

Determinants

Q8 A = [2 -1; 3 4], X = [x; y] and B = [-2; 3]

Now, |A| = |2 -1; 3 4| = 8 + 3 = 11 ≠ 0

⇒ A is non-singular and so given system has a unique solution

Cofactors of elements of A are given by

A11 = (-1)^(1+1)(4) = 4, A12 = (-1)^(1+2)(3) = -3, A21 = (-1)^(2+1)(-1) = 1, A22 = (-1)^(2+2)(2) = 2

∴ adj A = [4 -3; 1 2]'

and A^-1 = 1/|A| (adj A) = 1/11 [4 1; -3 2]

Solution of given system is given by X = A^-1 B.

⇒ [x; y] = 1/11 [4 1; -3 2] [-2; 3] = 1/11 [-8+3; 6+6] = 1/11 [-5; 12] = [-5/11; 12/11]
∴ x = -5/11, y = 12/11

9. 4x - 3y = 3, 3x - 5y = 7.

Soln.: The given system of equations can be written in the form AX = B, where

A = [4 -3; 3 -5], X = [x; y] and B = [3; 7]

Now, |A| = |4 -3; 3 -5| = -20 + 9 = -11 ≠ 0

⇒ A is a non-singular matrix and so the given system has a unique solution.

Cofactors of elements of A are given by

A11 = (-1)^(1+1)(-5) = -5, A12 = (-1)^(1+2)(3) = -3, A21 = (-1)^(2+1)(-3) = 3, A22 = (-1)^(2+2)(4) = 4

∴ adj A = [-5 -3; 3 4]'

and A^-1 = 1/|A| (adj A) = 1/-11 [-5 3; -3 4]

Solution of given system is given by X = A^-1 B.

⇒ [x; y] = 1/-11 [-5 3; -3 4] [3; 7] = -1/11 [-15+21; -9+28] = -1/11 [6; 19] = [-6/11; -19/11]
Hence, x = -6/11, y = -19/11

10. 5x + 2y = 3, 3x + 2y = 5.

Soln.: The given system of equations can be written in the form AX = B, where

$$A_{22} = (-1)^{2+2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ a & 2a \end{vmatrix} = a, \quad A_{23} = (-1)^{2+3} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ a & a \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$A_{31} = (-1)^{3+1} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -1, \quad A_{32} = (-1)^{3+2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0,$$

$$A_{33} = (-1)^{3+3} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

$$\therefore \text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} 4a & -2a & -a \\ -a & a & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4a & -a & -1 \\ -2a & a & 0 \\ -a & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } (\text{adj } A) \cdot B = \begin{bmatrix} 4a & -a & -1 \\ -2a & a & 0 \\ -a & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2a-4 \\ 0 \\ -a+4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \neq 0 \quad [\because a=0]$$

Hence, equations are inconsistent with no solution because if  $a=0$ , then the third system of equations is not possible.

$$5. \quad 3x - y - 2z = 2, \quad 2y - z = -1, \quad 3x - 5y = 3.$$

Soln.: The system of equations can be written in the form  $AX = B$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } |A| = 3(0-5) + 1(0+3) - 2(0-6) = -15 + 3 + 12 = 0$$

Here,  $A$  is a singular matrix, so we will compute  $(\text{adj } A)B$ .

For adj  $A$ , cofactors of elements of  $A$  are given by

$$A_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -5 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -5, \quad A_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -3,$$

$$A_{13} = (-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 3 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = -6,$$

$$A_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -5 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -(-10) = 10,$$

$$A_{22} = (-1)^{2+2} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 6,$$

$$A_{23} = (-1)^{2+3} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 3 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = -(-15+3) = 12,$$

$$A_{31} = (-1)^{3+1} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 1+4 = 5, \quad A_{32} = (-1)^{3+2} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 3,$$

$$A_{33} = (-1)^{3+3} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 6$$

$$\therefore \text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & -3 & -6 \\ 10 & 6 & 12 \\ 5 & 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 10 & 5 \\ -3 & 6 & 3 \\ -6 & 12 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } (\text{adj } A) \cdot B = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 10 & 5 \\ -3 & 6 & 3 \\ -6 & 12 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -10-10+15 \\ -6-6+9 \\ -12-12+18 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} \neq 0$$

Hence, system of equations is inconsistent with no solution.

$$6. \quad 5x - y + 4z = 5, \quad 2x + 3y + 5z = 2, \quad 5x - 2y + 6z = -1.$$

Soln.: The system of equations can be written in the form  $AX = B$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 5 & -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & -1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 5 & -2 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 5(18+10) + 1(12-25) + 4(-4-15)$$

$$= 140 - 13 - 76 = 51 \neq 0$$

Hence, equations are consistent with a unique solution.

Solve system of linear equations, using matrix method, questions 7 to 14.

$$7. \quad 5x + 2y = 4, \quad 7x + 3y = 5.$$

Soln.: The given system of equations can be written in the form  $AX = B$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 7 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 7 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 15 - 14 = 1 \neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow A$  is non-singular and so given system has a unique solution.

Cofactors of elements of  $A$  are given by

$$A_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} (3) = 3, \quad A_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} (7) = -7,$$

$$A_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} (2) = -2, \quad A_{22} = (-1)^{2+2} (5) = 5$$

$$\therefore \text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -7 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} (\text{adj } A) = \frac{1}{1} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -7 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -7 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution of given system is given by  $X = A^{-1}B$ .

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -7 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12-35 \\ -28+25 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -23 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence,  $x = 2, y = -3$

$$8. \quad 2x - y = -2, \quad 3x + 4y = 3.$$

Soln.: The given system of equations can be written in the form  $AX = B$ , where

## Exercise - 4.6

Examine the consistency of the system of equations in Exercises 1 to 6.

1.  $x + 2y = 2, 2x + 3y = 3.$

**Soln.:** The system of equations can be written in the form  $AX = B$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now,  $|A| = 3 - 4 = -1 \neq 0$

Hence, system of equations is consistent.

2.  $2x - y = 5, x + y = 4.$

**Soln.:** The system of equations can be written in the form  $AX = B$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now,  $|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2 + 1 = 3 \neq 0$

Hence, system of equations is consistent.

3.  $x + 3y = 5, 2x + 6y = 8.$

**Soln.:** The system of equations can be written in the form  $AX = B$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now,  $|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 6 - 6 = 0$

Hence,  $A$  is singular matrix. So, we calculate  $(\text{adj } A)B$ .

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

$$\text{Now, } (\text{adj } A)B = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 30 - 24 \\ -10 + 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence, equations are inconsistent with no solution.

4.  $x + y + z = 1, 2x + 3y + 2z = 2, ax + ay + 2az = 4.$

**Soln.:** The system of equations can be written in the form  $AX = B$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ a & a & 2a \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now,  $|A| = 1(6a - 2a) - 1(4a - 2a) + 1(2a - 3a) = 4a - 3a = a \neq 0$

Two conditions arise:

**I:** If  $a \neq 0$  then  $|A| \neq 0$ , hence the system of equations is consistent and has a unique solution.

**II:** If  $a = 0$ , then  $|A| = 0$ . So, we need to calculate  $\text{adj } A$ .

Cofactors of elements of  $A$  are given by

$$A_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ a & 2a \end{vmatrix} = 4a, \quad A_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ a & 2a \end{vmatrix} = -2a,$$

$$A_{13} = (-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ a & a \end{vmatrix} = -a, \quad A_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ a & 2a \end{vmatrix} = -a,$$