

### Chapter 3: Matrices.

#### Exercise 3.3

1. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 & 9 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 & -5 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then verify that

(i)  $(A+B)' = A'+B'$       (ii)  $(A-B)' = A'-B'$

**Solution:**

We have  $A' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 5 & -2 \\ 2 & 7 & 1 \\ 3 & 9 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B' = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -5 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$(i) A+B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 & 9 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 & -5 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 3 & -2 \\ 6 & 9 & 9 \\ -1 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore (A+B)' = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 6 & -1 \\ 3 & 9 & 4 \\ -2 & 9 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A'+B' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 5 & -2 \\ 2 & 7 & 1 \\ 3 & 9 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -5 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 6 & -1 \\ 3 & 9 & 4 \\ -2 & 9 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus proved  $(A+B)' = A'+B'$

$$(ii) A-B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 & 9 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 & -5 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 8 \\ 4 & 5 & 9 \\ -3 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore (A-B)' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 5 & -2 \\ 2 & 7 & 1 \\ 3 & 9 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -5 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & -3 \\ 1 & 5 & -2 \\ 8 & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus proved  $(A-B)' = A'-B'$

2. If  $A' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , then verify that

(i)  $(A+B)' = A'+B'$                       (ii)  $(A-B)' = A'-B'$

**Solution:**

(i) Since  $A = (A)'$

Thus, we have  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$B' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\therefore (A+B)' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Hence proved  $(A+B)' = A'+B'$

(ii)  $A-B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\therefore (A-B)' = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ -3 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A'-B' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ -3 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence proved  $(A - B)' = A' - B'$

3. If  $A' = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find  $(A + 2B)'$

**Solution:**

Since  $A = (A)'$

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

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

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

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

$$\therefore (A + 2B)' = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 5 \\ 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. For the matrices A and B, verify that  $(AB)' = B' A'$  where

i)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$       ii)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

**Solution:**

$$(i) AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & -8 & -4 \\ -3 & 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore (AB)' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 & -3 \\ 2 & -8 & 6 \\ 1 & -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } A' = [1 \quad -4 \quad 3], B' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore B'A' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} [1 \quad -4 \quad 3]$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 & -3 \\ 2 & -8 & 6 \\ 1 & -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus proved  $(AB)' = B'A'$

$$\text{(ii) } AB = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} [1 \quad 5 \quad 7]$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 10 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore (AB)' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 & 10 \\ 0 & 7 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } A' = [0 \quad 1 \quad 2], B' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore B'A' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} [0 \quad 1 \quad 2]$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 & 10 \\ 0 & 7 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus  $(AB)' = B'A'$

5. If (i)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$ , then verify that  $A'A = 1$

(ii)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \\ -\cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \end{bmatrix}$ , then verify that  $A'A = 1$

**Solution:**

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

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

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

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

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

Thus proved  $A'A = 1$

$$(ii) A = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \\ -\cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

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

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

Thus proved  $A'A = 1$

6. (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

**Solution:**

(i) We have  $A' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = A$

$\therefore A' = A$

Thus, A is a symmetric matrix

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

$\therefore A' = -A$

Thus, A is a skew – symmetric matrix

7. 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

**Solution:**

$$A' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 11 \\ 11 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Thus,  $(A + A')$  is a symmetric matrix

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

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

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

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

$$= -(A - A')$$

Thus,  $(A - A')$  is a skew - symmetric matrix

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

**Solution:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. 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)  $\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

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

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

**Solution:**



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

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 6 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 6 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\text{Now, } P' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = P$$

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

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } Q = \frac{1}{2}(A - A')$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\text{Now, } Q' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = -Q$$

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

Thus, A as the sum of P and Q

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

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

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 12 & -4 & 4 \\ -4 & 6 & -2 \\ 4 & -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 12 & -4 & 4 \\ -4 & 6 & -2 \\ 4 & -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\text{Now, } Q' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = -Q$$

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

Thus, A as the sum of P and Q

$$P + Q = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-5}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -2 & -2 \\ \frac{-5}{2} & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{5}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \\ -\frac{5}{2} & 0 & 3 \\ -\frac{3}{2} & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$= A$$

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

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\text{Now, } P' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = P$$

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

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ -6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

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

Thus, A as the sum of P and Q

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

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

$$= A$$

10. 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  |

**Solution:**

A and B are symmetric matrices, therefore, we have

$$A' = A \text{ and } B' = B \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$\text{Here, } (AB - BA)' = (AB)' - (BA)'$$

$$= B' A' - A' B'$$

$$= BA - AB \quad \text{[by (1)]}$$

$$= -(AB - BA)$$

$$\therefore (AB - BA)' = -(AB - BA)$$

Hence,  $(AB - BA)$  is a skew symmetric matrix

11. 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. n      D.  $\frac{3\pi}{2}$

**Solution:**

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

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

Now  $A + A' = I$

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

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

Equating the corresponding elements of the two matrices, we have

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

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\therefore \alpha = \frac{\pi}{3}$$