

Theorem 1.1: For every square matrix A of order n,

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

Proof: We prove the theorem for n=3, consider  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$

and we know that  $a_{i1}A_{j1} + a_{i2}A_{j2} + \dots + a_{in}A_{jn} = \begin{cases} |A| & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$

$$A(\text{adj } A) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{21} & A_{31} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & A_{32} \\ A_{13} & A_{23} & A_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}A_{11} + a_{12}A_{12} + a_{13}A_{13} & a_{11}A_{21} + a_{12}A_{22} + a_{13}A_{23} & a_{11}A_{31} + a_{12}A_{32} + a_{13}A_{33} \\ A_{21}A_{11} + a_{22}A_{12} + a_{23}A_{13} & a_{21}A_{21} + a_{22}A_{22} + a_{23}A_{23} & a_{21}A_{31} + a_{22}A_{32} + a_{23}A_{33} \\ A_{31}A_{11} + a_{32}A_{12} + a_{33}A_{13} & a_{31}A_{21} + a_{32}A_{22} + a_{33}A_{23} & a_{31}A_{31} + a_{32}A_{32} + a_{33}A_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} |A| & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & |A| & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & |A| \end{pmatrix} = |A| \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= |A| I \longrightarrow (1)$$

$$(\text{adj } A)A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{21} & A_{31} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & A_{32} \\ A_{13} & A_{23} & A_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} |A| & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & |A| & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & |A| \end{pmatrix} = |A| \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= |A| I \longrightarrow (2)$$

Where  $I_3$  is the identity matrix of order 3.

∴ From (1) & (2),  $A(\text{adj } A) = (\text{adj } A)A = |A| I_n$ .

Theorem 1.2: If a square matrix has an inverse, then it is unique.

Proof: Let A be a square matrix of order n and  $A^{-1}$  exist.

If possible let there be two inverses B and C for A. Then

$$AB = BA = I_n \text{ and } AC = CA = I_n$$

$$\text{Now } C = C I_n = C(AB) = (CA)B = I_n B = B$$

$$\therefore C = B$$

Hence the uniqueness follows.

Theorem 1.3: Let A be a square matrix of order n. Then  $A^{-1}$  exist if and only if A is non-singular.

Proof: Suppose  $A^{-1}$  exist

To Prove that A is non-singular Since  $A^{-1}$  exist,  $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I$

Consider,  $AA^{-1} = I$

$$|AA^{-1}| = |I|$$

$$|A| |A^{-1}| = 1 \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |A| \neq 0$$

∴ A IS NON-SINGULAR.

Conversely, A is non-singular

To Prove that,  $A^{-1}$  exist, since A is non-singular,  $\Rightarrow |A| \neq 0$

we know that,  $A(\text{adj } A) = (\text{adj } A)A = |A|I$  ÷ by  $|A|$ ,

$$A\left(\frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj } A\right) = \left(\frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj } A\right)A = I, \text{ if } B = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj } A, \text{ we get } AB = BA = I$$

∴  $A^{-1}$  exist and  $A^{-1} = B$

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

Theorem 1.4: If A is non-singular then i)  $|A^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|A|}$  ii)  $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$

iii)  $(\lambda A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\lambda} A^{-1}$  where  $\lambda$  is a non-zero scalar.

Proof: Given A is non-singular.

∴  $|A| \neq 0$  and  $A^{-1}$  exist.

$$\therefore AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I_n \longrightarrow (1)$$

i) Consider  $AA^{-1}=I_n$

$$|AA^{-1}|=|I_n|$$

$$|A| |A^{-1}| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |A^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|A|}$$

ii) From (i)  $AA^{-1}=(A^{-1})A=I$

Take transpose,  $(AA^{-1})^T=I_n^T$

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

$\Rightarrow (A^{-1})^T$  is the inverse of  $A^T$ .

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

iii) multiply and divide by  $\lambda$ , in  $AA^{-1}=I$

$$(\lambda A) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} A^{-1}\right) = I$$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda} A^{-1}$  is the inverse of  $\lambda A$ .

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda} A^{-1} = (\lambda A)^{-1}.$$

Theorem 1.5: Left cancellation law:

Let A, B and C be square matrices of order n. If A is non-singular and  $AB=AC$  then  $B=C$ .

Proof: Since A is non-singular and  $A^{-1}$  exist.  $AA^{-1}=A^{-1}A=I$

Given  $AB=AC$

Premultiply by  $A^{-1}$  on both sides,

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

$$(A^{-1}A)B=(AA^{-1})C \quad (\text{By associative property})$$

$$IB=IC$$

$$\Rightarrow B=C$$

Theorem 1.6: Right cancellation law:

Let A, B and C are square matrices of order n. If A is non-singular and  $BA=CA$  then  $B=C$ .

Proof: A is non-singular and  $A^{-1}$  exist.

Post multiply by  $A^{-1}$  on both sides in  $BA=CA$ .

$$(BA)A^{-1} = (CA)A^{-1}$$

$$B(AA^{-1})=C(AA^{-1}) \quad (\text{By associative property})$$

$$B I_n = C I_n$$

$$B = C$$

Theorem 1.7: (Reversal law of inverses)

If A and B are non-singular matrices of the same order, then the product AB is also non-singular and  $(AB)^{-1}=B^{-1}A^{-1}$ .

Proof: Given A and B are non-singular.

$\therefore |A| \neq 0$ ;  $|B| \neq 0$  and  $A^{-1}$ ,  $B^{-1}$  exists.

Now  $|AB| = |A| |B| \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow |AB| \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow AB$  is non-singular and  $(AB)^{-1}$  exist.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } (AB) (B^{-1}A^{-1}) &= A(BB^{-1}) A^{-1} \\ &= (AI) A^{-1} \\ &= AA^{-1} \\ &= I \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Likewise } (B^{-1}A^{-1}) (AB) &= B^{-1}(A^{-1}A)B \\ &= (B^{-1}I)B \\ &= B^{-1} B \\ &= I \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow B^{-1}A^{-1}$  is the inverse of AB.

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

Theorem 1.8: Law of double inverse

If A is non-singular and  $A^{-1}$  is also non-singular then  $(A^{-1})^{-1}=A$

Proof: We know that,

$$AA^{-1} = I$$

$$(AA^{-1})^{-1} = I^{-1}$$

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

Post multiply by A on both sides,

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

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

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

Theorem 1.9: If A is non-singular square matrix of order n, then

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

ii)  $|\text{adj } A| = |A|^{n-1}$

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

iv)  $\text{adj } (\lambda A) = \lambda^{n-1} \text{adj } (A)$ ,  $\lambda$  is a non-zero scalar

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

vi)  $(\text{adj } A)^T = \text{adj } (A^T)$

Proof: Since A is non-singular square matrix, we have  $|A| \neq 0$

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

Apply inverse on both sides,  $(\text{adj } A)^{-1} = (|A| A^{-1})^{-1}$   
 $= (A^{-1})^{-1} \cdot |A|^{-1}$   
 $= A \cdot \frac{1}{|A|} \longrightarrow$  (a)

Replace A by  $A^{-1}$  in  $\text{adj } A = |A| A^{-1}$   
 $\text{adj } (A^{-1}) = |A^{-1}| (A^{-1})^{-1}$   
 $\text{adj } (A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{|A|} A \longrightarrow$  (b)

From (a) & (b),  $(\text{adj } A)^{-1} = \text{adj } (A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{|A|} A$

ii) We know that,  $\text{adj } A = A^{-1} |A|$

Apply determinant on both sides,  $|\text{adj } A| = |A^{-1} |A||$

$$\begin{aligned} |\text{adj } A| &= |A^{-1} |A|| \\ &= |A|^n |A^{-1}| \\ &= |A|^n \cdot \frac{1}{|A|} = |A|^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

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

iii) For any non-singular matrix of order n,

$B(\text{adj } B) = (\text{adj } B)B = |B| I_n$

Put  $B = \text{adj } A$ ,

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

Pre-multiply by A on both sides,

$A(\text{adj } A (\text{adj } (\text{adj } A))) = A |A|^{n-1} I_n$  by (ii)

By associative property,

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

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

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

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

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

iv) Replace A by  $\lambda A$  in  $\text{adj } A = |A| A^{-1}$ ,

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

$= \lambda^n |A| \frac{1}{\lambda} A^{-1}$

$= \lambda^{n-1} |A| A^{-1}$

$= \lambda^{n-1} \text{adj } A$

v) From (iii),  $\text{adj } (\text{adj } A) = |A|^{n-2} A$

Apply determinant on both sides,

$$\begin{aligned} |\text{adj } (\text{adj } A)| &= ||A|^{n-2} A| \\ &= (|A|^{n-2})^n \cdot |A| \\ &= |A|^{n^2-2n} \cdot |A| \\ &= |A|^{n^2-2n+1} \\ &= |A|^{(n-1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

vi) Since  $\text{adj } A = |A| A^{-1}$

Replace A by  $A^T$ ,

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

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

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

$= (\text{adj } A)^T$

Theorem 1.10: If A and B are any two non-singular square matrices of order n, then  $\text{adj } (AB) = (\text{adj } B) (\text{adj } A)$

Proof: Replacing A by AB in  $\text{adj } A = |A| A^{-1}$

We get  $\text{adj } (AB) = |AB| (AB)^{-1}$

$= |A| |B| B^{-1} A^{-1}$

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

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