

## CHAPTER 2 : MATRICES

### 2.1 Introduction

#### Definition 2.1

A matrix is an array of real numbers in  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns

If a matrix has  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns, then the matrix is called  $m \times n$  matrix. Normally, matrix can be written as  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  where  $a_{ij}$  denotes the elements  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th column. If  $a_{ij}$  for  $i = j$ , then the elements is called the leading diagonal of matrix  $A$ . More generally, matrix  $A$  can be written as

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdot & a_{1j} & \cdot & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \cdot & a_{2j} & \cdot & a_{2n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & \cdot & a_{3j} & \cdot & a_{3n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & a_{i3} & \cdot & a_{ij} & \cdot & a_{in} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \cdot & a_{mj} & \cdot & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$$

#### Definition 2.2

If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, then  $A$  is called a square matrix when the number of row ( $i$ ) is equal to the number of column ( $j$ ).

#### Example 2.1

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 9 & 8 \\ 4 & 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Determine

- i) order of matrix  $A$
- ii) elements of the leading diagonal of matrix  $A$
- iii) elements  $a_{23}$ ,  $a_{32}$  and  $a_{33}$  of matrix  $A$

**Solution**

- i) order of matrix  $A$  is  $3 \times 3$ .  
 ii) 8, 9 and 3 are elements of the leading diagonal.  
 iii)  $a_{23} = 8$ ,  $a_{32} = 6$  and  $a_{33} = 3$ .

**2.2 Type of Matrices****Definition 2.3**

An  $n \times n$  matrix is called a diagonal matrix if  $a_{ii} \neq 0$  and  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ .

**Example 2.2**

Determine the following matrices are diagonal matrices or not.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution**

Matrix  $A$  is not a diagonal matrix because  $a_{23} \neq 0$ .

Matrix  $B$  is a diagonal matrix because  $a_{ij} = 0$  and  $a_{ii} \neq 0$  for  $i \neq j$ .

Matrix  $C$  is not a diagonal matrix because  $a_{22} = 0$ .

**Definition 2.4**

An  $n \times n$  matrix is called a scalar matrix if it is a diagonal matrix in which the diagonal elements are equal, that is  $a_{ii} = k$  and  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $i \neq j$  where  $k$  is a scalar.

**Example 2.3**

Determine the following matrices are scalar matrix or not.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution**

Matrix  $A$  is a scalar matrix where  $a_{ii} = 2$ .

Matrix  $B$  is a scalar matrix where  $a_{ii} = 4$ .

Matrix  $C$  is not a scalar matrix because the diagonal elements are not equal.

**Definition 2.5**

An  $n \times n$  matrix is called identity matrix if the diagonal elements are equal to 1 and the rest of elements are zero, that is  $a_{ii} = 1$  and  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ . Identity matrix is denoted by  $I_{n \times n}$ .

**Example 2.4**

Determine the following matrices are identity matrix or not.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution**

Matrix  $A$  is a identity matrix where  $a_{ii} = 1$ .

Matrix  $B$  is not a identity matrix because the matrix is a  $2 \times 3$  matrix.

Matrix  $C$  is not a identity matrix because the matrix is a  $3 \times 2$  matrix.

**Definition 2.6**

An  $m \times n$  matrix is called a zero matrix if all the elements of the matrix are zero, that is  $a_{ij} = 0$  and is written as  $0_{m \times n}$ .

**Example 2.5**

Determine the following matrices are zero matrices or not.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution**

Matrices  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are zero matrices because all the elements of the matrices are zero.

**Definition 2.7**

A negative matrix of  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  is denoted by  $-A$  where  $-A = [-a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$ .

**Example 2.6**

Determine the negative matrices of  $A$  and  $B$

$$\text{i) } A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 & 11 \\ 0 & 4 & 9 \\ 3 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{ii) } B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution**

$$\text{i) } A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 & 11 \\ 0 & 4 & 9 \\ 3 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ hence } -A = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & -7 & -11 \\ 0 & -4 & -9 \\ -3 & 0 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{ii) } B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ hence } -B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ -4 & -3 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Definition 2.8**

An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is called upper triangular matrix if  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $i > j$ . It is called lower triangular matrix if  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $i < j$ .

**Example 2.7**

Determine the following matrices are upper triangular matrix or lower triangular matrix.

$$\text{i) } A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 & 11 \\ 0 & 4 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{ii) } B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 12 & 7 & 0 \\ 6 & 6 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution**

$$\text{i) } A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 & 11 \\ 0 & 4 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is a upper triangular matrix.}$$

$$\text{ii) } B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 12 & 7 & 0 \\ 6 & 6 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is a lower triangular matrix.}$$

**Definition 2.9**

If  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, then the tranpose of  $A$ ,  $A^T = [a_{ij}]^T$  is the  $n \times m$  matrix defined by  $[a_{ij}]^T = [a_{ji}]$ .

**Example 2.8**

Determine the transpose of the following matrices.

$$\text{i) } A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 & 11 \\ 0 & 4 & 9 \\ 3 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{ii) } B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution**

$$\text{i) } A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 3 \\ 7 & 4 & 0 \\ 11 & 9 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{ii) } B^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Definition 2.10**

An  $n \times n$  matrix is called a symmetric matrix if  $A^T = A$ .

**Example 2.9**

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ , find  $A^T$ . Show that the matrix of  $A$  is a symmetric matrix?

**Solution**

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = A. \text{ Hence, } A \text{ is a symmetric matrix.}$$

**Definition 2.11**

An  $n \times n$  matrix with real entries is called a skew symmetric matrix if  $A^T = -A$ .

**Example 2.10**

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \\ -2 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , find  $A^T$ . Shows that the matrix of  $A$  is a skew symmetric matrix?

**Solution**

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = -A. \text{ Hence, } A \text{ is a skew symmetric matrix.}$$

**Definition 2.12**

An  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  is said to be in row echelon form (REF) if it satisfies the following properties :

- i) All zero rows, if there any, appear at the bottom of the matrix.
- ii) The first nonzero entry from the left of a nonzero is a number 1. This entry is called a leading '1' of its row.
- iii) For each non zero row, the number 1 appears to the right of the leading 1 of the previous row.

For the following matrices, determine the matrices to be in row echelon form or not. If the matrices aren't in row echelon form, give a reason.

$$\text{i) } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{ii) } B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{iii) } C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution**

- i) Matrix  $A$  isn't in row echelon form because the number 1 in second rows appears in the same column.
- ii) Matrix  $B$  is a row echelon form.
- iii) Matrix  $C$  is a row echelon form.

**Definition 2.13**

An  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  is said to be in reduced row echelon form (RREF) if it satisfies the following properties :

- i) All zero rows, if there any, appear at the bottom of the matrix.
- ii) The first nonzero entry from the left of a nonzero is a number 1. This entry is called a leading '1' of its row.
- iii) For each non zero row, the number 1 appears to the right of the leading 1 of the previous row.
- iv) If a column contains a leading 1, then all other entries in the column are zero

**Example 2.12**

For the following matrices, determine the matrices to be in reduced row echelon form or not. If the matrices aren't in reduced row echelon form, give a reason.

$$\text{i) } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{ii) } B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{iii) } B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution**

- i) Matrix  $A$  is in reduced row echelon form.
- ii) Matrix  $B$  is in reduced row echelon form.
- iii) Matrix  $C$  isn't in reduced row echelon form because  $a_{33} = -1$ .

**Definition 2.14**

Two matrices  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  and  $B = [b_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  are equal if  $a_{ij} = b_{ij}$  and denoted by  $A = B$ .

**Example 2.13**

Given  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ y & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} x & z \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . If  $P = Q$ , find the value of  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ .

**Solution**

Given  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ y & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x & z \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and the solution is  $x = 4$ ,  $y = 5$  and  $z = 0$ .

**Definition 2.15**

If  $A = [a_{ij}]$  and  $B = [b_{ij}]$  are both  $m \times n$  matrices, then  $A + B$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix  $C = [c_{ij}]$  defined by  $c_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij}$ .

**Example 2.14**

Given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -2 & 1 \\ -5 & 9 & 8 \\ 4 & 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 6 & 3 \\ 1 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 8 & 6 \\ 6 & 7 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Find

- i)  $A + B$
- ii)  $A + C$
- iii)  $B + C$

**Solution**

$$\text{i) } A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 15 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 15 & 11 \\ 5 & 12 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ii)  $A + C$  (is not possible)
- iii)  $B + C$  (is not possible)

**Note:** It should be noted that the addition of the matrices  $A$  and  $B$  is defined only when  $A$  and  $B$  have the same number of rows and the same number of columns



**Definition 2.16**

If  $A = [a_{ij}]$  and  $B = [b_{ij}]$  are both  $m \times n$  matrices, then the  $A - B$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix  $C = [c_{ij}]$  defined by  $c_{ij} = a_{ij} - b_{ij}$ .

**Example 2.15**

$$\text{Given } A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -2 & 1 \\ -5 & 9 & 8 \\ 4 & 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 6 & 3 \\ 1 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 8 & 6 \\ 6 & 7 & 13 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find

- i)  $A - B$
- ii)  $B - A$
- iii)  $B - C$

**Solution**

$$\text{i) } A - B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 0 \\ -10 & 3 & 5 \\ 3 & 0 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{ii) } B - A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 & 0 \\ 10 & -3 & -5 \\ -3 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

iii)  $B - C$  (is not possible)

**Note:** It should be noted that the subtraction of the matrices  $A$  and  $B$  is defined only when  $A$  and  $B$  have the same number of rows and the same number of columns and  $A - B \neq B - A$ .

**Properties of Matrices Addition and Subtraction**

If  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are  $m \times n$  matrices, then

- i)  $A + B = B + A$
- ii)  $A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C$
- iii)  $A + 0 = A$
- iv)  $A + (-A) = 0$
- v)  $(A \pm B)^T = A^T \pm B^T$



**Example 2.17**

$$\text{Given } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 7 & 9 \\ 3 & 5 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 7 \\ 6 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & 9 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find

- i)  $AB$                       ii)  $BA$

**Solution**

$$\text{i) } AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 7 & 9 \\ 3 & 5 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 7 \\ 6 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & 9 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 74 & 97 & 79 \\ 18 & -33 & 23 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ii)  $BA$  (is not possible)

**Properties of Matrix Multiplication**

If  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are matrices,  $I$  identity matrix and  $0$  zero matrix, then

- i)  $A(B + C) = AB + AC$       ii)  $(B + C)A = BA + CA$   
 iii)  $A(BC) = (AB)C$       iv)  $IA = AI = A$   
 v)  $0A = A0 = 0$       vi)  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$

**2.4 Determinants****Definition 2.19**

If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix, then the determinant of  $A$  denoted by  $\det[A] = |A|$  and is given by  $|A| = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$ .

**Example 2.18**

Find the determinant of matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 9 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution**

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 9 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = 16 - 45 = -19$$

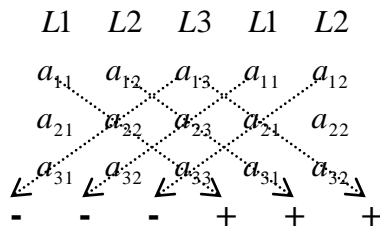
**Definition 2.20**

If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, then the determinant of  $A$  is

given by

$$|A| = [a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32}] - [a_{13}a_{22}a_{31} + a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} + a_{12}a_{21}a_{33}].$$

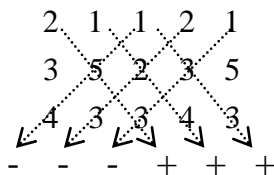
**Method of Calculation**



**Example 2.19**

Given  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , evaluate  $|P|$ .

**Solution**



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So that, } |P| &= 2(5)(3) + 1(2)(4) + 1(3)(3) - 1(5)(4) - 2(2)(3) - 1(3)(3) \\
 &= 30 + 8 + 9 - 20 - 12 - 9 \\
 &= 6
 \end{aligned}$$

**Note:** *Methods used to evaluate the determinant above is limited to only  $2 \times 2$  and  $3 \times 3$  matrices. Matrices with higher order can be solved by using minor and cofactor methods.*

## 2.5 Minor, Cofactor and Adjoint

### Definition 2.21

Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Let  $M_{ij}$  be the  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  submatrix of  $A$  is obtained by deleting the  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th column of  $A$ . The determinant  $M_{ij}$  is called the minor of  $A$ .

### Example 2.20

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Evaluate the following minors

- i)  $M_{11}$       ii)  $M_{12}$       iii)  $M_{13}$

### Solution

$$\text{i) } M_{11} = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 15 - 6 = 9$$

$$\text{ii) } M_{12} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 9 - 8 = 1$$

$$\text{iii) } M_{13} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 9 - 20 = -11$$

### Definition 2.22

Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. The cofactor  $C_{ij}$  of  $a_{ij}$  is defined as  $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$ .

**Example 2.21**

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Evaluate the following cofactors

- i)  $C_{11}$       ii)  $C_{23}$       iii)  $C_{13}$

**Solution**

$$\text{i) } C_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^2 [15 - 6] = 9$$

$$\text{ii) } C_{23} = (-1)^{2+3} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^5 [6 - 4] = -2$$

$$\text{iii) } C_{13} = (-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^4 [9 - 20] = -11$$

**Definition 2.23**

If  $C_{ij}$  is cofactor of matrix  $A$ , then the determinant of matrix  $A$  can be obtained by

- i) Expanding along the  $i$ -th row

$$|A| = a_{i1}C_{i1} + a_{i2}C_{i2} + \dots + a_{in}C_{in} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}C_{ij}$$

OR

- ii) Expanding along the  $j$ -th column

$$|A| = a_{1j}C_{1j} + a_{2j}C_{2j} + \dots + a_{mj}C_{mj} = \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij}C_{ij}$$

**Example 2.22**

Find the determinant of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  by expanding along the second row.

**Solution**

Expand by the second row,

$$\begin{aligned} |A| &= a_{21}C_{21} + a_{22}C_{22} + a_{23}C_{23} + a_{24}C_{24} \\ &= 0 + 1(-1)^4 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 0 + 3(-1)^6 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1(-1)^4 4(-1)^5 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 3(-1)^6 1(-1)^4 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -4(-3) + 3(-3) \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

**Properties of Determinant**

- i) If  $A$  is a matrix, then  $|A| = |A^T|$
- ii) If two rows (columns) of  $A$  are equal, the  $|A| = 0$ .
- iii) If a row (column) of  $A$  consist entirely of zeros elements, then  $|A| = 0$ .
- iv) If  $B$  is obtained from multiplying a row (column) of  $A$  by a scalar  $k$ , then  $|B| = k |A|$ .
- v) To any row(column) of  $A$  we can add or subtract any multiple of any other row (column) without changing  $|A|$ .
- vi) If  $B$  is obtained from  $A$  by interchanging two rows (columns), then  $|B| = -|A|$ .

**Definition 2.24**

Let  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, then the adjoint of  $A$  is defined as  $\text{adj } [A] = [C_{ij}]^T$ .

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 8 & 6 \\ 0 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , compute  $\text{adj } [A]$ .

**Solution**

$$C_{11} = (-1)^{1+1}M_{11} = \begin{vmatrix} 8 & 6 \\ 7 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -2, \quad C_{12} = (-1)^{1+2}M_{12} = -1 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -20$$

$$C_{13} = (-1)^{1+3}M_{13} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = 28, \quad C_{21} = (-1)^{2+1}M_{21} = -1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 7 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 16$$

$$C_{22} = (-1)^{2+2}M_{22} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 10, \quad C_{23} = (-1)^{2+3}M_{23} = -1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = -14$$

$$C_{31} = (-1)^{3+1}M_{31} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 8 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = -18, \quad C_{32} = (-1)^{3+2}M_{32} = -1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$C_{33} = (-1)^{3+3}M_{33} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = 12$$

$$\text{We have } C_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -20 & 28 \\ 16 & 10 & -14 \\ -18 & 0 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then, } \text{adj } [A] = [C_{ij}]^T = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 16 & -18 \\ -20 & 10 & 0 \\ 28 & -14 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$



## 2.6 Inverses of Matrices

If  $AB = I$ , then  $A$  is called inverse of matrix  $B$  or  $B$  is called inverse of matrix  $A$  and denoted by  $A = B^{-1}$  or  $B = A^{-1}$ .

### Definition 2.25

An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is said to be invertible if there exist an  $n \times n$  matrix  $B$  such that  $AB = BA = I$  where  $I$  is identity matrix.

Determine matrix  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -4 \\ -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is the inverse of matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ .

### Solution

Note that

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -4 \\ -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -4 \\ -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence  $AB = BA = I$ , so  $B$  is the inverse of matrix  $A$  ( $B = A^{-1}$ )

### Theorem 1

If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  and  $|A| \neq 0$ , then  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$ .

### Example 2.25

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , find  $A^{-1}$ .

**Solution**

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ -6 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -\frac{3}{2} \\ -3 & \frac{5}{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Theorem 2**

If  $A$  is  $n \times n$  matrix and  $|A| \neq 0$ , then  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj } [A]$ .

**Example 2.26**

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 8 & 6 \\ 0 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , find  $A^{-1}$ .

**Solution**

From the example 2.23,  $\text{adj } [A] = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 16 & -18 \\ -20 & 10 & 0 \\ 28 & -14 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $|A| = 60$ .

Then,  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{60} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 16 & -18 \\ -20 & 10 & 0 \\ 28 & -14 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$

**Theorem 3**

If augmented matrix  $[A | I]$  may be reduced to  $[I | B]$  by using elementary row operation (ERO), then  $B$  is called inverse of  $A$ .

**Characteristic of Elementary Row Operations (ERO)**

- i) Interchange the  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th row of a matrix, written as  $b_i \leftrightarrow b_j$ .
- ii) Multiply the  $i$ -th row of a matrix by a nonzero scalar  $k$ , written as  $kb_i$ .
- iii) Add or subtract a constant multiple of  $i$ -th row to the  $j$ -th row, written as  $kb_i + b_j$  or  $kb_i - b_j$ .

**Example 2.27**

By performing the elementary row operations (ERO), find the inverse

of matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & -1 \\ 3 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution**

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 4 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 : r_2 - 3r_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 4 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -7 & 5 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 : r_3 - 2r_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 4 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -7 & 5 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & 5 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 : \frac{-1}{7}r_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 4 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{5}{7} & \frac{3}{7} & -\frac{1}{7} & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & 5 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 : r_3 + 6r_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 4 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{5}{7} & \frac{3}{7} & -\frac{1}{7} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{5}{7} & \frac{4}{7} & -\frac{6}{7} & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 : r_1 - 4r_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & \frac{13}{7} & \frac{-5}{7} & \frac{4}{7} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{5}{7} & \frac{3}{7} & -\frac{1}{7} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{5}{7} & \frac{4}{7} & -\frac{6}{7} & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 : \frac{7}{5}r_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & \frac{13}{7} & \frac{-5}{7} & \frac{4}{7} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{5}{7} & \frac{3}{7} & -\frac{1}{7} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{4}{5} & -\frac{6}{5} & \frac{7}{5} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 : r_2 + \frac{5}{7}r_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & \frac{13}{7} & \frac{-5}{7} & \frac{4}{7} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{4}{5} & -\frac{6}{5} & \frac{7}{5} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 : r_1 - \frac{13}{7}r_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{-11}{5} & \frac{14}{5} & \frac{-13}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{4}{5} & -\frac{6}{5} & \frac{7}{5} \end{array} \right]$$

Then,  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{11}{5} & \frac{14}{5} & -\frac{13}{5} \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ \frac{4}{5} & -\frac{6}{5} & \frac{7}{5} \end{bmatrix}$ .

## 2.7 Solving the Systems of Linear Equation

### 2.7.1 Inversion Method

Consider the following system of linear equations with  $n$  equations and  $n$  unknowns.

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n &= b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n &= b_2 \\ &\vdots \\ a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n &= b_n \end{aligned}$$

The systems of linear equations can be written as a single matrix equation  $AX = B$ , that is

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_{2n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Here,  $A$  is a coefficients matrix,  $X$  is the vector of unknowns and  $B$  is a vector containing the right hand sides of the equations. The solution is obtained by multiplying both side of the matrix equation on the left by the inverse of matrix  $A$ :

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1}AX &= A^{-1}B \\ IX &= A^{-1}B \\ X &= A^{-1}B \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2.28**

Solve the system of linear equations by using the inverse matrix method.

$$2x_1 + 4x_2 + 6x_3 = 18$$

$$4x_1 + 5x_2 + 6x_3 = 24$$

$$3x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3 = 4$$

**Solution**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 18 \\ 24 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AX = B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 18 \\ 24 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} -16 & 14 & -6 \\ 26 & -22 & 12 \\ -11 & 10 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then,

$$X = A^{-1}B = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} -16 & 14 & -6 \\ 26 & -22 & 12 \\ -11 & 10 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 18 \\ 24 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence,  $x_1 = 4$ ,  $x_2 = -2$  and  $x_3 = 3$ .

### 2.7.2 Gaussian Elimination

Consider the following system of linear equations with  $n$  equations and  $n$  unknowns.

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n &= b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n &= b_2 \\ &\vdots \\ a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n &= b_n \end{aligned}$$

The system of linear equations can be written in the augmented form that is  $[ A \mid B ]$  matrix and state the matrix in the following form :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_{nn} & b_n \end{array} \right]$$

By using elementary row operations (ERO) on this matrix such that the matrix  $A$  may reduce in the row echelon form (REF). It is called a Gaussian elimination process.

**Example 2.29**

Solve the system of linear equations by using Gaussian elimination.

$$x_1 + 4x_2 - x_3 = 6$$

$$3x_1 + 5x_2 + 2x_3 = 19$$

$$2x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 15$$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & -1 & 6 \\ 3 & 5 & 2 & 19 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 15 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 : r_2 - 3r_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & -7 & 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 15 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 : r_3 - 2r_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & -7 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -6 & 5 & 3 \end{array} \right] \\
 &\xrightarrow{R_2 : -\frac{1}{7}r_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{5}{7} & -\frac{1}{7} \\ 0 & -6 & 5 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 : r_3 + 6r_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{5}{7} & -\frac{1}{7} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{5}{7} & \frac{15}{7} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 : \frac{7}{5}r_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{5}{7} & -\frac{1}{7} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

From the Gaussian elimination, we have

$$x_1 + 4x_2 - x_3 = 6$$

$$x_2 - \frac{5}{7}x_3 = -\frac{1}{7}$$

$$x_3 = 3$$

Then, the solution is  $x_1 = 1$ ,  $x_2 = 2$  and  $x_3 = 3$ .

**2.7.3 Gauss-Jordan Elimination**

Consider the following system of linear equations with  $n$  equations and  $n$  unknowns.

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n = b_n$$

The system of linear equations can be written in the augmented form that is  $[A | B]$  matrix and state the matrix in the following form :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_{nn} & b_n \end{array} \right]$$

By using the elementary row operations (ERO) on this matrix such that the matrix  $A$  may reduce in the reduced row echelon form (RREF). The procedure to reduce a matrix to reduced row echelon form is called Gauss-Jordan elimination.

### Example 2.30

Solve the system of linear equations by using Gauss-Jordan elimination.

$$x_1 + 4x_2 - x_3 = 6$$

$$3x_1 + 5x_2 + 2x_3 = 19$$

$$2x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 15$$

### Solution

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & -1 & 6 \\ 3 & 5 & 2 & 19 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 15 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 : r_2 - 3r_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & -7 & 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 15 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 : r_3 - 2r_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & -7 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -6 & 5 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$



$$\begin{array}{c}
 \xrightarrow{R_2 : -\frac{1}{7}r_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{5}{7} & -\frac{1}{7} \\ 0 & -6 & 5 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 : r_3 + 6r_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{5}{7} & -\frac{1}{7} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{5}{7} & \frac{15}{7} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 : \frac{7}{5}r_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{5}{7} & -\frac{1}{7} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \\
 \\
 \xrightarrow{R_2 : r_2 + \frac{5}{7}r_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 : r_1 + r_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 : r_1 - 4r_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]
 \end{array}$$

From the Gauss-Jordan elimination, the solution of linear equation is  $x_1 = 1$ ,  $x_2 = 2$  and  $x_3 = 3$ .

### 2.7.4 Cramer's Rule

If  $AX = B$  is a system of  $n$  linear equations with  $n$  unknown such that  $|A| \neq 0$ , then the system has a unique solution;  $x_i = \frac{|A_i|}{|A|}$  where  $A_i$  is the matrix obtained by replacing the entries in the  $i$ -th column of  $A$  by the entries in the matrix  $B$ .

#### Theorem 4

The unique solution of the system of linear equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_{11}x + a_{12}y &= b_1 \\
 a_{21}x + a_{22}y &= b_2
 \end{aligned}$$

with nonzero coefficient determinant is given by

$$x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} b_1 & a_{12} \\ b_2 & a_{22} \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix}} \quad \text{and} \quad y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & b_1 \\ a_{12} & b_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix}}$$

#### Example 2.31

Solve the system of linear equations by using Cramer's Rule.

$$\begin{aligned}
 2x + 4y + 6z &= 18 \\
 4x + 5y + 6z &= 24
 \end{aligned}$$

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

**Solution**

Write a single matrix equation  $AX = B$ , that is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 18 \\ 24 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then,

$$x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 18 & 4 & 6 \\ 24 & 5 & 6 \\ 4 & 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{24}{6} = 4$$

$$y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 18 & 6 \\ 4 & 24 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 & -2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{-12}{6} = -2$$

$$z = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 & 18 \\ 4 & 5 & 24 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{18}{6} = 3$$