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Question:

The coach of a cricket team buys 3 bats and 6 balls for ₹3900. Later, she buys another bat and 3 more balls of the same kind for ₹3300. Find the cost of a bat and ball.

Solution:

Let the cost of the bat, ball be ₹x and ₹y respectively.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 3900 \quad (0.1)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 3300 \quad (0.2)$$

These can be combined to give the matrix equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3900 \\ 3300 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.3)$$

This gives the augmented matrix

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & 6 & 3900 \\ 1 & 3 & 3300 \end{array} \right) \xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - \frac{1}{3}R_1} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & 6 & 3900 \\ 0 & 1 & 2000 \end{array} \right) \quad (0.4)$$

This gives the following values of x and y:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2700 \\ 2000 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.5)$$

Thus, the cost of one ball is ₹2000 and the cost of one bat is - ₹2700

