



CHAPTER II

Vectors, Matrices and Determinants

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Definition 1

A **vector** in the plane is a directed line segment. The directed line segment \overrightarrow{AB} has initial point A and terminal point B ; its length is denoted by $\|\overrightarrow{AB}\|$. Two vectors are equal if they have the same length and direction.

Definition 2

If \vec{v} is a two-dimensional vector in the plane equal to the vector with initial point at the origin and terminal point (v_1, v_2) then the component form of \vec{v} is

$$\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2)$$

If \vec{v} is a three-dimensional vector equal to the vector with initial point at the origin and terminal point (v_1, v_2, v_3) then the component form of \vec{v} is

$$\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3).$$

The coordinates v_1, v_2 and v_3 are called the **components** of \vec{v} .

Definition 3

Let $\vec{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ and $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$ be vectors in space and c a scalar.

- ① $\vec{u} = \vec{v}$ if and only if $u_1 = v_1, u_2 = v_2$ and $u_3 = v_3$.
- ② If \vec{v} is represented by the directed line segment from $P(p_1, p_2, p_3)$ to $Q(q_1, q_2, q_3)$ then

$$\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3) = (q_1 - p_1, q_2 - p_2, q_3 - p_3)$$

- ③ $\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2}$

- ④ Unit vector in the direction of \vec{v} is $\frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{1}{\|\vec{v}\|}(v_1, v_2, v_3), \vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$.

Example 1

Find the component form and magnitude of the vector \vec{v} having initial point $(-2, 3, 1)$ and terminal point $(0, -4, 4)$. Then find a unit vector in the direction of \vec{v} .

Definition 4

Let $\vec{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ and $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$ be vectors and c a scalar.

- ① $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, u_3 + v_3)$
- ② $c\vec{u} = (cu_1, cu_2, cu_3)$
- ③ $-\vec{u} = (-1)\vec{u} = (-u_1, -u_2, -u_3)$
- ④ $\vec{u} - \vec{v} = \vec{u} + (-\vec{v}) = (u_1 - v_1, u_2 - v_2, u_3 - v_3)$

Theorem 1

Let $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}$ be vectors and c, d be scalars.

- ① $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u}$
- ② $(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + \vec{w} = \vec{u} + (\vec{v} + \vec{w})$
- ③ $\vec{u} + \vec{0} = \vec{u}$
- ④ $\vec{u} + (-\vec{u}) = \vec{0}$
- ⑤ $c(d\vec{u}) = (cd)\vec{u}$
- ⑥ $(c + d)\vec{u} = c\vec{u} + d\vec{u}$
- ⑦ $c(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = c\vec{u} + c\vec{v}$
- ⑧ $1(\vec{u}) = \vec{u}, 0(\vec{u}) = \vec{0}$

Theorem 2

Let \vec{u} be a vector and c be a scalar. Then

$$\|c\vec{u}\| = |c|\|\vec{u}\|$$

Theorem 3

Let \vec{v} be a nonzero vector, then the vector

$$\vec{u} = \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|}$$

has length 1 and the same direction as \vec{v} . This vector \vec{u} is called a **unit vector in the direction of \vec{v}** .

Definition 5

Two nonzero vectors \vec{u} and \vec{v} are parallel when there is some scalar c such that

$$\vec{u} = c\vec{v}$$

Example 2

Vector \vec{w} has initial point $(2, -1, 3)$ and terminal point $(-4, 7, 5)$. Which of the following vectors is parallel to \vec{w} ?

- (a) $\vec{u} = (3, -4, -1)$
- (b) $\vec{v} = (12, -16, 4)$

Example 3

Determine whether the points $P(1, -2, 3)$, $Q(2, 1, 0)$ and $R(4, 7, -6)$ are collinear.

Example 4

- (a) Write the vector $\vec{v} = 4\vec{i} - 5\vec{k}$ in component form.
- (b) Find the terminal point of the vector $\vec{v} = 7\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$, given that the initial point is $P(-2, 3, 5)$.
- (c) Find the magnitude of the vector $\vec{v} = (-6, 2, -3)$. Then find a unit vector in the direction of \vec{v} .

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Definition 6

The **dot product** of two vectors $\vec{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ and $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$ is

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + u_3v_3$$

Theorem 4

Let \vec{u} and \vec{v} be vectors in the plane or in space and let c be a scalar.

- ① $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u}$
- ② $\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}$
- ③ $c(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}) = c\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{u} \cdot c\vec{v}$
- ④ $\vec{0} \cdot \vec{u} = 0$
- ⑤ $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = \|\vec{u}\|^2$

Theorem 5

If θ is the angle between two nonzero vectors \vec{u} and \vec{v} where $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$, then

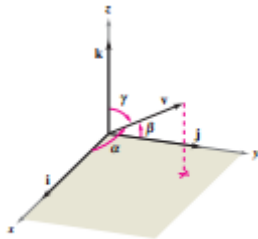
$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\|}$$

Example 5

Given that $\|\vec{u}\| = 10$ and $\|\vec{v}\| = 7$, and the angle between \vec{u} and \vec{v} is $\pi/4$, find $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}$.

Definition 7

The vectors \vec{u} and \vec{v} are orthogonal if and only if $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$.



Direction angles
Figure 11.26

Definition 8

The angles α, β and γ are the **direction angles** of \vec{v} , and $\cos \alpha, \cos \beta$ and $\cos \gamma$ are the **direction cosines** of \vec{v} .

Example 6

Find the direction cosines and angles for the vector $\vec{u} = 2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$ and show that $\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma = 1$.

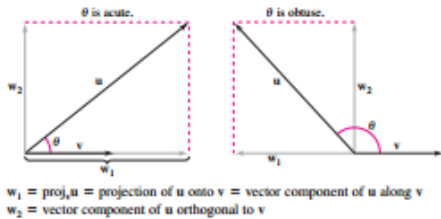
Definition 9

Let \vec{u} and \vec{v} be nonzero vectors. Moreover, let

$$\vec{u} = \vec{w}_1 + \vec{w}_2$$

where \vec{w}_1 is parallel to \vec{v} and \vec{w}_2 is orthogonal to \vec{v} .

- 1 \vec{w}_1 is called **projection of \vec{u} onto \vec{v}** and is denoted by $\vec{w}_1 = \text{proj}_{\vec{v}} \vec{u}$.
- 2 $\vec{w}_2 = \vec{u} - \vec{w}_1$ is called the **vector component of \vec{u} orthogonal to \vec{v}** .



Example 7

Find the vector component of $\vec{u} = (5, 10)$ that is orthogonal to $\vec{v} = (4, 3)$ given that $\vec{w}_1 = \text{proj}_{\vec{v}} \vec{u} = (8, 6)$ and $\vec{u} = (5, 10) = \vec{w}_1 + \vec{w}_2$.

Theorem 6

If \vec{u} and \vec{v} are nonzero vectors, then the projection of \vec{u} onto \vec{v} is

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{v}} \vec{u} = \left(\frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|^2} \right) \vec{v}.$$

Example 8

Find the projection of \vec{u} onto \vec{v} and the vector component of \vec{u} orthogonal to \vec{v} for

$$\vec{u} = 3\vec{i} - 5\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}, \quad \vec{v} = 7\vec{i} + \vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$$

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Definition 10

Let $\vec{u} = u_1\vec{i} + u_2\vec{j} + u_3\vec{k}$ and $\vec{v} = v_1\vec{i} + v_2\vec{j} + v_3\vec{k}$ be vectors in space. The **cross product** of \vec{u} and \vec{v} is the vector

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix}.$$

Theorem 7

Let \vec{u}, \vec{v} and \vec{w} be vectors in space, and let c be a scalar.

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| ① $\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = -(\vec{v} \times \vec{u})$ | ④ $\vec{u} \times \vec{0} = \vec{0} \times \vec{u} = \vec{0}$ |
| ② $\vec{u} \times (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) + (\vec{u} \times \vec{w})$ | ⑤ $\vec{u} \times \vec{u} = \vec{0}$ |
| ③ $c(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) = (c\vec{u}) \times \vec{v} = \vec{u} \times (c\vec{v})$ | ⑥ $\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) = (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w}$ |

Example 9

For $\vec{u} = \vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + \vec{k}$ and $\vec{v} = 3\vec{i} + \vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$, find each of the following.

(a) $\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$

(b) $\vec{v} \times \vec{u}$

(c) $\vec{v} \times \vec{v}$.

Theorem 8

Let \vec{u} and \vec{v} be nonzero vectors in space, and let θ be the angle between \vec{u} and \vec{v} .

- ① $\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$ is orthogonal to both \vec{u} and \vec{v} .
- ② $\|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}\| = \|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\| \sin \theta$
- ③ $\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \vec{0}$ if and only if \vec{u} and \vec{v} are scalar multiples of each other.
- ④ $\|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}\| = \text{area of parallelogram having } \vec{u} \text{ and } \vec{v} \text{ as adjacent sides.}$

Example 10

Find a unit vector that is orthogonal to both $\vec{u} = \vec{i} - 4\vec{j} + \vec{k}$ and $\vec{v} = 2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j}$.

Example 11

The vertices of a quadrilateral are listed below. Show that the quadrilateral is a parallelogram, and find its area.

$$A = (5, 2, 0), B = (2, 6, 1), C = (2, 4, 7), D = (5, 0, 6)$$

Theorem 9

For $\vec{u} = u_1\vec{i} + u_2\vec{j} + u_3\vec{k}$, $\vec{v} = v_1\vec{i} + v_2\vec{j} + v_3\vec{k}$, and $\vec{w} = w_1\vec{i} + w_2\vec{j} + w_3\vec{k}$, the triple scalar product is

$$\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) = \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

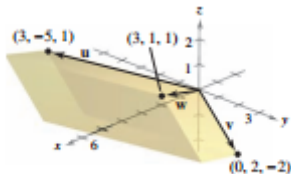
Theorem 10

The volume V of a parallelepiped with vectors \vec{u} , \vec{v} and \vec{w} as adjacent edges is

$$V = |\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})|.$$

Example 12

Find the volume of the parallelepiped shown in Figure having $\vec{u} = (3, -5, 1)$, $\vec{v} = (0, 2, -2)$ and $\vec{w} = (3, 1, 1)$.



The parallelepiped has a volume of 36.

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Theorem 11

A line L parallel to the vector $\vec{v}(a, b, c)$ and passing through the point $P(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ is represented by the parametric equations

$$x = x_0 + at, y = y_0 + bt, z = z_0 + ct$$

The vector \vec{v} is called a **direction vector** for the line L , and a, b, c are **direction numbers**. If the direction numbers a, b, c are all nonzero, then you can eliminate the parameter to obtain **symmetric equations** of the line.

$$\frac{x - x_0}{a} = \frac{y - y_0}{b} = \frac{z - z_0}{c}.$$

Example 13

Find parametric and symmetric equations of the line L that passes through the point $(1, -2, 4)$ and is parallel to $\vec{v} = (2, 4, -4)$.

Example 14

Find a set of parametric equations of the line that passes through the points $(-2, 1, 0)$ and $(1, 3, 5)$.

Theorem 12

The plane containing the point $M(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ and having normal vector $\vec{n}(a, b, c)$ can be represented by the **standard form** of the equation of a plane

$$a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0).$$

By regrouping terms, we obtain the **general form** of the equation of a plane in space

$$ax + by + cz + d = 0.$$

Example 15

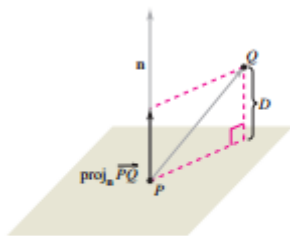
Find the general equation of the plane containing the points $(2, 1, 1)$, $(0, 4, 1)$ and $(-2, 1, 4)$.

Theorem 13

The distance between a plane and a point Q (not in the plane) is

$$D = \|\text{proj}_{\vec{n}} \overrightarrow{PQ}\| = \frac{|\overrightarrow{PQ} \cdot \vec{n}|}{\|\vec{n}\|}$$

where P is a point in the plane and \vec{n} is normal to the plane.



$$D = \|\text{proj}_{\vec{n}} \overrightarrow{PQ}\|$$

The distance between a point and a plane

Example 16

Find the distance between the point $Q(1, 5, -4)$ and the plane $3x - y + 2z = 6$.

Example 17

Show that the distance between the point $Q(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ and the plane $ax + by + cz + d = 0$ is

$$D = \frac{|ax_0 + by_0 + cz_0 + d|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}.$$

Example 18

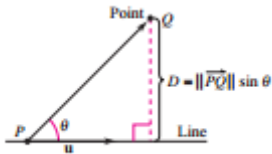
Find the distance between two parallel planes $3x - y + 2z - 6 = 0$ and $6x - 2y + 4z + 4 = 0$.

Theorem 14

The distance between a point Q and a line in space is

$$D = \frac{\|\overrightarrow{PQ} \times \vec{u}\|}{\|\vec{u}\|}$$

where \vec{u} is a direction vector for the line and P is a point on the line.



The distance between a point and a line

Example 19

Find the distance between the point $Q(3, -1, 4)$ and the line $x = -2 + 3t, y = -2t, z = 1 + 4t$.

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Definition 11

Let m and n are positive integers. An $m \times n$ (read “ m by n ”) matrix is a rectangular array of numbers or functions arranged in m horizontal rows and n vertical columns. Matrices are usually denoted by upper case letters, such as A and B . The entries in the matrix are called the elements of the matrix.

Example 1

The following are examples of a 3×3 and a 4×2 matrix, respectively:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \\ -3 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Definition 12

Two $m \times n$ matrices $A = (a_{ij})$ and $B = (b_{ij})$ are equal if $a_{ij} = b_{ij}$ for each i and j with $1 \leq i \leq m$ and $1 \leq j \leq n$.

Definition 13

A $1 \times n$ matrix is called a row n -vector. An $n \times 1$ matrix is called a column n -vector. The elements of a row or column n -vector are called the components of the vector.

Example 2

The matrix $u = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ is a row 3-vector and the matrix $v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ is a column 4-vector.

Definition 14

If we interchange the row vectors and column vectors in an $m \times n$ matrix A , we obtain an $n \times m$ matrix called the **transpose of A** . We denote this matrix by A^T . In index notation, the (i, j) -th element of A^T , denoted a_{ij}^T , is given by

$$a_{ij}^T = a_{ji}.$$

Example 3

If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ then $A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ and

$$B^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Definition 15

- An $n \times n$ matrix is called a **square matrix** if it has the same number of rows as columns. If A is a square matrix, then the elements $a_{ii}, 1 \leq i \leq n$, make up the **main diagonal**, or **leading diagonal**, of the matrix.
- The sum of the main diagonal elements of an $n \times n$ matrix A is called the **trace** of A and is denoted $tr(A)$. Thus,

$$tr(A) = a_{11} + a_{22} + \dots + a_{nn}.$$

- An $n \times n$ matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$ is said to be **lower triangular** if $a_{ij} = 0$ whenever $i < j$ (zeros everywhere above (i.e., “northeast of”) the main diagonal), and it is said to be **upper triangular** if $a_{ij} = 0$ whenever $i > j$ (zeros everywhere below (i.e., “southwest of”) the main diagonal). An $n \times n$ matrix $D = [d_{ij}]$ is said to be a **diagonal matrix** if $d_{ij} = 0$ whenever $i \neq j$ (zeros everywhere off the main diagonal).

Example 4

The matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ are upper triangular

and lower triangular matrix, respectively. The matrix $D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ is a diagonal matrix.

Remark 1

Note that we write $D = \text{diag}(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$, where d_i denotes the diagonal element d_{ii} .

Definition 16

- A square matrix A satisfying $A^T = A$ is called a **symmetric matrix**.
- If $A = [a_{ij}]$, then we let $-A$ denote the matrix with elements $-a_{ij}$. A square matrix A satisfying $A^T = -A$, is called a **skew-symmetric** (or anti-symmetric) matrix.

Remark 2

if A is a skew-symmetric matrix, then $a_{ij} = -a_{ji}$, which implies that when $i = j$, $a_{ii} = -a_{ii}$, so that $a_{ii} = 0$.

Example 5

The matrices $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 0 & 4 \\ -3 & -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ are symmetric and skew-symmetric, respectively.

Definition 17

An $n \times n$ nonsingular matrix A is orthogonal if $A^T = A^{-1}$. In other words, A is orthogonal if $A^T A = I$.

Remark 3

An $n \times n$ matrix A is orthogonal if and only if its columns X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n form an orthonormal set.

Example 20

The matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1/4 & -2/3 & 2/3 \\ 2/3 & 2/3 & 1/3 \\ -2/3 & 1/3 & 2/3 \end{pmatrix}$ is orthogonal.

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Definition 18

If A and B are both $m \times n$ matrices, then we define addition (or the sum) of A and B , denoted by $A + B$, to be the $m \times n$ matrix whose elements are obtained by adding corresponding elements of A and B . In index notation, if $A = [a_{ij}]$ and $B = [b_{ij}]$, then $A + B = [a_{ij} + b_{ij}]$.

Theorem 15 (Properties of Matrix Addition)

If A and B are both $m \times n$ matrices, then

- ① $A + B = B + A$
- ② $A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C$.

Example 6

If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$, then $A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 6 \\ 6 & 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$.

Definition 19

If A is an $m \times n$ matrix and λ is a scalar, then we let λA denote the matrix obtained by multiplying every element of A by λ . This procedure is called **scalar multiplication**. In index notation, if $A = [a_{ij}]$, then $\lambda A = [\lambda a_{ij}]$.

Theorem 16 (Properties of Scalar Multiplication)

For any scalars s and t , and for any matrices A and B of the same size

- ① $1A = A$
- ② $s(A + B) = sA + sB$
- ③ $(s + t)A = sA + tA$
- ④ $s(tA) = (st)A = (ts)A = t(sA)$

Definition 20

If A and B are both $m \times n$ matrices, then we define subtraction of these two matrices by

$$A - B = A + (-1)B$$

. In index notation $A - B = [a_{ij} - b_{ij}]$. That is, we subtract corresponding elements.

Definition 21

The $m \times n$ zero matrix, denoted $0_{m \times n}$ (or simply 0 , if the dimensions are clear), is the $m \times n$ matrix whose elements are all zeros. In the case of the $n \times n$ zero matrix, we may write 0_n .

Theorem 17 (Properties of the Zero Matrix)

For all matrices A and the zero matrix of the same size, we have

$$A + 0 = A, \quad A - A = 0, \quad 0A = 0.$$

Definition 22

If $A = [a_{ij}]$ is an $m \times n$ matrix, $B = [b_{ij}]$ is an $n \times p$ matrix, and $C = AB$, then

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}b_{kj}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m, \quad 1 \leq j \leq p.$$

This is called the index form of the matrix product.

Theorem 18

If A, B , and C have appropriate dimensions for the operations to be performed, then

- ① $A(BC) = (AB)C$
- ② $A(B + C) = AB + AC$
- ③ $(A + B)C = AC + BC$

Example 7

If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$, find AB and BA .

Definition 23

The **identity matrix**, I_n (or just I if the dimensions are obvious), is the $n \times n$ matrix with ones on the main diagonal and zeros elsewhere.

Theorem 19 (Properties of the Identity Matrix)

- ① $A_{m \times n} I_n = A_{m \times n}$
- ② $I_m A_{m \times p} = A_{m \times p}$.

Theorem 20 (Properties of the Transpose)

Let A and C be $m \times n$ matrices, and let B be an $n \times p$ matrix. Then

- ① $(A^T)^T = A$
- ② $(A + C)^T = A^T + C^T$
- ③ $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$.

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Definition 24

An $m \times n$ matrix is called a row-echelon matrix if it satisfies the following three conditions:

- 1 If there are any rows consisting entirely of zeros, they are grouped together at the bottom of the matrix.
- 2 The first nonzero element in any nonzero row is a 1 (called a **leading 1**).
- 3 The leading 1 of any row below the first row is to the right of the leading 1 of the row above it.

Example 8

Examples of row-echelon matrices are

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -8 & -3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & -6 & 5 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Definition 25

The following notation will be used to describe elementary row operations performed on a matrix A .

- ① $R_i \leftrightarrow R_j$: Permute the i th and j th rows of A .
- ② $R_i \rightarrow kR_i$: Multiply every element of the i th row of A by a nonzero scalar k .
- ③ $R_i \rightarrow R_i + kR_j$:Add to the elements of the i th row of A the scalar k times the corresponding elements of the j th row of A .

Definition 26

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. Any matrix B obtained from A by a finite sequence of elementary row operations is said to be **row-equivalent** to A and we write $A \sim B$.

Theorem 21

Every matrix is row-equivalent to a row-echelon matrix.

When a matrix A has been reduced to a row-echelon matrix, we say that it has been reduced to **row-echelon form** and refer to the resulting matrix as a row-echelon form of A .

Algorithm for Reducing an $m \times n$ Matrix A to Row-Echelon Form

- 1 Start with an $m \times n$ matrix A . If $A = 0$, go to (7).
- 2 Determine the leftmost nonzero column (this is called a **pivot column** and the topmost position in this column is called a **pivot position**).
- 3 Use elementary row operations to put a 1 in the pivot position.
- 4 Use elementary row operations to put zeros below the pivot position.
- 5 If there are no more nonzero rows below the pivot position go to (7), otherwise go to (6).
- 6 Apply (2)–(5) to the submatrix consisting of the rows that lie below the pivot position.
- 7 The matrix is a row-echelon matrix.

Example 9

Use elementary row operations to reduce the following matrices to row-echelon form.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ -4 & 6 & -7 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & -5 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Ans: } A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -6 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem 22

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. All row-echelon matrices that are row-equivalent to A have the same number of nonzero rows.

Definition 27

The number of nonzero rows in any row-echelon form of a matrix A is called the **rank of A** and is denoted $\text{rank}(A)$.

Example 10

Determine $\text{rank}(A)$ if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 7 & -1 & 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Ans: $\text{rank}(A)=2$

Definition 28

An $m \times n$ matrix is called a **reduced row-echelon matrix** if it satisfies the following conditions:

- 1 It is a row-echelon matrix.
- 2 Any column that contains a leading 1 has zeros everywhere else.

Example 11

The following are examples of reduced row-echelon matrices:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem 23

An $m \times n$ matrix is row-equivalent to a unique reduced row-echelon matrix.

Example 12

Determine the reduced row-echelon form of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & -1 & 17 \\ 2 & 2 & -4 & 8 \\ -1 & 4 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Ans: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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Definition 29

An equation of the form

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = b_n,$$

where a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n , and b_n are real numbers, is a **linear equation** in the n variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n .

Definition 30

A system of m linear equations in n variables, or unknowns, denoted by (S) has the general form

$$\begin{aligned}a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n &= b_1 \\a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n &= b_2 \\&\vdots \\a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n &= b_m\end{aligned}$$

where the system coefficients a_{ij} and the system constants b_j are given scalars and x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n denote the unknowns in the system. If $b_i = 0$ for all i , then the system is called **homogeneous**; otherwise it is called **nonhomogeneous**.

Definition 31

A solution of a linear system (S) is a set of n numbers x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n that satisfies each equation in the system.

Definition 32

A system of linear equations that has at least one solution is said to be **consistent**, whereas a system that has no solution is called **inconsistent**.

Remark 4

If we let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and } b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

then the linear system (S) can be written in vector equation $AX = b$, where A is the matrix of coefficients.

$$(A|b) = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{array} \right]$$

is called **augmented matrix**.

Gaussian Elimination with Back-Substitution

- 1 Write the augmented matrix of the system of linear equations.
- 2 Use elementary row operations to reduce the augmented matrix in row-echelon form.
- 3 Write the system of linear equations corresponding to the matrix in row-echelon form, and use back-substitution to find the solution.

Theorem 24

Consider the $m \times n$ linear system $Ax = b$. Let r denote the rank of A , and let r^* denote the rank of the augmented matrix of the system.

Then

- 1 if $r < r^*$, the system is inconsistent.
- 2 If $r = r^*$, the system is consistent and
 - (a) There exists a unique solution if and only if $r^* = n$.
 - (b) There exists an infinite number of solutions if and only if $r^* < n$.

Corollary 9.1

The homogeneous linear system $Ax = 0$ is consistent for any coefficient matrix A , with a solution given by $x = 0$.

Corollary 9.2

A homogeneous system of linear equations in n unknowns, with $m < n$, has an infinite number of solutions.

Example 13

Use Gaussian elimination to determine the solution set to the given system.

$$(a) \begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 2 \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 = 3 \\ x_1 - x_2 - 2x_3 = -6 \end{cases} \quad (b) \begin{cases} 4x_1 + 8x_2 - 12x_3 = 44 \\ 3x_1 + 6x_2 - 8x_3 = 32 \\ -2x_1 - x_2 = -7 \end{cases}$$

Example 14

Determine all values of the constant k for which the following system has (a) no solution, (b) an infinite number of solutions, and (c) a unique solution.

$$(a) \begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 3 \\ 2x_1 + 5x_2 + x_3 = 7 \\ x_1 + x_2 - k^2x_3 = -k. \end{cases}$$

$$(b) \begin{cases} 2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - x_4 = 0 \\ 4x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ 3x_1 - x_2 + x_3 + kx_4 = 0. \end{cases}$$

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Definition 33

An $n \times n$ matrix A is **invertible** (or **nonsingular**) when there exists an $n \times n$ matrix B such that

$$AB = BA = I_n$$

where I_n is the identity matrix of order n . The matrix B is the (multiplicative) inverse of A . A matrix that does not have an inverse is **noninvertible** (or **singular**).

Theorem 25 (Uniqueness of an Inverse Matrix)

If A is an invertible matrix, then its inverse is **unique**. The inverse of A is denoted by A^{-1} .

Example 15

Show that B is the inverse of A , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -3 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Finding the Inverse of a Matrix by Gauss-Jordan Elimination

Let A be a square matrix of order n .

- 1 Write the $n \times 2n$ matrix that consists of A on the left and the $n \times n$ identity matrix I on the right to obtain $[A|I]$. This process is called **adjoining** matrix I to matrix A .
- 2 If possible, row reduce A to I using elementary row operations on the entire matrix $[A|I]$. The result will be the matrix $[I|A^{-1}]$. If this is not possible, then A is noninvertible (or singular).
- 3 Check your work by multiplying to see that $AA^{-1} = I = A^{-1}A$.

Example 16

Find the inverse of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -6 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

Example 17

Show that the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ has no inverse.

Theorem 26 (Properties of Inverse Matrices)

If A is an invertible matrix, k is a positive integer, and c is a nonzero scalar, then A^{-1} , A^k , cA , and A^T are invertible and the statements below are true.

$$\begin{array}{ll} 1. (A^{-1})^{-1} = A & 2. (A^k)^{-1} = A^{-1} \dots A^{-1} = (A^{-1})^k \\ 3. (cA)^{-1} = \frac{1}{c} A^{-1} & 4. (A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T. \end{array}$$

Theorem 27 (The Inverse of a Product)

If A and B are invertible matrices of order n , then AB is invertible and

$$(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}.$$

Corollary 10.1

Let A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k be invertible $n \times n$ matrices. Then $A_1 A_2 \dots A_k$ is invertible, and

$$(A_1 A_2 \dots A_k)^{-1} = A_k^{-1} A_{k-1}^{-1} \dots A_1^{-1}.$$

Theorem 28 (Cancellation Properties)

If C is an invertible matrix, then the properties below are true.

- 1 If $AC = BC$, then $A = B$ (Right cancellation property)
- 2 If $CA = CB$, then $A = B$ (Left cancellation property)

Theorem 29 (Invertible Matrix Theorem)

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. The following conditions on A are equivalent:

- (a) A is invertible.
- (b) The equation $Ax = b$ has a unique solution is $x = A^{-1}b$ for every b in \mathbb{R}^n .
- (c) The equation $Ax = 0$ has only the trivial solution $x = 0$.
- (d) $\text{rank}(A) = n$.
- (e) A can be expressed as a product of elementary matrices.
- (f) A is row-equivalent to I_n .

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Definition 34

Let A be a square matrix of order n and k be a positive integer. We define

$$A^0 = I_n, A^1 = A, A^2 = A.A, A^3 = A^2.A, \dots, A^k = A^{k-1}.A.$$

Definition 35

Let $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_kx^k$ be a polynomial of degree k and A be a square matrix of order n . Then

$$p(A) = a_0I_n + a_1A + a_2A^2 + \dots + a_kA^k.$$

Example 18

Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$. Compute A^n and B^n for $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Example 19

Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2$.

- (a) Find the rest of the division of x^n by $x^2 - 3x + 2$.
- (b) Compute A^n in term of A, I and n .

Example 20

Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

- (a) Compute $A^2 - 3A + 2I_3$.
- (b) Deduce that A is invertible and find A^{-1} .

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Definition 36

Suppose A is an $n \times n$ matrix. Associated with A is a number called the **determinant** of A and is denoted by $\det A$. Symbolically, we distinguish a matrix A from the determinant of A by replacing the parentheses by vertical bars:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \det A = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix}$$

Definition 37 (Determinant of a 2×2 Matrix)

The determinant of $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ is the number

$$\det A = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}.$$

Definition 38 (Determinant of a 3×3 Matrix)

The determinant of $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$ is the number

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} \\ &\quad - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31} - a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} - a_{12}a_{21}a_{33}. \end{aligned}$$

Example 21

Evaluate the determinant of $A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 5 & 0 \\ -1 & 8 & -7 \\ -2 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

Definition 39 (Minors and Cofactors of a Square Matrix)

If A is a square matrix, then the **minor** M_{ij} of the entry a_{ij} is the determinant of the matrix obtained by deleting the i th row and j th column of A . The **cofactor** C_{ij} of the entry a_{ij} is $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$.

Example 22

Find all the minors and cofactors of $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Theorem 30 (Cofactor Expansion of a Determinant)

Let $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$ be an $n \times n$ matrix. For each $1 \leq i \leq n$, the cofactor expansion of $\det A$ along the i th row is

$$|A| = a_{i1}C_{i1} + a_{i2}C_{i2} + \dots + a_{in}C_{in}.$$

For each $1 \leq j \leq n$, the cofactor expansion of $\det A$ along the j th column is

$$|A| = a_{1j}C_{1j} + a_{2j}C_{2j} + \dots + a_{nj}C_{nj}.$$

Example 23

Evaluate the determinant of the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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Theorem 31 (Determinant of a Transpose)

If A^T is the transpose of the $n \times n$ matrix A , then $|A^t| = |A|$.

Theorem 32 (Two Identical Rows)

If any two rows (columns) of an $n \times n$ matrix A are the same, then $|A| = 0$.

Theorem 33 (Zero Row or Column)

If all the entries in a row (column) of an $n \times n$ matrix A are zero, then $|A| = 0$.

Theorem 34 (Interchanging Rows)

If B is the matrix obtained by interchanging any two rows (columns) of an $n \times n$ matrix A , then $|B| = -|A|$.

Theorem 35 (Constant Multiple of a Row)

If B is the matrix obtained from an $n \times n$ matrix A by multiplying a row (column) by a nonzero real number k , then $|B| = k|A|$.

Theorem 36

If A is an $n \times n$ matrix and c is a scalar, then $|cA| = c^n|A|$.

Theorem 37 (Determinant of a Matrix Product)

If A and B are both $n \times n$ matrices, then $|AB| = |A| \cdot |B|$.

Theorem 38 (Determinant Is Unchanged)

Suppose B is the matrix obtained from an $n \times n$ matrix A by multiplying the entries in a row (column) by a nonzero real number k and adding the result to the corresponding entries in another row (column). Then $|B| = |A|$.

Theorem 39 (Determinant of a Triangular Matrix)

Suppose A is an $n \times n$ triangular matrix (upper or lower). Then

$$|A| = a_{11}a_{22}\dots a_{nn},$$

where $a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{nn}$ are the entries on the main diagonal of A .

Theorem 40

A square matrix A is invertible (nonsingular) if and only if $\det(A) \neq 0$.

Theorem 41

If A is an $n \times n$ invertible matrix, then $\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det A}$.

Example 24

$$\begin{vmatrix} -6 & 4 & 9 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = (-6)(2)(-5)(-3) = -180.$$

Example 25

Evaluate $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 & -1 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\ -2 & -2 & 2 & -7 \\ -4 & -3 & -2 & -8 \end{vmatrix}$. Ans: -34

Example 26

Evaluate $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 8 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$. Ans: 90

Example 27

Suppose that $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}$ and $|A| = 7$. Compute

$$(a)|3A| \quad (b)|A^{-1}| \quad (c)|2A^{-1}| \quad (d)|(2A)^{-1}| \quad (e) \begin{vmatrix} a & 2g & d \\ b & 2h & e \\ c & 2i & f \end{vmatrix}$$

Example 28

Let A and B be two square matrices of order 3 such that $|A| = -2$, $|B| = 5$ and $D = \text{diag}(-2, 1, 3)$. Compute

(a) $|B^{-1}A^t|$

(b) $|2B|$

(c) $|(D^2A^{-1}B)^2|$

Definition 40 (Adjoint Matrix)

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. The matrix that is the transpose of the matrix of cofactors corresponding to the entries of A :

$$\begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & \cdots & C_{1n} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & \cdots & C_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ C_{n1} & C_{n2} & \cdots & C_{nn} \end{pmatrix}^T = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{21} & \cdots & C_{n1} \\ C_{12} & C_{22} & \cdots & C_{n2} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ C_{1n} & C_{2n} & \cdots & C_{nn} \end{pmatrix}.$$

is called the **adjoint** of A and is denoted by $\text{adj}A$.

Example 29

Determine $\text{adj}(A)$ if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$.

Theorem 42 (The Adjoint Method for Computing A^{-1})

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. If $|A| \neq 0$, then

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj}A.$$

Example 30

Find the inverse of A if

(a) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$

(b) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Theorem 43 (Cramer's Rule)

If a system of n linear equations in n variables has a coefficient matrix A with $|A| \neq 0$, then the solution of the system is

$$x_1 = \frac{|A_1|}{|A|}, x_2 = \frac{|A_2|}{|A|}, \dots, x_n = \frac{|A_n|}{|A|}$$

where the i th column of A_i is the column of constants in the system of equations.

Example 31

Use Cramer's rule to solve the system

$$\begin{cases} 3x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 &= 7 \\ x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 &= 3 \\ 5x_1 + 4x_2 - 2x_3 &= 1. \end{cases}$$