

Cramer's Rule

Theorem Consider a linear system $Ax=b$ and suppose that $\det A \neq 0$. Then the system has precisely one solution given by

$$x_i = \frac{1}{\det A} \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & b_1 & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{12} & \dots & b_2 & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ a_{n1} & \dots & b_n & \dots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix},$$

where b replaces the i th column of A .

The inverse and the adjoint matrix

Let A be a square matrix, A_{ij} denote the ij th cofactor of A . Then the adjoint matrix of A is defined by $\text{adj } A = [A_{ij}]^T$.

Theorem If A is an invertible matrix then

$$A^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj } A}{|A|}.$$