

Answer on Question #82906 - Math - Linear Algebra

To solve an equation of the form $\mathbf{A} \vec{b} = \vec{u}$ where \mathbf{A} is a matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

\vec{b} is a vector with unknown variables $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$ and \vec{u} is $\begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

we multiply both sides of the equation (from the right side) by \mathbf{A}^{-1} (inverse of \mathbf{A})
 $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$) obtained by formula $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{A}|} \text{Adj}(\mathbf{A})$

where $|\mathbf{A}|$ is determinant of \mathbf{A}

$$|\mathbf{A}| = 2 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -10$$

$\text{Adj}(\mathbf{A})$ is adjugate of \mathbf{A} and it's obtained as follows :

Step 1 . Matrix of minors of \mathbf{A}

$$\begin{bmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -3 & 5 \\ 2 & 9 & -5 \\ 0 & 5 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 2 . Change signs (multiply position-wise !)

$$\begin{bmatrix} -4 & -3 & 5 \\ 2 & 9 & -5 \\ 0 & 5 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} +1 & -1 & +1 \\ -1 & +1 & -1 \\ +1 & -1 & +1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 3 & 5 \\ -2 & 9 & 5 \\ 0 & -5 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 3 . Transpose

$$\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 3 & 5 \\ -2 & 9 & 5 \\ 0 & -5 & -5 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -2 & 0 \\ 3 & 9 & -5 \\ 5 & 5 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{-10} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -2 & 0 \\ 3 & 9 & -5 \\ 5 & 5 & -5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0.2 & 0 \\ -0.3 & -0.9 & .5 \\ -0.5 & -0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{A} \vec{b} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \vec{u}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0.2 & 0 \\ -0.3 & -0.9 & .5 \\ -0.5 & -0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0.2 & 0 \\ -0.3 & -0.9 & .5 \\ -0.5 & -0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

by applying inverse matrix we obtain solution : $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$