

# Solutions to EE 112 Problem Set 11

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(a) First we need to find all of the minors of this matrix (9 since it's a  $3 \times 3$  matrix). Recall that we get  $M_{ij}$  by deleting row  $i$  and column  $j$ , then taking the determinant of the resulting matrix. Thus, for this matrix,

$$M_{11} = \begin{vmatrix} \cancel{1} & \cancel{5} & \cancel{2} \\ 2 & 11 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 11 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (11)(-1) - (4)(2) = -19$$

$$M_{12} = \begin{vmatrix} \cancel{1} & \cancel{5} & \cancel{2} \\ 2 & \cancel{11} & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (2)(-1) - (4)(0) = -2$$

$$M_{13} = \begin{vmatrix} \cancel{1} & \cancel{5} & \cancel{2} \\ 2 & 11 & \cancel{4} \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 11 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = (2)(2) - (11)(0) = 4$$

$$M_{21} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cancel{5} & \cancel{2} \\ \cancel{2} & \cancel{11} & \cancel{4} \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (5)(-1) - (2)(2) = -9$$

$$M_{22} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & \cancel{2} \\ 2 & \cancel{11} & \cancel{4} \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (1)(-1) - (2)(0) = -1$$

$$M_{23} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & \cancel{2} \\ 2 & 11 & \cancel{4} \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = (1)(2) - (5)(0) = 2$$

$$M_{31} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 11 & 4 \\ \cancel{0} & \cancel{2} & \cancel{-1} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 11 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = (5)(4) - (2)(11) = -2$$

$$M_{32} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 11 & 4 \\ 0 & \cancel{2} & \cancel{-1} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = (1)(4) - (2)(2) = 0$$

$$M_{33} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 11 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & \cancel{-1} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 11 \end{vmatrix} = (1)(11) - (5)(2) = 1$$

The cofactors  $C_{ij}$  are just  $(-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$ , so we get

$$C_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} M_{11} = -19, \quad C_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} M_{12} = 2, \quad C_{13} = (-1)^{1+3} M_{13} = 4$$

$$C_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} M_{21} = 9, \quad C_{22} = (-1)^{2+2} M_{22} = -1, \quad C_{23} = (-1)^{2+3} M_{23} = -2$$

$$C_{31} = (-1)^{3+1} M_{31} = -2, \quad C_{32} = (-1)^{3+2} M_{32} = 0, \quad C_{33} = (-1)^{3+3} M_{33} = 1.$$

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which gives the cofactor matrix  $C = (C_{ij})_{3 \times 3}$  for

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} -19 & 2 & 4 \\ 9 & -1 & -2 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The adjugate of the original matrix is the transpose of this:

$$\text{adj} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 11 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = C^T = \begin{pmatrix} -19 & 9 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

All we need now is the determinant of the original matrix; since there is a zero in the 1<sup>st</sup> column, let's compute the determinant using that:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 11 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (1)(C_{11}) + (2)(C_{21}) + (0)(C_{31}) \\ = -19 + 18 = -1$$

so we're done:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 11 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{-1} \text{adj} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 11 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 19 & -9 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) We do the same for  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . The cofactors are

$$C_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0, C_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 8, C_{13} = (-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$C_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} \begin{vmatrix} 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0, C_{22} = (-1)^{2+2} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0, C_{23} = (-1)^{2+3} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 8 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 16$$

$$C_{31} = (-1)^{3+1} \begin{vmatrix} 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 32, C_{32} = (-1)^{3+2} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 0, C_{33} = (-1)^{3+3} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

so

$$\text{adj} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & C_{23} \\ C_{31} & C_{32} & C_{33} \end{pmatrix}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 32 \\ 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The determinant is

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (0)(C_{11}) + (8)(C_{12}) + (0)(C_{13}) = 64$$

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also

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{64} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 32 \\ 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{8} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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(4) Now to invert some matrices using GJ reduction: remember the idea is to first create the augmented matrix, which has the original matrix you want to invert in its left  $m \times n$  part, and the  $m \times m$  identity matrix in the right part. So if  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$ , the augmented matrix is

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

We want to use row operations to change the  $2 \times 2$  left part to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .  $A^{-1}$  will then be in the right part. So we need to get rid of the  $-2$  in the lower left-hand corner, and we see that adding row 1 to row 2 does just that:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{1st row} + \\ \text{2nd row}}} \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ -2+2 & 7+0 & 0+1 & 1+0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

If we divide row 2 by 10, we'll get a 1 in the second spot, just as we want:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{divide row 2} \\ \text{by 10}}} \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{10} & \frac{1}{10} \end{array} \right)$$

Now, adding  $(-3)$  times the 2<sup>nd</sup> row to the first will get rid of the 3, as we want:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{10} & \frac{1}{10} \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\substack{(-3) \times (2^{\text{nd}} \text{ row}) \\ + (1^{\text{st}} \text{ row})}} \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 2+0 & 3+(-3) & 1+(-3) & 0+(-3) \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{10} & \frac{1}{10} \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 2 & 0 & \frac{7}{10} & -\frac{3}{10} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{10} & \frac{1}{10} \end{array} \right)$$

Finally, if we divide row 1 by 2, we'll have  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  in the left  $2 \times 2$  part, and we'll be done:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 2 & 0 & \frac{7}{10} & -\frac{3}{10} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{10} & \frac{1}{10} \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{divide (row 1)} \\ \text{by 2}}} \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & \frac{7}{20} & -\frac{3}{20} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{10} & \frac{1}{10} \end{array} \right)$$

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at this

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 7 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{20} & -\frac{3}{20} \\ \frac{1}{10} & \frac{1}{10} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{20} \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -3 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

which you can check to see is the correct answer. (Note it agrees with

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) This 3x3 one is a bit longer, so here are the steps:

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow[\text{by (2)}]{\text{Divide (row 1)}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

Add (1) x (1st row)  
to (2nd row)

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow[\text{by (3)}]{\text{Divide (row 2)}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

add (1) x (row 2)  
to (row 3)

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{5}{3} & 2 & \frac{4}{3} & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow[\text{by (3)}]{\text{Multiply (3rd row)}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{6}{5} & \frac{4}{5} & \frac{3}{5} \end{array} \right)$$

Add  $(-\frac{1}{6}) \times (\text{row 3})$   
to (row 2)

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{30} & -\frac{2}{15} & -\frac{3}{10} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{2}{10} & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{10} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{6}{5} & \frac{4}{5} & \frac{3}{5} \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow[\text{to (row 1)}]{\text{Add } (-\frac{1}{2}) \times (\text{row 3})} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{3}{10} & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{10} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{6}{5} & \frac{4}{5} & \frac{3}{5} \end{array} \right)$$

also

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{10} & -\frac{2}{15} & -\frac{3}{10} \\ \frac{2}{10} & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{10} \\ \frac{6}{5} & \frac{4}{5} & \frac{3}{5} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -4 & -3 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 12 & 8 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

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(a) Here what we need to do is to write in eqns in unknowns of the form  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , where  $\mathbf{x}$  is an  $n \times 1$  matrix with the unknowns in it,  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix consisting of the coefficients of these unknowns, and  $\mathbf{b}$  is a constant  $m \times 1$  matrix going down on the right-hand side of the eqn.

(i) We order our variables  $x, y, \dots$   $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ . The 1<sup>st</sup> eqn has 8 as coeff of  $x$  and  $-2$  for  $y$ , so the 1<sup>st</sup> row of  $A$  will be  $(8 \ 2)$ . The second eqn has  $-4x$  and  $y$ , so  $(-4 \ 1)$  in the second row. Thus,

$$\begin{array}{l} 8x - 2y \\ -4x + y \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 8 & -2 \\ -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8x - 2y \\ -4x + y \end{pmatrix}$$

0 +  $8x + 2y = 1$  and  $-4x + y = -10$ , so this is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix}$ . Thus,

$$\boxed{\begin{pmatrix} 8 & -2 \\ -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix}}$$

is the matrix form we're after.

(ii) Here we have two eqns but three unknowns, so if  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $A$  will be a  $2 \times 3$  matrix: Eqn 1 has 3, 1 and  $-1$  as the coeffs of  $x_1, x_2$  and  $x_3$ , and Eqn 2 has 1, 0 and  $-2$ . Thus,  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$ . The 1<sup>st</sup> eqn has 20 on the RHS and the second has 16, so  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 20 \\ 16 \end{pmatrix}$ , giving

$$\boxed{\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 20 \\ 16 \end{pmatrix}}$$

so this is the matrix form.

(iii) Perhaps three eqns, three unknowns, and following the same idea as above,

we have

$$\boxed{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ -5 & -4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -12 \\ -32 \end{pmatrix}}$$

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(b) Recall that unique solns generally exist for systems that have exactly the same number of eqns as unknowns; thus, (ii) will not have a unique soln (three unknowns but only two eqns). (i) and (iii) look good, as they have the same number of eqns as unknowns.

But recall that this isn't a guarantee: even if  $AX=B$  describes  $m$  eqns in  $n$  unknowns, there's a unique soln only if  $\det(A) \neq 0$ . For (i), we have  $\det \begin{pmatrix} 8 & -2 \\ -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 8 - 8 = 0$ , so even though there are the same number of eqns as unknowns, there will not be a unique soln. (In fact, there are no solns; no  $x$  &  $y$  can be found satisfying both  $8x - 2y = 1$  and  $-4x + y = -10$ .)  
 That leaves (iii), so we need to check the determinant of the coefficient matrix:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ -5 & -4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = (2)(-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + (0)(-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -5 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + (1)(-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -5 & -4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 10 + 0 + 11 = 21$$

which is nonzero, so this is the one that will have a unique soln.

Inverse Matrix Method: here we use

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ -5 & -4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -12 \\ 32 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ -5 & -4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -12 \\ 32 \end{pmatrix}$$

but we need to find the inverse of the coefficient matrix. We could  $\det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ -5 & -4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  already, so let's use the adjugate method

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ -5 & -4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{21} \text{adj} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ -5 & -4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{21} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 & 11 \\ -4 & 11 & 8 \\ -3 & 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}^T$$

$$= \frac{1}{21} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -4 & -3 \\ 2 & 11 & 3 \\ 11 & 8 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

or

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{21} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -4 & -3 \\ 2 & 11 & 3 \\ 11 & 8 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -12 \\ 32 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{21} \begin{pmatrix} -53 \\ -38 \\ 85 \end{pmatrix}$$

so

$$\boxed{u = -\frac{53}{21}, v = -\frac{38}{21}, w = \frac{85}{21}}$$

is the unique soln.

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Now we use GJ elements; recall that this starts with the  $3 \times 4$  matrix  
 and the left-hand  $3 \times 3$  part is the coefficient matrix of the r.h.s.  $3 \times 1$   
 part is B, i.e.

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & -12 \\ -5 & -4 & 3 & 32 \end{array} \right)$$

We now want to use the same trick as in P2 to get the LHS into upper-triangular  
 form, and then use this to write down a new set of equations e.g. that  
 can be easily solved; one will involve only the final variable ( $w$ ) and  
 can be solved immediately. One will have only  $v$  &  $w$ , and since we have  
 $w$ , we get  $v$ . The last will involve  $u$ ,  $v$  and  $w$ , but we follow from  
 $v$  &  $w$ . So here we go:

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & -12 \\ -5 & -4 & 3 & 32 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\substack{(-\frac{1}{2}) \times (1^{st} \text{ row}) \\ + (2^{nd} \text{ row})}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -\frac{3}{2} & -\frac{23}{2} \\ -5 & -4 & 3 & 32 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -\frac{3}{2} & -\frac{23}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{7}{2} & \frac{85}{6} \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\substack{(\frac{4}{5}) \times (2^{nd} \text{ row}) \\ + (3^{rd} \text{ row})}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -\frac{3}{2} & -\frac{23}{2} \\ 0 & -4 & \frac{11}{2} & \frac{59}{2} \end{array} \right)$$

and so the new eqns are

$$2u + w = -1, \quad 3v - \frac{3}{2}w = -\frac{23}{2}, \quad \frac{7}{2}w = \frac{85}{6}.$$

The last one gives  $w = \frac{85}{21}$ . The second has

$$v = \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{3}{2}w - \frac{23}{2} \right] = \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{85}{14} - \frac{23}{2} \right] = \frac{-38}{21}$$

also, finally,

$$u = \frac{1}{2}(-w - 1) = \frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{85}{21} - 1 \right) = \frac{-53}{21},$$

exactly as we got before.