

# Word problems on Matrices

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Example:1

On her birthday Seema decided to donate some money to children of an orphanage home. If there were 8 children less everyone would have got 10 rupees more. However there were 16 children more everyone would have got 10 rupees less. Using matrix method, find the number of children and the amount distributed by Seema.

Answer:

Let the number of children be ₹  $x$  and the amount donated by Seema to each child be ₹  $y$ .

∴ From question

$$(x - 8)(y + 10) = xy \text{ and } (x + 16)(y - 10) = xy$$

$$\Rightarrow xy + 10x - 8y - 80 = xy \text{ and } xy - 10x + 16y - 160 = xy$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x - 4y = 40 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{and } 5x - 8y = -80 \quad \dots(ii)$$

Equation (i) and (ii) may be written in matrix form as

$$AX = B \quad \Rightarrow \quad X = A^{-1}B \quad \dots(iii)$$

$$\text{Where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ 5 & -8 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 40 \\ -80 \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

Now,  $|A| = -40 + 20 = -20$

$$\text{Adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & -5 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & 4 \\ -5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = -\frac{1}{20} \begin{bmatrix} -8 & 4 \\ -5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Putting  $A^{-1}$  in (iii), we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{1}{20} \begin{bmatrix} -8 & 4 \\ -5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 40 \\ -80 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{1}{20} \begin{bmatrix} -320 & -320 \\ -200 & -400 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{1}{20} \begin{bmatrix} -640 \\ -600 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 32 \\ 30 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 32, y = 30$$

### Example-

Two Trusts A & B receive rupees 70000 and rupees 65000 respectively from central govt for award prize to persons of a District in three fields Agriculture, Education and Social service. Trust A awarded 10, 5 and 15 persons in the field of Agriculture, Education and Social service respectively while Trust B awarded 15, 10 & 5 persons respectively. If all three prizes together amount rupees 6000, then find the amount of prize by matrix method.

Answer:

Let  $x, y, z$  be amount of prize to be awarded in the field of Agriculture, Education and Social service respectively.

Then situation can be written in matrix form as  $AX = B$

$$\text{Where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 5 & 15 \\ 15 & 10 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 70000 \\ 65000 \\ 6000 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 10 & 5 & 15 \\ 15 & 10 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 10(10 - 5) - 5(15 - 5) + (15 - 10) = 75 \neq 0$$

Hence,  $A^{-1}$  exists and system have unique solution.

Also,

$$C_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 10 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (10 - 5) = 5; \quad C_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} 15 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -(15 - 5) = -10$$

$$C_{13} = (-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} 15 & 10 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (15 - 10) = 5; \quad C_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 15 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -(5 - 15) = 10$$

$$C_{22} = (-1)^{2+2} \begin{vmatrix} 10 & 15 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (10 - 15) = -5; \quad C_{23} = (-1)^{2+3} \begin{vmatrix} 10 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -(10 - 5) = -5$$

$$C_{31} = (-1)^{3+1} \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 15 \\ 10 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = (25 - 150) = -125; \quad C_{32} = (-1)^{3+2} \begin{vmatrix} 10 & 15 \\ 15 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -(50 - 225) = 175$$

$$C_{33} = (-1)^{3+3} \begin{vmatrix} 10 & 5 \\ 15 & 10 \end{vmatrix} = (100 - 75) = 25$$

$$\text{Adj} | A | = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -10 & 5 \\ 10 & -5 & -5 \\ -125 & 175 & 25 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 10 & -125 \\ -10 & -5 & 175 \\ 5 & -5 & 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj}(A)}{|A|} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{75} & \frac{10}{75} & \frac{-125}{75} \\ \frac{-10}{75} & \frac{-5}{75} & \frac{175}{75} \\ \frac{5}{75} & \frac{-5}{75} & \frac{25}{75} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{15} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -25 \\ -2 & -1 & 35 \\ 1 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Putting the value of  $X$ ,  $A^{-1}$ ,  $B$  in  $X = A^{-1} B$ , we get

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{15} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -25 \\ -2 & -1 & 35 \\ 1 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 70000 \\ 55000 \\ 6000 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{15} \begin{bmatrix} 70000 + 110000 - 150000 \\ 740000 - 55000 + 210000 \\ 70000 + 55000 + 30000 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{15} \begin{bmatrix} 30000 \\ 15000 \\ 45000 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2000 \\ 1000 \\ 3000 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2000, y = 1000, z = 3000.$$

Hence, prize in the field of agriculture = ₹ 2000

prize in the field of education = ₹ 1000

prize in the field of Social service = ₹ 3000

### Example

A shopkeeper has 3 varieties of pens 'A', 'B' and 'C'. Meenu purchased 1 pen of each variety for a total of ₹ 21. Jeevan purchased 4 pens of 'A' variety, 3 pens of 'B' variety and 2 pens of 'C' variety for ₹ 60. While Shikha purchased 6 pens of 'A' variety, 2 pens of 'B' variety and 3 pens of 'C' variety for ₹ 70. Using matrix method, find cost of each variety of pen. [CBSE (Central) 2016]

Answer:

Let the cost of varieties of pens A, B and C be  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  respectively.

From question

$$x + y + z = 21$$

$$4x + 3y + 2z = 60$$

$$6x + 2y + 3z = 70$$

The given system of linear equation in matrix equation is as follows

$AX = B$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 6 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 21 \\ 60 \\ 70 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore AX = B \quad \Rightarrow \quad X = A^{-1}B \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{Now } |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 6 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 1(9-4) - 1(12-12) + 1(8-18) = 5 - 0 - 10 = -5 \neq 0$$

$$A_{11} = (9-4) = 5 \quad A_{21} = -(3-2) = -1 \quad A_{31} = (2-3) = -1$$

$$A_{12} = -(12-12) = 0 \quad A_{22} = (3-6) = -3 \quad A_{32} = -(2-4) = 2$$

$$A_{13} = (8-18) = -10 \quad A_{23} = -(2-6) = 4 \quad A_{33} = (3-4) = -1$$



$$\therefore \text{Adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & -10 \\ -1 & -3 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & 2 \\ -10 & 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \cdot \text{adj } A = -\frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & 2 \\ -10 & 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now from (i)  $X = A^{-1}B$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & 2 \\ -10 & 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 21 \\ 60 \\ 70 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} -25 \\ -40 \\ -40 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x = 5, y = 8, z = 8$$

Example:

In a survey of 20 richest persons of three residential society  $A, B, C$  it is found that in society  $A$ , 5 believe in honesty, 10 in hard work and 5 in unfair means while in  $B$ , 5 believe in honesty, 8 in hard work and 7 in unfair means and in  $C$ , 6 believe in honesty, 8 in hard work and 6 in unfair means. If the per day income of 20 richest persons of society  $A, B, C$  are ₹ 32,500, ₹ 30,500, ₹ 31,000 respectively, then find the per day income of each type of people by matrix method.

Answer:

Let  $x, y, z$  be the per day income of person believing in honesty, hard work and unfair means respectively. The given situation can be written in matrix form as  $AX = B$

Where, 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 10 & 5 \\ 5 & 8 & 7 \\ 6 & 8 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 32500 \\ 30500 \\ 31000 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, 
$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 10 & 5 \\ 5 & 8 & 7 \\ 6 & 8 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 5(48 - 56) - 10(30 - 42) + 5(40 - 48) = 40 \neq 0$$

Hence,  $A^{-1}$  exists and system have unique solution.

$$\text{Also, } C_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 8 & 7 \\ 8 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = (48 - 56) = -8, \quad C_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 6 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = -(30 - 42) = 12$$

$$C_{13} = (-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ 6 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = (40 - 48) = -8; \quad C_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} \begin{vmatrix} 10 & 5 \\ 8 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = -(60 - 40) = -20$$

$$C_{22} = (-1)^{2+2} \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 5 \\ 6 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = (30 - 30) = 0; \quad C_{23} = (-1)^{2+3} \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 10 \\ 6 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = -(40 - 60) = 20$$

$$C_{31} = (-1)^{3+1} \begin{vmatrix} 10 & 5 \\ 8 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = (70 - 40) = 30; \quad C_{32} = (-1)^{3+2} \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 5 \\ 5 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = -(35 - 25) = -10$$

$$C_{33} = (-1)^{3+3} \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 10 \\ 5 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = (40 - 50) = -10$$

$$\text{Adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & 12 & -8 \\ -20 & 0 & 20 \\ 30 & -10 & -10 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & -20 & 30 \\ 12 & 0 & -10 \\ -8 & 20 & -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj}(A)}{|A|} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-8}{40} & \frac{-20}{40} & \frac{30}{40} \\ \frac{12}{40} & 0 & \frac{-10}{40} \\ \frac{-8}{40} & \frac{20}{40} & \frac{-10}{40} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1}{5} & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{3}{10} & 0 & \frac{-1}{4} \\ \frac{-1}{5} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-1}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

Putting the value of  $X$ ,  $A^{-1}$ ,  $B$  in  $X = A^{-1}B$ , we get

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1}{5} & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{3}{10} & 0 & \frac{-1}{4} \\ \frac{-1}{5} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-1}{4} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 32500 \\ 30500 \\ 31000 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1500 \\ 2000 \\ 1000 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1500, y = 2000, z = 1000$$

Hence, per day income of person who believes in honesty = ₹ 1,500

Per day income of person who believes in hard work = ₹ 2,000

Per day income of person who believes in unfair means = ₹ 1,000

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