

## 5.3.18

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**Question:**

Using matrix method, solve the following system of equations

$$2x - 3y + 5z = 13 \quad (0.1)$$

$$3x + 2y - 4z = -2 \quad (0.2)$$

$$x + y - 2z = -2 \quad (0.3)$$

**Solution:**

The given system of equations can be written as;

$$\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{B} \quad \text{where, } \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 13 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.4)$$

Now, since  $\mathbf{A}$  is not a singular matrix we can pre-multiply both sides with  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$

From that we get;

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B} \quad (0.5)$$

On solving for  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  we get  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 9 & -23 \\ -1 & 5 & -13 \end{pmatrix}$

Thus,

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 9 & -23 \\ -1 & 5 & -13 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 13 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.6)$$

$$\text{or, } \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.7)$$

Thus, the solution set is  $(x, y, z) = (2, 2, 3)$ .

