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Preface

Over the period of time the GATE and ESE examination have become more challenging due to increasing number of candidates. Though every candidate has ability to succeed but competitive environment, in-depth knowledge, quality guidance and good source of study is required to achieve high level goals.



The new edition of **Engineering Mathematics for GATE 2026 and ESE 2026 Prelims** has been fully revised, updated and edited. The whole book has been divided into topicwise sections.

I have true desire to serve student community by way of providing good source of study and quality guidance. I hope this book will be proved an important tool to succeed in GATE and ESE examination. Any suggestions from the readers for the improvement of this book are most welcome.

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Differential equations: First order equations (linear and nonlinear); higher order linear differential equations with constant coefficients; Euler-Cauchy equation; initial and boundary value problems; Laplace transforms; solutions of heat, wave and Laplace's equations.

Complex Variables: Analytic functions; Cauchy-Riemann equations; Cauchy's integral theorem and integral formula; Taylor and Laurent series.

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Numerical Methods: Numerical solutions of linear and non-linear algebraic equations; integration by trapezoidal and Simpson's rules; single and multi-step methods for differential equations..

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Differential equations: First order equations (linear and nonlinear), Higher order linear differential equations with constant coefficients, Method of variation of parameters, Cauchy's equation, Euler's equation, Initial and boundary value problems, Partial Differential Equations, Method of separation of variables.

Complex Variables: Analytic functions, Cauchy's integral theorem, Cauchy's integral formula, Taylor series, Laurent series, Residue theorem, Solution integrals.

Probability and Statistics: Sampling theorems, Conditional probability, Mean, Median, Mode, Standard Deviation, Random variables, Discrete and Continuous distributions, Poisson distribution, Normal distribution, Binomial distribution, Correlation analysis, Regression analysis.

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Analysis of complex variables : Analytic functions, Cauchy's integral theorem and integral formula, Taylor's and Laurent's series, residue theorem, solution of integrals.

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Probability: Random variables. Uniform, normal, exponential, poisson and binomial distributions. Mean, median, mode and standard deviation. Conditional probability and Bayes theorem.

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1.1 Introduction

In this chapter, we shall discuss matrix algebra and its use in solving linear system of algebraic equations $AX = B$ and in solving the Eigen value problem $AX = \lambda X$.

1.2 Algebra of Matrices

1.2.1 Definition of Matrix

A system of $m \times n$ numbers arranged in the form of a rectangular array having m rows and n columns is called a matrix of order $m \times n$.

If $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$ be any matrix of order $m \times n$ then it is written in the form:

$$A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \dots \dots \dots a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \dots \dots \dots a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \\ \dots & \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} \dots \dots \dots a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Horizontal lines are called rows and vertical lines are called columns.

1.2.2 Special Types of Matrices

- 1. Square Matrix:** An $m \times n$ matrix for which $m = n$ (The number of rows is equal to number of columns) is called square matrix. It is also called an n -rowed square matrix. i.e. $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$. The elements $a_{ij} \mid i = j$, i.e. a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots are called **DIAGONAL ELEMENTS** and the line along which they lie is called **PRINCIPLE DIAGONAL** of matrix. Elements other than a_{11}, a_{22} , etc are called off-diagonal elements i.e. $a_{ij} \mid i \neq j$.

Example: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 9 & 8 & 3 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3}$ is a square Matrix

NOTE



A square sub-matrix of a square matrix A is called a “**principle sub-matrix**” if its diagonal elements are also the diagonal elements of the matrix A . So $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ is a principle sub matrix of the matrix A given above, but $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ is not.

- 2. Diagonal Matrix:** A square matrix in which all off-diagonal elements are zero is called a diagonal matrix. The diagonal elements may or may not be zero.
$$\begin{cases} a_{ij} = 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \\ a_{ij} & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$

Example: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ is a diagonal matrix

The above matrix can also be written as $A = \text{diag} [3, 5, 9]$

Properties of Diagonal Matrix:

$$\text{diag} [x, y, z] + \text{diag} [p, q, r] = \text{diag} [x + p, y + q, z + r]$$

$$\text{diag} [x, y, z] \times \text{diag} [p, q, r] = \text{diag} [xp, yq, zr]$$

$$(\text{diag} [x, y, z])^{-1} = \text{diag} [1/x, 1/y, 1/z]$$

$$(\text{diag} [x, y, z])^T = \text{diag} [x, y, z]$$

$$(\text{diag} [x, y, z])^n = \text{diag} [x^n, y^n, z^n]$$

Eigen values of $\text{diag} [x, y, z] = x, y$ and z .

$$\text{Determinant of } \text{diag} [x, y, z] = |\text{diag} [x, y, z]| = xyz$$

- 3. Scalar Matrix:** A scalar matrix is a diagonal matrix with all diagonal elements being equal.

$$\begin{cases} a_{ij} = 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \\ a_{ij} = k & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$

Example: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ is a scalar matrix.

- 4. Unit Matrix or Identity Matrix:** A square matrix each of whose diagonal elements is 1 and each of whose non-diagonal elements are zero is called unit matrix or an identity matrix which is denoted by I . Identity matrix is always square.

Thus a square matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$ is a unit matrix if $a_{ij} = 1$ when $i = j$ and $a_{ij} = 0$ when $i \neq j$. $\begin{cases} a_{ij} = 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \\ a_{ij} = 1 & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$

Example: $I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is unit matrix, $I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Properties of Identity Matrix:

(a) I is Identity element for multiplication, so it is called multiplicative identity.

$$(b) \quad AI = IA = A$$

$$(c) \quad I^n = I$$

$$(d) \quad I^{-1} = I$$

$$(e) \quad |I| = 1$$

- 5. Null Matrix:** The $m \times n$ matrix whose elements are all zero is called null matrix.

Null matrix is denoted by O . Null matrix need not be square. $a_{ij} = 0 \quad \forall \quad i, j$

Example: $O_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $O_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $O_{2 \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Properties of Null Matrix:

$$(a) \quad A + O = O + A = A$$

So, O is additive identity.

$$(b) \quad A + (-A) = O$$

- 6. Upper Triangular Matrix:** An upper triangular matrix is a square matrix whose lower off-diagonal elements are zero, i.e. $a_{ij} = 0$ whenever $i > j$. It is denoted by U .

The diagonal and upper off diagonal elements may or may not be zero.
$$\begin{cases} a_{ij} = 0 & \text{if } i > j \\ a_{ij} & \text{if } i \leq j \end{cases}$$

Example: $U = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & -1 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

- 7. Lower Triangular Matrix:** A lower triangular matrix is a square matrix whose upper off-diagonal triangular elements are zero, i.e. $a_{ij} = 0$ whenever $i < j$. The diagonal and lower off-diagonal elements may or may not be zero. $\{a_{ij} = 0 \text{ if } i < j$. It is denoted by L ,

Example: $L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

- 8. Idempotent Matrix:** A matrix A is called Idempotent if $A^2 = A$.

Example: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & -4 \\ -1 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ are examples of Idempotent matrices.

- 9. Involuntary Matrix:** A matrix A is called Involuntary if $A^2 = I$.

Example: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is involuntary. Also $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -4 & -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ is involuntary since $A^2 = I$.

- 10. Nilpotent Matrix:** A matrix A is said to be nilpotent of class x or index x if $A^x = O$ and $A^{x-1} \neq O$ i.e. x is the smallest index which makes $A^x = O$.

Example: The matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 & 6 \\ -2 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ is nilpotent class 3, since $A \neq O$ and $A^2 \neq O$, but $A^3 = O$.

- 11. Singular matrix:** If the determinant of a matrix is zero, then matrix is called as singular matrix.

$|A| = 0$ e.g. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

**If determinant is not zero, then matrix is known as non-singular matrix.*

If matrix is singular then its inverse doesn't exist.

- 12. Row Matrix:** A matrix with only one row is called as Row Matrix. A row matrix can have any number of columns i.e., it has an order $1 \times n$ where $n \in \text{natural number}$.

Example: (i) $[1, 2, -7, 0, 4]$ is a row matrix of order 1×5 .

(ii) $[3, 0, -5]$ is a row matrix of order 1×3

- 13. Column Matrix:** A matrix with only one column is called as column matrix. A column matrix can have any number of rows i.e., it has an order $m \times 1$ where $m \in \text{natural number}$.

Example: (i) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is a column matrix of order 3×1 . (ii) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ is a column matrix of order 2×1 .

1.2.3 Equality of Two Matrices

Two matrices $A = [a_{ij}]$ and $B = [b_{ij}]$ are said to be equal if,

1. They are of same size.
2. The elements in the corresponding places of two matrices are the same i.e., $a_{ij} = b_{ij}$ for each pair of subscripts i and j .

Example: Let $\begin{bmatrix} x-y & p+q \\ p-q & x+y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$

Then $x - y = 2$, $p + q = 5$, $p - q = 1$ and $x + y = 10$

$\Rightarrow x = 6$, $y = 4$, $p = 3$ and $q = 2$.

1.2.4 Addition of Matrices

Two matrices A and B are compatible for addition only if they both have exactly the same size say $m \times n$. Then their sum is defined to be the matrix of the type $m \times n$ obtained by adding corresponding elements of A and B . Thus if, $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$ & $B = [b_{ij}]_{m \times n}$ then $A + B = [a_{ij} + b_{ij}]_{m \times n}$.

Example: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ $B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$;

$$A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ 10 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

Properties of Matrix Addition:

1. Matrix addition is commutative $A + B = B + A$.
2. Matrix addition is associative $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$
3. Existence of additive identity: If O be $m \times n$ matrix each of whose elements are zero. Then, $A + O = A = O + A$ for every $m \times n$ matrix A .
4. Existence of additive inverse: Let $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$.

Then the negative of matrix A is defined as matrix $[-a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$ and is denoted by $-A$.

\Rightarrow Matrix $-A$ is additive inverse of A . Because $(-A) + A = O = A + (-A)$. Here O is null matrix of order $m \times n$.

5. Cancellation laws holds good in case of addition of matrices of same order.

$$A + X = B + X \Rightarrow A = B$$

$$X + A = X + B \Rightarrow A = B$$

Example: Let A, B, C are matrices of same order i.e., $m \times n$ then, $A + B = A + C$ holds only if $B = C$.

6. The equation $A + X = O$ has a unique solution in the set of all $m \times n$ matrices.

1.2.5 Subtraction of Two Matrices

If A and B are two $m \times n$ matrices, then we define, $A - B = A + (-B)$.

Thus the difference $A - B$ is obtained by subtracting from each element of A corresponding elements of B .

NOTE: Subtraction of matrices is neither commutative nor associative.

1.2.6 Multiplication of a Matrix by a Scalar

Let A be any $m \times n$ matrix and k be any real number called scalar. The $m \times n$ matrix obtained by multiplying every element of the matrix A by k is called scalar multiple of A by k and is denoted by kA .

\Rightarrow If $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$ then $Ak = kA = [kA]_{m \times n}$.

$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & 1 \\ 6 & -5 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then, } 3A = \begin{bmatrix} 15 & 6 & 3 \\ 18 & -15 & 6 \\ 3 & 9 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$$

Properties of Multiplication of a Matrix by a Scalar:

1. Scalar multiplication of matrices distributes over the addition of matrices i.e., $k(A + B) = kA + kB$.
2. If p and q are two scalars and A is any $m \times n$ matrix then, $(p + q)A = pA + qA$.
3. If p and q are two scalars and $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$ then, $p(qA) = (pq)A$.
4. If $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$ be a matrix and k be any scalar then, $(-k)A = -(kA) = k(-A)$.

1.2.7 Multiplication of Two Matrices

Let $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$; $B = [b_{jk}]_{n \times p}$ be two matrices such that the number of columns in A is equal to the number of rows in B .

Then the matrix $C = [c_{ik}]_{m \times p}$ such that $c_{ik} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}b_{jk}$ is called the product of matrices A and B in that order and we write $C = AB$.

Properties of Matrix Multiplication:

1. Multiplication of matrices is not commutative. In fact, if the product of AB exists, then it is not necessary that the product of BA will also exist. For example, $A_{3 \times 2} \times B_{2 \times 4} = C_{3 \times 4}$ but $B_{2 \times 4} \times A_{3 \times 2}$ does not exist since these are not compatible for multiplication.

Example:

Show that $AB \neq BA$ if,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 & -9 \\ -8 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}; \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 3 & -5 \\ 4 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution:

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 4 + 7 \times 1 - 9 \times 4 & 1 \times 0 + 7 \times 3 - 9 \times 0 & 1 \times -2 + 7 \times (-5) - 9 \times 5 \\ -8 \times 4 + 4 \times 1 + 3 \times 4 & -8 \times 0 + 4 \times 3 + 3 \times 0 & 0 \times -2 + 1 \times -5 + -2 \times 5 \\ 0 \times 4 + 1 \times 1 - 2 \times 4 & 0 \times 0 + 1 \times 3 - 2 \times 0 & 0 \times -2 + 1 \times -5 - 2 \times 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = \begin{bmatrix} -25 & 21 & -82 \\ -16 & 12 & 11 \\ -7 & 3 & -15 \end{bmatrix} \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\text{Similarly, } BA = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 26 & -32 \\ -23 & 14 & 10 \\ 4 & 33 & -46 \end{bmatrix} \quad \dots(2)$$

from (1) and (2) $AB \neq BA$

2. Matrix multiplication is associative, if conformability is assured. i.e., $A(BC) = (AB)C$ where A, B, C are $m \times n$, $n \times p$, $p \times q$ matrices respectively.

3. Multiplication of matrices is distributive with respect to addition of matrices. i.e., $A(B + C) = AB + AC$.
4. The equation $AB = O$ does not necessarily imply that at least one of matrices A and B must be a zero matrix. For example, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.
5. In the case of matrix multiplication if $AB = O$ then it is not necessarily imply that $BA = O$. In fact, BA may not even exist.
6. Both left and right cancellation laws hold for matrix multiplication as shown below:
 $AB = AC \Rightarrow B = C$ (if A is non-singular matrix) and
 $BA = CA \Rightarrow B = C$ (if A is non-singular matrix).
7. Product AA exists only when A is a square matrix.
 If m and n are two numbers and A is a square matrix then,

$$A^m A^n = A^{m+n}$$

8. If A is a square matrix of order ' n ' and I_n is an identity matrix of order ' n ' then,

$$AI_n = I_n A = A$$

1.2.8 Trace of a Matrix

Let A be a square matrix of order n . The sum of the elements lying along principal diagonal is called the trace of A denoted by $Tr(A)$.

Thus if $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$ then, $Tr(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii} = a_{11} + a_{22} + \dots + a_{nn}$.

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

Then, Trace (A) = $Tr(A) = 1 + (-3) + 5 = 3$

Properties of Trace of a Matrix:

Let A and B be two square matrices of order n and λ be a scalar. Then,

1. $Tr(\lambda A) = \lambda Tr A$
2. $Tr(A + B) = Tr A + Tr B$
3. $Tr(AB) = Tr(BA)$ [If both AB and BA are defined]

1.2.9 Transpose of a Matrix

Let $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$. Then the $n \times m$ matrix obtained from A by changing its rows into columns and its columns into rows is called the transpose of A and is denoted by A' or A^T .

Let
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then, } A^T = A' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

If
$$B = [1 \ 2 \ 3]$$

Then
$$B' = [1 \ 2 \ 3]' = [1 \ 2 \ 3]^t = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Properties of Transpose of a Matrix:

If A^T and B^T be transposes of A and B respectively then,

1. $(A^T)^T = A$
2. $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$
3. $(kA)^T = kA^T$, k being any complex number
4. $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$
5. $(ABC)^T = C^T B^T A^T$

1.2.10 Conjugate of a Matrix

The matrix obtained from given matrix A on replacing its elements by the corresponding conjugate complex numbers is called the conjugate of A and is denoted by \bar{A} .

Example: If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2+3i & 4-7i & 8 \\ -i & 6 & 9+i \end{bmatrix}$

$$\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2-3i & 4+7i & 8 \\ +i & 6 & 9-i \end{bmatrix}$$

Properties of Conjugate of a Matrix:

If \bar{A} and \bar{B} be the conjugates of A and B respectively. Then,

1. $\overline{(\bar{A})} = A$
2. $\overline{(A + B)} = \bar{A} + \bar{B}$
3. $\overline{(kA)} = \bar{k}\bar{A}$, k being any complex number
4. $\overline{(AB)} = \bar{A}\bar{B}$, A and B being conformable to multiplication
5. $\bar{A} = A$ if A is real matrix
 $\bar{A} = -A$ if A is purely imaginary matrix

1.2.11 Transposed Conjugate of Matrix

The transpose of the conjugate of a matrix A is called transposed conjugate of A and is denoted by A^θ or A^* or $(\bar{A})^T$. It is also called conjugate transpose of A . This is also known as tranjugate of A .

Example: If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2+i & 3-i \\ 4 & 1-i \end{bmatrix}$

To find A^θ , we first find $\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2-i & 3+i \\ 4 & 1+i \end{bmatrix}$

Then $A^\theta = (\bar{A})^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2-i & 4 \\ 3+i & 1+i \end{bmatrix}$

Some properties: If A^θ & B^θ be the transposed conjugates of A and B respectively then,

1. $(A^\theta)^\theta = A$
2. $(A + B)^\theta = A^\theta + B^\theta$
3. $(kA)^\theta = \bar{k}A^\theta$, $k \rightarrow$ complex number
4. $(AB)^\theta = B^\theta A^\theta$

1.2.12 Classification of Real Matrices

Real matrices can be classified into the following three types based on the relationship between A^T and A .

1. Symmetric Matrices ($A^T = A$)
2. Skew Symmetric Matrices ($A^T = -A$)
3. Orthogonal Matrices ($A^T = A^{-1}$ or $AA^T = I$)
1. **Symmetric Matrix:** A square matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$ is said to be symmetric if its $(i, j)^{\text{th}}$ elements is same as its $(j, i)^{\text{th}}$ element i.e., $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$ for all i & j .

In a symmetric matrix, $A^T = A$

Example: $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & h & g \\ h & b & f \\ g & f & c \end{bmatrix}$ is a symmetric matrix, since $A^T = A$.

Note: For any matrix A ,

- (a) AA^T is always a symmetric matrix.
- (b) $\frac{A + A^T}{2}$ is always symmetric matrix.

Note: If A and B are symmetric, then

- (a) $A + B$ and $A - B$ are also symmetric.
 - (b) AB, BA may or may not be symmetric.
2. **Skew Symmetric Matrix:** A square matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$ is said to be skew symmetric if $(i, j)^{\text{th}}$ elements of A is the negative of the $(j, i)^{\text{th}}$ elements of A if $a_{ij} = -a_{ji} \forall i, j$.

In a skew symmetric matrix $A^T = -A$.

A skew symmetric matrix must have all 0's in the diagonal.

Example: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & h & g \\ -h & 0 & f \\ -g & -f & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is a skew-symmetric matrix.

Note: For any matrix A , the matrix $\frac{A - A^T}{2}$ is always skew symmetric.

Every square matrix can be uniquely expressed as sum of a symmetrical and skew symmetric matrix.

Example: Let any matrix A of order $n \times n$ then,

$$A = \frac{A + A^T}{2} + \frac{A - A^T}{2} = P + Q$$

where, $P \rightarrow$ Symmetric matrix and $Q \rightarrow$ Skew symmetric matrix

$$P = \frac{A + A^T}{2}, \quad Q = \frac{A - A^T}{2}$$

3. **Orthogonal Matrix:** A square matrix A is said to be orthogonal if:
 $A^T = A^{-1} \Rightarrow AA^T = AA^{-1} = I$. Thus A will be an orthogonal matrix if, $AA^T = I = A^T A$.

Example: The identity matrix is orthogonal since $I^T = I^{-1} = I$.

Note: Since for an orthogonal matrix A ,

$$\begin{aligned} & AA^T = I \\ \Rightarrow & |AA^T| = |I| = 1 \\ \Rightarrow & |A| |A^T| = 1 \\ \Rightarrow & (|A|)^2 = 1 \\ \Rightarrow & |A| = \pm 1 \end{aligned}$$

So the determinant of an orthogonal matrix always has a modulus of 1.

Note:

- (i) If A and B are orthogonal matrices, then AB and BA are also orthogonal.
- (ii) If matrices A is orthogonal then $\text{Det}(A) = \pm 1$ but if a matrices A has $\text{Det}(A) = \pm 1$ then it may or may not be orthogonal.

1.2.13 Classification of Complex Matrices

Complex matrices can be classified into the following three types based on relationship between A^θ and A .

1. Hermitian Matrix ($A^\theta = A$) 2. Skew-Hermitian Matrix ($A^\theta = -A$) 3. Unitary Matrix ($A^\theta = A^{-1}$ or $AA^\theta = I$)

- 1. Hermitian Matrix:** A necessary and sufficient condition for a matrix A to be Hermitian is that $A^\theta = A$.

Example: $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b+ic \\ b-ic & d \end{bmatrix}$ is a Hermitian matrix.

- 2. Skew-Hermitian Matrix:** A necessary and sufficient condition for a matrix to be skew-Hermitian if $A^\theta = -A$.

Example: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2-i \\ 2-i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is skew-Hermitian.

- 3. Unitary Matrix:** A square matrix A is said to be unitary if:

$$A^\theta = A^{-1}$$

Multiplying both sides by A , we get an alternate definition of unitary matrix as given below:

A square matrix A is said to be unitary if:

$$AA^\theta = I = A^\theta A$$

Example: $A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1+i}{2} & \frac{-1+i}{2} \\ \frac{1+i}{2} & \frac{1-i}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ is an example of a unitary matrix.

1.2.14 Properties of Complex Matrices

- (i) $(A + B)^\theta = A^\theta + B^\theta$
- (ii) $(AB)^\theta = B^\theta A^\theta$
- (iii) The diagonal elements of a Hermitian matrices are necessarily real.
- (iv) The diagonal elements of a skew Hermitian matrices are necessarily either purely imaginary or zero.
- (v) Every square matrix A can be written as sum of Hermitian matrices P and skew Hermitian matrices Q .

$$A = \frac{A + A^\theta}{2} + \frac{A - A^\theta}{2} = P + Q \quad \text{Here, } P \rightarrow \text{Hermitian matrix} \\ Q \rightarrow \text{Skew Hermitian matrix}$$

- (vi) Every square matrix A can be written in form of $P + iQ$ where P and Q are Hermitian matrix.

$$A = \left(\frac{A + A^\theta}{2} \right) + i \left(\frac{A - A^\theta}{2} \right) = P + iQ \quad \text{Here, } P \text{ and } Q \text{ are Hermitian matrices.}$$

- (vii) Modulus of determinant of a unitary matrix is unity.

Example: Let A is a unitary matrix then,

$$A^\theta A = I \Rightarrow |A^\theta A| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |A^\theta| |A| = 1 \Rightarrow |(\bar{A})^T| |A| = 1 \Rightarrow |A^T| |A| = 1 \Rightarrow |A|^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |A| = \pm 1 \Rightarrow \|A\| = 1$$



Previous GATE and ESE Questions

- Q.1** Given Matrix $[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 6 & 3 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, the rank of the matrix is
- (a) 4 (b) 3
(c) 2 (d) 1

[CE, GATE-2003, 1 mark]

- Q.2** Consider the system of simultaneous equations
- $$\begin{aligned} x + 2y + z &= 6 \\ 2x + y + 2z &= 6 \\ x + y + z &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

This system has

- (a) unique solution
(b) infinite number of solutions
(c) no solution
(d) exactly two solutions

[ME, GATE-2003, 2 marks]

- Q.3** Consider the following system of linear equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -4 \\ 4 & 3 & -12 \\ 1 & 2 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Notice that the second and the third columns of the coefficient matrix are linearly dependent. For how many values of α , does this system of equations have infinitely many solutions?

- (a) 0 (b) 1
(c) 2 (d) infinitely many

[CS, GATE-2003, 2 marks]

- Q.4** For the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ the eigen values are

- (a) 3 and -3 (b) -3 and -5
(c) 3 and 5 (d) 5 and 0

[ME, GATE-2003, 1 mark]

- Q.5** For which value of x will the matrix given below become singular?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 8 & x & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 2 \\ 12 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) 4 (b) 6
(c) 8 (d) 12

[ME, GATE-2004, 2 marks]

- Q.6** Let A, B, C, D be $n \times n$ matrices, each with non-zero determinant, If $ABCD = I$, then B^{-1} is

(a) $D^{-1} C^{-1} A^{-1}$

(b) CDA

(c) ADC

(d) does not necessarily exist

[CS, GATE-2004, 1 mark]

- Q.7** How many solutions does the following system of linear equations have?

$$-x + 5y = -1 \quad ; \quad x - y = 2 \quad ; \quad x + 3y = 3$$

- (a) infinitely many (b) two distinct solutions
(c) unique (d) none

[CS, GATE-2004, 2 marks]

- Q.8** The eigen values of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(a) are 1 and 4

(b) are -1 and 2

(c) are 0 and 5

(d) cannot be determined

[CE, GATE-2004, 2 marks]

- Q.9** The sum of the eigen values of the matrix given

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

(a) 5

(b) 7

(c) 9

(d) 18

[ME, GATE-2004, 1 mark]

- Q.10** Consider the matrices $X_{(4 \times 3)}$, $Y_{(4 \times 3)}$ and $P_{(2 \times 3)}$. The order of $[P(X^T Y)^{-1} P^T]^T$ will be

(a) (2×2)

(b) (3×3)

(c) (4×3)

(d) (3×4)

[CE, GATE-2005, 1 mark]

- Q.11** Given an orthogonal matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad [AA^T]^{-1} \text{ is}$$

$$(a) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (b) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(c) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (d) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

[EC, GATE-2005, 2 marks]

Q.12 If $R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, then top row of R^{-1} is

- (a) $[5 \ 6 \ 4]$ (b) $[5 \ -3 \ 1]$
 (c) $[2 \ 0 \ -1]$ (d) $[2 \ -1 \ 1/2]$

[EE, GATE-2005, 2 marks]

Q.13 Let, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -0.1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & a \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix}$.

Then $(a+b) =$

- (a) $\frac{7}{20}$ (b) $\frac{3}{20}$
 (c) $\frac{19}{60}$ (d) $\frac{11}{20}$

[EC, GATE-2005, 2 marks]

Q.14 Consider a non-homogeneous system of linear equations representing mathematically an over-determined system. Such a system will be

- (a) consistent having a unique solution
 (b) consistent having many solutions
 (c) inconsistent having a unique solution
 (d) inconsistent having no solution

[CE, GATE-2005, 1 mark]

Q.15 In the matrix equation $Px = q$, which of the following is a necessary condition for the existence of at least one solution for the unknown vector x

- (a) Augmented matrix $[Pq]$ must have the same rank as matrix P

- (b) Vector q must have only non-zero elements
 (c) Matrix P must be singular
 (d) Matrix P must be square

[EE, GATE-2005, 1 mark]

Q.16 Consider the following system of equations in three real variables x_1, x_2 and x_3

$$2x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 = 1$$

$$3x_1 - 2x_2 + 5x_3 = 2$$

$$-x_1 - 4x_2 + x_3 = 3$$

This system of equations has

- (a) no solution
 (b) a unique solution
 (c) more than one but a finite number of solutions
 (d) an infinite number of solutions

[CS, GATE-2005, 2 marks]

Q.17 Which one of the following is an eigen vector of

the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$?

- (a) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (b) $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
 (c) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ (d) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

[ME, GATE-2005, 2 marks]

Q.18 For the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, one of the eigen

values is equal to -2 . Which of the following is an eigen vector?

- (a) $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (b) $\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$
 (c) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ (d) $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

[EE, GATE-2005, 2 marks]

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1. (c)	2. (c)	3. (b)	4. (c)	5. (a)	6. (b)	7. (c)
8. (c)	9. (b)	10. (a)	11. (c)	12. (b)	13. (a)	14. (b)
15. (a)	16. (b)	17. (a)	18. (d)	19. (c)	20. (b)	21. (b)
22. (c)	23. (a)	24. (c)	25. (a)	26. (b)	27. (d)	28. (c)
29. (b)	30. (a)	31. (a)	32. (d)	33. (a)	34. (b)	35. (c)
36. (a)	37. (a)	38. (b)	39. (d)	40. (b)	41. (a)	42. (a)
43. (a)	44. (b)	45. (b)	46. (a)	47. (b)	48. (a)	49. (b)
50. (b)	51. (a)	52. (a)	53. (d)	54. (b)	55. (b)	56. (d)
57. (b)	58. (b)	59. (a)	60. (c)	61. (c)	62. (d)	63. (b)
64. (a)	65. (d)	66. (b)	67. (b)	68. (a)	69. (a)	70. (c)
71. (d)	72. (a)	73. (c)	74. (c)	75. (a)	76. (b)	77. (d)
78. (a)	79. (b)	80. (c)	81. (d)	82. (b)	83. (b)	84. (d)
85. (b)	86. (c)	87. (b)	88. (c)	89. (a)	90. (b)	91. (c)
92. (d)	93. (b)	94. (b)	95. (16)	96. (b)	97. (a)	98. (b)
99. (c)	100. (d)	101. (a, d)	102. (c)	103. (d)	104. (a)	105. (c)
106. (c)	107. (a)	108. (a)	109. (23)	110. (a)	111. (d)	112. (a)
113. (d)	114. (b)	115. (88)	116. (a)	117. (200)	118. (49)	119. (0)
120. (2)	121. (c)	122. (b)	123. (b)	124. (1)	125. (a)	126. (d)
127. (d)	128. (3)	129. (1)	130. (0)	131. (6)	132. (a)	133. (a)
134. (0)	135. (c)	136. (a)	137. (b)	138. (4.5)	139. (a)	140. (2)
141. (c)	142. (c)	143. (d)	144. (2)	145. (17)	146. (6)	147. (b)
148. (d)	149. (b)	150. (b)	151. (b)	152. (d)	153. (a)	154. (a)
155. (c)	156. (c)	157. (3)	158. (b)	159. (d)	160. (d)	161. (b)
162. (d)	163. (c)	164. (d)	165. (3)	166. (a)	167. (d)	168. (15)
169. (a)	170. (2)	171. (1)	172. (−6)	173. (0.125)	174. (d)	175. (b)
176. (5)	177. (0)	178. (b)	179. (d)	180. (1)	181. (c)	182. (d)
183. (a)	184. (c)	185. (4)	186. (c)	187. (c)	188. (2)	189. (5)
190. (c)	191. (a)	192. (a)	193. (c)	194. (a)	195. (d)	196. (a)
197. (c)	198. (c)	199. (d)	200. (b)	201. (b)	202. (0.25)	203. (c)
204. (2)	205. (5.5)	206. (1)	207. (25)	208. (a)	209. (c)	210. (3)
211. (d)	212. (b)	213. (c)	214. (b)	215. (3)	216. (d)	217. (3)
218. (c)	219. (10)	220. (b)	221. (c)	222. (d)	223. (d)	224. (b)
225. (d)	226. (c)	227. (12)	228. (b)	229. (d)	230. (b)	231. (d)

232. (c)	233. (b)	234. (a)	235. (d)	236. (3)	237. (c)	238. (b)
239. (c)	240. (1)	241. (d)	242. (c)	243. (d)	244. (b)	245. (*)
246. (b)	247. (c)	248. (c)	249. (8)	250. (10)	251. (d)	252. (1)
253. (3)	254. (4)	255. (b)	256. (c)	257. (c)	258. (b)	259. (c)
260. (b)	261. (d)	262. (c)	263. (a)	264. (d)	265. (4)	266. (4)
267. (c)	268. (d)	269. (c)	270. (b)	271. (a)	272. (b)	273. (c)
274. (a)	275. (0)	276. (b)	277. (a)	278. (a, b)	279. (b, c)	280. (2)
281. (a, d)	282. (a, c)	283. (b)	284. (c)	285. (a)	286. (c)	287. (d)
288. (a, c, d)	289. (a, c)	290. (a)	291. (a, d)	292. (32)	293. (a, c)	294. (b)
295. (b)	296. (a)	297. (a)	298. (c)	299. (a)	300. (1)	301. (a)
302. (-8)	303. (d)	304. (a)	305. (c)	306. (a)	307. (18.84)	308. (b)
309. (2)	310. (4160)	311. (b, c)	312. (a)	313. (b)	314. (b, c)	315. (a, b, d)
316. (a)	317. (b)	318. (d)	319. (c)	320. (c)	321. (c)	322. (b)
323. (a)	324. (10)	325. (-2)	326. (c)	327. (a)	328. (a)	329. (b, d)
330. (5)	331. (a, b)	332. (a)	333. (29)	334. (a)	335. (2)	336. (3.73)
337. (a)	338. (c)	339. (b)	340. (b)	341. (a)	342. (a)	343. (3.0)
344. (a, d)	345. (d)	346. (c)	347. (a)	348. (a, b, c)	349. (d)	350. (b)
351. (a)	352. (a, c)					

Explanations Linear Algebra

1. (c)

Consider first 3×3 minors, since maximum possible rank is 3

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 7 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 & 3 \\ 6 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

and $\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 & 3 \\ 6 & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$

Since all 3×3 minors are zero, now try 2×2 minors.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 6 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 8 - 3 = 5 \neq 0$$

So, rank = 2

2. (c)

Given equation are

$$x + 2y + z = 6$$

$$2x + y + 2z = 6$$

$$x + y + z = 5$$

Given system can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 6 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Augmented matrix is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

By gauss elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3 - R_1]{R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 - \frac{1}{3}R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$r(A) = 2$$

$$r(A|B) = 3$$

Since the rank of coefficient matrix is 2 and rank of argument matrix is 3, which is not equal. Hence system has no solution i.e. system is inconsistent.

3. (b)

The augmented matrix for the given system is

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & -4 & \alpha \\ 4 & 3 & -12 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & -8 & 7 \end{array} \right]$$

Performing Gauss-Elimination on the above matrix

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & -4 & \alpha \\ 4 & 3 & -12 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & -8 & 7 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[R_3 - 1/2 R_1]{R_2 - 2R_1} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & -4 & \alpha \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 5 - 2\alpha \\ 0 & 3/2 & -6 & 7 - \alpha/2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 - 3/2 R_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & -4 & \alpha \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 5 - 2\alpha \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{5\alpha - 1}{2} \end{array} \right]$$

Now for infinite solution it is necessary that at least one row must be completely zero.

$$\therefore \frac{5\alpha - 1}{2} = 0$$

$$\alpha = 1/5 \text{ is the solution}$$

\therefore There is only one value of α for which infinite solution exists.

4. (c)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } A - \lambda I = 0$$

Where $\lambda = \text{eigen value}$

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} 4 - \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 4 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$(4 - \lambda)^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } (4 - \lambda)^2 - (1)^2 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } (4 - \lambda + 1)(4 - \lambda - 1) = 0$$

$$\text{or, } (5 - \lambda)(3 - \lambda) = 0$$

$$\therefore \lambda = 3, \lambda = 5$$

5. (a)

$$\text{For singularity of matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & x & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 2 \\ 12 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8(0 - 12) - x(0 - 2 \times 12) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 4$$

6. (b)

 A, B, C, D is $n \times n$ matrix.Given $ABCD = I$

$$\Rightarrow ABCDD^{-1}C^{-1} = D^{-1}C^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = D^{-1}C^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1}AB = A^{-1}D^{-1}C^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow B = A^{-1}D^{-1}C^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B^{-1} &= (A^{-1}D^{-1}C^{-1})^{-1} \\ &= (C^{-1})^{-1} \cdot (D^{-1})^{-1} \cdot (A^{-1})^{-1} \\ &= CDA \end{aligned}$$

7. (c)

$$-x + 5y = -1$$

$$x - y = 2$$

$$x + 3y = 3$$

The augmented matrix is $\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \end{array} \right]$.

Using gauss-elimination on above matrix we get,

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[R_3 + R_1]{R_2 + R_1} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 8 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 - 2R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Rank $[A|B] = 2$ (number of non zero rows in $[A|B]$)Rank $[A] = 2$ (number of non zero rows in $[A]$)Rank $[A|B] = \text{Rank } [A]$

$$= 2 = \text{number of variables}$$

 \therefore Unique solution exists. Correct choice is (c).

8. (c)

Characteristic equation is

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 4 - \lambda & -2 \\ -2 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(4 - \lambda) \times (1 - \lambda) - [(-2) \times (-2)] = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 5\lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda(\lambda - 5) = 0$$

Hence, $\lambda = 0, 5$ are the eigen values.

9. (b)

Sum of eigen values of given matrix = sum of diagonal element of given matrix = $1 + 5 + 1 = 7$.

10. (a)

With the given order we can say that order of matrices are as follows:

$$X^T \rightarrow 3 \times 4$$

$$Y \rightarrow 4 \times 3$$

$$X^TY \rightarrow 3 \times 3$$

$$(X^TY)^{-1} \rightarrow 3 \times 3$$

$$P \rightarrow 2 \times 3$$

$$P^T \rightarrow 3 \times 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X^TY)^{-1}P^T &\rightarrow (2 \times 3)(3 \times 3)(3 \times 2) \rightarrow 2 \times 2 \\ \therefore (P(X^TY)^{-1}P^T)^T &\rightarrow 2 \times 2 \end{aligned}$$

11. (c)

For orthogonal matrix

$$AA^T = I \text{ i.e. Identity matrix.}$$

$$\therefore (AA^T)^{-1} = I^{-1} = I$$

12. (b)

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

$$R^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj}(R)}{|R|} = \frac{[\text{cofactor}(R)]^T}{|R|}$$

$$|R| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1(2 + 3) - 0(4 + 2) - 1(6 - 2) \\ &= 5 - 4 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since we need only the top row of R^{-1} , we need to find only first column of cof (R) which after transpose will become first row of adj (R) .

$$\text{cof.}(1, 1) = + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 + 3 = 5$$

$$\text{cof.}(2, 1) = - \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -3$$

$$\text{cof.}(3, 1) = + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = +1$$

$$\therefore \text{cof.}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & - & - \\ -3 & - & - \\ 1 & - & - \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Adj}(A) = [\text{cof.}(A)]^T = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -3 & 1 \\ - & - & - \\ - & - & - \end{bmatrix}$$

Dividing by $|R| = 1$ gives

$$R^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -3 & 1 \\ - & - & - \\ - & - & - \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \text{Top row of } R^{-1} = [5 \ -3 \ 1]$$

13. (a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 [AA^{-1}] &= I \\
 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -0.1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & a \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2a-0.1b \\ 0 & 3b \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \Rightarrow 2a-0.1b = 0 \Rightarrow a &= \frac{0.1b}{2} \quad \dots(i) \\
 3b = 1 \Rightarrow b &= \frac{1}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now substitute b in equation (i), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 a &= \frac{1}{60} \\
 \text{So, } a + b &= \frac{1}{60} + \frac{1}{3} \\
 &= \frac{1+20}{60} = \frac{21}{60} = \frac{7}{20}
 \end{aligned}$$

14. (b)

$$r(A_{m \times n}) \leq \min(m, n)$$

So, Highest possible rank = Least value of 3 and 4.
i.e. highest possible rank (based on size of A) = 3
However if the rank of A = 3 then rank of [A | B] also would be 3, which means the system would become consistent. But it is given that the system is inconsistent. So the maximum rank of A could only be 2.

15. (a)

Rank [Pq] = Rank [P] is necessary for existence of at least one solution to $Px = q$.

16. (b)

The augmented matrix for the given system is

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 & 5 & 2 \\ -1 & -4 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

Using gauss-elimination method on above matrix we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 & 5 & 2 \\ -1 & -4 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] &\xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 - \frac{3}{2}R_1 \\ R_3 + \frac{1}{2}R_1}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & -9/2 & 5/2 & 7/2 \end{array} \right] \\
 &\xrightarrow{R_3 - 9R_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Rank } ([A | B]) = 3$$

$$\text{Rank } ([A]) = 3$$

Since Rank $([A | B]) = \text{Rank } ([A]) = \text{number of variables}$. The system has unique solution.

17. (a)

First solve for eigen values by solving characteristic equation $|A - \lambda I| = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |A - \lambda I| &= \begin{vmatrix} 5-\lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5-\lambda & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \\
 &= (5-\lambda)(5-\lambda)[(2-\lambda)(1-\lambda)-3] \\
 &= 0 \\
 &= (5-\lambda)(5-\lambda)(\lambda^2-3\lambda-1) = 0 \\
 \lambda &= 5, 5, \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{13}}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

put $\lambda = 5$ in $[A - \lambda I]X = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5-5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5-5 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2-5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1-5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x_3 = 0 ; -3x_3 + x_4 = 0 ; 3x_3 - 4x_4 = 0$$

Solving which we get $x_3 = 0$, $x_4 = 0$, x_1 and x_2 may be anything.

The eigen vector corresponding to $\lambda = 5$, may be written as

$$X_1 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where k_1, k_2 may be any real number. Since choice (a) is the only matrix in this form with both x_3 and $x_4 = 0$, so it is the correct answer.

Since, we already got a correct eigen vector, there is no need to derive the eigen vector corresponding to $\lambda = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{13}}{2}$.

18. (d)

Since matrix is triangular, the eigen values are the diagonal elements themselves namely $\lambda = 3, -2$ and 1 . Corresponding to eigen value, $\lambda = -2$ let us find the eigen vector