

### Exercise 3.4

Using elementary transformations, find the inverse of each of the matrices, if it exists in Exercises 1 to 6.

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

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

We shall find  $A^{-1}$ , if it exists; by elementary (**Row**) transformations (only)

So we must write  **$A = IA$  only and not  $A = AI$**

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

(Here  $I$  is  $I_2$  because  $A$  is  $2 \times 2$ )

We shall reduce the matrix on left side to  $I_2$ .

Here  $a_{11} = 1$

Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$  to make  $a_{21} = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$\begin{array}{l|l} R_2 \rightarrow 2 & 3 \\ 2R_1 \rightarrow 2 & -2 \\ - & - + \\ \hline \therefore R_2 - 2R_1 = 0 & 5 \\ R_2 \rightarrow 0 & 1 \\ 2R_1 \rightarrow 2 & 0 \\ - & - - \\ \hline \therefore R_2 - 2R_1 = -2 & 1 \end{array}$$

Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{5}R_2$  to make  $a_{22} = 1$

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix} A$$

Now operate  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2$  to make  $a_{12} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1+0 & -1+1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-\frac{2}{5} & 0+\frac{1}{5} \\ -\frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} (= I_2) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \\ -\frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$\therefore \text{By definition of inverse of a matrix, } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \\ -\frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Note.** Any row operation done on left hand side matrix must also be done on the prefactor  $I_2$  of right hand side matrix.

**Note. Definition of inverse of a square matrix.** A square matrix B is said to be inverse of a square matrix A if  $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{I}$  and  $\mathbf{BA} = \mathbf{I}$ . Then  $B = A^{-1}$ .

**Remark.** If the student is interested in finding  $A^{-1}$  by elementary column transformations, then he or she should start with  $A = AI$  and apply only column operations.

2.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Sol.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

We know that  $A = I_2 A \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$

Operate  $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$  (to make  $a_{11} = 1$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$  (to make  $a_{21} = 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2-2 & 1-2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1-0 & 0-2 \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow (-1)R_2$  (to make  $a_{22} = 1$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$  (to make  $a_{12} = 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} (= I_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} A$$

$\therefore$  By definition of inverse of a square matrix,  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

3.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Sol.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

We know that  $A = I_2 A \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$

Here  $a_{11} = 1$ . To make  $a_{21} = 0$ , let us operate  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$ .

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \quad \left| \begin{array}{ll} R_2 \rightarrow 2 & 7 \\ 2R_1 \rightarrow 2 & 6 \\ \hline \therefore R_2 - 2R_1 = 0 & 1 \\ R_2 \rightarrow 0 & 1 \\ 2R_1 \rightarrow 2 & 0 \\ \hline \therefore R_2 - 2R_1 = -2 & 1 \end{array} \right.$$

Now  $a_{22} = 1$ . To make  $a_{12}$  as zero, operate  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 3R_2$ .

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1-0 & 3-3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+6 & 0-3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} (= I_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

$\therefore$  By definition,  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

4.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

**Sol.** Set  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

We know that  $A = I_2 A \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$

Let us try to make  $a_{11} = 1$ . Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5-4 & 7-6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0-2 & 1-0 \end{bmatrix} A \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Now operate  $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$  to make  $a_{11} = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_2 \leftrightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$  to make  $a_{21} = 0$

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

Operate  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$  to make  $a_{12} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} (= I_2) = \begin{bmatrix} -2-5 & 1+2 \\ 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 3 \\ 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix} A \Rightarrow A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 3 \\ 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Remark.** In the above solution to make  $a_{11} = 1$ , we could also operate  $R_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_1$ . But for the sake of convenience and to avoid lengthy computations, we should avoid multiplying by fractions.

5.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 7 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Sol.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 7 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

We know that  $A = I_2 A \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 7 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$

Let us try to make  $a_{11} = 1$ . Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 7-6 & 4-3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0-3 & 1-0 \end{bmatrix} A \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$  to make  $a_{11} = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Now Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$  (to make  $a_{21} = 0$ )

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

Now  $a_{12} = 0$  and  $a_{22} = 1$ .

or  $I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} A$

$\therefore$  By definition of inverse of a square matrix,  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

6.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Sol.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

We know that  $A = I_2 A \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$

Operate  $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$  to make  $a_{11} = 1$ ;

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$  (to make  $a_{21} = 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2-2 & 5-6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1-0 & 0-2 \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow (-1)R_2$  to make  $a_{22} = 1$ ;

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 3R_2$  (to make  $a_{12} = 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1-0 & 3-3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0+3 & 1-6 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} (= I_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$\therefore \text{By Definition, } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Using elementary transformations, find the inverse of each of the matrices, if it exists, in Exercises 7 to 14.**

7.  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Sol.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

We know that  $A = I_2 A \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$

Let us try to make  $a_{11} = 1$ .

Operate  $R_1 \rightarrow 2R_1 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$

Operate  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$  (to make  $a_{11} = 1$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 5R_1$  (to make  $a_{21} = 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0-5 & 1+5 \end{bmatrix} A \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -10 & 6 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_2$  (to make  $a_{22} = 1$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} (= I_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Now  $a_{12}$  has already become zero. Therefore,

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

8.  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$

**Sol.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

We know that  $A = I_2A \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$

Operate  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$  (to make  $a_{11} = 1$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1$  (to make  $a_{21} = 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3-3 & 4-3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1+3 \end{bmatrix} A \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Now  $a_{22}$  has already become 1.

Operate  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$  (to make  $a_{12} = 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} (= I_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1+3 & -1-4 \\ -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$\Rightarrow I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 \\ -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} A. \text{ Therefore, } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 \\ -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

9.  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 10 \\ 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}.$

**Sol.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 10 \\ 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

We know that  $A = I_2A \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 10 \\ 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$

Operate  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$  (to make  $a_{11} = 1$ )

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

Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$  (to make  $a_{21} = 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2-2 & 7-6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1+2 \end{bmatrix} A \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Now  $a_{22} = 1$ . Operate  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 3R_2$  (to make  $a_{12} = 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+6 & -1-9 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$\Rightarrow I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -10 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} A \Rightarrow A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -10 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

We know that  $A = I_2 A \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$

Let us try to make  $a_{11} = 1$

Operate  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2$ .

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

Operate  $R_1 \rightarrow (-1) R_1$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 4R_1$  (to make  $a_{21} = 0$ )

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

Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) R_2$  (to make  $a_{22} = 1$ )

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

Operate  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2$  (to make  $a_{12} = 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} (= I_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 2 & \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} A$$

$\therefore$  By definition of inverse of a matrix;  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 2 & \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ .

11.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -6 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Sol.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -6 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

We know that  $A = I_2 A \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -6 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$

Operate  $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$  (to make  $a_{11} = 1$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$  (to make  $a_{21} = 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2-2 & -6+4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1-0 & 0-2 \end{bmatrix} A \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) R_2$  (to make  $a_{22} = 1$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + 2R_2$  (to make  $a_{12} = 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1+0 & -2+2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0-1 & 1+2 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} (= I_2) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \Rightarrow A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

12.  $\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Sol.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Here,  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix. So, we start with  $A = I_2 A$

or  $\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$

Operating  $R_1 \rightarrow 1/6 R_1$  to make  $a_{11} = 1$ ,

we have  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{6} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$

Operating  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 2R_1$  to make non-diagonal entry  $a_{21}$  below  $a_{11}$  as zero,

we have  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -2+2 & 1-\frac{2}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{6} & 0 \\ 0+\frac{2}{6} & 1+0 \end{bmatrix} A$



or 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{-1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{6} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Here, all entries in second row of left side matrix are zero.  
 $\therefore A^{-1}$  does not exist.

**Note.** If after doing one or more elementary row operations, we obtain all 0's in one or more rows of the left hand matrix A, then  $A^{-1}$  does not exist and we say A is not invertible.

13. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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

We know that  $A = I_2 A \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$

Operate  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2$  (to make  $a_{11} = 1$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2-1 & -3+2 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+0 & 0+1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_1$  (to make  $a_{21} = 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Now  $a_{22} = 1$ . Operate  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2$  (to make  $a_{12} = 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} (= I_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} A$$

$\therefore$  By definition;  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$

14. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Sol.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

We know that  $A = I_2 A \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$

Operate  $R_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} R_1$  (to make  $a_{11} = 1$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 4R_1$  (to make  $a_{21} = 0$ )

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

Here one row (namely second row) of the matrix on L.H.S. contains zeros only.

Hence,  $A^{-1}$  does not exist.

**Using elementary transformations, find the inverse of each of the matrices, if it exists, in Exercises 15 to 17.**

15. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Sol. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

We know that  $A = I_3 A$  (we have taken  $I_3$  because matrix  $A$  is of order  $3 \times 3$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Let us try to make  $a_{11} = 1$

Operate  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_3$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_1 \rightarrow (-1)R_1$  to make  $a_{11} = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$  and  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1$  (to make  $a_{21} = 0$  and  $a_{31} = 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2-2 & 2-2 & 3+2 \\ 3-3 & -2-3 & 2+3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0+2 & 1-0 & 0-2 \\ 0+3 & 0-0 & 1-3 \end{bmatrix} A$$

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

Operate  $R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$  (to make  $a_{22}$  non-zero)

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

Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow \left(-\frac{1}{5}\right) R_2$  to make  $a_{22} = 1$

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

Operate  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$  (to make  $a_{12} = 0$ ). Here  $a_{32}$  is already zero.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 + \frac{3}{5} & 0 - 0 & 1 - \frac{2}{5} \\ -\frac{3}{5} & 0 & \frac{2}{5} \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Operate  $R_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{5} R_3$  (to make  $a_{33} = 1$ )

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

Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_3$  (to make  $a_{23} = 0$ ). Here  $a_{13}$  is already zero.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} (= I_3) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{5} & 0 & \frac{3}{5} \\ -\frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & 0 \\ \frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$\therefore \text{By definition } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{5} & 0 & \frac{3}{5} \\ -\frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & 0 \\ \frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$16. \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ -3 & 0 & -5 \\ 2 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Sol.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ -3 & 0 & -5 \\ 2 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

We know that  $A = I_3 A$

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

Here  $a_{11}$  is already 1.

Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 3R_1$  and  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1$  (to make  $a_{21} = 0$  and  $a_{31} = 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ -3+3 & 0+9 & -5-6 \\ 2-2 & 5-6 & 0+4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0+3 & 1+0 & 0+0 \\ 0-2 & 0-0 & 1-0 \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 9 & -11 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$  to make  $a_{22}$  simpler entry

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 9 & -11 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow (-1)R_2$  to make  $a_{22} = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 9 & -11 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 3R_2$  to make  $a_{12} = 0$  and  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 9R_2$  (to make  $a_{32} = 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1-0 & 3-3 & -2+12 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 9-9 & -11+36 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-6 & 0-0 & 0+3 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 3-18 & 1-0 & 0+9 \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 10 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 25 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ -15 & 1 & 9 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{25}R_3$  to make  $a_{33} = 1$ .

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 10 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ -\frac{15}{25} & \frac{1}{25} & \frac{9}{25} \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 10R_3$ , (to make  $a_{13} = 0$ ) and  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 4R_3$  (to make  $a_{23} = 0$ ).

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} (= I_3) = \begin{bmatrix} -5 + \frac{150}{25} & 0 - \frac{10}{25} & 3 - \frac{90}{25} \\ 2 - \frac{60}{25} & 0 + \frac{4}{25} & -1 + \frac{36}{25} \\ -\frac{15}{25} & \frac{1}{25} & \frac{9}{25} \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$\Rightarrow I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{2}{5} & -\frac{3}{5} \\ -\frac{2}{5} & \frac{4}{25} & \frac{11}{25} \\ -\frac{3}{5} & \frac{1}{25} & \frac{9}{25} \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$\therefore \text{By Definition, } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{2}{5} & -\frac{3}{5} \\ -\frac{2}{5} & \frac{4}{25} & \frac{11}{25} \\ -\frac{3}{5} & \frac{1}{25} & \frac{9}{25} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$17. \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Sol.** Let

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

$$\text{We know that } A = I_3 \quad A \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Let us try to make  $a_{11} = 1$

Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$  (to make  $a_{11} = 1$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operate  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$  to make  $a_{21} = 0$ . Here  $a_{31}$  is already 0

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

Operate  $R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$  (to make  $a_{22} = 1$ )

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

Operate  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$  to make  $a_{12} = 0$  and  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 2R_2$  to make  $a_{32} = 0$ .

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

Now  $a_{33} = 1$

Operate  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_3$  (to make  $a_{13} = 0$ ) and  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_3$  (to make  $a_{23} = 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} (= I_3) = \begin{bmatrix} -2+5 & 1-2 & -1+2 \\ 0 & -15 & 0+6 \\ 5 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} A$$

or  $I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -15 & 6 & -5 \\ 5 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} A$

$\therefore$  By definition,  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -15 & 6 & -5 \\ 5 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**18. Matrices A and B will be inverse of each other only if**

(A)  $AB = BA$

(B)  $AB = BA = 0$

(C)  $AB = 0, BA = I$

(D)  $AB = BA = I$

**Sol.** Option (D) i.e.,  $AB = BA = I$  is correct answer by definition of inverse of a square matrix.