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Question

If $\begin{pmatrix} 2a+b & a-2b \\ 5c-d & 4c+3d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 11 & 24 \end{pmatrix}$, then the value of $a+b-c+2d$

Solution:

From the matrix equation the first row gives

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

From the matrix equation the second row gives

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 5 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ 24 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

combine (1) and (2)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \\ 11 \\ 24 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Forming the augmented matrix

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & -1 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3 & 24 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_2 - \frac{1}{2} \times R_1} \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & -\frac{5}{2} & 0 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & -1 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3 & 24 \end{array} \right) \quad (4)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_1 + \frac{2}{5} \times R_2} \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -\frac{5}{2} & 0 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & -1 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3 & 24 \end{array} \right) \quad (5)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_4 \leftrightarrow R_4 - \frac{4}{5} \times R_3} \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -\frac{5}{2} & 0 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & -1 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{19}{5} & \frac{76}{5} \end{array} \right) \quad (6)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \leftrightarrow R_3 + \frac{5}{19} \times R_4} \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -\frac{5}{2} & 0 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 & 15 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{19}{5} & \frac{76}{5} \end{array} \right) \quad (7)$$

on back substitution we get

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

value of

$$a + b - c + 2d = (1 \quad 1 \quad -1 \quad 2) \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

$$= (1 \quad 1 \quad -1 \quad 2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = 8 \quad (10)$$