

# Adjoint and inverse of a square matrix

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### Adjoint and Inverse of a Matrix:-

- Adjoint of a matrix is the transpose of the matrix of cofactors of the given matrix

- Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$

- Matrix formed by the cofactors are  $\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{adj } A = \text{Transpose of } \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{21} & A_{31} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & A_{32} \\ A_{13} & A_{23} & A_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Note:-**

For a square matrix of order 2, given by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

The adj A can also be obtained by interchanging  $a_{11}$  and  $a_{22}$  and by changing signs of  $a_{12}$  and  $a_{21}$  i.e

$$\text{adj}A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{22} & -a_{12} \\ -a_{21} & a_{11} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Theorem - 1**

If A be any given square matrix of order n, then  $A (\text{adj} A) = (\text{adj} A) A = |A| I$ , where I is the identity matrix of order n.

**Verification:-**

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } \text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

Since sum of product of elements of a row (or a column) with corresponding cofactors is equal to  $|A|$  and otherwise zero, we have

$$A(\text{adj } A) = \begin{bmatrix} |A| & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & |A| & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & |A| \end{bmatrix} = |A| \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = |A| I$$

Similarly, we can show  $(\text{adj } A)A = |A| I$

Hence  $A(\text{adj } A) = (\text{adj } A)A = |A| I$

### **Singular and No singular matrix**

A square matrix  $A$  is said to be singular if  $|A| = 0$

A square matrix  $A$  is said to be non-singular if  $|A| \neq 0$

### **Theorem – 2**

If  $A$  and  $B$  are non-singular matrices of the same order, then  $AB$  and  $BA$  are also non singular matrices of the same order.

### **Theorem – 3**

The determinant of the product of matrices is equal to product of their respective determinants, that is  $|AB| = |A| |B|$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are square matrices of the same order.

**Remark**

We know that,  $(\text{adj } A)A = |A| I = \begin{bmatrix} |A| & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & |A| & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & |A| \end{bmatrix}$

Writing determinants of matrices on both sides, we have

$$|(\text{adj } A)A| = \begin{vmatrix} |A| & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & |A| & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & |A| \end{vmatrix}$$

$$|(\text{adj } A)||A| = |A^3| \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$|(\text{adj } A)||A| = |A^3| (1)$$

$$|(\text{adj } A)| = |A|^2$$

In general, if  $A$  is a square matrix of order  $n$ , then  $|\text{adj}(A)| = |A|^{n-1}$

## Theorem – 4

A square matrix  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $A$  is non-singular matrix

### Verification:-

Let  $A$  be invertible matrix of order  $n$  and  $I$  be the identity matrix of order  $n$ . Then, there exists a square matrix  $B$  of order  $n$  such that  $AB = BA = I$

Now  $AB = I$ , So  $|AB| = |I|$  or  $|A| |B| = 1$  (since  $|I| = 1$ ,  $|AB| = |A| |B|$ ). This gives  $|A| \neq 0$ . Hence  $A$  is non-singular.

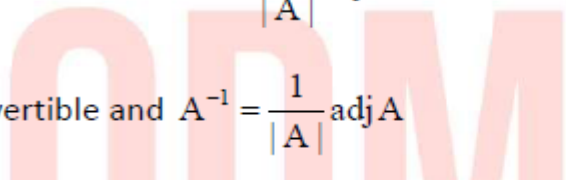
Conversely, let  $A$  be non-singular. Then  $|A| \neq 0$

Now  $A(\text{adj } A) = (\text{adj } A) A = |A| I$  (Theorem 1)

$$A \left( \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj } A \right) = \left( \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj } A \right) A = I$$

$$AB = BA = I, \text{ where } B = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj } A$$

$$A \text{ is invertible and } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj } A$$



**Properties:-**

- $A \cdot (\text{adj}(A)) = \text{adj}(A) \cdot A = |A| \cdot I_n$
- $|\text{adj}(A)| = |A|^{n-1}$
- $\text{adj}(\text{adj}(A)) = |A|^{(n-1)^2} A$
- $\text{adj}(A^T) = (\text{adj}(A))^T$
- $\text{adj}(AB) = \text{adj}(B) \cdot \text{adj}(A)$
- $\text{adj}(A^m) = (\text{adj}(A))^m$
- $\text{adj}(KA) = K^{n-1} \text{adj}(A)$
- If  $A$  is singular then  $|\text{adj}(A)| = 0$
- $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$
- $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1} \cdot A^{-1}$
- $(A^K)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^K, K \in \mathbb{N}$
- $\text{adj}(A^{-1}) = (\text{adj}(A))^{-1}$
- $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$
- $|A^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|A|} = |A|^{-1}$
- $AB = AC \Rightarrow B = C$  iff  $|A| \neq 0$



**Example:**

If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , then verify that  $A \text{adj } A = |A| I$ . Also find  $A^{-1}$ .

**Answer:**

We have  $|A| = 1(16 - 9) - 3(4 - 3) + 3(3 - 4) = 1 \neq 0$

Now  $A_{11} = 7, A_{12} = -1, A_{13} = -1, A_{21} = -3, A_{22} = 1, A_{23} = 0, A_{31} = -3, A_{32} = 0, A_{33} = 1$

Therefore  $\text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -3 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Now  $A (\text{adj } A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -3 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 7-3-3 & -3+3+0 & -3+0+3 \\ 7-4-3 & -3+4+0 & -3+0+3 \\ 7-3-4 & -3+3+0 & -3+0+4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = (1) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = |A| \cdot I$$

Also

$$|A|^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj } A = \frac{1}{1} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -3 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -3 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example:

If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , then verify that  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$ .

Answer:

$$\text{We have } AB = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 5 \\ 5 & -14 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since,  $|AB| = -11 \neq 0$ ,  $(AB)^{-1}$  exists and is given by

$$(AB)^{-1} = \frac{1}{|AB|} \text{adj}(AB) = -\frac{1}{11} \begin{bmatrix} -14 & -5 \\ -5 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{11} \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 5 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Further,  $|A| = -11 \neq 0$  and  $|B| = 1 \neq 0$ . Therefore,  $A^{-1}$  and  $B^{-1}$  both exist and are given by

$$A^{-1} = -\frac{1}{11} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Therefore } B^{-1}A^{-1} = -\frac{1}{11} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{1}{11} \begin{bmatrix} -14 & -5 \\ -5 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{11} \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 5 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$

Example:

Show that the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  satisfies the equation  $A^2 - 4A + I = O$ ,

where  $I$  is  $2 \times 2$  identity matrix and  $O$  is  $2 \times 2$  zero matrix. Using this equation, find  $A^{-1}$ .

Answer:

We have  $A^2 = A \cdot A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 12 \\ 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

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

Now  $A^2 - 4A + I = O$

Therefore  $AA - 4A = -I$

or  $AA(A^{-1}) - 4AA^{-1} = -IA^{-1}$  (Post multiplying by  $A^{-1}$  because  $|A| \neq 0$ )

or  $A(AA^{-1}) - 4I = -A^{-1}$

or  $AI - 4I = -A^{-1}$

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

Hence  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

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