

# Matrices

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- A **matrix** is an ordered rectangular array of numbers or functions. The numbers or functions are called the **elements** or the **entries** of the matrix.

For example,  $\begin{bmatrix} -10 & \sin x & \log x \\ e^x & 2 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$  is a matrix having 6 elements. In this matrix, number of rows = 2 and number of columns = 3

- A matrix having  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns is called a matrix of order  $m \times n$ . In such a matrix, there are  $mn$  numbers of elements.

For example, the order of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} \sin x & \cos x \\ -1 & 1 + \sin x \\ 0 & \cos x \end{bmatrix}$  is  $3 \times 2$  as the numbers of rows and columns of this matrix are 3 and 2 respectively.

- A matrix  $A$  is said to be a **row matrix**, if it has only one row. In general,  $A = [a_{ij}]_{1 \times n}$  is a row matrix of order  $1 \times n$ .

For example,  $[-9 \ 6 \ 5 \ e \ \sin x]$  is a row matrix of order  $1 \times 5$ .

- A matrix  $B$  is said to be a **column matrix**, if it has only one column. In general,  $B = [b_{ij}]_{m \times 1}$  is a column matrix of order  $m \times 1$ .

For example,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 19 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix}$  is a column matrix of order  $3 \times 1$ .

- A matrix  $C$  is said to be a **square matrix**, if the number of rows and columns of the matrix are equal. In general,  $C = [c_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  is a square matrix, if  $m = n$

For example,  $C = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 9 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is a square matrix.

- A square matrix  $A$  is said to be a **diagonal matrix**, if all its non-diagonal elements are zero. In general,  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  is a diagonal matrix, if  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $i \neq j$
- A matrix is said to be a **rectangular matrix**, if the number of rows is not equal to the number of columns.

For example:  $\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 3 & 9 \\ 1 & 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$  is a rectangular matrix.

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

For example:  $\begin{bmatrix} 15 & 11 \\ 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 15 & 11 \\ 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  are equal but  $\begin{bmatrix} 15 & 11 \\ 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ 15 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$  are not equal.

**Example:** If  $\begin{bmatrix} 7 & x-y \\ 13 & 3y+z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x+y & 5 \\ 2x+y+z & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find the values of  $x, y$  and  $z$ .

**Solution:** Since the corresponding elements of equal matrices are equal,

$$2x + y = 7 \dots (1)$$

$$x - y = 5 \dots (2)$$

$$2x + y + z = 13 \dots (3)$$

$$3y + z = 3 \dots (4)$$

On solving equations (1) and (2), we obtain  $x = 4$  and  $y = -1$ .

On substituting the value of  $y$  in equation (4), we obtain  $z = 6$ .

Thus, the values of  $x, y$  and  $z$  are 4, -1 and 6 respectively.

- Two matrices  $A = [a_{ij}]$  and  $B = [b_{ij}]$  can be added, if they are of the same order.

The sum of two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  of same order  $m \times n$  is defined as matrix  $C = [c_{ij}]_{m \times n}$ , where  $c_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij}$  for all possible values of  $i$  and  $j$ .

- The difference of two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  is defined, if and only if they are of same order. The difference of the matrices  $A$  and  $B$  is defined as  $A - B = A + (-1)B$

- If  $A, B$ , and  $C$  are three matrices of same order, then they follow the following properties related to addition:

- Commutative law:  $A + B = B + A$
- Associative law:  $A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C$
- Existence of additive identity: For every matrix  $A$ , there exists a matrix  $O$  such that  $A + O = O + A = A$ . In this case,  $O$  is called the additive identity for matrix addition.
- Existence of additive inverse: For every matrix  $A$ , there exists a matrix  $(-A)$  such that  $A + (-A) = (-A) + A = O$ . In this case,  $(-A)$  is called the additive inverse or the negative of  $A$ .

**Example:** Find the value of  $x$  and  $y$ , if:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2x+3y & 9 \\ -2 & 4x-7y \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 3x+\frac{5}{2}y & -11 \\ -13 & 3x-\frac{3}{2}y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 56 & -13 \\ -28 & 30 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} 2x+3y & 9 \\ -2 & 4x-7y \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 3x+\frac{5}{2}y & -11 \\ -13 & 3x-\frac{3}{2}y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 56 & -13 \\ -28 & 30 \end{bmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow & \begin{bmatrix} 2x+3y & 9 \\ -2 & 4x-7y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 6x+5y & -22 \\ -26 & 6x-3y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 56 & -13 \\ -28 & 30 \end{bmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow & \begin{bmatrix} 8(x+y) & -13 \\ -28 & 10(x-y) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 56 & -13 \\ -28 & 30 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$8(x+y) = 56 \text{ and } 10(x-y) = 30$$

$$\Rightarrow x+y = 7 \quad \dots (1)$$

And

$$x-y = 3 \quad \dots (2)$$

Solving equation (1) and (2), we obtain  $x = 5$  and  $y = 2$

- The multiplication of a matrix  $A$  of order  $m \times n$  by a scalar  $k$  is defined as

$$kA = kA = k[a_{ij}]_{m \times n} = [k(a_{ij})]_{m \times n}$$

- If  $A$  and  $B$  are matrices of same order and  $k$  and  $l$  are scalars, then
  - $k(A+B) = kA + kB$
  - $(k+l)A = kA + lA$
- The negative of a matrix  $B$  is denoted by  $-B$  and is defined as  $(-1)B$ .
- The product of two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  is defined, if the number of columns of  $A$  is equal to the number of rows of  $B$ .
- If  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  and  $B = [b_{jk}]_{n \times p}$  are two matrices, then their product is defined as  $AB = C = [c_{ik}]_{m \times p}$ , where  $c_{ik} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}b_{jk}$

For example, if  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 9 \\ 7 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 AB &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & -9 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 9 \\ 7 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \times (-5) + (-3) \times 7 + 7 \times 0 & 2 \times 9 + (-3) \times 2 + 7 \times 1 \\ 0 \times (-5) + 1 \times 7 + (-9) \times 0 & 0 \times 9 + 1 \times 2 + (-9) \times 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} -31 & 19 \\ 7 & -7 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

- If  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are any three matrices, then they follow the following properties related to multiplication:
  - Associative law:  $(AB)C = A(BC)$
  - Distribution law:  $A(B + C) = AB + AC$  and  $(A + B)C = AC + BC$ , if both sides of equality are defined.
  - Existence of multiplicative identity: For every square matrix  $A$ , there exists an identity matrix  $I$  of same order such that  $IA = AI = A$ . In this case,  $I$  is called the multiplicative identity.
- Multiplication of two matrices is not commutative. There are many cases where the product  $AB$  of two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  is defined, but the product  $BA$  need not be defined.

For example, if  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}_{1 \times 2}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$ , then  $AB$  is defined where as  $BA$  is not defined.

If  $A$  is a matrix of order  $m \times n$ , then the matrix obtained by interchanging the rows and columns of  $A$  is called the transpose of matrix  $A$ . The transpose of  $A$  is denoted by  $A'$  or  $A^T$ . In other words, if  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$ , then  $A' = [a_{ij}]_{n \times m}$

For example, the transpose of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 8 & -3 \\ 1 & 11 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 8 & 11 \\ -3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- For any matrices  $A$  and  $B$  of suitable orders, the properties of transpose of matrices are given as:
  - $(A')' = A$
  - $(kA)' = kA'$ , where  $k$  is a constant
  - $(A + B)' = A' + B'$
  - $(AB)' = B'A'$



- If  $A$  is a square matrix such that  $A[a_{ij}] = [a_{ji}]$  is called a symmetric matrix. I.e., square matrix  $A$  is symmetric if  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$  for all possible values of  $i$  and  $j$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & -8 \\ 5 & -2 & 6 \\ -8 & 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & -8 \\ 5 & -2 & 6 \\ -8 & 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = A$$

For example, let

Thus,  $A$  is a symmetric matrix.

- If  $A$  is a square matrix such that  $A' = -A$ , then  $A$  is called a skew symmetric matrix. I.e., a square matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is skew symmetric if  $a_{ij} = -a_{ji}$  for all possible values of  $i$  and  $j$ .

For  $i = j$ ,  $a_{ii} = -a_{ii}$  i.e.  $a_{ii} = 0$ . This means, all the diagonal elements of a skew symmetric matrix are 0.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -5 & -8 \\ 5 & 0 & -6 \\ 8 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For example, let

$$A' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 & 8 \\ -5 & 0 & 6 \\ -8 & -6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -5 & -8 \\ 5 & 0 & -6 \\ 8 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = -A$$

Now,

Thus,  $A$  is a skew symmetric matrix.

- For any square matrix  $A$  with entries as real numbers,  $A + A'$  is a symmetric matrix and  $A - A'$  is a skew symmetric matrix.
- Every square matrix can be expressed as the sum of a symmetric matrix and a skew symmetric matrix. In other words, if  $A$  is any square matrix, then  $A$  can be expressed as  $P + Q$ , where  $P = \frac{1}{2}(A + A')$  and  $Q = \frac{1}{2}(A - A')$ . Here,  $P$  is symmetric matrix and  $Q$  is a skew symmetric matrix.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ -5 & -2 & 4 \\ -9 & 6 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example:** Express the matrix  $A$  as the sum of a symmetric and a skew symmetric matrix.

**Solution:** We have

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ -5 & -2 & 4 \\ -9 & 6 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 & -9 \\ 2 & -2 & 6 \\ -3 & 4 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = \frac{1}{2}(A + A') = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ -5 & -2 & 4 \\ -9 & 6 & -7 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 & -9 \\ 2 & -2 & 6 \\ -3 & 4 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{3}{2} & -6 \\ -\frac{3}{2} & -2 & 5 \\ -6 & 5 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now,

$$\therefore P' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{3}{2} & -6 \\ -\frac{3}{2} & -2 & 5 \\ -6 & 5 & -7 \end{bmatrix} = P$$

Thus,  $P$  is a symmetric matrix.

Now,

- The various elementary operations or transformations on a matrix are as follows:
  - $R_i \leftrightarrow R_j$  or  $C_i \leftrightarrow C_j$
  - $R_i \leftrightarrow kR_i$  or  $C_i \leftrightarrow kC_j$ , where  $k$  is a non-zero constant
  - $R_i \leftrightarrow R_i + kR_j$  or  $C_i \leftrightarrow C_i + kC_j$ , where  $k$  is a constant.

For example, by applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 7R_3$  to the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} -9 & 5 & 8 \\ 5 & 6 & 11 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , we obtain  $\begin{bmatrix} -23 & 12 & 8 \\ 5 & 6 & 11 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- If  $A$  and  $B$  are the square matrices of same order such that  $AB = BA = I$ , then  $B$  is called the inverse of  $A$  and  $A$  is called the inverse of  $B$ . i.e.,  $A^{-1} = B$  and  $B^{-1} = A$
- If  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible matrices of the same order, then  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$
- If the inverse of a square matrix exists, then it is unique.
- If the inverse of a matrix exists, then it can be calculated either by using elementary row operations or by using elementary column operations.

**Example:** Find the inverse of the matrix:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta & \cos \theta \\ -\cos \theta & \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}$

**Solution:** We know that  $A = IA$ . Therefore, we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta & \cos \theta \\ -\cos \theta & \sin \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow \sin \theta R_1$  and  $R_2 \rightarrow \cos \theta R_2$ , we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sin^2 \theta & \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ -\cos^2 \theta & \sin \theta \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} A$$

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta & 0 \\ -\cos^2 \theta & \sin \theta \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \\ 0 & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} A$$
$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\cos^2 \theta & \sin \theta \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \\ 0 & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} A$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + \cos^2 \theta R_1$ , we have

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta & \cos \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta) \end{bmatrix} A$$