Adjoint

The matrix formed by taking the transpose of the cofactor matrix of a given original matrix. The adjoint of matrix A is often written adj A.

Note: This is in fact only one type of adjoint. More generally, an adjoint of a matrix is any mapping of a matrix which possesses certain properties. Consult a book on linear algebra for more information.

Example: Find the adjoint of the following matrix:

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

Solution: First find the cofactor of each element.

$$A_{11} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 24 \qquad A_{12} = -\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 5 \qquad A_{13} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -4$$

$$A_{21} = -\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = -12 \qquad A_{22} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \qquad A_{23} = -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 2$$

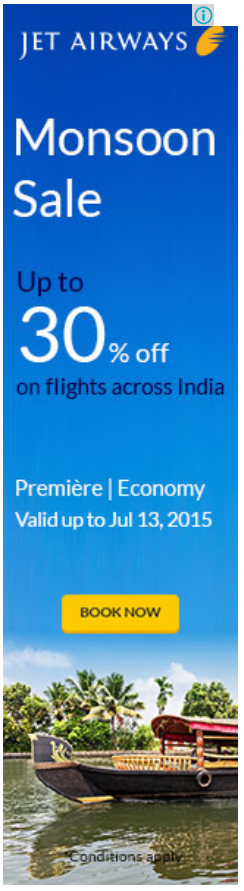
$$A_{31} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -2 \qquad A_{32} = -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -5 \qquad A_{33} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 4$$

As a result the cofactor matrix of A is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 24 & 5 & -4 \\ -12 & 3 & 2 \\ -2 & -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Finally the adjoint of A is the transpose of the cofactor matrix:

$$\text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} 24 & -12 & -2 \\ 5 & 3 & -5 \\ -4 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$



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