


# Inverse of a Matrix by Elementary Operations

## 4 Marks Questions

1. Use elementary column operations  
 $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - 2C_1$  in the matrix equation

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

Foreign 2014

 We write the matrix  $A$  as  $A = AI$  for applying elementary column operations. So, apply column operation on the matrix of LHS and on the second matrix of RHS.

Given matrix equation is

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

On applying  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1$ , we get


$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2-8 \\ 3 & 3-6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0-4 \\ 1 & 1-2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -6 \\ 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

which is the required answer.

2. Using elementary row transformation (ERT),  
find inverse of matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Foreign 2010; HOTS

 Firstly, put  $A = IA$ . Then, by applying elementary row transformation on  $A$  of LHS and  $I$  of RHS, convert this matrix in the form  $I = BA$ , where  $B$  gives the inverse of  $A$ .

Given matrix is  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Let  $A = IA$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1/2)$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1)$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 5R_1$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1)$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 5 \\ -5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1/2)$$

Now, applying  $R_2 \rightarrow (-1)R_2$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 5 \\ 5 & -6 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1/2)$$

Hence,  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 5 \\ 5 & -6 \end{bmatrix} [\because A^{-1}A = I] \quad (1/2)$

**3.** Find  $A^{-1}$ , by using elementary row

transformation for matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Foreign 2010

Do same as Que 2.  $\left[ \text{Ans. } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -7 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \right]$

**4.** Using elementary row transformation, find

inverse of matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Delhi 2010

Do same as Que 2.  $\left[ \text{Ans. } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right]$

## 6 Marks Questions

5. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Delhi 2012

Given matrix is  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Let  $A = IA$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1)$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 3R_1$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1)$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow (-1)R_1$ , we get

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

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1)$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$  and  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 4R_2$ , we get

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

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow (-1)R_2$ , we get

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

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 2R_3$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -8 & 7 & -5 \\ -5 & 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1)$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow (-1)R_3$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -8 & 7 & -5 \\ 5 & -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} A$$

which is of the form  $I = BA$ .

Hence, 
$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -8 & 7 & -5 \\ 5 & -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

6. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Foreign 2011

Given matrix is  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Let  $A = IA$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1)$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow 3R_1$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & -3 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1/2)$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -3 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1)$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_3$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1/2)$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 5R_1$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -15 & 6 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1)$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -15 & 6 & -5 \\ 15 & -6 & 6 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1/2)$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{3} R_3$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -15 & 6 & -5 \\ 5 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1/2)$$

Hence, 
$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -15 & 6 & -5 \\ 5 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$7. \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ -3 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Delhi 2010

$$\text{Given matrix is } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ -3 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Let } A = IA$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ -3 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1)$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 3R_1$  and  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 9 & -7 \\ 0 & -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1)$$



Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow \frac{R_2}{9}$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -7/9 \\ 0 & -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/3 & 1/9 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1/2)$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 5R_2$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -7/9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/3 & 1/9 & 0 \\ -1/3 & 5/9 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A(1/2)$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow 9R_3$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -7/9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/3 & 1/9 & 0 \\ -3 & 5 & 9 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1/2)$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 3R_2$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 1 & -7/9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1/3 & 0 \\ 1/3 & 1/9 & 0 \\ -3 & 5 & 9 \end{bmatrix} A \quad (1/2)$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - \frac{1}{3}R_3$  and  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + \frac{7}{9}R_3$ ,

we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 \\ -2 & 4 & 7 \\ -3 & 5 & 9 \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$\text{Hence, } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 \\ -2 & 4 & 7 \\ -3 & 5 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

8.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

All India 2010



Do same as Que 7.  $\left[ \text{Ans. } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \right]$

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

All India 2009

Do same as Que 7.  $\left[ \text{Ans. } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 & 3 \\ -2 & 3 & -2 \\ 8 & -12 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \right]$

10.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ -2 & -4 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$

All India 2008

Do same as Que 7.  $\left[ \text{Ans. } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & -1 \\ -4 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right]$