

Solution Book of Mathematic

Senior 2 Part I

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Calculate the following (Question 1 to 4):

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

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} & 5 \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} + 4 \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -15 & -5 \\ 15 & 20 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 24 & 8 \\ 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 3 \\ 19 & 16 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} & -4 \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} - 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -12 & 0 \\ 4 & -20 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -3 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -15 & 0 \\ 7 & 17 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

3. $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 & -1 \\ 8 & -4 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 & -2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 5 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 & -1 \\ 8 & -4 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 & -2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 5 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 4 & 0 \\ 6 & -3 & 3 \\ 2 & 12 & -6 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

4. $2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 5 \\ 7 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -6 & 2 \\ -5 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 5 \\ 7 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -6 & 2 \\ -5 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -6 & 10 \\ 14 & 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 8 & -8 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -6 & 2 \\ -5 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 8 \\ 19 & 3 & -1 \\ 4 & 8 & -6 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

5. Given that $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$, find the value of x and y .

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \\ & \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 15 \\ 3y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \\ & \begin{pmatrix} 17 \\ -3 + 3y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$x = 17$$

$$y = -3 + 3y$$

$$2y = 3$$

$$y = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\therefore x = 17, y = \frac{3}{2}$$

6. Let $P = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$, $Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & -4 \\ -2 & 0 & 6 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $R = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & -7 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Find the following:

(a) $2Q + R'$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} 2Q + R' &= 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & -4 \\ -2 & 0 & 6 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & -7 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}' \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -10 & -8 \\ -4 & 0 & 12 \\ 6 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 \\ 5 & -7 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -9 & -8 \\ -4 & -2 & 10 \\ 11 & -3 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(b) $(P - R) + 2Q'$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} & (P - R) + 2Q' \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & -7 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ & \quad + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & -4 \\ -2 & 0 & 6 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}' \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 & -4 \\ -2 & 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 & 6 \\ -10 & 0 & 4 \\ -8 & 12 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 & 2 \\ -12 & 4 & 8 \\ -4 & 14 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(c) $[2(Q - P)]'$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} & [2(Q - P)]' \\ &= \left\{ 2 \left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & -4 \\ -2 & 0 & 6 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \right] \right\}' \\ &= \left[2 \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -3 & -5 \\ -1 & -2 & 9 \\ -1 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \right]' \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -6 & -10 \\ -2 & -4 & 18 \\ -2 & 4 & 10 \end{pmatrix}' \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -2 & -2 \\ -6 & -4 & 4 \\ -10 & 18 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(d) $(R' - Q)'$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} (R' - Q)' &= \left[\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & -7 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}' - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & -4 \\ -2 & 0 & 6 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \right]' \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & -7 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & -4 \\ -2 & 0 & 6 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}' \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & -7 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -5 & 0 & 2 \\ -4 & 6 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 6 & -2 & -9 \\ 4 & -8 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

7. Let $M = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ and $N = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 7 & -1 \\ -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$. Find the matrix X in the following equations:

(a) $2N - 3M = 2M - X$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} 2N - 3M &= 2M - X \\ X &= 5M - 2N \\ &= 5 \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} - 2 \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 7 & -1 \\ -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 0 \\ 20 & -15 \\ 10 & 20 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 12 \\ 14 & -2 \\ -8 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -11 & -12 \\ 6 & -13 \\ 18 & 16 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(b) $2(M - 2N) + X = M + N$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}
 2(M - 2N) + X &= M + N \\
 X &= M + N - 2(M - 2N) \\
 &= M + N - 2M + 4N \\
 &= -M + 5N \\
 &= -\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} + 5\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 7 & -1 \\ -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 3 \\ -2 & -4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 15 & 30 \\ 35 & -5 \\ -20 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 16 & 30 \\ 31 & -2 \\ -22 & 6 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) $(M + 2N)' = X$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (M + 2N)' &= X \\
 X &= (M + 2N)' \\
 &= \left[\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} + 2\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 7 & -1 \\ -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \right]' \\
 &= \left[\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 12 \\ 14 & -2 \\ -8 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \right]' \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 12 \\ 18 & -5 \\ -6 & 8 \end{pmatrix}' \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 18 & -6 \\ 12 & -5 & 8 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

(d) $3N' - M' = 2X$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}
 3N' - M' &= 2X \\
 2X &= (3N - M)' \\
 &= \left[3\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 7 & -1 \\ -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \right]' \\
 &= \left[\begin{pmatrix} 9 & 18 \\ 21 & -3 \\ -12 & 6 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \right]' \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 18 \\ 17 & 0 \\ -14 & 2 \end{pmatrix}' \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 17 & -14 \\ 18 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 X &= \begin{pmatrix} 5 & \frac{17}{2} & -7 \\ 9 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Of the following matrices, determine if AB and BA are defined. If any of them is defined, find the value of them (Question 8 to 11):

8. $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Sol.

\therefore The number of columns of A is not equal to the number of rows of B
 $\therefore AB$ is not defined

\therefore The number of columns of B is equal to the number of rows of A
 $\therefore BA$ is defined

$$\therefore BA = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

Sol.

∴ The number of columns of A is equal to the number of rows of B
 ∴ AB is defined

$$\therefore AB = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -3 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -17 \\ -5 & -11 \end{pmatrix}$$

∴ The number of columns of B is equal to the number of rows of A
 ∴ BA is defined

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore BA &= \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -3 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 11 & -6 & -3 \\ 13 & -12 & -9 \\ -9 & -4 & -9 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$10. A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 5 & 4 & 0 \\ -2 & 6 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ -7 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Sol.

∴ The number of columns of A is equal to the number of rows of B
 ∴ AB is defined

$$\therefore AB = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 5 & 4 & 0 \\ -2 & 6 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ -7 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 11 & -1 \\ 17 & 4 \\ -58 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

∴ The number of columns of B is not equal to the number of rows of A
 ∴ BA is not defined

$$11. A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Sol.

∴ The number of columns of A is not equal to the number of rows of B
 ∴ AB is not defined

∴ The number of columns of B is equal to the number of rows of A
 ∴ BA is defined

$$\therefore BA = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 10 & 4 \\ 18 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

12. Given that $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & 3a \\ 2b & b \end{pmatrix}$, $B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$, $AB = \begin{pmatrix} 45 \\ 48 \end{pmatrix}$, find the value of a and b .

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= \begin{pmatrix} a & 3a \\ 2b & b \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 45 \\ 48 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 3a + 6a \\ 6b + 2b \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 45 \\ 48 \end{pmatrix} \\ 9a &= 45 \\ 8b &= 48 \\ a &= 5 \\ b &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

13. Given that $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$, $B = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}$, $A + B = AB$, find the value of a , b and c .

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} A + B &= AB \\ \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 3+a & b \\ 0 & 4+c \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 3a & 3b \\ 0 & 4c \end{pmatrix} \\ 3+a &= 3a \\ 2a &= 3 \\ b &= 3b \\ 2b &= 0 \\ 4+c &= 4c \\ 3c &= 4 \\ a = \frac{3}{2}, b = 0, c &= \frac{4}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Find the value of the following determinants (Question 14 to 22):

$$14. \begin{vmatrix} 20 & 15 \\ 8 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 20 & 15 \\ 8 & 6 \end{vmatrix} &= 20 \cdot 6 - 15 \cdot 8 \\ &= 120 - 120 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$15. \begin{vmatrix} 6 & -7 \\ 15 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Sol.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 6 & -7 \\ 15 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 6 \cdot -2 - (-7) \cdot 15 \\ = -12 + 105 \\ = 93$$

16. $\begin{vmatrix} -4 & -10 \\ 12 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$

Sol.

$$\begin{vmatrix} -4 & -10 \\ 12 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = -4 \cdot 7 - (-10) \cdot 12 \\ = -28 + 120 \\ = 92$$

17. $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 3 & -6 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & + & & + & \\ 3 & & 3 & & -6 \\ & \diagdown & & \diagup & \\ 2 & & -2 & & 0 \\ & \diagup & & \diagdown & \\ 3 & & 0 & & -3 \end{array}$$

Sol.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 3 & -6 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 18 + 0 + 0 - 36 - 0 + 18 \\ = 0$$

18. $\begin{vmatrix} 5 & 7 & 1 \\ -3 & 6 & 9 \\ 4 & 7 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & + & & + & \\ 5 & & 7 & & 1 \\ & \diagdown & & \diagup & \\ -3 & & 6 & & 9 \\ & \diagup & & \diagdown & \\ 4 & & 7 & & 3 \end{array}$$

Sol.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 5 & 7 & 1 \\ -3 & 6 & 9 \\ 4 & 7 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 90 + 252 - 21 - 24 - 315 + 63 \\ = 45$$

19. $\begin{vmatrix} -2 & 7 & -4 \\ 3 & -5 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & + & & + & \\ -2 & & 7 & & -4 \\ & \diagdown & & \diagup & \\ 3 & & -5 & & 2 \\ & \diagup & & \diagdown & \\ -1 & & 0 & & -3 \end{array}$$

Sol.

$$\begin{vmatrix} -2 & 7 & -4 \\ 3 & -5 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = -30 - 14 - 0 + 20 + 0 + 63 \\ = -39$$

20. $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 & 5 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$

Sol.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 & 5 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 3 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\ = -11 - 3 + 2 = -12$$

21. $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 6 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ -2 & -6 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$

Sol.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 6 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ -2 & -6 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \\ = 0 \quad (\text{col 1 and 2 are the same})$$

22. $\begin{vmatrix} 10 & 8 & -2 \\ 15 & 16 & -3 \\ -5 & -4 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

Sol.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 10 & 8 & -2 \\ 15 & 16 & -3 \\ -5 & -4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -5 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 8 \\ 3 & 16 \\ -1 & -4 \end{vmatrix} \\ = 0 \quad (\text{col 1 and 3 are the same})$$

Using the identities of determinant, prove the following equations (Question 23 to 24):

$$23. \begin{vmatrix} bc & 1 & bc(b+c) \\ ca & 1 & ca(c+a) \\ ab & 1 & ab(a+b) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{vmatrix} bc & 1 & bc(b+c) \\ ca & 1 & ca(c+a) \\ ab & 1 & ab(a+b) \end{vmatrix} \\ &= a^2 b^2 c^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{bc} & b+c \\ 1 & \frac{1}{ca} & c+a \\ 1 & \frac{1}{ab} & a+b \end{vmatrix} \\ &= a^2 b^2 c^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{bc} & -a \\ 1 & \frac{1}{ca} & -b \\ 1 & \frac{1}{ab} & -c \end{vmatrix} & C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + (a+b+c)C_1 \\ &= a^2 b^2 c^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & -a \\ 1 & b & -b \\ 1 & c & -c \end{vmatrix} & C_2 \rightarrow C_2 + abcC_1 \\ &= -a^2 b^2 c^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a \\ 1 & b & b \\ 1 & c & c \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 0 & C_2 = C_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$24. \begin{vmatrix} a & 1 & a^2(b+c) \\ b & 1 & b^2(c+a) \\ c & 1 & c^2(a+b) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{vmatrix} a & 1 & a^2(b+c) \\ b & 1 & b^2(c+a) \\ c & 1 & c^2(a+b) \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} a & 1 & a^2(b+c) \\ b-a & 0 & b^2(c+a) - a^2(b+c) \\ c-a & 0 & c^2(a+b) - a^2(b+c) \end{vmatrix} \\ &R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1 \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} b-a & 0 & b^2(c+a) - a^2(b+c) \\ c-a & 0 & c^2(a+b) - a^2(b+c) \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (b-a)[c^2(a+b) - a^2(b+c)] \\ &\quad - (c-a)[b^2(c+a) - a^2(b+c)] \\ &= c^2(b-a)(b+a) - a^2(b+c)(c-a) \\ &\quad - b^2(c-a)(c+a) + a^2(b+c)(c-a) \\ &= c^2(b^2 - a^2) - b^2(c^2 - a^2) \\ &= b^2 c^2 - a^2 c^2 - b^2 c^2 + a^2 c^2 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Find the value of x in the following expressions (Question 25 to 26):

$$25. \begin{vmatrix} 2x & 3 & x+5 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 5x - 1$$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{vmatrix} 2x & 3 & x+5 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 5x - 1 \\ & x+5 \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 2x & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 5x - 1 \\ & -7(x+5) - (2x-6) = 5x - 1 \\ & -7x - 35 - 2x + 6 = 5x - 1 \\ & -14x = 28 \\ & x = -2 \end{aligned}$$

$$26. \begin{vmatrix} x+3 & 1 & 0 \\ x & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -x-2 \end{vmatrix} = x + 6$$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{vmatrix} x+3 & 1 & 0 \\ x & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -x-2 \end{vmatrix} = x + 6 \\ & -x-2 \begin{vmatrix} x+3 & 1 \\ x & 3 \end{vmatrix} = x + 6 \\ & -(x+2)(3x+9-x) = x + 6 \\ & (x+2)(2x+9) = -x - 6 \\ & 2x^2 + 13x + 18 = -x - 6 \\ & 2x^2 + 14x + 24 = 0 \\ & x^2 + 7x + 12 = 0 \\ & (x+4)(x+3) = 0 \\ & x = -4 \text{ or } x = -3 \end{aligned}$$

$$27. \text{ Given an identity matrix } I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Let } J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, (2I + J)^{-1} = rI + sJ, \text{ find the value of } r \text{ and } s.$$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2I + J)^{-1} &= \left[2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right]^{-1} \\
 &= \left[\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right]^{-1} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \\
 &= \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} \\ \frac{1}{5} & \frac{2}{5} \end{pmatrix} \\
 rI + sJ &= r \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} r & 0 \\ 0 & r \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & s \\ -s & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} r & s \\ -s & r \end{pmatrix} \\
 (2I + J)^{-1} &= rI + sJ \\
 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} \\ \frac{1}{5} & \frac{2}{5} \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} r & s \\ -s & r \end{pmatrix} \\
 \therefore r &= \frac{2}{5}, s = -\frac{1}{5}
 \end{aligned}$$

Find the value of a in the following matrices if they are non-inversible (Question 28 to 31):

28. $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & a \\ -2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & a \\ -2 & 6 \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\
 18 + 2a &= 0 \\
 2a &= -18 \\
 a &= -9
 \end{aligned}$$

29. $\begin{pmatrix} 5a+2 & 4 \\ 6 & a \end{pmatrix}$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{vmatrix} 5a+2 & 4 \\ 6 & a \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\
 5a^2 + 2a - 24 &= 0 \\
 (x-2)(5x+12) &= 0 \\
 x &= 2 \text{ or } x = -\frac{12}{5}
 \end{aligned}$$

30. $\begin{pmatrix} -7 & a & 3 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & -a & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{vmatrix} -7 & a & 3 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & -a & 4 \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\
 -7 \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ -a & 4 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} a & 3 \\ -a & 4 \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\
 -7(-12 + a) - 2(4a + 3a) &= 0 \\
 84 - 7a - 14a &= 0 \\
 21a &= 84 \\
 a &= 4
 \end{aligned}$$

31. $\begin{pmatrix} a & -1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & -2 \\ a+4 & a & -8 \end{pmatrix}$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{vmatrix} a & -1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & -2 \\ a+4 & a & -8 \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\
 a \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ a & -8 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ a+4 & -8 \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\
 2a^2 - 32 + 2a + 8 &= 0 \\
 2a^2 + 2a - 24 &= 0 \\
 a^2 + a - 12 &= 0 \\
 (a+4)(a-3) &= 0 \\
 a &= -4 \text{ or } a = 3
 \end{aligned}$$

Find the inverse of the following matrices (Question 32 to 37):

32. $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} &= -\frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{3}{4} & \frac{5}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

33. $\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$

Sol.

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = -\frac{1}{8} \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ -4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{3}{8} & -\frac{1}{8} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$34. \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 9 \\ -2 & 2 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Sol.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 9 \\ -2 & 2 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = 2$$

$$\text{adj} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 9 \\ -2 & 2 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 9 \\ 2 & -4 \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 9 \\ -2 & -4 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ -\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 2 & -4 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -2 & -4 \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 9 \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix}'$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -22 & -6 & 8 \\ 6 & 2 & -2 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}'$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -22 & 6 & -3 \\ -6 & 2 & 0 \\ 8 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}'$$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 9 \\ -2 & 2 & -4 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -22 & 6 & -3 \\ -6 & 2 & 0 \\ 8 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -11 & 3 & -\frac{3}{2} \\ -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -1 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$35. \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -4 \\ -2 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Sol.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -4 \\ -2 & 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -3$$

$$\text{adj} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -4 \\ -2 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\ -\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 1 & -4 \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 2 & -4 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix}'$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 21 & 6 & 12 \\ -17 & -5 & -9 \\ -5 & -2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}'$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 21 & -17 & -5 \\ 6 & -5 & -2 \\ 12 & -9 & -3 \end{pmatrix}'$$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -4 \\ -2 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 21 & -17 & -5 \\ 6 & -5 & -2 \\ 12 & -9 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -7 & -\frac{17}{3} & -\frac{5}{3} \\ -2 & -\frac{5}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} \\ -4 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$36. \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -4 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Sol.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -4 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 16$$

$$\text{adj} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -4 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ -4 & 4 \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 0 & -4 \end{vmatrix} \\ -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 4 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 0 & -4 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix}'$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 16 & 16 \\ 3 & -12 & -8 \end{pmatrix}'$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 & -12 \\ 9 & 16 & -8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -4 & 4 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{16} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -4 & 3 \\ 0 & 16 & -12 \\ 0 & 16 & -8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{16} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{3}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$37. \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ -1 & -3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Sol.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ -1 & -3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = -9$$

$$\text{adj} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ -1 & -3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ -\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix}'$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -9 & 3 & 3 \\ -6 & 5 & 2 \\ 12 & -4 & -7 \end{pmatrix}'$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -9 & -6 & 12 \\ 3 & 5 & -4 \\ 3 & 2 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ -1 & -3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-9} \begin{pmatrix} -9 & -6 & 12 \\ 3 & 5 & -4 \\ 3 & 2 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{4}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{5}{9} & \frac{4}{9} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{2}{9} & \frac{7}{9} \end{pmatrix}$$

Solve the following system of equations using the method of Gauss elimination (Question 38 to 41):

$$38. \begin{cases} 2x - y + 4z = 5 \\ 2x + 3y - 4z = -7 \\ x + y + z = 2 \end{cases}$$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & -4 & -7 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right) \\
 & \xrightarrow[R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_3]{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_1} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 0 & 5 & 7 \\ 4 & 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right) \\
 & \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} R_2} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 0 & 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right) \\
 & \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 0 & 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right) \\
 & \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + 3R_3} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 8 & 16 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right) \\
 & \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{8} R_1} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right) \\
 & \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \\
 & \xrightarrow[R_3 \rightarrow -R_3]{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 2R_3} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right) \\
 & \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right) \\
 & \therefore x = -1, y = 1, z = 2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$39. \begin{cases} x - 2y - 3z = -4 \\ 3x + y - 4z = -5 \\ 2x + 4y - z = -5 \end{cases}$$

$$40. \begin{cases} x - 2y - z = 3 \\ 4x - y + 2z = 1 \\ x + 3y = 5 \end{cases}$$

$$41. \begin{cases} 2x - y - z = 0 \\ 4x - 3y + 2z = 1 \\ 3x - 2y - 4z = -1 \end{cases}$$

Solve the following system of equations using the Cramer's rule (Question 42 to 45):

$$42. \begin{cases} x - 3y - 2z = 1 \\ 7x + 4y - 5z = 0 \\ 3x + 9y + z = -1 \end{cases}$$

Sol.

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 & -2 \\ 7 & 4 & -5 \\ 3 & 9 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 13$$

$$\Delta_x = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 4 & -5 \\ -1 & 9 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 26$$

$$\Delta_y = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 7 & 0 & -5 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -13$$

$$\Delta_z = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 7 & 4 & 0 \\ 3 & 9 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 26$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{26}{13} = 2, y = \frac{-13}{13} = -1, z = \frac{26}{13} = 2$$

$$43. \begin{cases} x - 2y + 3z = 6 \\ 2x + 3y - 4z = 20 \\ 3x - 2y - 5z = 6 \end{cases}$$

Sol.

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & -4 \\ 3 & -2 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = -58$$

$$\Delta_x = \begin{vmatrix} 6 & -2 & 3 \\ 20 & 3 & -4 \\ 6 & -2 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = -464$$

$$\Delta_y = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 6 & 3 \\ 2 & 20 & -4 \\ 3 & 6 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = -232$$

$$\Delta_z = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 & 20 \\ 3 & -2 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = -116$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{-464}{-58} = 8, y = \frac{-232}{-58} = 4, z = \frac{-116}{-58} = 2$$

$$44. \begin{cases} 2x - 2y - 4z + 3 = 0 \\ 2x + 3y + 4z - 2 = 0 \\ 7x + 3y - 2z - 2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Sol.

$$\begin{cases} 2x - 2y - 4z = -3 \\ 2x + 3y + 4z = 2 \\ 7x + 3y - 2z = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -2 & -4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 7 & 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = -40$$

$$\Delta_x = \begin{vmatrix} -3 & -2 & -4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 30$$

$$\Delta_y = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & -4 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 7 & 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = -80$$

$$\Delta_z = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -2 & -3 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 7 & 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 25$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{30}{-40} = -\frac{3}{4}, y = \frac{-80}{-40} = 2, z = \frac{25}{-40} = -\frac{5}{8}$$

$$45. \begin{cases} \frac{2}{x} - \frac{5}{y} + \frac{4}{z} = -3 \\ \frac{x}{4} + \frac{1}{y} - \frac{2}{z} = 7 \\ \frac{x}{7} - \frac{3}{z} = 4 \end{cases}$$

Sol.

$$\text{Let } a = \frac{1}{x}, b = \frac{1}{y}, c = \frac{1}{z}$$

$$\begin{cases} 2a - 5b + 4c = -3 \\ 4a + b - 2c = 7 \\ 7a - 3c = 4 \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -5 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & -2 \\ 7 & 0 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = -24$$

$$\Delta_a = \begin{vmatrix} -3 & -5 & 4 \\ 7 & 1 & -2 \\ 4 & 0 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = -72$$

$$\Delta_b = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 4 & 7 & -2 \\ 7 & 4 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = -152$$

$$\Delta_c = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -5 & -3 \\ 4 & 1 & 7 \\ 7 & 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -136$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{-72}{-24} = 3, b = \frac{-152}{-24} = \frac{19}{3}, c = \frac{-136}{-24} = \frac{17}{3}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{1}{3}, y = \frac{3}{19}, z = \frac{3}{17}$$