

16. Solve the system of the following equations

$$\frac{2}{x} + \frac{3}{y} + \frac{10}{z} = 4, \quad \frac{4}{x} - \frac{6}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = 1, \quad \frac{6}{x} + \frac{9}{y} - \frac{20}{z} = 2$$

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

$$\text{where, } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 10 \\ 4 & -6 & 5 \\ 6 & 9 & -20 \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} 1/x \\ 1/y \\ 1/z \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 10 \\ 4 & -6 & 5 \\ 6 & 9 & -20 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2(120 - 45) - 3(-80 - 30) + 10(36 + 36)$$

$$= 2(75) - 3(-110) + 10(72) = 150 + 330 + 720 = 1200 \neq 0$$

$\therefore A^{-1}$ exists.

Now, let A_{ij} be the cofactor of the element in i^{th} row and j^{th} column. The cofactors are :

$$A_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} -6 & 5 \\ 9 & -20 \end{vmatrix} = 120 - 45 = 75,$$

$$A_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 6 & -20 \end{vmatrix} = -(-80 - 30) = 110,$$

$$A_{13} = (-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -6 \\ 6 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 36 + 36 = 72,$$

$$A_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 10 \\ 9 & -20 \end{vmatrix} = -(-60 - 90) = 150,$$

$$A_{22} = (-1)^{2+2} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 10 \\ 6 & -20 \end{vmatrix} = -40 - 60 = -100,$$

$$A_{23} = (-1)^{2+3} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 6 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = -(18 - 18) = 0,$$

$$A_{31} = (-1)^{3+1} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 10 \\ -6 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 15 + 60 = 75,$$

$$A_{32} = (-1)^{3+2} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 10 \\ 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -(10 - 40) = 30,$$

$$A_{33} = (-1)^{3+3} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -6 \end{vmatrix} = -12 - 12 = -24$$

$$\therefore \text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} 75 & 110 & 72 \\ 150 & -100 & 0 \\ 75 & 30 & -24 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 75 & 150 & 75 \\ 110 & -100 & 30 \\ 72 & 0 & -24 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Hence, } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} (\text{adj } A) = \frac{1}{1200} \begin{bmatrix} 75 & 150 & 75 \\ 110 & -100 & 30 \\ 72 & 0 & -24 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{As, } AX = B \Rightarrow X = A^{-1}B$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{x} \\ \frac{1}{y} \\ \frac{1}{z} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{1200} \begin{bmatrix} 75 & 150 & 75 \\ 110 & -100 & 30 \\ 72 & 0 & -24 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1200} \begin{bmatrix} 300 + 150 + 150 \\ 440 - 100 + 60 \\ 288 + 0 - 48 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{x} \\ \frac{1}{y} \\ \frac{1}{z} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{1200} \begin{bmatrix} 600 \\ 400 \\ 240 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\text{Hence, } x = 2, y = 3, z = 5$$

Choose the correct answer in questions 17 to 19.

17. If a, b, c , are in A.P, then the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} x+2 & x+3 & x+2a \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+2b \\ x+4 & x+5 & x+2c \end{vmatrix} \text{ is}$$

- (A) 0
(C) x

- (B) 1
(D) $2x$

$$\text{Soln.: (A) : } \begin{vmatrix} x+2 & x+3 & x+2a \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+2b \\ x+4 & x+5 & x+2c \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$, we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 & 2a-2b \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+2b \\ x+4 & x+5 & x+2c \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2$, we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 & 2a-2b \\ -1 & x+4 & x+2b \\ -1 & x+5 & x+2c \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along R_1 , we get

$$1 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & x+2b \\ -1 & x+2c \end{vmatrix} + (2a-2b) \begin{vmatrix} -1 & x+4 \\ -1 & x+5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -x - 2c + x + 2b + (2a - 2b) [-x - 5 + x + 4]$$

$$= 2b - 2c + (2a - 2b) (-1)$$

$$= 2b - 2c - 2a + 2b = 2[2b - (c + a)]$$

$$= 2 \left[2 \left(\frac{a+c}{2} \right) - (c+a) \right] = 0 \quad [\text{Since } a, b, c \text{ are in A.P.}]$$

