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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer the following questions in the spaces provided below.

[12] TOTAL

- [2] 1. Consider the equation $Ax = b$, where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ and $b = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

CRAMER'S RULE

If $\det(A) = -21$, what is the value of x_1 ?

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{-21} \det \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{1}{21} (-2)(2)(5) = \frac{20}{21}.$$

- [2] 2. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ 2 & d & -3 \\ -4 & e & f \end{bmatrix}$. Suppose that $\det(A) = 4$.

ADJOINT FORMULA

What is the value of f so that the entry in row 2, column 1, of A^{-1} is $\frac{1}{2}$?

$$\frac{1}{2} = (A^{-1})_{21} = \frac{1}{\det A} (-1)^{1+2} M_{12} = \frac{-1}{4} \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -4 & f \end{pmatrix} = \frac{-1}{4} (2f - 12)$$

$$-2 = 2f - 12, \quad 10 = 2f, \quad f = 5.$$

- [8] 3. Consider the vectors $u = (0, 3, -1, -1)$, $v = (-3, 2, -1, 4)$, and $w = (2, 2, -1, -1)$. Find:
- (a) $\|u - w\|$.

$$\|u - w\| = \|(0, 3, -1, -1) - (2, 2, -1, -1)\| = \|(-2, 1, 0, 0)\|$$

$$= \sqrt{2^2 + 1^2 + 0 + 0} = \sqrt{5}.$$

- (b) A unit vector in the direction of $u - w$. *divide by the norm of $u - w$*

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} (-2, 1, 0, 0) = \left(-\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, 0, 0\right)$$

- (c) $d(v, w)$. $= \|v - w\| = \|(-5, 0, 0, 5)\|$
- $$= \sqrt{25 + 25} = 5\sqrt{2}.$$

- (d) $u \cdot v$. $=$

$$= (0, 3, -1, -1) \cdot (-3, 2, -1, 4)$$

$$= 0 + 6 + 1 - 4 = 3.$$