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**Illustration 1:** Construct a  $3 \times 4$  matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$ , whose elements are given by  $a_{ij} = 2i + 3j$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \end{bmatrix}; \quad \therefore a_{11} = 2 \times 1 + 3 \times 1 = 5; a_{12} = 2 \times 1 + 3 \times 2 = 8.$$

**Solution:** In this problem, I and j are the number of rows and columns respectively. By substituting the respective values of rows and columns in  $a_{ij} = 2i + 3j$  we can construct the required matrix.

We have  $A =$ .

Similarly,  $a_{13} = 11$ ,  $a_{14} = 14$ ,  $a_{21} = 7$ ,  $a_{22} = 10$ ,  $a_{23} = 13$ ,  $a_{24} = 16$ ,  $a_{31} = 9$ ,  $a_{32} = 12$ ,  $a_{33} = 15$ ,  $a_{34} = 18$

$\therefore A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 8 & 11 & 14 \\ 7 & 10 & 13 & 16 \\ 9 & 12 & 18 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$

**Illustration 2:** Construct a  $3 \times 4$  matrix, whose elements are given by:

$$a_{ij} = \frac{1}{2}|3i+j|$$

**Solution:**

Method for solving this problem is the same as in the above problem.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } \{ \{ a \}_{ij} \} = \frac{1}{2}|3i+j| \text{ we have } a_{ij} = 21 \\ | -3i+j | \text{ we have } \{ \{ a \}_{11} \} = \frac{1}{2}|3(1)+1| = \frac{1}{2}|3+1| = \frac{1}{2}|2| = 1 \\ a_{11} = 21 | -3(1)+1 | = 21 | -3+1 | = 21 \\ \{ \{ a \}_{12} \} = \frac{1}{2}|3(1)+2| = \frac{1}{2}|3+2| = 21 \\ \{ \{ a \}_{13} \} = \frac{1}{2}|3(1)+3| = \frac{1}{2}|3+3| = 21 \\ \{ \{ a \}_{14} \} = \frac{1}{2}|3(1)+4| = \frac{1}{2}|3+4| = 21 \\ ; \{ \{ a \}_{21} \} = \frac{1}{2}|3(2)+1| = \frac{1}{2}|6+1| = \frac{1}{2}|5| = 25 \\ \{ \{ a \}_{22} \} = \frac{1}{2}|3(2)+2| = \frac{1}{2}|6+2| = \frac{1}{2}|8| = 4 \\ \{ \{ a \}_{23} \} = \frac{1}{2}|3(2)+3| = \frac{1}{2}|6+3| = \frac{1}{2}|9| = 4.5 \\ \{ \{ a \}_{24} \} = \frac{1}{2}|3(2)+4| = \frac{1}{2}|6+4| = \frac{1}{2}|10| = 5 \\ ; \{ \{ a \}_{31} \} = \frac{1}{2}|3(3)+1| = \frac{1}{2}|9+1| = \frac{1}{2}|10| = 5 \\ \{ \{ a \}_{32} \} = \frac{1}{2}|3(3)+2| = \frac{1}{2}|9+2| = \frac{1}{2}|11| = 5.5 \\ \{ \{ a \}_{33} \} = \frac{1}{2}|3(3)+3| = \frac{1}{2}|9+3| = \frac{1}{2}|12| = 6 \\ \{ \{ a \}_{34} \} = \frac{1}{2}|3(3)+4| = \frac{1}{2}|9+4| = \frac{1}{2}|13| = 6.5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
3(2)+2 &= \frac{1}{2} - \\
6+2 &= \frac{4}{2} = 2; \\
3(2)+3 &= \frac{1}{2} - 6+3 = \frac{3}{2} \\
&= 2; \\
3(2)+4 &= \frac{1}{2} - \\
6+4 &= \frac{2}{2} = 1; \\
&\text{Similarly } \{a_{31}\} = 4, \{a_{32}\} = \frac{5}{2}, \{a_{33}\} = 3, \{a_{34}\} = \frac{5}{2} \\
&| -6+4 | = 2; \\
&\text{Similarly } a_{31}=4, a_{32}=27, a_{33}=3, a_{34}=25
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the required matrix is given by  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 2 & \frac{5}{2} & 1 \\ 4 & \frac{7}{2} & 3 & \frac{5}{2} \end{bmatrix}$

## Trace of a Matrix

Let  $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  and  $B = [b_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  and  $\lambda$  be a scalar,

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