

**Inverse of a Matrix:** A square matrix  $A$  is said to be invertible if there exists a unique matrix  $B$  such that  $AB=BA=I$ , where  $I$  is the identity matrix. Then  $B$  is called the inverse of  $A$  and it is denoted by  $B=A^{-1}$ .

Mathematically,

$$A^{-1} = \frac{adj.A}{|A|} \quad ; \text{where, } |A| \neq 0$$

**Note:1.** A matrix  $A$  has inverse iff it is non-singular. i.e.  $|A| \neq 0$ .

2. The inverse of a matrix, if it exists, is unique.

**Cofactors of a square matrix:** If  $A$  be any  $n \times n$  square matrix

$$i.e., A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

The determinant of  $A$  is,

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix}$$

Then the cofactor of its any entry  $a_{ij}$  is defined as,

$$A_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{determinant of submatrix made by} \\ \text{deleting } i\text{th row and } j\text{th column of } A \end{array} \right).$$

**Adjoint matrix:** Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$  be any  $n \times n$  square matrix and  $A_{ij}$  be the

cofactors of entries  $a_{ij}$ , then the matrix of cofactors from  $A$  is,

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ A_{n1} & A_{n2} & \dots & A_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

The transpose of this matrix is called the adjoint of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\text{adj}(A)$ .

$$\text{i.e., } \text{adj}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ A_{n1} & A_{n2} & \dots & A_{nn} \end{pmatrix}^t = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{21} & \dots & A_{n1} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{n2} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ A_{1n} & A_{2n} & \dots & A_{nn} \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Block Matrix:** A matrix  $A$  may be partitioned into a system of similar matrices, called blocks, by a set of horizontal and vertical lines. The matrix  $A$  is then called a block matrix.

**Problem-01:** Find the adjoint matrix of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Solution:** The given matrix is,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The cofactors of each elements of  $|A|$  are,

$$\begin{aligned} A_{11} &= \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & A_{12} &= -\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & A_{13} &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & A_{21} &= -\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & A_{22} &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & A_{23} &= -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 6-1 & &= -(4-3) & &= 2-9 & &= -(4-3) & &= 2-9 & &= -(1-6) \\ &= 5 & &= -1 & &= -7 & &= -1 & &= -7 & &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_{31} &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & A_{32} &= -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & A_{33} &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2-9 & &= -(1-6) & &= 3-4 \\ &= -7 & &= 5 & &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of cofactors is,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 & -7 \\ -1 & -7 & 5 \\ -7 & 5 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \text{adj}.A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 & -7 \\ -1 & -7 & 5 \\ -7 & 5 & -1 \end{pmatrix}'$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 & -7 \\ -1 & -7 & 5 \\ -7 & 5 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

This is required adjoint matrix.

**Problem-02:** Find the adjoint matrix of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -3 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Solution:** The given matrix is,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -3 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The cofactors of each elements of  $|A|$  are,

$$A_{11} = -4 ; A_{12} = 1 ; A_{13} = 4 ; A_{21} = -3 ; A_{22} = 0 ; A_{23} = 4 ; A_{31} = -3 ; A_{32} = 1 ; A_{33} = 3.$$

The matrix of cofactors is,

$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & 1 & 4 \\ -3 & 0 & 4 \\ -3 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \text{adj}.A = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 1 & 4 \\ -3 & 0 & 4 \\ -3 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}'$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -3 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

This is required adjoint matrix.

**Problem-03:** Find the inverse of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Solution:** The given matrix is,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

The determinant of  $A$  is,

$$\begin{aligned} |A| &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2(12-2) - 3(16-1) + 4(8-3) \\ &= 20 - 45 + 20 \\ &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

Since,  $|A| \neq 0$ . So the given matrix is a non-singular matrix and it has an inverse matrix.

The cofactors of each elements of  $|A|$  are,

$$A_{11} = 10 \ ; \ A_{12} = -15 \ ; \ A_{13} = 5 \ ; \ A_{21} = -4 \ ; \ A_{22} = 4 \ ; \ A_{23} = -1 \ ; \ A_{31} = -9 \ ; \ A_{32} = 14 \ ; \ A_{33} = -6.$$

The matrix of cofactors is,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 10 & -15 & 5 \\ -4 & 4 & -1 \\ -9 & 14 & -6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{adj.}A &= \begin{pmatrix} 10 & -15 & 5 \\ -4 & 4 & -1 \\ -9 & 14 & -6 \end{pmatrix}^t \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 10 & -4 & -9 \\ -15 & 4 & 14 \\ 5 & -1 & -6 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}A^{-1} &= \frac{\text{adj.}A}{|A|} \\ &= -\frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 10 & -4 & -9 \\ -15 & 4 & 14 \\ 5 & -1 & -6 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

This is required inverse matrix.

**Problem-04:** If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 5 & 12 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$  then find  $AB^{-1}$ .

**Solution:** The given matrices are,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 5 & 12 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

The determinant of  $B$  is,

$$\begin{aligned}|B| &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1(18-12) - 1(9-3) + 1(4-2) \\ &= 6 - 6 + 2 \\ &= 2\end{aligned}$$

Since,  $|B| \neq 0$ . So it is a non-singular matrix and it has an inverse matrix.

The cofactors of each elements of  $|B|$  are,

$$B_{11} = 6 \ ; \ B_{12} = -6 \ ; \ B_{13} = 2; \ B_{21} = -5 \ ; \ B_{22} = 8 \ ; \ B_{23} = -3; \ B_{31} = 1 \ ; \ B_{32} = -2 \ ; \ B_{33} = 1.$$

The matrix of cofactors is,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & -6 & 2 \\ -5 & 8 & -3 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \text{adj}.A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -6 & 2 \\ -5 & 8 & -3 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^t$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -5 & 1 \\ -6 & 8 & -2 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore B^{-1} &= \frac{\text{adj}.B}{|B|} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -5 & 1 \\ -6 & 8 & -2 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} AB^{-1} &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 5 & 12 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -5 & 1 \\ -6 & 8 & -2 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

This is required answer.

**Problem-05:** Find the inverse of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$  by using block

matrix.

**Solution:** The given matrix is,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now we form the block matrix  $M = (A:I)$  and reduce  $M$  to echelon form.

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 & \vdots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & \vdots & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 & \vdots & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & 6 & \vdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 & \vdots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & \vdots & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & -3 & \vdots & -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \vdots & -3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_3' = R_3 - 2R_1 \\ R_4' = R_4 - 3R_1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 & \vdots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & \vdots & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & \vdots & -2 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \vdots & -3 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_3' = R_3 - 3R_2 \\ R_4' = R_4 - R_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 & \vdots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & \vdots & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \vdots & 2 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \vdots & -3 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_3' = -R_3 \\ R_4' = R_4 - R_2 \end{matrix}$$

In echelon form, the left half of  $M$  is in triangular form; hence  $A$  is invertible. Further row reduce  $M$  to row canonical form.

$$\approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & \vdots & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & \vdots & -2 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \vdots & 2 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \vdots & -3 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_1' = R_1 + 2R_2 \\ R_2' = R_2 - R_3 \end{matrix}$$

$$\approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & -3 & -4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & -5 & -3 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \vdots & 2 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \vdots & -3 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_1' = R_1 - 2R_3 \\ R_2' = R_2 + R_4 \end{matrix}$$

$$\approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & -5 & -3 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \vdots & 2 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \vdots & -3 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} R_1' = R_1 - R_2$$

The final block matrix is in the form  $(I:A^{-1})$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -5 & -3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ -3 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

This is required inverse matrix.

**NOTE:** Any matrix  $A$  of order more than  $3 \times 3$  has an inverse matrix if it does not contain zero row or zero column in its echelon form.

Also, Any matrix  $A$  of order more than  $3 \times 3$  has an inverse matrix if the echelon form of  $A$  reduces into triangular form.

**Problem-06:** Find the inverse of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  by using block

matrix.



**Solution:** The given matrix is,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now we form the block matrix

$M = (A:I)$  and reduce  $M$  to echelon form.

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 & \vdots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 & 2 & \vdots & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 & \vdots & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & \vdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 & \vdots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 & -1 & \vdots & -3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -5 & -1 & \vdots & -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & \vdots & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{l} R_2' = R_2 - 3R_1 \\ R_3' = R_3 - 2R_1 \\ R_4' = R_4 - R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 & \vdots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 & -1 & \vdots & -3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & \vdots & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & \vdots & 0 & -1 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{l} R_3' = R_3 - R_2 \\ R_4' = 3R_4 - R_2 \end{array}$$

$$\approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 & \vdots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 & -1 & \vdots & -3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & \vdots & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \vdots & 1 & -2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} R_4' = R_4 + R_3$$

In echelon form, the left half of  $M$  is in triangular form; hence  $A$  is invertible.

Further row reduce  $M$  to row canonical form.

$$\approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 0 & \vdots & 0 & 2 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 & 0 & \vdots & -2 & -1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \vdots & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \vdots & 1 & -2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{l} R_1' = R_1 - R_4 \\ R_2' = R_2 + R_4 \\ R_3' = -R_3 \end{array}$$

$$\approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & 2 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & -6 & 3 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \vdots & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \vdots & 1 & -2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_1' = R_1 - 2R_3 \\ R_2' = R_2 + 4R_3 \end{matrix}$$

$$\approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & 2 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & -2 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \vdots & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \vdots & 1 & -2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} R_2' = \frac{1}{3}R_2$$

$$\approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & -2 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \vdots & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \vdots & 1 & -2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} R_1' = R_1 + R_2$$

The final block matrix is in the form  $(I:A^{-1})$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

This is required inverse matrix.

**Exercise:**

1. Find the adjoint matrix of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \\ -3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

2. Find the adjoint matrix of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

3. Find the inverse of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -3 & 4 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

4. Find the inverse of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ .

5. If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$  then find  $A^{-1}B$ .

6. If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$  then show that  $AA^{-1} = I$ .

7. Find the inverse of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -3 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -5 & 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  by using block matrix.

8. Find the inverse of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & -2 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 7 & 9 \\ 1 & -2 & -4 & -6 \end{pmatrix}$  by using block matrix.