- **8.** A = $[a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$ is a square matrix, if
 - (A) m < n (B) m > n
- (C) m = n
- (D) None of these
- 9. Which of the given values of x and y make the following pair of matrices equal

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3x+7 & 5 \\ y+1 & 2-3x \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & y-2 \\ 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (A) $x = \frac{-1}{3}$, y = 7
- (B) Not possible to find
- (C) y = 7, $x = \frac{-2}{3}$
- (D) $x = \frac{1}{3}, y = \frac{2}{3}$
- 10. The number of all possible matrices of order 3×3 with each entry 0 or 1 is:
 - (A) 27
- (B) 18
- (C) 81
- (D) 512

3.4 Operations on Matrices

In this section, we shall introduce certain operations on matrices, namely, addition of matrices, multiplication of a matrix by a scalar, difference and multiplication of matrices.

3.4.1 Addition of matrices

Suppose Fatima has two factories at places A and B. Each factory produces sport shoes for boys and girls in three different price categories labelled 1, 2 and 3. The quantities produced by each factory are represented as matrices given below:

Factory at A				Factory at B		
	Boys	Girls		Boys	Girls	
1	80	60	1	90	50	
2	75	65	2	70	55	
3	90	85 _	3	_ 75	75 _	

Suppose Fatima wants to know the total production of sport shoes in each price category. Then the total production

In category 1: for boys (80 + 90), for girls (60 + 50)

In category 2: for boys (75 + 70), for girls (65 + 55)

In category 3: for boys (90 + 75), for girls (85 + 75)

This can be represented in the matrix form as $\begin{bmatrix} 75+70 & 65+55 \\ 90+75 & 85+75 \end{bmatrix}$

This new matrix is the **sum** of the above two matrices. We observe that the sum of two matrices is a matrix obtained by adding the corresponding elements of the given matrices. Furthermore, the two matrices have to be of the same order.

Thus, if
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{bmatrix}$$
 is a 2 × 3 matrix and $B = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \end{bmatrix}$ is another

2×3 matrix. Then, we define
$$A + B = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} & a_{12} + b_{12} & a_{13} + b_{13} \\ a_{21} + b_{21} & a_{22} + b_{22} & a_{23} + b_{23} \end{bmatrix}$$
.

In general, if $A = [a_{ij}]$ and $B = [b_{ij}]$ are two matrices of the same order, say $m \times n$. Then, the sum of the two matrices A and B is *defined* as a matrix $C = [c_{ij}]_{m \times n}$, where $c_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij}$, for all possible values of i and j.

Example 6 Given
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & \sqrt{5} & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$, find $A + B$

Since A, B are of the same order 2×3 . Therefore, addition of A and B is defined and is given by

$$A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 + \sqrt{3} & 1 + \sqrt{5} & 1 - 1 \\ 2 - 2 & 3 + 3 & 0 + \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 + \sqrt{3} & 1 + \sqrt{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Note

- 1. We emphasise that if A and B are not of the same order, then A + B is not defined. For example if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, then A + B is not defined.
- 2. We may observe that addition of matrices is an example of binary operation on the set of matrices of the same order.

3.4.2 Multiplication of a matrix by a scalar

Now suppose that Fatima has doubled the production at a factory A in all categories (refer to 3.4.1).

Previously quantities (in standard units) produced by factory A were

Revised quantities produced by factory A are as given below:

Boys Girls
$$1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \times 80 & 2 \times 60 \\ 2 \times 75 & 2 \times 65 \\ 3 & 2 \times 90 & 2 \times 85 \end{bmatrix}$$

This can be represented in the matrix form as $\begin{bmatrix} 160 & 120 \\ 150 & 130 \\ 180 & 170 \end{bmatrix}$. We observe that

the new matrix is obtained by multiplying each element of the previous matrix by 2.

In general, we may define *multiplication of a matrix* by a scalar as follows: if $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$ is a matrix and k is a scalar, then kA is another matrix which is obtained by multiplying each element of A by the scalar k.

In other words, $kA = k[a_{ij}]_{m \times n} = [k(a_{ij})]_{m \times n}$, that is, $(i, j)^{th}$ element of kA is ka_{ij} for all possible values of i and j.

For example, if
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1.5 \\ \sqrt{5} & 7 & -3 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$
, then

$$3A = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1.5 \\ \sqrt{5} & 7 & -3 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 3 & 4.5 \\ 3\sqrt{5} & 21 & -9 \\ 6 & 0 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

Negative of a matrix The negative of a matrix is denoted by -A. We define -A = (-1) A.

For example, let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -5 & x \end{bmatrix}$$
, then – A is given by

$$-A = (-1)A = (-1)\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -5 & x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -1 \\ 5 & -x \end{bmatrix}$$

Difference of matrices If $A = [a_{ij}]$, $B = [b_{ij}]$ are two matrices of the same order, say $m \times n$, then difference A - B is defined as a matrix $D = [d_{ij}]$, where $d_{ij} = a_{ij} - b_{ij}$, for all value of i and j. In other words, D = A - B = A + (-1)B, that is sum of the matrix A and the matrix -B.

Example 7 If
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, then find $2A - B$.

Solution We have

$$2A - B = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 4 & 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 - 3 & 4 + 1 & 6 - 3 \\ 4 + 1 & 6 + 0 & 2 - 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 5 & 3 \\ 5 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

3.4.3 Properties of matrix addition

The addition of matrices satisfy the following properties:

(i) **Commutative Law** If $A = [a_{ij}]$, $B = [b_{ij}]$ are matrices of the same order, say $m \times n$, then A + B = B + A.

Now
$$A + B = [a_{ij}] + [b_{ij}] = [a_{ij} + b_{ij}]$$
$$= [b_{ij} + a_{ij}] \text{ (addition of numbers is commutative)}$$
$$= ([b_{ij}] + [a_{ij}]) = B + A$$

(ii) **Associative Law** For any three matrices $A = [a_{ij}]$, $B = [b_{ij}]$, $C = [c_{ij}]$ of the same order, say $m \times n$, (A + B) + C = A + (B + C).

Now
$$(A + B) + C = ([a_{ij}] + [b_{ij}]) + [c_{ij}]$$

$$= [a_{ij} + b_{ij}] + [c_{ij}] = [(a_{ij} + b_{ij}) + c_{ij}]$$

$$= [a_{ij} + (b_{ij} + c_{ij})] \qquad (Why?)$$

$$= [a_{ii}] + [(b_{ii} + c_{ii})] = [a_{ii}] + ([b_{ii}] + [c_{ii}]) = A + (B + C)$$

- (iii) Existence of additive identity Let $A = [a_{ij}]$ be an $m \times n$ matrix and O be an $m \times n$ zero matrix, then A + O = O + A = A. In other words, O is the additive identity for matrix addition.
- (iv) The existence of additive inverse Let $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$ be any matrix, then we have another matrix as $-A = [-a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$ such that A + (-A) = (-A) + A = O. So – A is the additive inverse of A or negative of A.

3.4.4 Properties of scalar multiplication of a matrix

If $A = [a_{ij}]$ and $B = [b_{ij}]$ be two matrices of the same order, say $m \times n$, and k and l are scalars, then

(i)
$$k(A + B) = k A + kB$$
, (ii) $(k + l)A = k A + l A$

(ii)
$$k (A + B) = k ([a_{ij}] + [b_{ij}])$$

 $= k [a_{ij} + b_{ij}] = [k (a_{ij} + b_{ij})] = [(k a_{ij}) + (k b_{ij})]$
 $= [k a_{ii}] + [k b_{ii}] = k [a_{ii}] + k [b_{ii}] = kA + kB$

(iii)
$$(k+l) A = (k+l) [a_{ij}]$$

= $[(k+l) a_{ii}] + [k a_{ij}] + [l a_{ij}] = k [a_{ij}] + l [a_{ij}] = k A + l A$

Example 8 If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 4 & 2 \\ -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, then find the matrix X, such that

$$2A + 3X = 5B.$$

or

Solution We have 2A + 3X = 5B

or
$$2A + 3X - 2A = 5B - 2A$$

or $2A - 2A + 3X = 5B - 2A$ (Matrix addition is commutative)
or $O + 3X = 5B - 2A$ (O is the additive inverse of 2A)
or $3X = 5B - 2A$ (O is the additive identity)
or $X = \frac{1}{3} (5B - 2A)$

or
$$X = \frac{1}{3} \left(5 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 4 & 2 \\ -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \frac{1}{3} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 10 & -10 \\ 20 & 10 \\ -25 & 5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -16 & 0 \\ -8 & 4 \\ -6 & -12 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 10 - 16 & -10 + 0 \\ 20 - 8 & 10 + 4 \\ -25 - 6 & 5 - 12 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -6 & -10 \\ 12 & 14 \\ -31 & -7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & \frac{-10}{3} \\ 4 & \frac{14}{3} \\ \frac{-31}{3} & \frac{-7}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Example 9 Find X and Y, if
$$X + Y = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $X - Y = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution We have
$$(X+Y)+(X-Y) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
.

or
$$(X+X) + (Y-Y) = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 8 \\ 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow 2X = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 8 \\ 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

or
$$X = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 8 \\ 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Also
$$(X+Y) - (X-Y) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

or
$$(X - X) + (Y + Y) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 - 3 & 2 - 6 \\ 0 & 9 + 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow 2Y = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

or
$$Y = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example 10 Find the values of x and y from the following equation:

$$2\begin{bmatrix} x & 5 \\ 7 & y-3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 6 \\ 15 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution We have

$$2\begin{bmatrix} x & 5 \\ 7 & y-3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 6 \\ 15 & 14 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2x & 10 \\ 14 & 2y-6 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 6 \\ 15 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

or
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2x+3 & 10-4 \\ 14+1 & 2y-6+2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 6 \\ 15 & 14 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2x+3 & 6 \\ 15 & 2y-4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 6 \\ 15 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$$
or
$$2x+3=7 \quad \text{and} \quad 2y-4=14 \quad \text{(Why?)}$$
or
$$2x=7-3 \quad \text{and} \quad 2y=18$$
or
$$x=\frac{4}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad y=\frac{18}{2}$$
i.e.
$$x=2 \quad \text{and} \quad y=9.$$

Example 11 Two farmers Ramkishan and Gurcharan Singh cultivates only three varieties of rice namely Basmati, Permal and Naura. The sale (in Rupees) of these varieties of rice by both the farmers in the month of September and October are given by the following matrices A and B.

September Sales (in Rupees)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 10,000 & 20,000 & 30,000 \\ 50,000 & 30,000 & 10,000 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c} \text{Ramkishan} \\ \text{Gurcharan Singh} \\ \end{array}$$

October Sales (in Rupees)

	Basmati	Permal	Naura _	
B =	5000	10,000	6000	Ramkishan
	20,000	10,000	10,000 _	Gurcharan Singh

- (i) Find the combined sales in September and October for each farmer in each variety.
- (ii) Find the decrease in sales from September to October.
- (iii) If both farmers receive 2% profit on gross sales, compute the profit for each farmer and for each variety sold in October.

Solution

(i) Combined sales in September and October for each farmer in each variety is given by

$$A + B = \begin{bmatrix} Basmati & Permal & Naura \\ 15,000 & 30,000 & 36,000 \\ 70,000 & 40,000 & 20,000 \end{bmatrix} Ramkishan$$
Gurcharan Singh

(ii) Change in sales from September to October is given by

$$A-B = \begin{bmatrix} Basmati & Permal & Naura \\ 5000 & 10,000 & 24,000 \\ 30,000 & 20,000 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Ramkishan \\ Gurcharan Singh \end{bmatrix}$$

(iii)
$$2\% \text{ of } B = \frac{2}{100} \times B = 0.02 \times B$$

$$= 0.02 \begin{bmatrix} 8asmati & Permal & Naura \\ 5000 & 10,000 & 6000 \\ 20,000 & 10,000 & 10,000 \end{bmatrix} Ramkishan$$
Gurcharan Singh

$$= \begin{bmatrix} Basmati & Permal & Naura \\ 100 & 200 & 120 \\ 400 & 200 & 200 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Ramkishan \\ Gurcharan Singh \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, in October Ramkishan receives Rs 100, Rs 200 and Rs 120 as profit in the sale of each variety of rice, respectively, and Grucharan Singh receives profit of Rs 400, Rs 200 and Rs 200 in the sale of each variety of rice, respectively.

3.4.5 Multiplication of matrices

Suppose Meera and Nadeem are two friends. Meera wants to buy 2 pens and 5 story books, while Nadeem needs 8 pens and 10 story books. They both go to a shop to enquire about the rates which are quoted as follows:

How much money does each need to spend? Clearly, Meera needs Rs $(5 \times 2 + 50 \times 5)$ that is Rs 260, while Nadeem needs $(8 \times 5 + 50 \times 10)$ Rs, that is Rs 540. In terms of matrix representation, we can write the above information as follows:

Requirements Prices per piece (in Rupees) Money needed (in Rupees)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 8 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 50 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} 5 \times 2 + 5 \times 50 \\ 8 \times 5 + 10 \times 50 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 260 \\ 540 \end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose that they enquire about the rates from another shop, quoted as follows:

Now, the money required by Meera and Nadeem to make purchases will be respectively Rs $(4 \times 2 + 40 \times 5)$ = Rs 208 and Rs $(8 \times 4 + 10 \times 40)$ = Rs 432

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Requirements Prices per piece (in Rupees) Money needed (in Rupees)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 8 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 40 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 40 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} 4 \times 2 + 40 \times 5 \\ 8 \times 4 + 10 \times 40 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 208 \\ 432 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, the information in both the cases can be combined and expressed in terms of matrices as follows:

Requirements Prices per piece (in Rupees) Money needed (in Rupees)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 8 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 50 & 40 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 50 & 40 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} 5 \times 2 + 5 \times 50 & 4 \times 2 + 40 \times 5 \\ 8 \times 5 + 10 \times 50 & 8 \times 4 + 10 \times 40 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 260 & 208 \\ 540 & 432 \end{bmatrix}$$

The above is an example of multiplication of matrices. We observe that, for multiplication of two matrices A and B, the number of columns in A should be equal to the number of rows in B. Furthermore for getting the elements of the product matrix, we take rows of A and columns of B, multiply them element-wise and take the sum. Formally, we define multiplication of matrices as follows:

The *product* of two matrices A and B is *defined* if the number of columns of A is equal to the number of rows of B. Let $A = [a_{ij}]$ be an $m \times n$ matrix and $B = [b_{ik}]$ be an $n \times p$ matrix. Then the product of the matrices A and B is the matrix C of order $m \times p$. To get the $(i, k)^{th}$ element c_{ik} of the matrix C, we take the i^{th} row of A and k^{th} column of B, multiply them elementwise and take the sum of all these products. In other words, if $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$, $B = [b_{ik}]_{n \times n}$, then the i^{th} row of A is $[a_{i1} \ a_{i2} \ ... \ a_{in}]$ and the k^{th} column of

B is
$$\begin{bmatrix} b_{1k} \\ b_{2k} \\ \vdots \\ b_{nk} \end{bmatrix}$$
, then $c_{ik} = a_{i1} b_{1k} + a_{i2} b_{2k} + a_{i3} b_{3k} + \dots + a_{in} b_{nk} = \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{ij} b_{jk}$.

The matrix $C = [c_{ik}]_{m \times p}$ is the product of A and B.

For example, if
$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 5 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$, then the product CD is defined

and is given by $CD = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 5 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$. This is a 2 × 2 matrix in which each

entry is the sum of the products across some row of C with the corresponding entries down some column of D. These four computations are

Entry in first row first column
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 5 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (1)(2) + (-1)(-1) + (2)(5) & ? \\ ? & ? \end{bmatrix}$$

Entry in first row second column
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 5 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 13 & (1)(7) + (-1)(1) + 2(-4) \\ ? & ? \end{bmatrix}$$

Entry in second row first column
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 5 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 13 & -2 \\ 0 (2) + 3(-1) + 4 (5) & ? \end{bmatrix}$$

Entry in second row second column
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 5 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 13 & -2 \\ 17 & 0 & (7) + 3(1) + 4 & (-4) \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus
$$CD = \begin{bmatrix} 13 & -2 \\ 17 & -13 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example 12 Find AB, if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 9 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 0 \\ 7 & 9 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution The matrix A has 2 columns which is equal to the number of rows of B. Hence AB is defined. Now

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 6(2) + 9(7) & 6(6) + 9(9) & 6(0) + 9(8) \\ 2(2) + 3(7) & 2(6) + 3(9) & 2(0) + 3(8) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 12+63 & 36+81 & 0+72 \\ 4+21 & 12+27 & 0+24 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 75 & 117 & 72 \\ 25 & 39 & 24 \end{bmatrix}$$

Remark If AB is defined, then BA need not be defined. In the above example, AB is defined but BA is not defined because B has 3 column while A has only 2 (and not 3) rows. If A, B are, respectively $m \times n$, $k \times l$ matrices, then both AB and BA are defined **if and only if** n = k and l = m. In particular, if both A and B are square matrices of the same order, then both AB and BA are defined.

Non-commutativity of multiplication of matrices

Now, we shall see by an example that even if AB and BA are both defined, it is not necessary that AB = BA.

Example 13 If
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -4 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, then find AB, BA. Show that

 $AB \neq BA$.

Solution Since A is a 2×3 matrix and B is 3×2 matrix. Hence AB and BA are both defined and are matrices of order 2×2 and 3×3 , respectively. Note that

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -4 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 - 8 + 6 & 3 - 10 + 3 \\ -8 + 8 + 10 & -12 + 10 + 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4 \\ 10 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -4 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 - 12 & -4 + 6 & 6 + 15 \\ 4 - 20 & -8 + 10 & 12 + 25 \\ 2 - 4 & -4 + 2 & 6 + 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -10 & 2 & 21 \\ -16 & 2 & 37 \\ -2 & -2 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

Clearly AB ≠ BA

In the above example both AB and BA are of different order and so $AB \neq BA$. But one may think that perhaps AB and BA could be the same if they were of the same order. But it is not so, here we give an example to show that even if AB and BA are of same order they may not be same.

Example 14 If
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, then $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

and

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
. Clearly $AB \neq BA$.

Thus matrix multiplication is not commutative.

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If
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$, then $AB = BA = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$

Observe that multiplication of diagonal matrices of same order will be commutative.

Zero matrix as the product of two non zero matrices

We know that, for real numbers a, b if ab = 0, then either a = 0 or b = 0. This need not be true for matrices, we will observe this through an example.

Example 15 Find AB, if
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution We have
$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
.

Thus, if the product of two matrices is a zero matrix, it is not necessary that one of the matrices is a zero matrix.

3.4.6 Properties of multiplication of matrices

The multiplication of matrices possesses the following properties, which we state without proof.

- 1. The associative law For any three matrices A, B and C. We have (AB) C = A (BC), whenever both sides of the equality are defined.
- 2. The distributive law For three matrices A, B and C.
 - (i) A (B+C) = AB + AC
 - (ii) (A+B) C = AC + BC, whenever both sides of equality are defined.
- 3. The existence of multiplicative identity For every square matrix A, there exist an identity matrix of same order such that IA = AI = A.

Now, we shall verify these properties by examples.

Example 16 If
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & -4 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, find

A(BC), (AB)C and show that (AB)C = A(BC).

Solution We have
$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+0+1 & 3+2-4 \\ 2+0-3 & 6+0+12 \\ 3+0-2 & 9-2+8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 18 \\ 1 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

(AB) (C) =
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 18 \\ 1 & 15 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & -4 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2+2 & 4+0 & 6-2 & -8+1 \\ -1+36 & -2+0 & -3-36 & 4+18 \\ 1+30 & 2+0 & 3-30 & -4+15 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 & 4 & -7 \\ 35 & -2 & -39 & 22 \\ 31 & 2 & -27 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now BC =
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & -4 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+6 & 2+0 & 3-6 & -4+3 \\ 0+4 & 0+0 & 0-4 & 0+2 \\ -1+8 & -2+0 & -3-8 & 4+4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 & -3 & -1 \\ 4 & 0 & -4 & 2 \\ 7 & -2 & -11 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore
$$A(BC) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 & -3 & -1 \\ 4 & 0 & -4 & 2 \\ 7 & -2 & -11 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 7+4-7 & 2+0+2 & -3-4+11 & -1+2-8 \\ 14+0+21 & 4+0-6 & -6+0-33 & -2+0+24 \\ 21-4+14 & 6+0-4 & -9+4-22 & -3-2+16 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 & 4 & -7 \\ 35 & -2 & -39 & 22 \\ 31 & 2 & -27 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$
. Clearly, (AB) C = A (BC)

Example 17 If
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 & 7 \\ -6 & 0 & 8 \\ 7 & -8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Calculate AC, BC and (A + B)C. Also, verify that (A + B)C = AC + BC

Solution Now,
$$A+B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 7 & 8 \\ -5 & 0 & 10 \\ 8 & -6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So
$$(A + B) C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 7 & 8 \\ -5 & 0 & 10 \\ 8 & -6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 - 14 + 24 \\ -10 + 0 + 30 \\ 16 + 12 + 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 20 \\ 28 \end{bmatrix}$$

Further
$$AC = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 & 7 \\ -6 & 0 & 8 \\ 7 & -8 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 - 12 + 21 \\ -12 + 0 + 24 \\ 14 + 16 + 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 12 \\ 30 \end{bmatrix}$$

and
$$BC = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 - 2 + 3 \\ 2 + 0 + 6 \\ 2 - 4 + 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

So
$$AC + BC = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 12 \\ 30 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 20 \\ 28 \end{bmatrix}$$

Clearly,
$$(A + B) C = AC + BC$$

Example 18 If
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
, then show that $A^3 - 23A - 40$ I = O

Solution We have
$$A^2 = A.A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 19 & 4 & 8 \\ 1 & 12 & 8 \\ 14 & 6 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

So
$$A^{3} = A A^{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 19 & 4 & 8 \\ 1 & 12 & 8 \\ 14 & 6 & 15 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 63 & 46 & 69 \\ 69 & -6 & 23 \\ 92 & 46 & 63 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now

$$A^{3} - 23A - 40I = \begin{bmatrix} 63 & 46 & 69 \\ 69 & -6 & 23 \\ 92 & 46 & 63 \end{bmatrix} - 23 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - 40 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 63 & 46 & 69 \\ 69 & -6 & 23 \\ 92 & 46 & 63 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -23 & -46 & -69 \\ -69 & 46 & -23 \\ -92 & -46 & -23 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -40 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -40 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -40 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 63 - 23 - 40 & 46 - 46 + 0 & 69 - 69 + 0 \\ 69 - 69 + 0 & -6 + 46 - 40 & 23 - 23 + 0 \\ 92 - 92 + 0 & 46 - 46 + 0 & 63 - 23 - 40 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = O$$

Example 19 In a legislative assembly election, a political group hired a public relations firm to promote its candidate in three ways: telephone, house calls, and letters. The cost per contact (in paise) is given in matrix A as

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Cost per contact} \\ 40 \\ 100 \\ 50 \end{bmatrix} \text{Telephone}$$
 Housecall Letter

The number of contacts of each type made in two cities X and Y is given by

Telephone Housecall Letter

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1000 & 500 & 5000 \\ 3000 & 1000 & 10,000 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\bullet} X.$$
 Find the total amount spent by the group in the two

cities X and Y.

Solution We have

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 40,000 + 50,000 + 250,000 \\ 120,000 + 100,000 + 500,000 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{X} X$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 340,000 \\ 720,000 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{X} X$$

So the total amount spent by the group in the two cities is 340,000 paise and 720,000 paise, i.e., Rs 3400 and Rs 7200, respectively.

EXERCISE 3.2

1. Let
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$, $C = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

Find each of the following:

(i)
$$A + B$$

2. Compute the following:

(i)
$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$$

(ii)
$$\begin{bmatrix} a^2 + b^2 & b^2 + c^2 \\ a^2 + c^2 & a^2 + b^2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2ab & 2bc \\ -2ac & -2ab \end{bmatrix}$$

(i)
$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$$
 (ii) $\begin{bmatrix} a^2 + b^2 & b^2 + c^2 \\ a^2 + c^2 & a^2 + b^2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2ab & 2bc \\ -2ac & -2ab \end{bmatrix}$ (iii) $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 & -6 \\ 8 & 5 & 16 \\ 2 & 8 & 5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 7 & 6 \\ 8 & 0 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ (iv) $\begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 x & \sin^2 x \\ \sin^2 x & \cos^2 x \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \sin^2 x & \cos^2 x \\ \cos^2 x & \sin^2 x \end{bmatrix}$

$$(x) \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 x & \sin^2 x \\ \sin^2 x & \cos^2 x \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \sin^2 x & \cos^2 x \\ \cos^2 x & \sin^2 x \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Compute the indicated products.

(i)
$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$$
 (ii) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} [2 \ 3 \ 4]$ (iii) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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

(iv)
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(v) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(vi)
$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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4. If
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 5 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $C = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, then compute

(A+B) and (B-C). Also, verify that A + (B-C) = (A+B) - C.

5. If
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & 1 & \frac{5}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{4}{3} \\ \frac{7}{3} & 2 & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $B = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{5} & \frac{3}{5} & 1 \\ \frac{1}{5} & \frac{2}{5} & \frac{4}{5} \\ \frac{7}{5} & \frac{6}{5} & \frac{2}{5} \end{bmatrix}$, then compute $3A - 5B$.

6. Simplify
$$\cos\theta \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} + \sin\theta \begin{bmatrix} \sin\theta & -\cos\theta \\ \cos\theta & \sin\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

(i)
$$X + Y = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $X - Y = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

(ii)
$$2X + 3Y = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $3X + 2Y = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

8. Find X, if
$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $2X + Y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

9. Find x and y, if
$$2\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & x \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} y & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

10. Solve the equation for
$$x$$
, y , z and t , if $2\begin{bmatrix} x & z \\ y & t \end{bmatrix} + 3\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 3\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

11. If
$$x \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$
, find the values of x and y.

12. Given
$$3\begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x & 6 \\ -1 & 2w \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 4 & x+y \\ z+w & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
, find the values of x, y, z and w.

13. If
$$F(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos x & -\sin x & 0 \\ \sin x & \cos x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
, show that $F(x) F(y) = F(x + y)$.

14. Show that

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(i)
$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

15. Find
$$A^2 - 5A + 6I$$
, if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

16. If
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
, prove that $A^3 - 6A^2 + 7A + 2I = 0$

17. If
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, find k so that $A^2 = kA - 2I$

18. If
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\tan\frac{\alpha}{2} \\ \tan\frac{\alpha}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and I is the identity matrix of order 2, show that

$$I + A = (I - A) \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

- 19. A trust fund has Rs 30,000 that must be invested in two different types of bonds. The first bond pays 5% interest per year, and the second bond pays 7% interest per year. Using matrix multiplication, determine how to divide Rs 30,000 among the two types of bonds. If the trust fund must obtain an annual total interest of:
 - (a) Rs 1800

(b) Rs 2000

20. The bookshop of a particular school has 10 dozen chemistry books, 8 dozen physics books, 10 dozen economics books. Their selling prices are Rs 80, Rs 60 and Rs 40 each respectively. Find the total amount the bookshop will receive from selling all the books using matrix algebra.

Assume X, Y, Z, W and P are matrices of order $2 \times n$, $3 \times k$, $2 \times p$, $n \times 3$ and $p \times k$, respectively. Choose the correct answer in Exercises 21 and 22.

21. The restriction on n, k and p so that PY + WY will be defined are:

(A)
$$k = 3, p = n$$

(B)
$$k$$
 is arbitrary, $p = 2$

(C)
$$p$$
 is arbitrary, $k = 3$

(D)
$$k = 2, p = 3$$

22. If n = p, then the order of the matrix 7X - 5Z is:

(A)
$$p \times 2$$

(B)
$$2 \times n$$

(C)
$$n \times 3$$

$$(D) p \times p$$

3.5. Transpose of a Matrix

In this section, we shall learn about transpose of a matrix and special types of matrices such as symmetric and skew symmetric matrices.

Definition 3 If $A = [a_{ij}]$ be an $m \times n$ matrix, then the matrix obtained by interchanging the rows and columns of A is called the *transpose* of A. Transpose of the matrix A is denoted by A' or (A^T) . In other words, if $A = [a_{ii}]_{m \times n}$, then $A' = [a_{ij}]_{n \times m}$. For example,

if
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ \sqrt{3} & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 2}$$
, then $A' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & \sqrt{3} & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & -\frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$

3.5.1 Properties of transpose of the matrices

We now state the following properties of transpose of matrices without proof. These may be verified by taking suitable examples.

For any matrices A and B of suitable orders, we have

(i)
$$(A')' = A$$
,

(ii)
$$(kA)' = kA'$$
 (where k is any constant)

(iii)
$$(A + B)' = A' + B'$$

(iv)
$$(A B)' = B' A'$$

Example 20 If
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & \sqrt{3} & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$, verify that

(i)
$$(A')' = A$$

(ii)
$$(A + B)' = A' + B'$$
,

(iii)
$$(kB)' = kB'$$
, where k is any constant.

Solution

(i) We have

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & \sqrt{3} & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ \sqrt{3} & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (A')' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & \sqrt{3} & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = A$$

Thus (A')' = A

(ii) We have

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & \sqrt{3} & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & \sqrt{3} - 1 & 4 \\ 5 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore $(A + B)' = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 \\ \sqrt{3} - 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

Now $A' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ \sqrt{3} & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix},$

So $A' + B' = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 \\ \sqrt{3} - 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

Thus (A+B)' = A' + B'

(iii) We have

 $kB = k \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2k & -k & 2k \\ k & 2k & 4k \end{bmatrix}$

Then $(kB)' = \begin{bmatrix} 2k & k \\ -k & 2k \\ 2k & 4k \end{bmatrix} = k \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = kB'$

Thus (kB)' = kB'