

CHAPTER 3 & 4

MATRICES AND DETERMINANTS

SAY 2018

1. a) Construct a 2×2 matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$ whose elements are given by $a_{ij} = 2i + j$ (1)

- b) Find A^2 (2)

2. Consider the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$

- a) Find A^{-1} using elementary row operations. (3)
b) Find the solution of the system of equations given below: (3)

(A^{-1} obtained above may be used)
 $x + 2z = 2$; $y + 2z = 1$; $4y + 9z = 3$

3. a) Show that

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & bc \\ 1 & b & ca \\ 1 & c & ab \end{vmatrix} = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a) \quad (3)$$

- b) If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$, verify that

$$A(\text{adj } A) = |A|I \quad (3)$$

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4. Using elementary row operations, find the inverse

of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ (3)

5. a) Find x and y if

$$x \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

b) Express the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & -4 \\ -1 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ as

the sum of a symmetric and a skew symmetric matrices. (4)

6. a) Prove that $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ a+2x & b+2y & c+2z \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix} = 0$ (2)

b) If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 \\ 3 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$; $B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 9 & 2 & -3 \\ 6 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

- i) Prove that $B = A^{-1}$.

- ii) Using A^{-1} , solve the system of linear equations given below:

$$x - y + 2z = 1; 2y - 3z = 1;$$

$$3x - 2y + 4z = 2 \quad (4)$$

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7. a) The number of all possible 2×2 matrices with entries 0 or 1 is

- a) 8 b) 9
c) 16 d) 25 (1)

- b) If the area of a triangle whose vertices are $(k, 0), (5, 0), (0, 1)$ is 0 square units, then find k (2)

- c) Using elementary transformation find the inverse of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (3)

8. a) If A is a 2×2 matrix with $|A| = 5$, then $|\text{adj } A|$ is

- a) 5 b) 25
c) $\frac{1}{5}$ d) $\frac{11}{25}$ (1)

- b) Solve the system of equations using matrix method: $x + y + z = 1$; $2x + 3y - z = 6$ and $x - y + z = -1$ (4)

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9. a) The value of k such that the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & k \\ -k & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is symmetric is}$$

- a) 0 b) 1
c) -1 d) 2 (1)

- b) If $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$, then prove that

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\theta & \sin 2\theta \\ -\sin 2\theta & \cos 2\theta \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

- c) If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ then find $|3A|$ (2)

10. a) If $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is such that $A^2 = I$ then a equals

- a) 1 b) -1
c) 0 d) 2 (1)

- b) Solve the system of equations:
 $x - y + z = 4$
 $2x + y - 3z = 0$. Using matrix method (4)
 $x + y + z = 2$

symmetric, then A is (1)

b) If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$, then

show that $A^2 - 5A + 10I = 0$ (3)

c) Hence find A^{-1} . (2)

12. a) The value of the determinant $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$ is (1)

- b) Using matrix method, solve the system of linear equations:

$$\begin{aligned} x + y + 2z &= 4; \quad 2x - y + 3z = 9 \\ 3x - y - z &= 2 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

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13. a) If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, then

$$BA = \dots\dots\dots \quad (1)$$

- b) Write $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -6 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ as the sum of a symmetric and skew-symmetric matrix. (2)

- c) Find the inverse of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -6 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ (3)

14. a) The value of $\begin{vmatrix} x & x-1 \\ x+1 & x \end{vmatrix}$ is (1)

- b) Using properties of determinants, show that

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

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11. a) If the matrix A is both symmetric and skew-

SAY 2015

15. Consider a 2×2 matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$ with $a_{ij} = 2i + j$.

- a) Construct A (1)
 b) Find $A + A'$ and $A - A'$. (1)
 c) Express A as sum of a symmetric and skew-symmetric matrix. (1)

16. Consider a matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

- a) Find A^2 . (2)
 b) Find k so that $A^2 = kA - 2I$. (1)

17. a) If $\begin{vmatrix} x & 1 \\ 1 & x \end{vmatrix} = 15$, then find the values of x. (1)

- b) Solve the following system of equations:
 $3x - 2y + 3z = 8$; $2x + y - z = 1$;
 $4x - 3y + 2z = 4$ (4)

MARCH 2015

18. (a) Choose the correct statement related to the

matrices $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

- (i) $A^3 = A, B^3 \neq B$ (ii) $A^3 \neq A, B^3 = B$
 (iii) $A^3 = A, B^3 = B$ (iv) $A^3 \neq A, B^3 \neq B$ (1)

(b) If $M = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, then verify the equation

$M^2 - 10M + 11I_2 = 0$. (2)

(c) Inverse of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ (3)

19. Prove that

$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^3 \\ 1 & y & y^3 \\ 1 & z & z^3 \end{vmatrix} = (x + y + z)(x - y)(y - z)(z - x)$

OR

Prove that $\begin{vmatrix} 1! & 2! & 3! \\ 2! & 3! & 4! \\ 3! & 4! & 5! \end{vmatrix} = 4!$ (3)

20. Solve the system of linear equations:

$x + 2y + z = 8$; $2x + y - z = 1$;
 $x - y + z = 2$ (3)

SAY 2014

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

- A) Skew-Symmetric matrix
 B) Symmetric matrix
 C) Identity matrix
 D) Zero matrix. (1)

b) For the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$, verify that $A + A'$ is a symmetric matrix. (2)

22. a) Let A be a square matrix of order 2×2 then $|KA|$ is equal to

- A) $K|A|$ B) $K^2|A|$
 C) $K^3|A|$ D) $2K|A|$ (1)

- b) Prove that

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

- c) Examine the consistency of the system of equations: $5x + 3y = 5$; $2x + 6y = 8$ (1)

(Scores:3)

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23. Consider the matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}.$$

24. If $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 9 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$, find the values a, b, c and d.

(3)

25. Consider a 2×2 matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$, where

$$a_{ij} = \frac{(1+2j)^2}{2}$$

a) Write A (2)

b) Find $A + A'$ (1)

26. Consider the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

a) Show that $A^2 - 7A - 2I = 0$. (2)

b) Hence find A^{-1} . (2)

c) Solve the following system of equation using matrix method:

$$2x + 3y = 4; 4x + 5y = 6 \quad (1)$$

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27. Consider the matrices $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -6 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and

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

a) Find matrix B (1)

b) Find matrix AB (1)

c) Find the transpose of B. (1)

28. If a matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3x & x \\ -x & 2x \end{bmatrix}$ is a solution of the

matrix equation $x^2 - 5x + 7I = 0$, find any one

value of x. (3)

MARCH 2013

29. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

a) Find AB. (2)

b) Is BA defined? Justify your answer. (1)

30. a) Find the values of x in which

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

b) Using properties of determinants, show that the points $A(a, b+c)$, $B(b, c+a)$ and $C(c, a+b)$ are collinear. (2)

c) Examine the consistency of following equations:

$$\begin{aligned} 5x - 6y + 4z &= 15; 7x + 4y - 3z = 19; \\ 2x + y + 6z &= 46 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

SAY 2012

31. i) Find the value of a and b if the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & a \\ b & 0 & -2 \\ 5 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is skew-symmetric.} \quad (1)$$

ii) Express $A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 3 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ -2 & 7 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ as the sum of a symmetric and skew-symmetric matrix. (2)

32. i) If A is a square matrix such that $A^2 = A$, then $(I + A)^2 - 3A$ is equal to

- a) A (1) b) $I - A$
c) I d) $3A$

ii) Find $A^2 - 5A + 6I$, if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 6 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (2)

MARCH 2012

33. Consider the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

a) Find A^2 . (2)

b) Find K so that $A^2 = kA - 7I$ (1)

34. a) If $\begin{vmatrix} x & 3 \\ 5 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 5$, then $x = \dots\dots\dots$ (1)

b) Prove that

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

c) Solve the following system of equations using matrix method:

$$5x + 2y = 3; 3x + 2y = 5 \quad (2)$$

SAY 2011

35. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ and $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

a) Find $2A$ (1)

b) Find the matrix B such that $2A + B = 3C$ (2)

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

a) Apply the elementary operation $R_1 \rightarrow \frac{R_1}{2}$ in the matrix A. (1)

b) Find the inverse of A using elementary transformations. (2)

MARCH 2011

37. a) Find the value of x and y from the following equation.

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

38. Given $P = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the inverse of P by elementary row operation. (3)

SAY 2010

39. Consider the matrices $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and

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

a) Find $A + B$ (1)

b) Find $(A + B)(A - B)$ (2)

40. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2\beta & \gamma \\ \alpha & \beta & -\gamma \\ \alpha & -\beta & \gamma \end{bmatrix}$ be a 3×3 matrix.

a) Find A' , the transpose of A. (1)

b) If $A'A = 6I$, where I is the 3×3 identity matrix, find the values of α, β and γ (2)

MARCH 2010

41. a) Construct a 3×3 matrix A whose elements are given by $a_{ij} = 2i - j$ (1)

b) If $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, find AB (2)

42. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 \\ -1 & -6 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$. Write A as the sum of a

symmetric matrix and a skew symmetric matrix.

(3)

SAY 2009

43. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

- Find A^2 (1)
- Show that $A^2 - 5A + 10I = 0$ (2)
- Find A^{-1} . (1)

MARCH 2009

44. Let $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

- Find B' (1)
- Check whether $\frac{B - B'}{2}$ is a skew-symmetric matrix. (2)

45. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

- Find $|A|$ (1)
- Find $\text{adj } A$ (2)
- Verify that $A(\text{adj } A) = |A|I$ (2)

MARCH 2008

46. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

- Is A singular? (1)
- Find $\text{adj } A$ (2)
- Find A^{-1} using $\text{adj } A$ and $|A|$ (2)

47. Let $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} -a^2 & ab & ac \\ ba & -b^2 & bc \\ ac & bc & -c^2 \end{vmatrix}$.

Let R_1, R_2, R_3 be the rows and C_1, C_2, C_3 be the columns of the above determinant.

- Take a, b, c common from R_1, R_2, R_3 respectively. (1)
- Take a, b, c common from C_1, C_2, C_3 respectively. (1)
- Apply the operations $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 + C_1, C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + C_1$ (1)
- Hence evaluate Δ . (2)

SAY 2007

48. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

- What is the order of AB? (1)
- Find A' and B' (1)
- Verify that $(AB)' = B'A'$ (2)

49. Consider the system of equations:

$$x + y + 3z = 5; \quad x + 3y - 3z = 1$$

$$-2x - 4y - 4z = -10$$

Convert this system of equations in the standard form $AX = B$

- Find A^{-1}

- b) Hence or otherwise solve the system of equations.

MARCH 2007

50. Consider the following statement:

$$A^n = \begin{bmatrix} 1+2n & -4n \\ n & 1-2n \end{bmatrix}, \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

- a) Write P(1). (1)
 b) If P(K) is true, then show that P(K+1) is also true. (2)
 c) Solve the following system of equations, using matrix method: $2x + 5y = 1$, $3x + 2y = 7$ (2)

51. If $\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 5 \\ -3 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \times A = \begin{bmatrix} 17 & -1 \\ 47 & -13 \end{bmatrix}$, then

- a) Find the 2×2 matrix A. (2)
 b) Find A^2 (1)
 c) Show that $A^2 + 5A - 6I = 0$, where I is the identity matrix of order 2. (1)
 d) What is A^{-1} ? (1)

MARCH 2006

52. If A and B are square matrices of order 3 such that

$$|A| = -1 \text{ and } |B| = 3, \text{ then the determinant}$$

of the matrix $3AB$ is

- a) -9 b) -27
 c) -81 d) 9 (1)

53. If $f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos x & -\sin x \\ \sin x & \cos x \end{bmatrix}$, show that

$$f(x+y) = f(x) \cdot f(y) \quad (2)$$

54. If a, b, c are positive, show that

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \log_a b & \log_a C \\ \log_b a & 1 & \log_b C \\ \log_c a & \log_c b & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (2) \quad (3)$$

55. Solve the equations:

$$x + y + z = 3; x + 2y + 3z = 4; x + 4y + 9z = 6$$

by matrix method. (5)

MARCH 2005

56. If A is a square matrix of order 3 then $|adj A|$ is

- a) $|A|^3$ b) $|A^{-1}|$
 c) $3|A|$ d) $|A|^2$ (1)

57. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$, find the value of k so that

$$A^2 = kA - 2I \quad (2)$$

58. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos x & \sin x \\ -\sin x & \cos x \end{bmatrix}$, prove that

$$A^n = \begin{bmatrix} \cos nx & \sin nx \\ -\sin nx & \cos nx \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

59. Using properties of determinants, prove that

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+c \end{vmatrix} = abc \left(1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) \quad (4)$$

60. Solve the equations:

$$x + y + z = 6; x + 2z - 7 = 0; 3x + y + z = 12$$

by matrix method. (5)

SAY 2004

61. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 8 & 5 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

then,

a) AB cannot be defined.

b) AB is a 2×3 matrix

c) AB is a 3×3 matrix

d) None of these. (1)

62. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $A+KB$ is singular, then $K = \dots\dots\dots$

- a) $\frac{1}{2}$ b) $-\frac{3}{2}$
c) $\frac{3}{2}$ d) $-\frac{1}{2}$ (1)

63. Evaluate: $\begin{vmatrix} x^2 - x + 1 & x - 1 \\ x + 1 & x + 1 \end{vmatrix}$. (2)

64. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 8 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, find A^{-1} and verify that

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{13}A - \frac{4}{13}I, \text{ where } I \text{ is } 2 \times 2 \text{ unit matrix.}$$

(3)

65. Prove that $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \end{vmatrix} = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)$

(3)

66. Solve the linear equations:

$$x + y + z = 6; x + 2z - 7 = 0; 3x + y + z = 12$$

with the help of matrices. (5)

MARCH 2004

67. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} p & 0 \\ 0 & q \end{bmatrix}$ and $AA^T = I$, then

- a) $p = 1, q = 1$ b) $p = 1, q = -1$

c) $p = \pm 1, q = \pm 1$ c) $p = q = 0$ (1)

68. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix}$ and

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & ma_1 + nb_1 + c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & ma_2 + nb_2 + c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & ma_3 + nb_3 + c_3 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } B =$$

- a) mA b) nA
c) $mA + nA$ d) A (1)

69. Evaluate: $\begin{vmatrix} \cos 80^\circ & -\cos 10^\circ \\ \sin 80^\circ & \sin 10^\circ \end{vmatrix}$. (2)

70. show that

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

(3)

71. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$, find K so that $A^2 = 8A + KI$

(3)

72. Solve the system of equations by matrix method:

$$x + y + z = 3; y - z = 0; 2x - y = 1 \quad (5)$$

SAY 2003

73. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$, then AB is:

- a) $\begin{bmatrix} 10 & 12 & 60 \end{bmatrix}$ b) $\begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 12 \\ 60 \end{bmatrix}$
c) $[82]$ d) Not defined.

74. If the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 6 & 8 & -5 \\ 2 & a & 6 \end{bmatrix}$, is singular, then the

value of a is

- a) 5 b) 7
c) 8 d) 10 (1)

75. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$, find a matrix X

such that $2A + X = 3B$. (2)

76. Without expanding prove that $a + b + c$ is a factor

of $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b \end{vmatrix}$. (2)

77. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $C = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

verify that $(AB)C = A(BC)$. (3)

78. If $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $E = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, show that

$(aI + bE)^3 = a^3I + 3a^2bE$, where a and b are constants. (3)

79. If α and β are the odd multiples of $\frac{\pi}{2}$, prove that

$AB = 0$ where $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \alpha & \cos \alpha \sin \alpha \\ \cos \alpha \sin \alpha & \sin^2 \alpha \end{bmatrix}$

and $B = \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \beta & \cos \beta \sin \beta \\ \cos \beta \sin \beta & \sin^2 \beta \end{bmatrix}$. (3)

80. Test whether the following system of equations is consistent:

$2x + y + z = 1; x - 2y - z = 1.5; 3y - 5z = 9$. (3)

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

