# Math 1B03/1ZC3 - Tutorial 4



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- Doing the same operations on *B*'s columns yield the same results.



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$$adj(A) = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & \dots & C_{1n} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & \dots & C_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ C_{n1} & C_{n2} & \dots & C_{nn} \end{pmatrix}^{T}$$



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- **Cramer's Rule:** If Ax = b is a system of *n* linear equations in *n* unknowns such that  $det(A) \neq 0$ , then Ax = b has a unique solution. This solutions is:  $x_1 = \frac{det(A_1)}{det(A)}, x_2 = \frac{det(A_2)}{det(A)}, \dots, x_n = \frac{det(A_n)}{det(A)}$ , where  $A_j$  is the matrix

obtained by replacing the entries in the jth column of A by the entries in the matrix b.

