

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

Soln.: (i) Here,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Let  $P = \frac{1}{2}(A + A')$

Now,  $A + A' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3+3 & 5+1 \\ 1+5 & -1-1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 6 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow P = \frac{1}{2}(A + A') = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 6 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow P' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = P$

Thus,  $P = \frac{1}{2}(A + A')$  is a symmetric matrix.

Also, let  $Q = \frac{1}{2}(A - A')$

Now,  $A - A' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

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

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

$\Rightarrow Q' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = -Q$

Thus,  $Q = \frac{1}{2}(A - A')$  is a skew-symmetric matrix.

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

(ii) Here,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A' = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Let  $P = \frac{1}{2}(A + A')$

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

$= \begin{bmatrix} 6+6 & -2-2 & 2+2 \\ -2+(-2) & 3+3 & -1+(-1) \\ 2+2 & -1+(-1) & 3+3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & -4 & 4 \\ -4 & 6 & -2 \\ 4 & -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow P = \frac{1}{2}(A + A') = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 12 & -4 & 4 \\ -4 & 6 & -2 \\ 4 & -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow P' = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = P$

Thus,  $P = \frac{1}{2}(A + A')$  is a symmetric matrix.

Also, let  $Q = \frac{1}{2}(A - A')$

Now,  $A - A' = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

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

$\Rightarrow Q = \frac{1}{2}(A - A') = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $Q' = -Q$

So,  $Q = \frac{1}{2}(A - A')$  is a skew symmetric matrix.

Hence,  $P + Q = A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(iii) Here,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & -1 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 \\ -4 & -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & -4 \\ 3 & -2 & -5 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Let  $P = \frac{1}{2}(A + A')$

Now,  $A + A' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & -1 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 \\ -4 & -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & -4 \\ 3 & -2 & -5 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

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

So,  $P = \frac{1}{2}(A + A') = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & -5 \\ 1 & -4 & -4 \\ -5 & -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1/2 & -5/2 \\ 1/2 & -2 & -2 \\ -5/2 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $P' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1/2 & -5/2 \\ 1/2 & -2 & -2 \\ -5/2 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Thus,  $P = \frac{1}{2}(A + A')$  is a symmetric matrix.

Also, let  $Q = \frac{1}{2}(A - A')$

Again,  $A - A' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & -1 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 \\ -4 & -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & -4 \\ 3 & -2 & -5 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

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

$\therefore \frac{1}{2}(A - A') = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 & 3 \\ -5 & 0 & 6 \\ -3 & -6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5/2 & 3/2 \\ -5/2 & 0 & 3 \\ -3/2 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow Q' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -5/2 & -3/2 \\ 5/2 & 0 & -3 \\ 3/2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5/2 & 3/2 \\ -5/2 & 0 & 3 \\ -3/2 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = -Q$

Thus,  $Q = \frac{1}{2}(A - A')$  is a skew symmetric matrix.

Hence,  $P + Q = A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -5 \\ 1/2 & -2 & -2 \\ -5/2 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5/2 & 3/2 \\ -5/2 & 0 & 3 \\ -3/2 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(iv) Here,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Let  $P = \frac{1}{2}(A + A')$

Now,  $A + A' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+1 & 5-1 \\ -1+5 & 2+2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow P = \frac{1}{2}(A + A') = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow P' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = P$

Thus,  $P = \frac{1}{2}(A + A')$  is a symmetric matrix.

Also, let  $Q = \frac{1}{2}(A - A')$

Now,  $A - A' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-1 & 5+1 \\ -1-5 & 2-2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ -6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow Q = \frac{1}{2}(A - A') = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ -6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow Q' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = -Q$

Thus,  $Q = \frac{1}{2}(A - A')$  is a skew symmetric matrix.

Hence,  $P + Q = A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Choose the correct answer in the questions 11 and 12.

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

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

Soln.: (A) We know that,  $A' = A, B' = B$

So,  $(AB - BA)' = (AB)' - (BA)' = B'A' - A'B' = BA - AB = -(AB - BA)$   
 $\therefore AB - BA$  is a skew-symmetric matrix.

12. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $A + A' = I$ , if the value of  $\alpha$  is

- (A)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$
- (B)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$
- (C)  $\pi$
- (D)  $\frac{3\pi}{2}$

Soln.: (B) Given that,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow A' = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$

We know that,  $A + A' = I$

$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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

$\Rightarrow 2\cos \alpha = 1 \Rightarrow \cos \alpha = \frac{1}{2}$

$\Rightarrow \cos \alpha = \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{\pi}{3}$

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$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \alpha & \cos \alpha \sin \alpha - \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \\ \sin \alpha \cos \alpha - \cos \alpha \sin \alpha & \sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

Hence,  $A'A = I$ .

(ii) Given that,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \\ -\cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A' = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \alpha & -\cos \alpha \\ \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \end{bmatrix}$

So,  $A'A = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \alpha & -\cos \alpha \\ \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \\ -\cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha & \sin \alpha \cos \alpha - \cos \alpha \sin \alpha \\ \cos \alpha \sin \alpha - \sin \alpha \cos \alpha & \cos^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

Hence,  $A'A = I$ .

7. (i) Show that the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is a symmetric matrix.

(ii) Show that the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is a skew symmetric matrix.

Soln.: (i) A square matrix  $A$  is said to be symmetric, if  $A' = A$ .

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

So,  $A$  is a symmetric matrix.

(ii) A square matrix  $A$  is said to be skew symmetric matrix if  $A' = -A$ .

As,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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

So,  $A$  is a skew symmetric matrix.

8. For the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ , verify that

- (i)  $(A + A')$  is a symmetric matrix.
- (ii)  $(A - A')$  is a skew-symmetric matrix.

Soln.:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

(i)  $A + A' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+1 & 5+6 \\ 6+5 & 7+7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 11 \\ 11 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow (A + A')' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 11 \\ 11 & 14 \end{bmatrix} = (A + A')$$

So,  $A + A'$  is a symmetric matrix.

(ii)  $A - A' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-1 & 5-6 \\ 6-5 & 7-7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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

So,  $A - A'$  is a skew-symmetric matrix.

9. Find  $\frac{1}{2}(A + A')$  and  $\frac{1}{2}(A - A')$ , when  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ -a & 0 & c \\ -b & -c & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Soln.:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ -a & 0 & c \\ -b & -c & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a & -b \\ a & 0 & -c \\ b & c & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Now,  $A + A' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ -a & 0 & c \\ -b & -c & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a & -b \\ a & 0 & -c \\ b & c & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0+0 & a-a & b-b \\ -a+a & 0+0 & c-c \\ -b+b & -c+c & 0+0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2}(A + A') = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now,  $A - A' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ -a & 0 & c \\ -b & -c & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a & -b \\ a & 0 & -c \\ b & c & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0-0 & a+a & b+b \\ -a-a & 0-0 & c+c \\ -b-b & -c-c & 0-0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2a & 2b \\ -2a & 0 & 2c \\ -2b & -2c & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2}(A - A') = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2a & 2b \\ -2a & 0 & 2c \\ -2b & -2c & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ -a & 0 & c \\ -b & -c & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

10. Express the following matrices as the sum of a symmetric and a skew symmetric matrix :

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

(ii)  $\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$