

SOLVING SYSTEMS USING MATRIX EQUATIONS

Warm-up:

If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ find AB .
• 2×2 2×1

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4x + 7y \\ 3x + 5y \end{bmatrix}$$

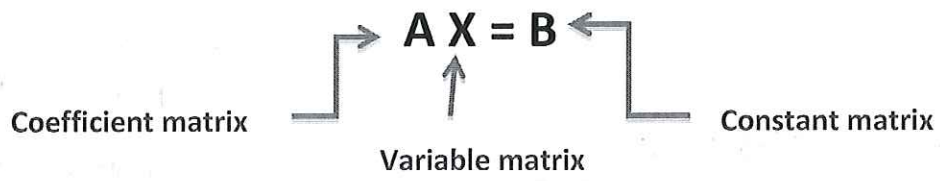
$$\begin{bmatrix} 4x + 7y \\ 3x + 5y \end{bmatrix}$$

An inverse matrix can be used to solve a system of equations, very similar to how you use an inverse in an algebraic equation.

Think of the equation $3x = 9$. To solve you multiply both sides by the inverse of 3!

Now consider the system $\begin{cases} 4x + 7y = 10 \\ 3x + 5y = 9 \end{cases}$

To solve using matrices, first we set up a Matrix Equation:



Matrix Equation for the system above:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

The solution is found by multiplying the inverse of the coefficient matrix by the constant matrix! Since multiplication of matrices is NOT commutative you must multiply by A^{-1} FIRST on both sides.

Formula: $A^{-1}B = X$

Let's solve this system: (This is how you would show your work.)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} & * & \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \\
 A & B & X
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 A^{-1}B = \begin{bmatrix} 13 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} \\
 = (13, -6) \\
 \quad x \quad y
 \end{array}$$

For each system, write the matrix equation and then solve.

Ex #1: $\begin{cases} 5x + 2y = 20 \\ 3y + 6x = 9 \end{cases}$ → Rewrite! $\begin{cases} 5x + 2y = 20 \\ 6x + 3y = 9 \end{cases}$

Matrix Equation: $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 20 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$

A x B

$$A^{-1} B = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution: $(14, -25)$

Ex #2: $\begin{cases} 2x + 6y = 5 \\ -x + 2z = 4y + 2 \\ 3z = 5y - 7x \end{cases}$ → $\begin{cases} 2x + 6y + 0z = 5 \\ -x - 4y + 2z = 2 \\ 7x - 5y + 3z = 0 \end{cases}$

Matrix Equation: $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 0 \\ -1 & -4 & 2 \\ 7 & -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

A x B

$$A^{-1} B = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution: $\left[\begin{array}{c} -\frac{23}{49} \\ \frac{97}{98} \\ \frac{269}{98} \end{array} \right]$

Ex #3:

A game show host says that he has \$5000 in \$50 bills and \$100 bills and he will give you the \$5000 if you can tell him how many of each type of bill he has. He gives you a hint that he has 73 bills. Find out how many of each he has.

$$\begin{cases} x + y = 73 \\ 50x + 100y = \$5000 \end{cases}$$

let $x =$ \$50 bills
let $y =$ \$100 bills
73 total

System of Equations: _____

Matrix Equation: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 50 & 100 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 73 \\ 5000 \end{bmatrix}$

A x B

$$A^{-1} \cdot B = x$$

Solution: $(46, 27)$

* answer: There are 46 fifty dollar bills
There are 27 one hundred dollar bills