

Exemplar Problem

Matrix and Determinants

11. Show that satisfies the equation $A^2 - 3A - 7I = 0$ and hence find A^{-1} .

Solution:

Given,

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

$$\text{So, } A^2 = A \cdot A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 25-3 & 15-6 \\ -5+2 & -3+4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 22 & 9 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3A = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 & 9 \\ -3 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{And, } 7I = 7 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence, } A^2 - 3A - 7I &= \begin{bmatrix} 22 & 9 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 15 & 9 \\ -3 & -6 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 22-15-7 & 9-9-0 \\ -3+3-0 & 1+6-7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = O \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$A^2 - 3A - 7I = 0$$

Multiplying both sides with A^{-1} , we get

$$A^{-1} [A^2 - 3A - 7I] = A^{-1} \cdot 0$$

$$A^{-1} \cdot A \cdot A - 3A^{-1} \cdot A - 7A^{-1} \cdot I = 0$$

$$I \cdot A - 3I - 7A^{-1} = 0 \quad [\text{As } A^{-1} \cdot A = I]$$

$$A - 3I - 7A^{-1} = 0$$

$$7A^{-1} = A - 3I$$

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

Therefore, $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$