

## Properties of Determinant

**Determinant:** To each square matrix  $A$  we can associate a expression or number (real or complex) known as its determinant denoted by  $\det(A)$  or  $|A|$

If  $A=[a]$  then  $|A|=a$ .

**Determinant of a square matrix of order 2:**

$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } |A| = ad - bc$$

$$\text{For example } \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = (2 \times 4) - (3 \times -3) = 8 + 9 = 17$$

**Determinant of a square matrix matrix of order 3:**

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ x & y & z \\ u & v & w \end{bmatrix}$  then we can find its determinant in six possible ways

**Expansion Along First Row:**

$$|A| = a \begin{vmatrix} y & z \\ v & w \end{vmatrix} - b \begin{vmatrix} x & z \\ u & w \end{vmatrix} + c \begin{vmatrix} x & y \\ u & v \end{vmatrix}$$

**Expansion Along Second Row:**

$$|A| = -x \begin{vmatrix} b & c \\ v & w \end{vmatrix} + y \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ u & w \end{vmatrix} - z \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ u & v \end{vmatrix}$$

**Expansion Along Third Row:**

$$|A| = u \begin{vmatrix} b & c \\ y & z \end{vmatrix} - v \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ x & z \end{vmatrix} + w \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ x & y \end{vmatrix}$$

**Expansion along first column:**

$$|A| = a \begin{vmatrix} y & z \\ v & w \end{vmatrix} - x \begin{vmatrix} b & c \\ v & w \end{vmatrix} + u \begin{vmatrix} b & c \\ y & z \end{vmatrix}$$

**Expansion along second column:**

$$|A| = -b \begin{vmatrix} x & z \\ u & w \end{vmatrix} + y \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ u & w \end{vmatrix} - v \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ x & z \end{vmatrix}$$

**Expansion along third column:**

$$|A| = c \begin{vmatrix} x & y \\ u & v \end{vmatrix} - z \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ u & v \end{vmatrix} + w \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ x & y \end{vmatrix}$$

**Note:** We expand the determinant along a row or column which has maximum number of zeros.

**Example-1:** Evaluate the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$  by expanding it along first row.

$$\text{Solution: } \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = (2) \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} - (-3) \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix} + (1) \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 2(-10-8) + 3(15-4) + (6+2) = -36 + 33 + 8 = 5$$

**Example-2:** Find the value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -4 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$  by expanding it along the second row.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -4 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = -(-1) \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - (-4) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (9-1) + 2(6+2) + 4(-2-6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -4 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 8 + 16 - 32 = -8$$

**Example-3:** Find the value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$  by expanding along it third row.

**Solution:**  $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 4 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 4(2+1) + 2(3-2) + 3(3+4) = 12 + 2 + 21 = 35$$

**Example-4:** Find the value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  by expanding along first column.

**Solution:**  $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2(-2-6) - 3(1-2) + (3+2) = -16 + 3 + 5 = -8$$

**Example-5:** Find the value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  by expanding it along second column.

**Solution:**  $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -(-1) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (4+5) + 2(2-15) - 2(-2-12) = 9 - 26 + 28 = 11$$

**Example-6:** Find the value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$  by expanding it along the third column.

**Solution:**  $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -(6-4) + (9+2) - (6+2) = -2 + 11 - 8 = 1$$

### Exercise-4.1

- Find the value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$  by expanding it along the first row. Also find its value by expanding it along first column.
- Find the value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  by expanding it along the second row. Also find its value by expanding it along second column.
- Find the value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$  by expanding it along the third row. Also find its value by expanding it along third column.
- Find the value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} a & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$
- Find the value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$
- Find the value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{vmatrix}$
- Find the values of  $x$  for which  $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & x \\ x & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$
- Find the value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} x^2 - x + 1 & x - 1 \\ x + 1 & x + 1 \end{vmatrix}$
- Find the value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 0 & \sin \alpha & -\cos \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & 0 & \sin \beta \\ \cos \alpha & -\sin \beta & 0 \end{vmatrix}$

### Properties of Determinant

**Property-1:** Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be a square matrix of order  $n$  then  $|A| = |A^T|$

For example  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ x & y & z \\ u & v & w \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & x & u \\ b & y & v \\ c & z & w \end{vmatrix}$

**Property-2:** Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be a square matrix of order  $n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) and  $B$  be matrix obtained from  $A$  by interchanging any two rows (columns) of  $A$ , then  $|A| = -|B|$

For example 
$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ x & y & z \\ u & v & w \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} x & y & z \\ a & b & c \\ u & v & w \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ x & y & z \\ u & v & w \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} b & a & c \\ y & x & z \\ v & u & w \end{vmatrix}$$

**Property-3:** If any two rows(columns) of a square matrix  $A=[a_{ij}]$  of order  $n$  are identical, then its determinant is zero i.e.  $|A|=0$

For example 
$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ x & y & z \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{vmatrix} a & b & a \\ x & y & x \\ u & v & u \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

**Property-4:** Let  $A=[a_{ij}]$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ , and let  $B$  be the matrix obtained from  $A$  by multiplying each element of a row(column) of  $A$  by a scalar  $\lambda$  then  $|B|=k|A|$

For example 
$$\begin{vmatrix} ka & kb & kc \\ x & y & z \\ u & v & w \end{vmatrix} = k \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ x & y & z \\ u & v & w \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{vmatrix} ka & b & c \\ kx & y & z \\ ku & v & w \end{vmatrix} = k \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ x & y & z \\ u & v & w \end{vmatrix}$$

**Property-5:** Let  $A$  be a square matrix such that each element of a row(column) of  $A$  is expressed as the sum of two or more terms. Then, the determinant of  $A$  can be expressed as the sum of determinants of two or more matrices of the same order.

For example 
$$\begin{vmatrix} a+a' & b+b' & c+c' \\ x & y & z \\ u & v & w \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ x & y & z \\ u & v & w \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a' & b' & c' \\ x & y & z \\ u & v & w \end{vmatrix}$$

or 
$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ x+x' & y & z \\ u+u' & v & w \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ x & y & z \\ u & v & w \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a' & b & c \\ x' & y & z \\ u' & v & w \end{vmatrix}$$

**Property-6:** Let  $A$  be any square matrix and  $B$  be a matrix obtained from  $A$  by adding to a row(column) of  $A$  a scalar multiple of another row(column) of  $A$ , then  $|B|=|A|$

For example 
$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ x & y & z \\ u & v & w \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a+ku & b+kv & c+kw \\ x & y & z \\ u & v & w \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{or}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ x & y & z \\ u & v & w \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a+kc & b & c \\ x+kz & y & z \\ u+kw & v & w \end{vmatrix}$$

**Example1.** Prove that 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ b+c & c+a & a+b \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

**Solution:** Let  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ b+c & c+a & a+b \end{vmatrix}$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_3$  we get

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a+b+c & a+b+c & a+b+c \\ b+c & c+a & a+b \end{vmatrix}$$

Taking  $(a+b+c)$  common from  $R_2$  we get

$$\Delta = (a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ b+c & c+a & a+b \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = 0$$

( $\because R_1$  and  $R_2$  are identical)

**Example-2:** Prove that  $\begin{vmatrix} a-b & b-c & c-a \\ b-c & c-a & a-b \\ c-a & a-b & b-c \end{vmatrix} = 0$

**Solution:** Let  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a-b & b-c & c-a \\ b-c & c-a & a-b \\ c-a & a-b & b-c \end{vmatrix}$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ b-c & c-a & a-b \\ c-a & a-b & b-c \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = 0$$

( $\because$  all elements in  $R_1$  are zero)

**Example-3** Prove that  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ ab & bc & ca \\ c(a+b) & a(b+c) & b(c+a) \end{vmatrix} = 0$

**Solution:** Let  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ ab & bc & ca \\ c(a+b) & a(b+c) & b(c+a) \end{vmatrix}$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_3$  we get

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ ab+bc+ca & ab+bc+ca & ab+bc+ca \\ c(a+b) & a(b+c) & b(c+a) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (ab+bc+ca) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ c(a+b) & a(b+c) & b(c+a) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = 0$$

(As  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are identical)

**Example-4:** Prove that  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \end{vmatrix} = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)$

**Solution:** Let  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2$  and  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_3$  we get

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ a-b & b-c & c \\ a^2-b^2 & b^2-c^2 & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Taking  $(a-b)$  and  $(b-c)$  common from  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  respectively we get

$$\Delta = (a-b)(b-c) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & c \\ a+b & b+c & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along  $R_1$  we get

$$\Delta = (a-b)(b-c)[(b+c)-(a+b)] = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)$$

**Example-5** Prove that  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^3 & b^3 & c^3 \end{vmatrix} = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)(a+b+c)$

**Solution:** Let  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^3 & b^3 & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2$  and  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_3$  we get

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ a-b & b-c & c \\ a^3-b^3 & b^3-c^3 & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (a-b)(b-c) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & c \\ a^2+ab+b^2 & b^2+bc+c^2 & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2$  we get

$$\Delta = (a-b)(b-c) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ a^2+ab-bc-c^2 & b^2+bc+c^2 & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Delta = (a-b)(b-c) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ (a-c)(a+b+c) & b^2+bc+c^2 & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Delta = (a-b)(b-c)(a-c)(a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 1 & b^2+bc+c^2 & c^2 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Taking out } (a-c)(a+b+c) \text{ from } C_1)$$

$$\Delta = (a-b)(b-c)(a-c)(a+b+c) \cdot 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & b^2+bc+c^2 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Expanding along } R_3)$$

$$\Delta = (a-b)(b-c)(a-c)(a+b+c) \times -1$$

$$\Delta = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)(a+b+c)$$

**Example 6:** Prove that  $\begin{vmatrix} 1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+c \end{vmatrix} = (a+b+c) \left(1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right) = abc + bc + ca + ab$

**Solution:** Let  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+c \end{vmatrix}$

Taking  $a, b, c$  common from  $R_1, R_2$  and  $R_3$  we get

$$\Delta = abc \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{a}+1 & \frac{1}{a} & \frac{1}{a} \\ \frac{1}{b} & \frac{1}{b}+1 & \frac{1}{b} \\ \frac{1}{c} & \frac{1}{c} & \frac{1}{c}+1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_2 + R_3$  we get

$$\Delta = abc \begin{vmatrix} 1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} & 1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} & 1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \\ \frac{1}{b} & 1 + \frac{1}{b} & \frac{1}{b} \\ \frac{1}{c} & \frac{1}{c} & 1 + \frac{1}{c} \end{vmatrix}$$

Taking  $\left(1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)$  common from  $R_1$  we get

$$\Delta = abc \left(1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{b} & 1 + \frac{1}{b} & \frac{1}{b} \\ \frac{1}{c} & \frac{1}{c} & 1 + \frac{1}{c} \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2$  and  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_3$  we get

$$\Delta = abc \left(1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & \frac{1}{b} \\ 0 & -1 & 1 + \frac{1}{c} \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along  $R_1$  we get

$$\Delta = abc \left(1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right) \cdot 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = abc \left(1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right) = abc + bc + ca + ab$$

**Example-7** Prove that 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 1+a^2-b^2 & 2ab & -2b \\ 2ab & 1-a^2+b^2 & 2a \\ 2b & -2a & 1-a^2-b^2 \end{vmatrix} = (1+a^2+b^2)^3$$

**Solution:** Let  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1+a^2-b^2 & 2ab & -2b \\ 2ab & 1-a^2+b^2 & 2a \\ 2b & -2a & 1-a^2-b^2 \end{vmatrix}$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - bC_3$  and  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 + aC_3$  we get

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1+a^2+b^2 & 0 & -2b \\ 0 & 1+a^2+b^2 & 2a \\ b(1+a^2+b^2) & -a(1+a^2+b^2) & 1-a^2-b^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Taking  $(1+a^2+b^2)$  common from both  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  we get

$$\Delta = (1+a^2+b^2)^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2b \\ 0 & 1 & 2a \\ b & -a & 1-a^2-b^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - bR_1 + aR_2$  we get

$$\Delta = (1+a^2+b^2)^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2b \\ 0 & 1 & 2a \\ 0 & 0 & 1+a^2+b^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along  $R_3$  we get

$$\Delta = (1+a^2+b^2)^2 (1+a^2+b^2) \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \Delta = (1+a^2+b^2)^3$$

**Example 8:** Prove 
$$\begin{vmatrix} (b+c)^2 & a^2 & a^2 \\ b^2 & (c+a)^2 & b^2 \\ c^2 & c^2 & (a+b)^2 \end{vmatrix} = 2abc(a+b+c)^3$$

**Solution:** Let  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} (b+c)^2 & a^2 & a^2 \\ b^2 & (c+a)^2 & b^2 \\ c^2 & c^2 & (a+b)^2 \end{vmatrix}$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_3$  and  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_3$  we get

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} (b+c)^2 - a^2 & 0 & a^2 \\ 0 & (c+a)^2 - b^2 & b^2 \\ c^2 - (a+b)^2 & c^2 - (a+b)^2 & (a+b)^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Taking  $(a+b+c)$  common from  $C_1$  and  $C_3$  we get

$$\Delta = (a+b+c)^2 \begin{vmatrix} b+c-a & 0 & a^2 \\ 0 & c+a-b & b^2 \\ c-a-b & c-a-b & (a+b)^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - (R_1 + R_2)$  we get

$$\Delta = (a+b+c)^2 \begin{vmatrix} b+c-a & 0 & a^2 \\ 0 & c+a-b & b^2 \\ -2b & -2a & 2ab \end{vmatrix}$$



$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{ab} \begin{vmatrix} ab+ac-a^2 & 0 & a^2 \\ 0 & bc+ab-b^2 & b^2 \\ -2ab & -2ab & 2ab \end{vmatrix} \quad (C_1 \rightarrow aC_1 \text{ and } C_2 \rightarrow bC_2)$$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_3$  and  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 + C_3$

$$\Delta = \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{(ab)} \begin{vmatrix} ab+ac & a^2 & a^2 \\ b^2 & bc+ab & b^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2ab \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Delta = \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{ab} 2ab \cdot \begin{vmatrix} ab+bc & a^2 \\ b^2 & bc+ab \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{By Expanding along } R_3)$$

Taking  $a$  common from  $R_1$  and  $b$  common from  $R_2$  we get

$$\Delta = 2ab(a+b+c)^2 \begin{vmatrix} b+c & a \\ b & c+a \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = 2ab(a+b+c)^2 \{bc+ba+c^2+ac-ab\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = 2abc(a+b+c)^3$$

**Example 9:** Prove that  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ bc & ca & ab \end{vmatrix} = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)$

**Solution:** Let  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ bc & ca & ab \end{vmatrix} = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2$  and  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_3$  we get

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ a-b & b-c & c \\ -c(a-b) & -a(b-c) & ab \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (a-b)(b-c) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & c \\ -c & -a & ab \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Taking } (a-b) \text{ common from } C_1 \text{ and } (b-c) \text{ from } C_2)$$

Expanding along  $R_1$  we get

$$\Delta = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a) 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -c & -a \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)$$

**Example-10** Prove that  $\begin{vmatrix} y+z & x & x \\ y & z+x & y \\ z & z & x+y \end{vmatrix} = 4xyz$

**Solution:** Let  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} y+z & x & x \\ y & z+x & y \\ z & z & x+y \end{vmatrix}$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_3$  and  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_3$  we get

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} y+z-x & 0 & x \\ 0 & z+x-y & y \\ z-x-y & z-x-y & x+y \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - (R_1 + R_2)$  we get

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} y+z-x & 0 & x \\ 0 & z+x-y & y \\ -2y & -2x & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along  $R_1$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= (y+z-x)(2xy) + x(2y)(z+x-y) \\ \Rightarrow \Delta &= 2xy(y+z-x+z+x-y) = 4xyz \end{aligned}$$

**Example-11** Prove that  $\begin{vmatrix} b+c & c+a & a+b \\ q+r & r+p & p+q \\ y+z & z+x & x+y \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ p & q & r \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix}$

**Solution:** Let  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} b+c & c+a & a+b \\ q+r & r+p & p+q \\ y+z & z+x & x+y \end{vmatrix}$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_2 + C_3$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= \begin{vmatrix} 2(a+b+c) & c+a & a+b \\ 2(p+q+r) & r+p & p+q \\ 2(x+y+z) & z+x & x+y \end{vmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \Delta &= 2 \begin{vmatrix} a+b+c & c+a & a+b \\ p+q+r & r+p & p+q \\ x+y+z & z+x & x+y \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Applying  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1$  and  $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$  we get

$$\Delta = 2 \begin{vmatrix} a+b+c & -b & -c \\ p+q+r & -q & -r \\ x+y+z & -y & -z \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= 2 \begin{vmatrix} a & -b & -c \\ p & -q & -r \\ x & -y & -z \end{vmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \Delta &= \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ p & q & r \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

**Example-12:** Prove that  $\begin{vmatrix} a^2+1 & ab & ac \\ ab & b^2+1 & bc \\ ca & cb & c^2+1 \end{vmatrix} = 1+a^2+b^2+c^2$

**Solution:** Let  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a^2+1 & ab & ac \\ ab & b^2+1 & bc \\ ca & cb & c^2+1 \end{vmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \frac{1}{abc} \begin{vmatrix} a(a^2+1) & a^2b & a^2c \\ ab^2 & b(b^2+1) & b^2c \\ c^2a & c^2b & c(c^2+1) \end{vmatrix} \quad \left( R_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{a}R_1, R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{b}R_2 \text{ and } R_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{c}R_3 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \frac{abc}{abc} \begin{vmatrix} a^2+1 & a^2 & a^2 \\ b^2 & b^2+1 & b^2 \\ c^2 & c^2 & c^2+1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a^2+1 & a^2 & a^2 \\ b^2 & b^2+1 & b^2 \\ c^2 & c^2 & c^2+1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3$  we get

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1+a^2+b^2 & 1+a^2+b^2 & 1+a^2+b^2 \\ b^2 & b^2+1 & b^2 \\ c^2 & c^2 & c^2+1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Delta = (1+a^2+b^2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ b^2 & b^2+1 & b^2 \\ c^2 & c^2 & c^2+1 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{By taking } 1+a^2+b^2 \text{ common from } R_1)$$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2$  and  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_3$  we get

$$\Delta = (1+a^2+b^2) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & b^2 \\ 0 & -1 & c^2+1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along  $R_1$  we get

$$\Delta = (1+a^2+b^2) \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (1+a^2+b^2)$$

**Example-13:** Prove that  $\begin{vmatrix} a-b-c & 2a & 2a \\ 2b & b-c-a & 2b \\ 2c & 2c & c-a-b \end{vmatrix} = (a+b+c)^3$

**Solution:** Let  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a-b-c & 2a & 2a \\ 2b & b-c-a & 2b \\ 2c & 2c & c-a-b \end{vmatrix}$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3$  we get

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a+b+c & a+b+c & a+b+c \\ 2b & b-c-a & 2b \\ 2c & 2c & c-a-b \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2b & b-c-a & 2b \\ 2c & 2c & c-a-b \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2$  and  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_3$  we get

$$\Delta = (a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ a+b+c & -(a+b+c) & 2b \\ 0 & a+b+c & c-a-b \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Delta = (a+b+c)^3 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2b \\ 0 & 1 & c-a-b \end{vmatrix}$$

(Taking  $a+b+c$  common from  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ )

$$\Delta = (a+b+c)^3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (a+b+c)^3$$

(Expanding along  $R_1$ )

**Example 14:** Prove that  $\begin{vmatrix} \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & \cos(\alpha+\delta) \\ \sin \beta & \cos \beta & \cos(\beta+\delta) \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & \cos(\gamma+\delta) \end{vmatrix} = 0$

**Solution:** Let  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & \cos(\alpha+\delta) \\ \sin \beta & \cos \beta & \cos(\beta+\delta) \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & \cos(\gamma+\delta) \end{vmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & \cos \alpha \cos \delta - \sin \alpha \sin \delta \\ \sin \beta & \cos \beta & \cos \beta \cos \delta - \sin \beta \sin \delta \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & \cos \gamma \cos \delta - \sin \gamma \sin \delta \end{vmatrix}$$

By applying  $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + \sin \delta C_1 - \cos \delta C_2$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ \sin \beta & \cos \beta & 0 \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = 0$$

**Example-15:** Prove that  $\begin{vmatrix} a^2 & bc & ac+c^2 \\ a^2+ab & b^2 & ac \\ ab & b^2+bc & c^2 \end{vmatrix} = 4a^2b^2c^2$

**Solution:** Let  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & bc & ac+c^2 \\ a^2+ab & b^2 & ac \\ ab & b^2+bc & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = abc \begin{vmatrix} a & c & a+c \\ a+b & b & a \\ b & b+c & c \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3$  we get

$$\Delta = abc \begin{vmatrix} 2(a+b) & 2(b+c) & 2(c+a) \\ a+b & b & a \\ b & b+c & c \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Delta = 2abc \begin{vmatrix} a+b & b+c & c+a \\ a+b & b & a \\ b & b+c & c \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$  and we get

$$\Delta = 2abc \begin{vmatrix} 0 & c & c \\ a+b & b & a \\ b & b+c & c \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_3$  we get

$$\Delta = 2abc \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & c \\ a+b & b-a & a \\ b & b & c \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Delta = 2abc \{c(ab+b^2-b^2+ab)\} = 4a^2b^2c^2$$

**Example-16** If  $a, b, c$  are positive and unequal, show that the value of the determinant

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b \end{vmatrix}$$

is negative.

**Solution:** Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$  we get

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a+b+c & b & c \\ a+b+c & c & a \\ a+b+c & a & b \end{vmatrix} = (a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & b & c \\ 1 & c & a \\ 1 & a & b \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b-c & c-a \\ 0 & c-a & a-b \\ 1 & a & b \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Applying } R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2 \text{ and } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (a+b+c) \{(b-c)(a-b) - (c-a)^2\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (a+b+c)(ba - b^2 - ca + bc - c^2 - a^2 + 2ca)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (a+b+c)(-a^2 - b^2 - c^2 + ab + bc + ca) = -(a+b+c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \frac{-1}{2}(a+b+c)(2a^2 + 2b^2 + 2c^2 - 2ab - 2bc - 2ca)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \frac{-1}{2}(a+b+c)\{(a-b)^2 + (b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2\}$$

As  $a, b, c$  are positive and unequal therefore  $a+b+c > 0$  and  $(a-b)^2 + (b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2 > 0$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta < 0$$

**Example 17:** Solve  $\begin{vmatrix} a+x & a-x & a-x \\ a-x & a+x & a-x \\ a-x & a-x & a+x \end{vmatrix} = 0$

**Solution:** Let  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a+x & a-x & a-x \\ a-x & a+x & a-x \\ a-x & a-x & a+x \end{vmatrix}$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$  we get  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 3a-x & a-x & a-x \\ 3a-x & a+x & a-x \\ 3a-x & a-x & a+x \end{vmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (3a-x) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a-x & a-x \\ 1 & a+x & a-x \\ 1 & a-x & a+x \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$  and  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$  we get

$$\Delta = (3a-x) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a-x & a-x \\ 0 & 2x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (3a-x) \times 1 \times \begin{vmatrix} 2x & 0 \\ 0 & 2x \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Expanding along } C_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (3a-x)4x^2$$

$$\text{Thus } \Delta = 0 \Rightarrow (3a-x)4x^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0, 3a$$

**Example 18:** Prove that  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1+px^3 \\ y & y^2 & 1+py^3 \\ z & z^2 & 1+pz^3 \end{vmatrix}$

**Solution:** We have  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1+px^3 \\ y & y^2 & 1+py^3 \\ z & z^2 & 1+pz^3 \end{vmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1 \\ y & y^2 & 1 \\ z & z^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + pxyz \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 1 & y & y^2 \\ 1 & z & z^2 \end{vmatrix} \quad \{\text{As each element of } C_3 \text{ is sum of two elements}\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x^2 & x \\ 1 & y^2 & y \\ 1 & z^2 & z \end{vmatrix} + pxyz \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 1 & y & y^2 \\ 1 & z & z^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 1 & y & y^2 \\ 1 & z & z^2 \end{vmatrix} + pxyz \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 1 & y & y^2 \\ 1 & z & z^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (1 + pxyz) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 1 & y & y^2 \\ 1 & z & z^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (1 + pxyz) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 0 & y-x & y^2-x^2 \\ 0 & z-x & z^2-x^2 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Applying } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \text{ and } R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (1 + pxyz)(y-x)(z-x) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 0 & 1 & y+x \\ 0 & 1 & z+x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (1 + pxyz)(y-x)(z-x) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & y+x \\ 1 & z+x \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Expanding along } C_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (1 + pxyz)(y-z)(z-x)(z+x-y-x) = (1 + pxyz)(x-y)(y-z)(z-x)$$

**Example-19:** Show that  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \\ bc & ca & ab \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \\ a^3 & b^3 & c^3 \end{vmatrix} = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)(ab+bc+ca)$

**Solution:** Let  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \\ bc & ca & ab \end{vmatrix}$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{a}C_1$ ,  $C_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{b}C_2$  and  $C_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{c}C_3$  we get

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{abc} \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \\ a^3 & b^3 & c^3 \\ abc & abc & abc \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \frac{abc}{abc} \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \\ a^3 & b^3 & c^3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \\ a^3 & b^3 & c^3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3$  we get

$$\Delta = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a^3 & b^3 & c^3 \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$  we get

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \\ a^3 & b^3 & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2$  and  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_3$  we get

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ a^2 - b^2 & b^2 - c^2 & c^2 \\ a^3 - b^3 & b^3 - c^3 & c^3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ (a-b)(a+b) & (b-c)(b+c) & c^2 \\ (a-b)(a^2+ab+b^2) & (b-c)(b^2+bc+c^2) & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (a-b)(b-c) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ a+b & b+c & c^2 \\ a^2+ab+b^2 & b^2+bc+c^2 & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1$  we get

$$\Delta = (a-b)(b-c) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ a+b & c-a & c^2 \\ a^2+ab+b^2 & (c-a)(a+b+c) & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ a+b & 1 & c^2 \\ a^2+ab+b^2 & a+b+c & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along  $R_1$  we get

$$\Delta = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a) \{(a+b)(a+b+c) - (a^2+ab+b^2)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)(a^2+ab+ac+ab+b^2+bc - a^2 - ab - b^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)(ab+bc+ca)$$

**Example-20:** Prove that  $\begin{vmatrix} a & a+b & a+b+c \\ 2a & 3a+2b & 4a+3b+2c \\ 3a & 6a+3b & 10a+6b+3c \end{vmatrix} = a^3$

**Solution:** Let  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & a+b & a+b+c \\ 2a & 3a+2b & 4a+3b+2c \\ 3a & 6a+3b & 10a+6b+3c \end{vmatrix}$

Since each element of the second column is sum of two elements we get

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & a & a+b+c \\ 2a & 3a & 4a+3b+2c \\ 3a & 6a & 10a+6b+3c \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a & b & a+b+c \\ 2a & 2b & 4a+3b+2c \\ 3a & 3b & 10a+6b+3c \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & a & a+b+c \\ 2a & 3a & 4a+3b+2c \\ 3a & 6a & 10a+6b+3c \end{vmatrix} + ab \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & a+b+c \\ 2 & 2 & 4a+3b+2c \\ 3 & 3 & 10a+6b+3c \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & a & a+b+c \\ 2a & 3a & 4a+3b+2c \\ 3a & 6a & 10a+6b+3c \end{vmatrix} + ab \cdot 0 \quad [\because C_2 \text{ and } C_3 \text{ are identical in second determinant}]$$

As each element of  $C_3$  is sum of three elements therefore

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & a & a \\ 2a & 3a & 4a \\ 3a & 6a & 10a \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a & a & b \\ 2a & 3a & 3b \\ 3a & 6a & 6b \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a & a & c \\ 2a & 3a & 2c \\ 3a & 6a & 3c \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = a^3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 10 \end{vmatrix} + a^2 b \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 \end{vmatrix} + a^2 c \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

As  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  are identical in second determinant and  $C_1$  and  $C_3$  are identical in third determinant thus we get

$$\Delta = a^3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 10 \end{vmatrix} + a^2 b \cdot 0 + a^2 c \cdot 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = a^3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 7 \end{vmatrix} \quad [\text{Applying } C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1 \text{ and } C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1]$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = a^3 (7-6) \quad [\text{Expanding along } R_1]$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = a^3$$

### Exercise 4.2

Using Properties of determinants, prove the following

$$1. \begin{vmatrix} x & a & x+a \\ y & b & y+b \\ z & c & z+c \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$2. \begin{vmatrix} 1 & bc & a(b+c) \\ 1 & ca & b(c+a) \\ 1 & ab & c(a+b) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$3. \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a & -b \\ -a & 0 & -c \\ b & c & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$4. \begin{vmatrix} -a^2 & ab & ac \\ ba & -b^2 & bc \\ ca & cb & -c^2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$



$$5. \begin{vmatrix} b^2 c^2 & bc & b+c \\ c^2 a^2 & ca & c+a \\ a^2 b^2 & ab & a+b \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$6. \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & yz \\ y & y^2 & zx \\ z & z^2 & xy \end{vmatrix} = (x-y)(y-z)(z-x)(xy+yz+zx)$$

$$7. \begin{vmatrix} x+4 & 2x & 2x \\ 2x & x+4 & 2x \\ 2x & 2x & 2x+4 \end{vmatrix} = (5x+4)(4-x)^2$$

$$8. \begin{vmatrix} y+k & y & y \\ y & y+k & y \\ y & y & y+k \end{vmatrix} = k^2(3y+k)$$

$$9. \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2-bc \\ 1 & b & b^2-ca \\ 1 & c & c^2-ab \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$10. \begin{vmatrix} b+c & a & a \\ b & c+a & b \\ c & c & a+b \end{vmatrix} = 4abc$$

$$11. \begin{vmatrix} a-b-c & 2a & 2a \\ 2b & b-c-a & 2b \\ 2c & 2c & c-a-b \end{vmatrix} = (a+b+c)^3$$

$$12. \begin{vmatrix} x+y+2z & x & y \\ z & y+z+2x & y \\ z & x & z+x+2y \end{vmatrix} = 2(x+y+z)^3$$

$$13. \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ x^2 & 1 & x \\ x & x^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (1-x^2)^3$$

$$14. \begin{vmatrix} x+y & x & x \\ 5x+4y & 4x & 2x \\ 10x+8y & 8x & 3x \end{vmatrix} = x^3$$

$$15. \begin{vmatrix} b+c & a-b & a \\ c+a & b-c & b \\ a+b & c-a & c \end{vmatrix} = 3abc - a^3 - b^3 - c^3$$

$$16. \begin{vmatrix} (y+z)^2 & xy & zx \\ xy & (x+z)^2 & yz \\ xz & yz & (x+y)^2 \end{vmatrix} = 2xyz(x+y+z)^3$$

$$17. \begin{vmatrix} b^2+c^2 & ab & ac \\ ba & c^2+a^2 & bc \\ ca & cb & a^2+b^2 \end{vmatrix} = 4a^2b^2c^2$$

$$18. \begin{vmatrix} 3a & -a+b & -a+c \\ -b+a & 3b & -b+c \\ -c+a & -c+b & 3c \end{vmatrix} = 3(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca)$$

$$19. \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1+p & 1+p+q \\ 2 & 3+2p & 4+3p+2q \\ 3 & 6+3p & 10+6p+3q \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

$$20. \text{ Prove that } \begin{vmatrix} x & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \\ -\sin \theta & -x & 1 \\ \cos \theta & 1 & x \end{vmatrix} \text{ is independent of } \theta$$

$$21. \text{ Evaluate } \begin{vmatrix} \cos \alpha \cos \beta & \cos \alpha \sin \beta & -\sin \alpha \\ -\sin \beta & \cos \beta & 0 \\ \sin \alpha \cos \beta & \sin \alpha \sin \beta & \cos \alpha \end{vmatrix}$$

$$22. \text{ Solve the equation } \begin{vmatrix} x+a & x & x \\ x & x+a & x \\ x & x & x+a \end{vmatrix} = 0, a \neq 0$$

$$23. \text{ If } x \neq y \neq z \text{ and } \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1+x^3 \\ y & y^2 & 1+y^3 \\ z & z^2 & 1+z^3 \end{vmatrix} = 0, \text{ then prove that } xyz = -1$$

$$24. \text{ Solve } \begin{vmatrix} x-2 & 2x-3 & 3x-4 \\ x-4 & 2x-9 & 3x-16 \\ x-8 & 2x-27 & 3x-64 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$25. \text{ If } a, b, c \text{ are in A.P, find value of } \begin{vmatrix} 2y+4 & 5y+7 & 8y+a \\ 3y+5 & 6y+8 & 9y+b \\ 4y+6 & 7y+9 & 10y+c \end{vmatrix}$$

### Area of Triangle

**Result :** Area of triangle whose vertices are  $(x_1, y_1, z_1), (x_2, y_2, z_2); (x_3, y_3, z_3)$  is given by

$$\Delta = \pm \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

**Collinearity of three points:** Three points  $(x_1, y_1, z_1), (x_2, y_2, z_2); (x_3, y_3, z_3)$  will be collinear if and only

$$\text{if } \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

**Example-1:** Find the area of the triangle whose vertices are  $(1,2), (2;3), (3;-1)$

$$\text{Solution: } \Delta = \pm \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \pm \frac{1}{2} \{1(3+1) - 2(2-3) + 1(-2-9)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \pm \frac{1}{2} (4+2-11) = \frac{5}{2} \text{ square units}$$

**Example-2:** Show that the points  $(1,2); (4,-1); (5.-2)$  are collinear.

**Solution:** 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 & 1 \\ 5 & -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1(-1+2) - 2(4-5) + 1(-8+5) = 1 + 2 - 3 = 0$$

**Example-3:** If points  $(a, 0), (0, b), (x, y)$  are collinear then show that  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$

**Solution:** As points  $(a, 0), (0, b), (x, y)$  are collinear 
$$\begin{vmatrix} a & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & b & 1 \\ x & y & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a(b-y) - bx = 0 \Rightarrow ab - ay - bx = 0 \Rightarrow ay + bx = ab$$

Divide both sides by  $ab$  we get

$$\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$$

### Exercise 4.3

- Find the area of the triangle whose vertices are  
(i)  $(2,3), (4,-1), (0,2)$  (ii)  $(3,-1), (2,4), (9,2)$  (iii)  $(4,-1), (4,1), (7,3)$
- Show that the points  $(3,1), (4,0), (6,-2)$  are collinear.
- Show that the points  $(3,1), (2,-1), (1,-3)$  are collinear.
- If the points  $(a, 0), (0, b), (1,1)$  are collinear then show  $a+b=ab$
- Using determinants prove that the points  $(a, b), (a', b')$  and  $(a-a', b-b')$  are collinear if  $ab' = ba'$
- Find the value of  $\lambda$  such that  $(2,3), (\lambda, 1), (-1,2)$  are collinear.
- Using determinants find the equation of the line joining the points  $(2,3)$  and  $(-3,1)$

### Minors and Co-Factors

**Minors:** Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ . Then we define minor of  $a_{ij}$  as a determinant of order  $n-1$  obtained from  $A$  by deleting its  $i^{th}$  row and  $j^{th}$  column. Minor of  $a_{ij}$  is denoted by  $M_{ij}$

**Co-Factor:** Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ . Then we define co-factor of  $a_{ij}$  as  $(-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$ . We denote the co-factor of  $a_{ij}$  as  $A_{ij}$  or  $C_{ij}$

Thus  $A_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$

or 
$$A_{ij} = \begin{cases} M_{ij} & \text{if } i+j \text{ is even} \\ -M_{ij} & \text{if } i+j \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

**Result:** If  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be a square matrix of order  $n$

$$|A| = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} A_{ij} \quad (\text{Expansion along } i^{th} \text{ row})$$

$$|A| = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} C_{ij} \quad (\text{Expanding along } j^{th} \text{ column})$$

To be more specific let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be a square matrix of order 3.

Then  $|A| = a_{11} A_{11} + a_{12} A_{12} + a_{13} A_{13}$  (Expansion along first column)

$|A| = a_{21} A_{21} + a_{22} A_{22} + a_{23} A_{23}$  (Expanding along second row)

$|A| = a_{31} A_{31} + a_{32} A_{32} + a_{33} A_{33}$  (Expanding along third row)

$|A| = a_{11} A_{11} + a_{21} A_{21} + a_{31} C_{31}$  (Expansion along first column)

$|A| = a_{12} A_{12} + a_{22} A_{22} + a_{32} A_{32}$  (Expanding along second column)

$|A| = a_{13} A_{13} + a_{23} A_{23} + a_{33} A_{33}$  (Expanding along third column)

**Note:** If we multiply the elements of a row(column) by the co-factors of elements of different row(column) and then add the value of such expression is zero.

For example for a square matrix of order 3

$$a_{11}A_{21} + a_{12}A_{22} + a_{13}A_{23} = 0$$

**Example-1:** Find the minor and co-factor of each element of the matrix

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

**Solution:**  $M_{11} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 4 - 10 = -6$  ;  $A_{11} = -6$

$$M_{12} = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1 - 4 = -5, A_{12} = 5$$

$$M_{13} = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -5 - 8 = -13, A_{13} = -13$$

$$M_{21} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 3 - 5 = -2, A_{21} = 2$$

$$M_{22} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2 - 2 = 0, A_{22} = 0$$

$$M_{23} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 10 - 9 = 1, A_{23} = -1$$

$$M_{31} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 6 - 4 = 2, A_{31} = 2$$

$$M_{32} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 4 + 1 = 5, A_{32} = -5$$

$$M_{33} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 8 + 3 = 11, A_{33} = 11$$

**Example-2:** Find the determinant of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  and verify the relation

$$|A| = a_{11}A_{11} + a_{12}A_{12} + a_{13}A_{13}$$

**Solution:**  $|A| = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} - 3 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} + 4 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2(10 - 6) - 3(-5 - 9) + 4(-2 - 6) = 8 + 42 - 32 = 18$

$$A_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 10 - 6 = 4, \quad A_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -(-5 - 9) = 14$$

$$A_{13} = (-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -2 - 6 = -8$$

Thus  $a_{11}A_{11} + a_{12}A_{12} + a_{13}A_{13} = 2(4) + 3(14) + 4(-8) = 8 + 42 - 32 = 18$

Thus  $|A| = a_{11}A_{11} + a_{12}A_{12} + a_{13}A_{13}$

**Example-3:** For the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , verify that  $a_{21}A_{11} + a_{22}A_{12} + a_{23}A_{13} = 0$

**Solution:**  $A_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2 - 8 = -6$

$$A_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -(1 + 4) = -5$$

$$A_{13} = (-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 + 2 = 4$$

$$\text{Thus } a_{21}A_{11} + a_{22}A_{12} + a_{23}A_{13} = 1(-6) + 2(-5) + 4(4) = -6 - 10 + 16 = 0$$

#### Exercise-4.4

- Write the minors and co-factors of each element the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$
- Write the minors and cofactors of each element of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ -2 & 4 & -1 \\ 5 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$
- Using co-factors of the elements of the 2<sup>nd</sup> column find the value for the determinant

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

- Using co-factors of elements of 3<sup>rd</sup> row find the value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

- For the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$  show that  $a_{11}A_{21} + a_{12}A_{22} + a_{13}A_{23} = 0$

- For the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$ , show that  $a_{13}A_{12} + a_{23}A_{22} + a_{33}A_{23} = 0$

#### Adjoint of a Matrix

**Definition:** 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 co-factor of the element  $a_{ij}$ . Adjoint of the matrix  $A$  is denoted by  $\text{adj}(A)$

**Example-1:** Find the adjoint of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

**Solution:**  $A_{11} = 1, A_{12} = -4, A_{21} = -3, A_{22} = 2$

Hence  $\text{adj}(A) = \text{transpose of } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

**Note:** For a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$   $\text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$

Thus the rule to write the adjoint of  $2 \times 2$  matrix is that

- interchange the position of diagonal elements and
- change the sign of the non-diagonal elements

**Result:**  $|\text{adj}(A)| = |A|^{n-1}$

**Result:**  $A \text{adj}(A) = |A|I$

**Example-2:** Find the adjoint of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

**Solution:**  $A_{11}=-1, A_{12}=3, A_{13}=-13$  ;  $A_{21}=14, A_{22}=-4, A_{23}=-8$  ;  $A_{31}=-11, A_{32}=-5, A_{33}=9$

$$\text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 14 & -11 \\ 3 & -4 & -5 \\ -13 & -8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example 3:** Find the adjoint of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and verify that  $A \text{adj}(A) = |A|I$ . Also

verify that  $|\text{adj}(A)| = |A|^{n-1}$

**Solution:**  $A_{11}=3, A_{12}=-8, A_{13}=-2$ ;  $A_{21}=-7, A_{22}=8, A_{23}=10$ ;  $A_{31}=-2, A_{32}=0, A_{33}=-4$

$$\text{Thus } \text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -7 & -2 \\ -8 & 8 & 0 \\ -2 & 10 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } |A| = 2(3) + 3(-8) - (-2) = 6 - 24 + 2 = -16$$

$$\text{Now } A \text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -7 & -2 \\ -8 & 8 & 0 \\ -2 & 10 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -16 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -16 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -16 \end{bmatrix} = -16I = |A|I$$

Now

$$|\text{adj}(A)| = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -7 & -2 \\ -8 & 8 & 0 \\ -2 & 10 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = 3(-32-0) - (-7)(32-0) - 2(-80+16) = -96 + 224 + 128 = 256 = (-16)^2$$

Thus  $|\text{adj}(A)| = |A|^2 = |A|^{3-1} = |A|^{n-1}$  (Here  $n=3$ )

#### Exercise 4.5

- Find the adjoint of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  and verify the result  $A \text{adj}(A) = |A|I$
- Find the adjoint of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and verify the result  $A \text{adj}(A) = |A|I$
- Find the adjoint of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$  and verify the result  $|\text{adj}(A)| = |A|^{n-1}$
- Find the adjoint of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and verify the result  $|\text{adj}(A)| = |A|^{n-1}$
- For the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  show that  $A \text{adj}(A) = 0$

#### Inverse of a Matrix

**Singular Matrix:** A square matrix  $A$  is said to be singular if  $|A|=0$

**Non-Singular Matrix:** A square matrix  $A$  is said to be non-singular if  $|A| \neq 0$

**Result:** If  $A$  and  $B$  are nonsingular matrices of the same order, then  $AB$  and  $BA$  are also non

singular matrices of the same order.

**Result:**  $|AB|=|A||B|$  where  $A$  and  $B$  are square matrices of the same order.

**Invertible Matrix:** A square matrix  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $A$  is nonsingular.

and

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj}(A)$$

**Example-1** Show that the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is invertible and find its inverse.

**Solution:** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then

$|A| = 6 - 3 = 3 \neq 0 \Rightarrow A$  is nonsingular. Thus  $A$  is invertible.

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

$$\text{Thus } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj}(A) = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example-2:** Show that  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is invertible and find  $A^{-1}$

$$\text{Solution: } |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 2(12+2) - 3(3-4) + (-1)(-1-8) = 28+3+9 = 40$$

$$A_{11} = 14, A_{12} = 1, A_{13} = -9, A_{21} = -8, A_{22} = 8, A_{23} = 8, A_{31} = 10, A_{32} = -5, A_{33} = 5$$

$$\text{Thus } \text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 14 & -8 & 10 \\ 1 & 8 & -5 \\ -9 & 8 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj}(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{40} \begin{bmatrix} 14 & -8 & 10 \\ 1 & 8 & -5 \\ -9 & 8 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{7}{20} & -\frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{40} & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{8} \\ -\frac{9}{40} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{8} \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

Since  $|AB| = 14 - 25 = -11 \neq 0$ ,  $(AB)^{-1}$  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

$$A^{-1} = -\frac{1}{11} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore  $B^{-1}A^{-1} = -\frac{1}{11} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{11} \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 5 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Hence  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$

**Example-4:** If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  then show that  $A^2 - 7A - 2I = 0$  and hence find  $A^{-1}$ .

**Solution:**  $A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 21 \\ 28 & 37 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $7A = 7 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 21 \\ 28 & 35 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $2I = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Thus  $A^2 - 7A - 2I = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 21 \\ 28 & 37 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 21 \\ 28 & 35 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Thus  $A^2 - 7A - 2I = 0$

Pre-Multiply by  $A^{-1}$  we get

$$A^{-1}A^2 - 7A^{-1}A - 2A^{-1}A = 0 \Rightarrow A - 7I - 2A^{-1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2A^{-1} = A - 7I = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 3 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 3 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{5}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example-5:** If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  then find  $AB$  and hence find  $A^{-1}$

**Solution:**  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

Thus  $AB = 4I$

Pre-Multiply by  $A^{-1}$   $AB = 4A^{-1}I \Rightarrow IB = 4A^{-1} \Rightarrow B = 4A^{-1} \Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{4}B$

Thus  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \\ -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \\ -\frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{4} \end{bmatrix}$

**Example:6** Find the inverse of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 0 \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

**Solution:** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 0 \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$|A| = \cos^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \alpha = 1$  (By expanding along third row)

$A_{11} = \cos \alpha, A_{12} = -\sin \alpha, A_{13} = 0$  ;  $A_{21} = \sin \alpha, A_{22} = \cos \alpha, A_{23} = 0$  ;  $A_{31} = 0, A_{32} = 0, A_{33} = 1$



$$\text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha & 0 \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj}(A)$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha & 0 \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example -7:** If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  then show that  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{16} A$

**Solution:** We have  $|A| = -4 - 12 = -16 \neq 0$  Thus  $A^{-1}$  exists.

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj}(A) = -\frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -4 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{16} A$$

**Example -8:** If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \tan x \\ -\tan x & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  then show that  $A^T A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2x & -\sin 2x \\ \sin 2x & \cos 2x \end{bmatrix}$

**Solution:**  $|A| = 1 + \tan^2 x \neq 0$ , thus  $A^{-1}$  exists and is given by

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj}(A) = \frac{1}{1 + \tan^2 x} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\tan x \\ \tan x & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\tan x \\ \tan x & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus  $A^T A^{-1} = \frac{1}{1 + \tan^2 x} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\tan x \\ \tan x & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\tan x \\ \tan x & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{1 + \tan^2 x} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \tan^2 x & -2 \tan x \\ 2 \tan x & 1 - \tan^2 x \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow A^T A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1 - \tan^2 x}{1 + \tan^2 x} & -\frac{2 \tan x}{1 + \tan^2 x} \\ \frac{2 \tan x}{1 + \tan^2 x} & \frac{1 - \tan^2 x}{1 + \tan^2 x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2x & -\sin 2x \\ \sin 2x & \cos 2x \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example-9:** For the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , find the values of  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $A^2 + aA + bI = 0$ .

Hence find  $A^{-1}$

**Solution:** We have  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{Therefore } A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 3 \\ 4 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

As  $A^2 + aA + bI = 0$

$$\text{Therefore } \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 3 \\ 4 & 13 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2a & 3a \\ 4a & -a \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 16 + 2a + b & 3 + 3a \\ 4 + 4a & 13 - a + b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow 16 + 2a + b = 0, 3 + 3a = 0, 4 + 4a = 0, 13 - a + b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -1 \text{ and } b = -14$$

Thus  $A^2 + aA + bI = 0 \Rightarrow A^2 - A - 14I = 0$

Pre-Multiply by  $A^{-1}$  we get

$$A^{-1}A^2 - A^{-1}A - 14A^{-1}I = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A - I - 14A^{-1} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow 14A^{-1} = A - I \quad \Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{14} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{14} & \frac{3}{14} \\ \frac{4}{14} & -\frac{2}{14} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{14} & \frac{3}{14} \\ \frac{2}{7} & -\frac{1}{7} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example-10:** Find a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $B$  such that  $B \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

**Solution:** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

Then,  $|A| = 4 + 2 = 6 \neq 0$ . Thus  $A^{-1}$  exists and is given by

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj}(A) = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now } B \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow BA = C$$

Post-Multiply both side by  $A^{-1}$  we get  $BA A^{-1} = C A^{-1}$  or  $BI = C A^{-1}$  or

$$B = C A^{-1} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 24 & 12 \\ -6 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Thus } B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example:11** Find a matrix  $A$  such that  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

**Solution:** Let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Thus we have  $BAC = D$

Pre-Multiply by  $B^{-1}$  and post multiply by  $C^{-1}$  we get

$$B^{-1}BACC^{-1} = B^{-1}DC^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow IAI = B^{-1}DC^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = B^{-1}DC^{-1}$$

$$|B| = 1, |C| = 7$$

$$\text{Thus } B^{-1} = \frac{1}{|B|} \text{adj}(B) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } C^{-1} = \frac{1}{|C|} \text{adj}(C) = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Thus } A = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Thus } A = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -7 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Thus } A = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 22 & -5 \\ -15 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{22}{7} & -\frac{5}{7} \\ -\frac{15}{7} & \frac{5}{7} \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Exercise 4.6

1. Show that  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  is non singular.

2. Show that the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  is singular

3. Show that the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a-b & b-c & c-a \\ b-c & c-a & a-b \\ c-a & a-b & b-c \end{bmatrix}$  is singular.

4. Find the value of  $\lambda$  such that the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & \lambda & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is singular.

5. Find the inverse of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

6. Find the inverse of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

7. Find the inverse of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$

8. Find the inverse of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$

9. Find the inverse of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

10. Find the inverse of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

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

12. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  then verify that  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$

13. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  then prove that  $A^2 - A - 14I = 0$  and hence find  $A^{-1}$

14. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  then find a and b such that  $A^2 + aA + bI = 0$  and hence find  $A^{-1}$

15. Find the inverse of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ 0 & \sin \alpha & -\cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$

16. For the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , show that  $A^3 - 6A^2 + 9A - 4I = 0$ . Hence find  $A^{-1}$

17. For the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  show that  $A^3 - 6A^2 + 5A + 11I = 0$

18. Show that the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  is zero of the polynomial  $f(x) = x^2 - 6x + 11$  and hence find  $A^{-1}$

19. Find the matrix X for which  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix} X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

20. Find the matrix X for which  $X \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

21. Find the matrix A for which  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

22. Find the inverse of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & \frac{1+bc}{a} \end{bmatrix}$  and show that  $aA^{-1} = (A^2 + bc + 1)I - aA$

23. Given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -4 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ , compute  $A^{-1}$  and show that  $2A^{-1} = 9I - A$

24. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then show that  $A - 3I = 2(I + 3A^{-1})$

25. Given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute  $(AB)^{-1}$

26. Show that  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\tan \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \tan \frac{\theta}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \\ -\tan \frac{\theta}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$

27. If  $A = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} -8 & 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 & 7 \\ 1 & -8 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , prove that  $A^{-1} = A^T$

28. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 & 4 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , prove that  $A^{-1} = A^3$

29. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , show that  $A^2 = A^{-1}$

## System of Linear Equations

Consider a system of linear equations 
$$\begin{cases} a_1x + b_1y = c_1 \\ a_2x + b_2y = c_2 \end{cases}$$

Using matrix notations this can be written as 
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 or  $AX=B$  where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $|A| \neq 0$  then  $A^{-1}$  exists

Pre-Multiplying  $AX=B$  by  $A^{-1}$  we get  $A^{-1}AX = A^{-1}B \Rightarrow IX = A^{-1}B$   
 $\Rightarrow X = A^{-1}B$

Consider the system of equations 
$$\begin{cases} a_1x + b_1y + c_1z = d_1 \\ a_2x + b_2y + c_2z = d_2 \\ a_3x + b_3y + c_3z = d_3 \end{cases}$$

This can be written as 
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

or  $AX=B$  where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \end{bmatrix}$

If  $|A| \neq 0$  then  $A^{-1}$  exists.

Pre-Multiplying  $AX=B$  by  $A^{-1}$  we get  $A^{-1}AX = A^{-1}B \Rightarrow IX = A^{-1}B \Rightarrow X = A^{-1}B$

**Note:** The system of equations  $AX=B$  will have

- (i) unique solution if  $|A| \neq 0$  and the solution is given by  $X = A^{-1}B$
- (ii) infinitely many solutions if  $\text{adj}(A)B = 0$
- (iii) no solution if  $\text{adj}(A)B \neq 0$

**Example-1:** Solve the system of linear equations 
$$\begin{cases} 2x + 4y = 10 \\ 3x - y = 8 \end{cases}$$

**Solution:** The given system of equations can be written as 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

or  $AX=B$  where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$

Now  $|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -2 - 12 = -14 \neq 0$ , thus  $A^{-1}$  exists.

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

Thus  $\text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -4 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj}(A) = -\frac{1}{14} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -4 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now } X = A^{-1}B \Rightarrow X = -\frac{1}{14} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -4 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Thus } X = -\frac{1}{14} \begin{bmatrix} -42 \\ -14 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence solution of the system of equations is  $x=3, y=1$

**Example:2** Solve the system of equations 
$$\begin{cases} 3x - 2y + z = 3 \\ x + 2y - z = 5 \\ x - y + z = 1 \end{cases}$$

**Solution:** The above system of equations can be written as  $AX = B$  where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 3(2-1) - (-2)(1+1) + 1(-1-2) = 4 \neq 0. \text{ Thus } A^{-1} \text{ exists.}$$

Now

$$A_{11}=1, A_{12}=-2, A_{13}=-3, A_{21}=1, A_{22}=2, A_{23}=1, A_{31}=0, A_{32}=4, A_{33}=8$$

$$\text{Thus } \text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 4 \\ -3 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj}(A)$  we get

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 4 \\ -3 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using  $X = A^{-1}B$  we get

$$X = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 4 \\ -3 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus solution of the given system of equations is  $x=2, y=2, z=1$

**Example-3:** If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  then find  $A^{-1}$  and hence solve the system of equations

$$x + 2y + z = 7, x + 3z = 11, 2x - 3y = 1$$

$$\text{Solution: } |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & -3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 1(0+9) - 2(0-6) + 1(-3-0) = 9 + 12 - 3 = 18 \neq 0$$

Thus  $A^{-1}$  exists.

$$A_{11}=9, A_{12}=6, A_{13}=-3; A_{21}=-3, A_{22}=-2, A_{23}=7, A_{31}=6, A_{32}=-2, A_{33}=-2$$

$$\text{Thus } \text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -3 & 6 \\ 6 & -2 & -2 \\ -3 & 7 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj}(A) = \frac{1}{18} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -3 & 6 \\ 6 & -2 & -2 \\ -3 & 7 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now given system of equations can be expressed as  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 11 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  or

$$AX = B \text{ where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 11 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\therefore X = A^{-1}B = \frac{1}{18} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -3 & 6 \\ 6 & -2 & -2 \\ -3 & 7 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 11 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{18} \begin{bmatrix} 36 \\ 18 \\ 54 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence solution of the system of equations is  $x=2, y=1, z=3$

**Example-5:** If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , find  $A^{-1}$  and hence solve the system of equations

$$x + 2y + z = 4, -x + y + z = 0, x - 3y + z = 2$$

**Solution:**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\therefore |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1(1+3) + 1(2+3) + 1(2-1) = 10 \neq 0$$

So,  $A$  is invertible.

$$A_{11}=5, A_{12}=-5, A_{13}=1, A_{21}=2, A_{22}=0, A_{23}=-2, A_{31}=2, A_{32}=5, A_{33}=3$$

$$\therefore \text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ -5 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj}(A) = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ -5 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now the given system of equations is expressible as  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

or,  $A^T X = B$  where  $X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Now,  $|A^T| = |A| = 10 \neq 0$ . So, the system of equations is consistent with a unique solution.

$$X = (A^T)^{-1} B = (A^{-1})^T B$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ -5 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 18 \\ 4 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{9}{5} \\ \frac{2}{5} \\ \frac{7}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence  $x = \frac{9}{5}, y = \frac{2}{5}, z = \frac{7}{5}$  is the solution of the given system of linear equations.

**Example-6:** Find the product of the matrices  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and hence solve the system of equations  $2x + y + z = 4, x + 2y + z = 4, x + y + 2z = 4$

**Solution:** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -3 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -3 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = 4I$$

Pre-Multiplying by  $A^{-1}$  we get  $A^{-1}AB = 4A^{-1}I \Rightarrow IB = 4A^{-1} \Rightarrow 4A^{-1} = B \Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{4}B$

$$\text{Thus } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Given system of equations can be written as  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  or  $AX = C$  where

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore X = A^{-1}C = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence the solution of the given system of equations is  $x = 1, y = 1, z = 1$

**Example-7:** Solve the system of equations  $2x - y + z = 4, x + 2y - z = 3, 3x + y = 7$  if consistent.

**Solution:** The given system of equations can be expressed as  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$



or  $AX=B$  where  $A=\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $X=\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B=\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$

$|A|=2(0+1)+1(0+3)+1(1-6)=2+3-5=0 \Rightarrow A^{-1}$  does not exist.

Thus system of equations does not have unique solution.

$A_{11}=1, A_{12}=-3, A_{13}=-5, A_{21}=1, A_{22}=-3, A_{23}=-5, A_{31}=-1, A_{32}=3, A_{33}=5$

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

$\Rightarrow \text{adj}(A)B=\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -3 & -3 & 3 \\ -5 & -5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}=\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Thus system of equations has infinitely many solutions.

To find the solutions let us put  $z=k$  in the first two equations. Thus we get

$2x-y+k=4, x+2y-k=3$

or  $2x-y=4-k, x+2y=3+k$  This can be written as

$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}=\begin{bmatrix} 4-k \\ 3+k \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}=\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}\begin{bmatrix} 4-k \\ 3+k \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}=\frac{1}{5}\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix} 4-k \\ 3+k \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}=\frac{1}{5}\begin{bmatrix} 11-k \\ 2+3k \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}=\begin{bmatrix} \frac{11-k}{5} \\ \frac{2+3k}{5} \end{bmatrix}$

Thus solution of the given system of equations is  $x=\frac{11-k}{5}, y=\frac{2+3k}{5}, z=k$  where  $k$  is any real number.

**Example-8:** Show that the system of equations  $2x+y+z=4, x+y+z=1, 3x+2y+2z=4$  is inconsistent.

**Solution:** The given system of equations can be written as  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}=\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$

or  $AX=B$  where  $A=\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $X=\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B=\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$

$|A|=2(2-2)-1(2-3)+1(2-3)=0$ . Thus  $A$  is singular matrix. Thus  $A^{-1}$  does not exist.

Now  $A_{11}=0, A_{12}=1, A_{13}=-1, A_{21}=0, A_{22}=1, A_{23}=-1, A_{31}=0, A_{32}=-1, A_{33}=1$

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

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

As  $|A|=0$  and  $\text{adj}(A)B \neq 0$ , therefore the system of equations do not have any solution.

Thus the given system of equations is inconsistent.

**Homogeneous system of equations:** A system of equations is said to be homogeneous if it can be written as  $AX=B$

**Trivial Solution:** A solution in which each variable is zero is known as trivial solution. Every system homogeneous linear equations always has trivial solution. A homogeneous system of linear equations will have trivial solution only if  $|A|=0$

**Non-trivial Solution:** A homogeneous system of linear equations  $AX=B$  will have non-trivial solution if  $|A| \neq 0$

**Example-9:** Solve the following homogeneous system of linear equations

$$2x - y + z = 0, x + y - z = 0, x - y = 0$$

**Solution:** The given system of equations can be written as  $AX=0$  where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

Now  $|A| = 2(0-1) + 1(0+1) + 1(-1-1) = -2 + 1 - 2 = -3 \neq 0$

Thus the given system of equations has trivial solution.

Thus solution is  $x=0, y=0, z=0$

#### Exercise 4.7

Solve the following system of linear equations by matrix method

1. 
$$\begin{aligned} 5x + 7y + 2z &= 0 \\ 4x + 6y + 3z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

2. 
$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 4y - 5z &= 0 \\ x - y + 3z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

3. 
$$\begin{aligned} x + y + z &= 3 \\ 2x - y + z &= -1 \\ 2x + y - 3z &= -9 \end{aligned}$$

4. 
$$\begin{aligned} 6x - 12y + 25z &= 4 \\ 4x + 15y - 20z &= 3 \\ 2x + 18y + 15z &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

5. 
$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 4y + 7z &= 16 \\ 2x - y + 3z &= 19 \\ x + 2y - 3z &= 25 \end{aligned}$$

- $$\frac{2}{x} - \frac{3}{y} + \frac{3}{z} = 10$$
6.  $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = 10$   
 $\frac{3}{x} - \frac{1}{y} + \frac{2}{z} = 13$
7.  $3x + 4y + 2z = 8$   
 $2y - 3z = 3$   
 $x - 2y + 6z = -2$
8.  $2x + 6y = 2$   
 $3x - z = -8$   
 $2x - y + z = -3$
9.  $8x + 4y + 3z = 18$   
 $2x + y + z = 5$   
 $x + 2y + z = 5$
10.  $2x + y + z = 4$   
 $x + 2y + z = 4$   
 $x + y + 2z = 4$
11. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & -4 \\ -4 & 2 & -4 \\ 2 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  are two square matrices, find  $AB$  and hence solve the system of equations  $x - y = 3, 2x + 3y + 4z = 17, y + 2z = 7$
12. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  find  $A^{-1}$  and hence solve the system of equations  $2x - 3y + 5z = 11, 3x + 2y - 4z = -5, x + y + 2z = -3$
13. Find  $A^{-1}$  if  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Hence solve the system of equations  $x + 2y + 5z = 10, x - y - z = -2, 2x + 3y - z = -11$
14. Find  $A^{-1}$  if  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & 2 \\ -5 & -4 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$  and hence solve the system of equations  $4x - 5y - 2z = 2, 5x - 4y + 2z = -2, 2x + 2y + 8z = -1$
15. Solve the following system of equations if consistent  $2x + y + z = 4, x + y + z = 1, 3x + 2y + 2z = 5$
16. Show that the system of equations  $3x + y + z = 1, x + y - z = 2, 4x + 2y = 2$
17. Solve the following homogeneous system of linear equations
- (i)  $2x - y + z = 0$  (ii)  $2x - y - z = 0$  (iii)  $x + y + z = 0$   
 $3x + 2y - z = 0$   $x + y + z = 0$   $x - y - 5z = 0$   
 $x + 4y + 3z = 0$   $3x + 2y - z = 0$   $x + 2y + 4z = 0$

$$\begin{array}{lll} x+y-z=0 & 2x+y+z=0 & 2x-y+2z=0 \\ \text{(iv)} \quad x-2y+z=0 & \text{(v)} \quad xx+2y+z=0 & \text{(vi)} \quad 5x+3y-z=0 \\ 3x+6y-5z=0 & x+y+2z=0 & x+5y-5z=0 \end{array}$$