

Solutions of two simultaneous linear equations

Consider two simultaneous linear equations $a_1x + b_1y = c_1$, $a_2x + b_2y = c_2$. We can solve these equations using determinant method. In this method we have to evaluate three determinants Δ , Δ_1 and Δ_2 .

Δ is the determinant of coefficients of x and y .

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} = ab_2 - a_2b_1.$$

Δ_1 is the determinant, by replacing the first column of Δ by the columns of constants $\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} c_1 & b_1 \\ c_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} = c_1b_2 - c_2b_1.$$

Δ_2 is the determinant, by replacing the second column of Δ by the columns of constants.

$$\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix} = a_1c_2 - a_2c_1.$$

After finding Δ , Δ_1 and Δ_2

$$x = \frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta}, \quad y = \frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta}.$$

Q. Solve $x - 2y + 1 = 0$, $3x + 2y = 3$ using
determinant method.

Rearrange the linear equations

$$\begin{aligned}x - 2y &= -1 \\3x + 2y &= 3\end{aligned}$$

$$A = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = (1 \times 2) - (-2 \times 3) \\= 2 - (-6) = 2 + 6 = 8 \text{ //}.$$

$$A_1 = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = (-1 \times 2) - (3 \times -2) \\= (-2) - (-6) = -2 + 6 \\= 4 \text{ //}.$$

$$A_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = (1 \times 3) - (3 \times -1) \\= 3 - (-3) = 3 + 3 = 6 \text{ //}.$$

$$x = \frac{A_1}{A} = \frac{4}{8} = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$y = \frac{A_2}{A} = \frac{6}{8} = \underline{\underline{\frac{3}{4}}}.$$

Q. Solve $5x + 2y = 4$.

$$2x - y = 7$$

$$A = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (5 \times -1) - (2 \times 2) \\= -5 - 4 = -9 \text{ //}.$$

$$A_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (4 \times -1) - (2 \times 7) = -4 - 14 = \underline{\underline{-18}}$$

$$\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 2 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = (5 \times 7) - (4 \times 2) \\ = 35 - 8 \\ = 27$$

$$x = \frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta} = \frac{-18}{-9} = 2$$

$$y = \frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta} = \frac{27}{-9} = -3$$

Q. Solve $\frac{6}{x} + \frac{7}{y} = 5$, $\frac{2}{x} + \frac{5}{y} = 3$

$$\text{put } \frac{1}{x} = x, \frac{1}{y} = y$$

\therefore The equations becomes

$$6x + 7y = 5, 2x + 5y = 3$$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = (6 \times 5) - (2 \times 7) \\ = 30 - 14 = 16$$

$$\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = (5 \times 5) - (7 \times 3) \\ = 25 - 21 = 4$$

$$\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = (6 \times 3) - (2 \times 5) \\ = 18 - 10 = 8$$

$$x = \frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta} = \frac{4}{16} = \frac{1}{4}, x = \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{4}} = 4$$

$$y = \frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta} = \frac{8}{16} = \frac{1}{2}, y = \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} = 2$$

$$y = \frac{1}{\gamma} = 1/(Y_2) = 1 \times 2/1 = 2/1.$$

Determinant of order three:

The symbol $\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$ consisting of 9 elements, which are arranged in three rows and three columns is a determinant of third order. Its value is

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1 \begin{vmatrix} b_2 & c_2 \\ b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} - b_1 \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} + c_1 \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}.$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}.$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} b_2 & c_2 \\ b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & Q - \left| \begin{array}{ccc} 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 7 & 5 \\ -3 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right| = 3 \left| \begin{array}{cc} 7 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{array} \right| - 2 \left| \begin{array}{cc} 4 & 5 \\ -3 & 2 \end{array} \right| \\
 & + -1 \left| \begin{array}{cc} 4 & 7 \\ -3 & 1 \end{array} \right| \\
 & = 3((7 \times 2) - (1 \times 5)) - 2((4 \times 2) - (-3 \times 5)) \\
 & \quad - 1((4 \times 1) - (-3 \times 7)) \\
 & = 3[14 - 5] - 2[8 - -15] - 1[4 + 21] \\
 & = 3 \times 9 - 2[8 + 15] - 1[4 + 21] = \\
 & = 27 - 2 \times 23 + -1 \times 25 \\
 & = 27 - 46 - 25 \\
 & = \underline{\underline{-44}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & Q - \left| \begin{array}{ccc} 3 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & -1 & 2 \end{array} \right| = 3 \left| \begin{array}{cc} 4 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{array} \right| - 2 \left| \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 5 \\ 6 & 2 \end{array} \right| + 2 \left| \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 4 \\ 6 & -1 \end{array} \right| \\
 & = 3[(4 \times 2) - (-1 \times 5)] + 2[(1 \times 2) - (6 \times 5)] \\
 & \quad + 2[(1 \times -1) - (6 \times 4)] \\
 & = 3[8 - -5] + 2[2 - 30] + 2[-1 - 24] \\
 & = 3[8 + 5] + 2[-28] + 2[-25] \\
 & = 3 \times 13 + 2 \times -28 + 2 \times -25
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 39 - 56 - 50$$

$$= 39 - 106$$

$$= \underline{-67}$$

a Solve for x , if $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & x & 5 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & x & 5 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$2 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - 3 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 5 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & x \\ 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$2[(2x2) - (-1 \times 5)] - 3[(2 \times 2) - (3 \times 5)]$$

$$+ 5[(2 \times -1) - (3 \times 2)] = 0$$

$$2[2x - 5] - 3[4 - 15] + 5[-2 - 3x] = 0$$

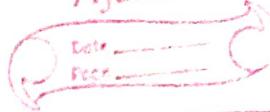
$$8x + 10 + 33 + 5x - 2 - 5x - 3x = 0$$

$$4x + 10 + 33 - 10 - 15x = 0$$

$$-11x + 33 = 0$$

$$-11x = -33$$

$$x = \frac{-33}{-11} = 3\frac{1}{11}$$



$$\text{Q. If } \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & x \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & x \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \text{ find } x.$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & x \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$+ x \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2 [(-1 \times 6) - (1 \times 2)] - 1 [(3 \times 6) - (1 \times 2)] + x [(3 \times 1) - (1 \times -1)]$$

$$= 2 [-6 - 2] - 1 [18 - 2] + x [3 + 1]$$

$$= 2x - 8 - 1 \times 16 + 4x$$

$$= -16 - 16 + 4x = 4x - 32$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4 & x \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 4 \times 2 - 3 \times x = 8 - 3x$$

$$4x - 32 = 8 - 3x$$

$$4x + 3x = 8 + 32 = 40$$

$$7x = 40$$

$$x = 40/7$$

Solutions of a system of three linear equations in three unknowns.

& solve the following system of equations by cramer's rule $x+2y-z = -3$, $3x+y+2z = 4$ and $x-y+2z = 6$.

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1(2+1) - 2(6-1) - 1(-8-1) \\ = 1(2+1) - 2(5) - 1(-4) \\ = 3 - 10 + 4 = -3/1$$

$$\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 6 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -3(2+1) - 2(8-6) - 1(-4-6) \\ = -3 \times 3 - 2 \times 2 - 1 \times -10 \\ = -9 - 4 + 10 = -3/1$$

$$\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 6 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 1(8-6) + 3(6-1) - 1(18-1) \\ = 1 \times 2 + 3 \times 5 - 14 \\ = 2 + 15 - 14 = 3/1$$

$$\Delta_3 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & -3 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 1(6+4) - 2(18-4) - 3(-3-1) \\ = 10 - 2 \times 14 - 3 \times -4 \\ = 10 - 28 + 12 = -6/1$$



$$x = \frac{A_1}{\Delta} = \frac{-3/-3}{-1} = 1$$

$$y = \frac{A_2}{\Delta} = \frac{3/-3}{-1} = -1$$

$$z = \frac{A_3}{\Delta} = \frac{-6/-3}{-1} = 2$$

Q. Solve $a-3b+c=-1$, $a+4b+dc=3$, $4a-b+3c=11$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & -2 \\ 4 & -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 2(12-2) + 3(-3+8) + 1(-1-16)$$

$$= 2 \times 10 + 3 \times 11 + 1 \times -17$$

$$= 20 + 33 - 17$$

$$\therefore 53 - 17 = \underline{\underline{36}}$$

$$A_1 = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & -2 \\ 11 & -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = -1(12-2) + 3(9+22) + 1(-3-44)$$

$$= -1 \times 10 + 3 \times 31 + 1 \times -47$$

$$= -10 + 93 - 47 = -57 + 93$$

$$= \underline{\underline{36}}$$

$$A_{22} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 4 & 11 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 2(9+22) + 1(3+8) + 1(11-12)$$

$$= 2 \times 31 + 11 - 1$$

$$= 62 + 10 = \underline{\underline{72}}$$

$$\Delta_3 \left| \begin{array}{ccc} 2 & -3 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 & 11 \end{array} \right| = 2(44+3) + 3(11-13) - 1(-1-16)$$

$$= 2 \times 47 + 3 \times -1 + -1 \times -17$$

$$= 94 - 3 + 17$$

$$= 111 - 3 = 108$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta} = \frac{36}{86} = 1$$

$$b = \frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta} = \frac{73}{86} = 2$$

$$c = \frac{\Delta_3}{\Delta} = \frac{108}{86} = 3$$

$\therefore a = 1, b = 2$ and $c = 3$

Minors and Cofactors -

Minor of an element in a matrix is the determinant obtained by deleting the row and column on which that element exists.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{aligned} \text{(1) Minor of } a_{11} &= \left| \begin{array}{cc} b_2 & c_2 \\ b_3 & c_3 \end{array} \right| \\ \text{(2) minor of } b_{11} &= \left| \begin{array}{cc} a_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & c_3 \end{array} \right| . \end{aligned}$$

$$c_1 = \left| \begin{array}{cc} a_2 & b_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 \end{array} \right| \text{ and so on.}$$

Algebra

Cofactor of an element in a matrix
is the minor with proper sign.
Sign of an element in i th row and j th column
is $(-1)^{i+j}$.

$$\text{minor of } a_{11} = \begin{vmatrix} b_2 & c_1 \\ b_3 & c_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{Cofactor of } a_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} b_2 & c_1 \\ b_3 & c_2 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^2 \begin{vmatrix} b_2 & c_1 \\ b_3 & c_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$\leftarrow 1^{\text{st}} \text{ row} \quad \leftarrow 1^{\text{st}} \text{ column}$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} b_2 & c_1 \\ b_3 & c_2 \end{vmatrix} = b_2 c_3 - b_3 c_2.$$

$$\text{minor of } b_{11} = \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{Cofactor of } b_{11} = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$\leftarrow 1^{\text{st}} \text{ row} \quad \leftarrow 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ column}$

$$= (-1)^3 \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -1 [a_2 c_3 - a_3 c_2]$$

$$= -a_2 c_3 + a_3 c_2$$

and so on.

\therefore minor of 2 in $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ is 5

$$\text{Cofactor of } 2 = (-1)^{1+1} (5) = (-1)^2 \cdot 5$$

$\leftarrow 1^{\text{st}} \text{ row} \quad \leftarrow 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ column}$

$$= 1 \times 5 = 5 //$$

$$\text{Q2. minor of 3 in } \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & | & a_1 & | & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & | & a_2 & | & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 & -3 & | & a_3 & | & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (0 \times -3) - (1 \times 5)$$

$$= 0 - 5 = -5 //$$

$$\text{Cofactor of } 3_{(1,2)} = (-1)^{1+2} (-5)$$

$$= (-1)^3 (-5) = (-1) \times (-5) \\ = 5//.$$

$$\text{Q3. minor of } 4 \text{ in } \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c|cc} 0 & 1 & 8 & \dots & 0 & 8 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 & \dots & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & \dots & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$= (0 \times 2) - (1 \times 8) \\ = 0 - 8 = -8//.$$

$$\text{Cofactor of } 4_{(2,1)} = (-1)^{2+1} (-8) \\ = (-1)^4 (-8) = 1 \times -8 \\ = -8//$$

$$\text{Q4 minor of } 1 \text{ in } \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c|cc} 2 & 2 & 3 & \dots & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 & \dots & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] = 12 - 15 \\ = -3$$

$$\text{Cofactor of } 1_{(3,1)} = (-1)^{3+1} (-3) \\ = (-1)^4 (-3) = -3//$$

Cofactor matrix

The matrix obtained by taking the cofactors of each element in a matrix is known as cofactor matrix.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Cofactor of } 2 = C_{11} \\ = (-1)^2 (4) = 4.$$

$$\text{Cofactor of } 3 = C_{12} = (-1)^3 (-1) = (-1) \times (-1) = 1$$

$$\text{Cofactor of } (-1) = C_{21} = (-1)^3 (-3) = -3//$$

$$\text{Cofactor of } 4 = C_{22} = (-1)^4 (2) = 1 \times 2 = 2//$$