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B. Sc. (Honrs) Part 1 paper 1

Subject:Mathematics

Topic:solutions of system of linear equations

with three unknown

EXAMPLE . SOLVING A 3×3 SYSTEM USING THE INVERSE OF A MATRIX

Solve the following system using the inverse of a matrix.

$$5x + 15y + 56z = 35$$

$$-4x - 11y - 41z = -26$$

$$-x - 3y - 11z = -7$$

SOLUTION

Write the equation $AX = B$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 15 & 56 \\ -4 & -11 & -41 \\ -1 & -3 & -11 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 35 \\ -26 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

First, we will find the inverse of A by augmenting with the identity.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 5 & 15 & 56 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & -11 & -41 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -3 & -11 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Multiply row 1 by $\frac{1}{5}$.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 3 & \frac{56}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & -11 & -41 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -3 & -11 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Multiply row 1 by 4 and add to row 2.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 3 & \frac{56}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{19}{5} & \frac{4}{5} & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -3 & -11 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Add row 1 to row 3.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 3 & \frac{56}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & 0 \ 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{19}{5} & \frac{4}{5} & 1 \ 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & 0 \ 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Multiply row 2 by -3 and add to row 1.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{5} & -\frac{11}{5} & -3 \ 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{19}{5} & \frac{4}{5} & 1 \ 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & 0 \ 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Multiply row 3 by 5.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{5} & -\frac{11}{5} & -3 \ 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{19}{5} & \frac{4}{5} & 1 \ 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \ 5 \end{array} \right]$$

Multiply row 3 by $\frac{1}{5}$ and add to row 1.

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{19}{5} & | & \frac{4}{5} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

Multiply row 3 by $-\frac{19}{5}$ and add to row 2.

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & -3 & 1 & -19 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

So,

$$A^{-1} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} -2 & -3 & 1 \\ -3 & 1 & -19 \\ 1 & 0 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

Multiply both sides of the equation by A^{-1} .

We want $A^{-1}AX = A^{-1}B$:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc} -2 & -3 & 1 \\ -3 & 1 & -19 \\ 1 & 0 & 5 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 5 & 15 & 56 \\ -4 & -11 & -41 \\ -1 & -3 & -11 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} x \\ y \\ z \end{array} \right] =$$

Thus,

$$A^{-1}B = \begin{bmatrix} -70 + 78 - 7 \\ -105 - 26 + 133 \\ 35 + 0 - 35 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The solution is $(1, 2, 0)$.