

Bachelor of Computer Application

Computational Mathematics

LECTURE 23 NOTES

Adjoint of a Matrix



- **Adjoint of a Matrix**

- The adjoint of a square matrix $A = [a_{ij}] n \times n$ is defined as the transpose of the matrix $[A_{ij}] n \times n$, where A_{ij} is the cofactor of the element a_{ij} . Adjoint of the matrix A is denoted by $\text{adj } A$.

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

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

- **Example:**

Find $\text{adj } A$ for $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

- **Solution:**

We have $A_{11} = 4$, $A_{12} = -1$, $A_{21} = -3$, $A_{22} = 2$

- Hence, $\text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{21} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

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 Matrix**

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

For example, the determinant of matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ is zero.

Hence A is a singular matrix.

- **Non-Singular Matrix**

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

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$. Then $|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 4 - 6 = -2 \neq 0$.

Hence A is a non-singular matrix

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

Writing determinants of matrices on both sides, we have

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

$$\text{i.e.,} \quad |(\text{adj } A)| |A| = |A|^3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{i.e.,} \quad |(\text{adj } A)| |A| = |A|^3 (1)$$

$$\text{i.e.,} \quad |(\text{adj } A)| = |A|^2$$

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.

▪ **Proof:**

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)

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

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

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

❖ EXAMPLES:

▪ Example 1:

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} .

▪ Solution:

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

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

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

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 2:**

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

▪ **Solution:**

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

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 3:**

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

is 2×2 identity matrix and O is 2×2 zero matrix. Using this equation, find A^{-1} .

▪ **Solution:**

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

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

❖ **EXERCISE:**

1: Find adjoint of each of the matrices

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

2: Verify $A (\text{adj } A) = (\text{adj } A) A = |A| I$

$$(i) \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -4 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \quad (ii) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

3: For the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, find the numbers a and b such that $A^2 + aA + bI = O$

4: For the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, Show that $A^3 - 6A^2 + 5A + 11I = O$. Hence, find A^{-1} .

5: If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, verify that $A^3 - 6A^2 + 9A - 4I = O$ and hence find A^{-1} .

6: Let A be a non-singular square matrix of order 3×3 . Then $|\text{adj } A|$ is equal to

- (A) $|A|$ (B) $|A|^2$ (C) $|A|^3$ (D) $3|A|$

7: If A is an invertible matrix of order 2, then $\det(A^{-1})$ is equal to

- (A) $\det(A)$ (B) $1 / \det(A)$ (C) 1 (D) 0