Now, $A - A' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ -a & 0 & c \\ -b & -c & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a & -b \\ a & 0 & -c \\ b & c & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2a & 2b \\ -2a & 0 & 2c \\ -2b & -2c & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\therefore \frac{1}{2}(A - A') = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ -a & 0 & c \\ -b & -c & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Question 10:

Express the following matrices as the sum of a symmetric and a skew symmetric matrix:

(i) $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

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

(iii) $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & -1 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 \\ -4 & -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

(iv) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Answer

(i)

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$, then $A' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Now, $A + A' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 6 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

Let $P = \frac{1}{2}(A + A') = \frac{1}{2}\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 6 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Now, $P' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = P$

Thus, $P = \frac{1}{2}(A + A')$ is a symmetric matrix.

Now, $A - A' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Let $Q = \frac{1}{2}(A - A') = \frac{1}{2}\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Now, $Q' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = -Q$

Thus, $Q = \frac{1}{2}(A - A')$ is a skew-symmetric matrix.

Representing A as the sum of P and Q:

$P + Q = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = A$

(ii)

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

Now, $A + A' = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & -4 & 4 \\ -4 & 6 & -2 \\ 4 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } P = \frac{1}{2}(A+A') = \frac{1}{2}\begin{bmatrix} 12 & -4 & 4 \\ -4 & 6 & -2 \\ 4 & -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } P' = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = P$$

Thus, $P = \frac{1}{2}(A+A')$ is a symmetric matrix.

$$\text{Now, } A - A' = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } Q = \frac{1}{2}(A-A') = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } Q' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = -Q$$

Thus, $Q = \frac{1}{2}(A-A')$ is a skew-symmetric matrix.

Representing A as the sum of P and Q:

$$P + Q = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = A$$

(iii)

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & -1 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 \\ -4 & -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } A' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & -4 \\ 3 & -2 & -5 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } A + A' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & -1 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 \\ -4 & -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & -4 \\ 3 & -2 & -5 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & -5 \\ 1 & -4 & -4 \\ -5 & -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } P = \frac{1}{2}(A+A') = \frac{1}{2}\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & -5 \\ 1 & -4 & -4 \\ -5 & -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -2 & -2 \\ -\frac{5}{2} & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } P' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -2 & -2 \\ -\frac{5}{2} & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = P$$

Thus, $P = \frac{1}{2}(A+A')$ is a symmetric matrix.

$$\text{Now, } A - A' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & -1 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 \\ -4 & -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & -4 \\ 3 & -2 & -5 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 & 3 \\ -5 & 0 & 6 \\ -3 & -6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } Q = \frac{1}{2}(A-A') = \frac{1}{2}\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 & 3 \\ -5 & 0 & 6 \\ -3 & -6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{5}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \\ -\frac{5}{2} & 0 & 3 \\ -\frac{3}{2} & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } Q' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\frac{5}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{5}{2} & 0 & -3 \\ \frac{3}{2} & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = -Q$$

Thus, $Q = \frac{1}{2}(A-A')$ is a skew-symmetric matrix.

Representing A as the sum of P and Q:

$$P+Q = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & \dfrac{1}{2} & -\dfrac{5}{2} \\ \dfrac{1}{2} & -2 & -2 \\ -\dfrac{5}{2} & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dfrac{5}{2} & \dfrac{3}{2} \\ -\dfrac{5}{2} & 0 & 3 \\ -\dfrac{3}{2} & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & -1 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 \\ -4 & -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = A$$

(iv)

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, then $A' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Now $A + A' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

Let $P = \dfrac{1}{2}(A + A') = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Now, $P' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = P$

Thus, $P = \dfrac{1}{2}(A + A')$ is a symmetric matrix.

Now, $A - A' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ -6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Let $Q = \dfrac{1}{2}(A - A') = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Now, $Q' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = -Q$

Thus, $Q = \dfrac{1}{2}(A - A')$ is a skew-symmetric matrix.

Representing A as the sum of P and Q:

$$P+Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = A$$

Question 11:

If A, B are symmetric matrices of same order, then $AB - BA$ is a

A. Skew symmetric matrix **B.** Symmetric matrix

C. Zero matrix **D.** Identity matrix

Answer

The correct answer is A.

A and B are symmetric matrices, therefore, we have:

$A' = A$ and $B' = B$ ...(1)

Consider $(AB - BA)' = (AB)' - (BA)'$ $\qquad \left[(A - B)' = A' - B' \right]$

$\qquad\qquad\qquad = B'A' - A'B'$ $\qquad\qquad \left[(AB)' = B'A' \right]$

$\qquad\qquad\qquad = BA - AB$ $\qquad\qquad \left[\text{by } (1) \right]$

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