

Chapter 1 Applications of Matrices and Determinants

1. If $|\text{adj}(\text{adj}A)| = |A|^9$, then the order of the square matrix A is

- (1)3 (2)4 (3)2 (4)5

Sol: $|\text{adj}(\text{adj}A)| = |A|^{(n-1)^2}$

$$|\text{adj}(\text{adj}A)| = |A|^9$$

$$(n-1)^2 = 9 = 3^2$$

$$n-1=3 \Rightarrow n=4 \quad (\text{Option:2})$$

2. If A is a 3×3 non-singular matrix such that $AA^T = A^T A$ and $B = A^{-1}A^T$, then $BB^T =$

- (1)A (2)B (3) I_3 (4) B^T

Sol: $BB^T = (A^{-1}A^T)(A^{-1}A^T)^T$

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

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

$$= (A^{-1}A)(A^T(A^T)^{-1}) = I$$

(Option:3)

3. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \text{adj}A$ and $C = 3A$,

then $\frac{|\text{adj}B|}{|C|} =$

- (1) $\frac{1}{3}$ (2) $\frac{1}{9}$ (3) $\frac{1}{4}$ (4)1

Sol: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $|A| = 6 - 5 = 1$

$$C = 3A \Rightarrow |C| = |3A| = 3^2|A| = 9 \times 1 = 9$$

$$\frac{|\text{adj}B|}{|C|} = \frac{|\text{adj}(\text{adj}A)|}{|C|} = \frac{|A|^{(2-1)^2}}{9} = \frac{1}{9}$$

(Option:2)

4. If $A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$, then $A =$

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

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

Sol: $A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = 6 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 6I$

$$A = 6I \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$= 6I \frac{1}{(4+2)} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Option:3)

5. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, then $9I_2 - A =$

- (1) A^{-1} (2) $\frac{A^{-1}}{2}$ (3) $3A^{-1}$ (4) $2A^{-1}$

Sol:

$$9I_2 - A = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -4 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{(14-12)} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -4 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -4 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$9I_2 - A = \frac{A^{-1}}{2} \quad (\text{Option:2})$$

6. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ then

$$|\text{adj}AB| =$$

- (1)-40 (2)-80 (3)-60 (4)-20

Sol: $|\text{adj}AB| = |\text{adj}B| |\text{adj}A|$

$$= 10 \times (-8) = -80 \quad (\text{Option:2})$$

7. If $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ is the adjoint of

3×3 matrix A and $|A| = 4$, then x is

- (1)15 (2)12 (3)14 (4)11

Sol: $|\text{adj}A| = |A|^{n-1}$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 4^{(3-1)}$$

$$-2(3-x) = 16$$

$$-6 + 2x = 16$$

$$x = 11 \quad (\text{Option:4})$$

8. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $A^{-1} =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$
 then the value of a_{23} is

- (1)0 (2)-2 (3)-3 (4)-1

Sol: $|A| = 2$

$$a_{23} = \frac{(\text{co factor of } 2)}{|A|} = \frac{-\begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}}{2} = \frac{-2}{2} = -1$$

(Option:4)

9. If A, B and C are invertible matrices of same order, then which one of the following is not true?

- (1) $\text{adj}A = |A|A^{-1}$
 (2) $\text{adj}(AB) = (\text{adj}A)(\text{adj}B)$
 (3) $\det A^{-1} = (\det A)^{-1}$
 (4) $(ABC)^{-1} = C^{-1}B^{-1}A^{-1}$

(Option:2)

10. If $(AB)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & -17 \\ -19 & 27 \end{bmatrix}$ and

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

$$(1) \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ -3 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2) \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(3) \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4) \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -5 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sol:

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} 12 & -17 \\ -19 & 27 \end{bmatrix} = B^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 12 & -17 \\ -19 & 27 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = B^{-1}$$

$$B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & -17 \\ -19 & 27 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{(3-2)} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 36-34 & 12-17 \\ -57+54 & -19+27 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ -3 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Option:1)

11. If $A^T A^{-1}$ is symmetric then $A^2 =$

$$(1) A^{-1} \quad (2) (A^T)^2$$

$$(3) A^T \quad (4) (A^{-1})^2$$

$$\text{Sol: } A^T A^{-1} = (A^T A^{-1})^T = (A^{-1})^T (A^T)^T$$

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

$$A^T A^{-1} = (A^T)^{-1} A \Rightarrow (A^T)^2 = A^2$$

(Option:2)

12. If A is a non-singular matrix such that

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } (A^T)^{-1} =$$

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

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

$$\text{Sol: } (A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

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

(Option:4)

$$13. \text{ If } A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{5} & \frac{4}{5} \\ x & \frac{3}{5} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A^T = A^{-1}, \text{ then}$$

the value of x is

$$\text{Sol: } A^T = A^{-1} \Rightarrow AA^T = I$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{5} & \frac{4}{5} \\ x & \frac{3}{5} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{5} & x \\ \frac{4}{5} & \frac{3}{5} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{3}{5} \cdot x + \frac{4}{5} \times \frac{3}{5} = 0$$

$$5(3x) + 12 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{4}{5} \quad (\text{Option:1})$$

$$14. \text{ If } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \\ -\tan \frac{\theta}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } AB = I_2,$$

then B =

$$(1) \left(\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}\right) A \quad (2) \left(\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}\right) A^T$$

$$(3) (\cos^2 \theta) I \quad (4) \left(\sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}\right) A$$

$$\text{Sol: } AB = I_2 \Rightarrow B = A^{-1}$$

$$B = \frac{1}{1 + \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\tan \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \tan \frac{\theta}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \frac{1}{\sec^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\tan \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \tan \frac{\theta}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \left(\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}\right) A^T$$

(Option:2)

$$15. \text{ If } A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$A(\text{adj} A) = \begin{bmatrix} k & 0 \\ 0 & k \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } k =$$

$$(1) 0 \quad (2) \sin \theta$$

$$(3) \cos \theta \quad (4) 1$$

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

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

$$|A|I = 1I$$

$$k = 1$$

(Option:1)

$$16. \text{ If } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ be such that } \lambda A^{-1} =$$

A, then λ is

$$(1) 17 \quad (2) 14$$

$$(3) 19 \quad (4) 21$$

$$\text{Sol: } \lambda A^{-1} = A \Rightarrow \lambda I = A^2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 19 & 19 \\ 19 & 19 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 19$$

(Option:3)

$$17. \text{ If } \text{adj} A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \text{adj} B =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } \text{adj}(AB) \text{ is}$$

$$(1) \begin{bmatrix} -7 & -1 \\ 7 & -9 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2) \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 5 \\ -2 & -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(3) \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 7 \\ -1 & -9 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4) \begin{bmatrix} -6 & -2 \\ 5 & -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Sol: } \text{adj}(AB) = \text{adj}(B)\text{adj}(A)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2-8 & 3+2 \\ -6+4 & -9-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{adj}(AB) = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 5 \\ -2 & -10 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{Option:2})$$

18. The rank of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 \\ -1 & -2 & -3 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is}$$

(1)1 (2)2 (3)4 (4)3

$$\text{Sol:} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 \\ -1 & -2 & -3 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \\ \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_1)$$

$$\rho(A) = 1 \quad (\text{Option:1})$$

19. If $x^a y^b = e^m$, $x^c y^d = e^n$, $\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} m & b \\ n & d \end{vmatrix}$,

$\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} a & m \\ c & n \end{vmatrix}$, $\Delta_3 = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$, then the values of x and y are respectively

(1) $e^{\frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta_1}}$, $e^{\frac{\Delta_3}{\Delta_1}}$ (2) $\log\left(\frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta_3}\right)$, $\log\left(\frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta_3}\right)$

(3) $\log\left(\frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta_1}\right)$, $\log\left(\frac{\Delta_3}{\Delta_1}\right)$ (4) $e^{\frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta_3}}$, $e^{\frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta_3}}$

$$\text{Sol: } a \log x + b \log y = m$$

$$c \log x + d \log y = n$$

Applying Cramer's rule,

$$\log x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} m & b \\ n & d \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta_3} \Rightarrow x = e^{\frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta_3}}$$

Similarly we get, $y = e^{\frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta_3}}$ (Option:4)

20. Which of the following is/are correct

(i) Adjoint of a symmetric matrix is also symmetric matrix.

(ii) Adjoint of a diagonal matrix is also a diagonal matrix.

(iii) If A is a square matrix of order n and λ is a scalar, then $\text{adj}(\lambda A) = \lambda^n \text{adj}(A)$

(iv) $A(\text{adj}A) = (\text{adj}A)A = |A|I$

(1) only (i) (2) (ii) and (iii)
(3) (iii) and (iv) (4) (i), (ii) and (iv)

(Option:4)

21. If $\rho(A) = \rho(A|B)$, then the system $AX=B$ of linear equations is

(1) consistent and has a unique solution

(2) consistent

(3) consistent and has infinitely many solutions

(4) inconsistent (Option:2)

22. If $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ and the system of Equations

$$x + (\sin\theta)y - (\cos\theta)z = 0,$$

$$(\cos\theta)x - y + z = 0,$$

$$(\sin\theta)x + y - z = 0$$

has a non-trivial solution then θ is

(1) $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ (2) $\frac{3\pi}{4}$ (3) $\frac{5\pi}{6}$ (4) $\frac{\pi}{4}$

$$\text{Sol: } \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \sin\theta & -\cos\theta \\ \cos\theta & -1 & 1 \\ \sin\theta & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\sin^2\theta = \cos^2\theta \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (\text{Option:4})$$

23. The augmented matrix of the system of linear equations is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 7 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda - 7 & \mu + 5 \end{bmatrix} \text{ The system has}$$

infinitely many solutions if

(1) $\lambda = 7, \mu \neq -5$ (2) $\lambda = -7, \mu = 5$

(3) $\lambda \neq 7, \mu \neq -5$ (4) $\lambda = 7, \mu = -5$

Sol:

The system has infinitely many solutions,

$$\rho(A) = \rho(A, B) \neq 3$$

$\lambda = 7, \mu = -5$ (Option:4)

24. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $4B =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & x \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ If B is the inverse of A,}$$

then the value of x is

(1)2 (2)4 (3)3 (4)1

$$\text{Sol: } \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & x \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

$$a_{13} = 0$$

$$\frac{-2}{4} - \frac{x}{4} + \frac{3}{4} = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1 \quad (\text{Option:4})$$

25. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 & 4 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, then $\text{adj}(\text{adj}A)$ is

$$(1) \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 & 4 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2) \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -6 & 8 \\ 4 & -6 & 8 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

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

(Option:1)