

(13) Skew Symmetric Matrix: A square matrix

$A = (a_{ij})$  is said to be skew symmetric

if  $a_{ij} = -a_{ji}$  for all  $i$  and  $j$  on both

sides of the diagonal i.e.  $a_{12} = -a_{21}$ ,  $a_{13} = -a_{31}$

$a_{23} = -a_{32}$  etc. and  $a_{11} = a_{22} = a_{33} = \dots = a_{nn} = 0$

For example:-

(i) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & -4 \\ 2 & 0 & -5 \\ 4 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3}$$

(ii) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ -a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ -a_{31} & -a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3}$$

(14) Idempotent Matrix: A symmetric matrix

is called Idempotent matrix when it re-produces itself as a result of multiplied by itself. For example;

(i)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2}$  then  $A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(ii)  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  then,  $B \cdot B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = B$

$\therefore B^2 = B$

16) Singular and Non-Singular Matrix: - A square matrix A is said to be non-singular if its determinant  $|A| \neq 0$ , on the contrary, if  $|A| = 0$  then matrix A is called a singular matrix.

For example:

$$(i) A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 8 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = 8 - 8 = 0$$

$\therefore A$  is a singular matrix.

$$(ii) B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = 9 - 12 = -3 \neq 0$$

$\therefore B$  is a non-singular matrix.

(iii) Test whether the following matrix is singular or non-singular:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & 8 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3}$$

Sol<sup>n</sup>: Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & 8 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 & 8 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 4 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} - 5 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 \end{vmatrix} + 8 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 4(0 - 4) - 5(12 - 12) + 8(2 - 0)$$

$$= 4 \times 2 - 5 \cdot 0 + 8 \times 2$$

$$= -16 - 0 + 16 = 0 \therefore \text{It is singular.}$$

## Operation on Matrices

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Addition of Matrices: Two matrices can be added if and only if they have the same dimension i.e. they have same number of rows and columns. In that case, the addition of  $A = [a_{ij}]$  and  $B = [b_{ij}]$  is defined as the addition of each pair of corresponding elements.

For example:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 9 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2}$$

$$\therefore A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 9 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4+2 & 9+0 \\ 2+0 & 1+7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 9 \\ 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2}$$

### Properties of Matrix Addition

- (i) Addition of matrices is commutative:  $A + B = B + A$
- (ii) Addition of matrices is associative:  $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$
- (iii) Existence of additive identity:  $A + O = O + A = A$   
The null matrix  $O$  is the additive identity.
- (iv) Existence of additive inverse:  $A + (-A) = O$  and  $(-A) + A = O$

The matrix  $-A$  is called the additive inverse of matrix  $A$ .

- (v) Existence of a scalar multiplication:  $K(A + B) = KA + KB$   
where  $K$  denotes scalar.