

5.12.7 Matgeo

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Question

Solve the following equations for x and y :

$$(ax - by) + (a + 4b) = 0$$

$$(bx + ay) + (b - 4a) = 0$$

Solution

given two equations :

$$(ax - by) = -(a + 4b) \quad (1)$$

$$(bx + ay) = -(b - 4a) \quad (2)$$

these can be written as :

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -a - 4b \\ 4a - b \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Solution

$$\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{B} \quad (4)$$

To find X we need to multiply A^{-1} on both sides

$$X = A^{-1}B \quad (5)$$

Finding A^{-1} :

$$\begin{bmatrix} a - \lambda & -b \\ b & a - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$\lambda^2 - 2a\lambda + a^2 + b^2 = 0 \quad (7)$$

since :

$$|\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\mathbf{A}^2 - 2a\mathbf{A} + (a^2 + b^2) = 0 \quad (9)$$

Multiply both sides by A^{-1} :

$$\mathbf{A} - 2a\mathbf{I} + A^{-1}(a^2 + b^2) = 0 \quad (10)$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2}(2a\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) \quad (11)$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

from the equation 0.5 :

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -a - 4b \\ 4a - b \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} -a^2 - b^2 \\ 4a^2 + 4b^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (14)$$

Hence :

$$x = -a^2 - b^2$$

$$y = 4a^2 + 4b^2$$