & 7+84+92 & 1+14+0 \\ 12+82+57 & 28+246+228 & 4+41+0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 54 & 183 & 15 \\ 151 & 502 & 45 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$BC = \begin{bmatrix} 0+6+7 & 0+18+28 & 0+3+0 \\ 3+16+9 & 7+48+36 & 1+8+0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 13 & 46 & 3 \\ 28 & 91 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A(BC) = \begin{bmatrix} 26+28 & 92+91 & 6+9 \\ 39+112 & 138+364 & 9+36 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 54 & 183 & 15 \\ 151 & 502 & 45 \end{bmatrix} = (AB)C.$$

#### 2. Matrix multiplication is distributive

If  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are three matrices conformable for multiplication and addition, then  
 $A(B+C) = AB+AC$

Eg:

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

$$B+C = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad A(B+C) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 14 & 8 \\ -11 & 16 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 & 3 \\ -6 & 12 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad AC = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 8 & 5 \\ -5 & 4 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \quad AB+AC = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 14 & 8 \\ -11 & 16 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence  $A(B+C) = AB+AC$

### 3. Matrix multiplication is non commutative

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be both wise multiplicative. Then  $AB$  is not always equal to  $BA$ . In other words matrix multiplication is non commutative.

**Eg:**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad AB = \begin{bmatrix} -2+2 & 2+-2 \\ -6+4 & 6+-4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} -2+6 & -4+8 \\ 1+-3 & 2+-4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

So  $AB \neq BA$ .

**Result**

If  $A$  and  $B$  are two matrices conformable for multiplication and having non zero elements. Then  $AB = O$  does not imply that  $A = O$  or  $B = O$ .

**Eg:**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad AB = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \times 6 + 2 \times 0 & 0 \times 8 + 2 \times 0 \\ 0 \times 6 + 4 \times 0 & 0 \times 8 + 4 \times 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = O.$$

But  $A \neq O$  and  $B \neq O$ .

### Transpose of a Matrix

Transpose of a matrix  $A$  is the matrix obtained by interchanging the rows and column of  $A$  and is denoted by  $A'$  or  $A^T$ . Thus if  $A$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix then its transpose is an  $n \times m$  matrix.

**Eg:**

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

**Result**

If  $A^T$  and  $B^T$  be the transpose of the matrices  $A$  and  $B$  respectively. Then

- (i)  $(A^T)^T = A$ .
- (ii)  $(A+B)^T = A^T + B^T$ , provided  $A$  and  $B$  being of the same order
- (iii)  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$ , provided  $A$  and  $B$  conformable for multiplication (this is called reversal law of transpose)
- (iv)  $(kA)^T = k(A^T)$ ,  $k$  is any number.

**Eg:**

$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad B^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 2+1 & 1+2 \\ 5+(-3) & 3+4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad (A+B)^T = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T + B^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2+1 & 5+(-3) \\ 1+2 & 3+4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = (A+B)^T$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 2-3 & 4+4 \\ 5-9 & 10+12 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 8 \\ -4 & 22 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (AB)^T = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -4 \\ 8 & 22 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B^T A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2-3 & 5-9 \\ 4+4 & 10+12 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -4 \\ 8 & 22 \end{bmatrix} = (AB)^T.$$

### Symmetric matrices and Skew -Symmetric Matrices

A square matrix is said to be *Symmetric Matrix* if it is same as its transpose. That is a square matrix  $A$  is symmetric if  $A = A^T$ .

**Eg:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

A square matrix  $A$  is said to be *Skew Symmetric Matrix* if  $A^T = -A$ .

**Note:** The elements on the main diagonal of a skew symmetric matrix are all zeros.

**Eg:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ -3 & -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Properties

1. If  $A$  and  $B$  are symmetric matrices. Then  $AB$  is symmetric if and only if  $AB = BA$ .
2. If  $A$  be any square matrix then  $A + A^T$  is symmetric and  $A - A^T$  is skew symmetric
3. Every square matrix can be expressed as the sum of two matrices of which one is symmetric and the other skew symmetric. Let  $A$  be any square matrix then  $P = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^T)$  is symmetric and  $Q = \frac{1}{2}(A - A^T)$  is skew symmetric matrix. Hence  $P + Q = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^T) + \frac{1}{2}(A - A^T) = A$ .

**Eg:** Express  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  as the sum of symmetric and skew symmetric matrices

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad P = \frac{1}{2}(A+A^T) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 & 9 \\ 6 & 2 & 4 \\ 9 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 9/2 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 9/2 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{2}(A-A^T) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & -3 \\ 2 & 0 & -4 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -3/2 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 3/2 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P+Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3-1 & \frac{9}{2}-\frac{3}{2} \\ 3+1 & 1-0 & 2-2 \\ \frac{9}{2}+\frac{3}{2} & 2+2 & 0+2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

### Determinants

To each square matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  we associate a number called determinant of  $A$ , and is denoted by  $\det A$  or  $|A|$ . Note that the matrices which are not square do not have determinant.

#### Determinant of Square Matrix of Order One.

The determinant of a  $1 \times 1$  matrix  $A = [a]$  is given by  $|A| = a$ .

#### Determinant of Square Matrix of Order Two.

The determinant of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{bmatrix}$  then  $|A| = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} = a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1$ .

#### Determinant of Square Matrix of Order Three.

The determinant of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix}$  then

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1 \begin{vmatrix} b_2 & c_2 \\ b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} - b_1 \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} + c_1 \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

or

$$|A| = -a_2 \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & c_1 \\ b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} + b_2 \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & c_1 \\ a_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} - c_2 \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_3 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}.$$

### Minor and cofactor of a determinant

Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ . The its determinant  $|A|$  is also of order  $n$ . If we suppress the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row and  $j^{\text{th}}$  column of the determinant, we get a determinant  $M_{ij}$



of order  $n-1$ . This determinant  $M_{ij}$  is called the minor of the element  $a_{ij}$ . The cofactor  $C_{ij}$  of  $a_{ij}$  is defined as  $(-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$ .

**Eg:**

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

$$M_{11} = \text{minor of the element } a_{11} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \text{ and the co factor of } a_{11} \text{ is}$$

$$C_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} M_{11} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Similarly } M_{12} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \text{ and } C_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} M_{12} = - \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \text{ and so on.}$$

Now define the value of the determinant  $|A|$  of order  $n$  as

$$|A| = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} M_{ij} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} C_{ij}$$

if expanded along the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row and

$$|A| = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} M_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} C_{ij}$$

if expanded along the  $i^{\text{th}}$  column.

### Properties of a determinants

1. The value of a determinant remains unchanged if its row and columns are interchanged.
2. If two rows (or columns) of a determinant are interchanged then the sign of the determinant is changed
3. If any two rows (or column) of a determinant are identical then its value is zero.
4. If each element of a row (or column) of a determinant is multiplied by a constant  $k$ , then its value get multiplied by  $k$ .
5. If any two rows (or column) of a determinant are proportional then its value is zero.

### Adjoint of a matrix

Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be a square matrix of order  $n$  and let  $C_{ij}$  be the cofactor of the element  $a_{ij}$  of the determinant  $|A|$ , then the matrix  $C = [C_{ij}]$  is called the cofactor matrix of  $A$  and its transpose is called the adjoint of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\text{adj.}A$ . i.e.  $\text{adj.}A = C^T$ .

**Result**

Let  $A$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ , then

$$A \times (\text{adj.} A) = |A| I_n = (\text{adj.} A) A$$

where  $I_n$  is the identity matrix of order  $n$ .

**Singular and Non Singular Matrices**

A square matrix  $A$  is called a singular matrix if  $|A| = 0$  and if  $|A| \neq 0$ , then  $A$  is called non-singular.

**Invertible matrix and Inverse of a matrix**

Let  $A$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ . If there exists a square matrix  $B$  of order  $n$  such that  $AB = BA = I_n$ , where  $I_n$  is the identity matrix of order  $n$ . The  $A$  is said to be invertible and  $B$  is called the inverse of  $A$ .

**Result**

1. Inverse of a square matrix if it exists is unique
2. A square matrix is invertible if and only if it is non singular
3. If  $A$  is invertible matrix, then its inverse is given by  $A^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj.} A}{|A|}$
4. If  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible matrices of the same order then  $AB$  is invertible and  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1} A^{-1}$ .

**Rank of a Matrix**

A non zero matrix is said to have rank  $k$  if at least one of its minor is not zero and all minors of order more than  $k$  if any are zero.

**Orthogonal Matrix**

A square matrix  $A$  is said to be orthogonal if the product of it is a unit matrix. That is  $AA' = A'A = I_n$ , then  $A$  is orthogonal matrix. If  $A$  is orthogonal matrix then  $A' = A^{-1}$ .

**Solution of Simultaneous equations using matrices**

Consider the equations

$$\begin{aligned} a_1x + b_1y + c_1z &= d_1 \\ a_2x + b_2y + c_2z &= d_2 \\ a_3x + b_3y + c_3z &= d_3 \end{aligned}$$

This equations are simultaneous equations

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then the above system of equation can}$$

be written as  $AX = D$ . If  $A$  is invertible then we can obtain the solution of the simultaneous equation as  $X = A^{-1}D$ .

## Cramer's Rule

Consider the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}a_1x + b_1y + c_1z &= d_1 \\a_2x + b_2y + c_2z &= d_2 \\a_3x + b_3y + c_3z &= d_3\end{aligned}$$

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ d_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ d_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & d_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & d_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & d_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & d_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & d_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & d_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then Cramer rule gives the solution above system of equation as

$$x = \frac{|A_1|}{|A|}, \quad y = \frac{|A_2|}{|A|} \quad \text{and} \quad z = \frac{|A_3|}{|A|}$$