

**Sol:** (c) Adding  $Au_1$  and  $Au_2$  we get  $A(u_1 + u_2)$ . Then using the invariance method we obtain  $u_1 + u_2$ .

$$\text{By adding, we have } A(u_1 + u_2) = Au_1 + Au_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We then solve the above equation for  $u_1 + u_2$ , if we consider the augmented matrix  $(A|B) = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$

$$\text{Applying } R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2 + R_1 \text{ and } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1, \text{ we get } (A|B) \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow u_1 + u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## PROBLEM-SOLVING TACTICS

If  $A, B$  are square matrices of order  $n$ , and  $I_n$  is a corresponding unit matrix, then

- (a)  $A(\text{adj.}A) = |A| I_n = (\text{adj } A) A$
- (b)  $|\text{adj } A| = |A|^{n-1}$  (Thus  $A (\text{adj } A)$  is always a scalar matrix)
- (c)  $\text{adj} (\text{adj.}A) = |A|^{n-2} A$
- (d)  $|\text{adj} (\text{adj.}A)| = |A|^{(n-1)^2}$
- (e)  $\text{adj} (A^T) = (\text{adj } A)^T$
- (f)  $\text{adj} (AB) = (\text{adj } B) (\text{adj } A)$
- (g)  $\text{adj} (A^m) = (\text{adj } A)^m, m \in \mathbb{N}$
- (h)  $\text{adj} (kA) = k^{n-1} (\text{adj. } A), k \in \mathbb{R}$
- (i)  $\text{adj} (I_n) = I_n$
- (j)  $\text{adj } 0 = 0$
- (k)  $A$  is symmetric  $\Rightarrow$   $\text{adj } A$  is also symmetric
- (l)  $A$  is diagonal  $\Rightarrow$   $\text{adj } A$  is also diagonal
- (m)  $A$  is triangular  $\Rightarrow$   $\text{adj } A$  is also triangular
- (n)  $A$  is singular  $\Rightarrow |\text{adj } A| = 0$

## FORMULAE SHEET

### (a) Types of matrix:

- (i) **Symmetric Matrix:** A square matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is called a symmetric matrix if  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$  for all  $i, j$ .
- (ii) **Skew-Symmetric Matrix:** when  $a_{ij} = -a_{ji}$
- (iii) **Hermitian and skew – Hermitian Matrix:**  $A = A^0$  (Hermitian matrix)  
 $A^0 = -A$  (skew-Hermitian matrix)
- (iv) **Orthogonal matrix:** if  $AA^T = I_n = A^T A$
- (v) **Idempotent matrix:** if  $A^2 = A$
- (vi) **Involuntary matrix:** if  $A^2 = I$  or  $A^{-1} = A$
- (vii) **Nilpotent matrix:** if  $\exists p \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $A^p = 0$

### (b) Trace of matrix:

- (i)  $\text{tr}(\lambda A) = \lambda \text{tr}(A)$
- (ii)  $\text{tr}(A + B) = \text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(B)$
- (iii)  $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$

### (c) Transpose of matrix:

- (i)  $(A^T)^T = A$                       (ii)  $(A \pm B)^T = A^T \pm B^T$                       (iii)  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$                       (iv)  $(kA)^T = k(A)^T$
- (v)  $(A_1 A_2 A_3 \dots A_{n-1} A_n)^T = A_n^T A_{n-1}^T \dots A_3^T A_2^T A_1^T$                       (vi)  $I^T = I$                       (vii)  $\text{tr}(A) = \text{tr}(A^T)$

### (d) Properties of multiplication:

- (i)  $AB \neq BA$                       (ii)  $(AB)C = A(BC)$                       (iii)  $A.(B + C) = A.B + A.C$

### (e) Adjoint of a Matrix:

- (i)  $A(\text{adj } A) = (\text{adj } A)A = |A| I_n$                       (ii)  $|\text{adj } A| = |A|^{n-1}$
- (iii)  $(\text{adj } AB) = (\text{adj } B)(\text{adj } A)$                       (iv)  $\text{adj}(\text{adj } A) = |A|^{n-2} A$
- (v)  $(\text{adj } KA) = K^{n-1}(\text{adj } A)$

### (e) Inverse of a matrix: $A^{-1}$ exists if $A$ is non singular i.e. $|A| \neq 0$

- (i)  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} (\text{Adj. } A)$                       (ii)  $A^{-1}A = I_n = AA^{-1}$
- (iii)  $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$                       (iv)  $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$
- (v)  $|A^{-1}| = |A|^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|}$