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Question

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A system of equations represented as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ y \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} is, \tag{1}$$

- consistent and has a unique solution
- inconsistent and has no solution
- consistent and infinite solution
- inconsistent and has unique solution

Solution

This can be represented as an augmented matrix and can be solved by using Gaussian elimination.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & | & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & | & y \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & | & 3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & | & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & | & y - 8 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 & | & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
(2)

$$\frac{R_2 \leftarrow \frac{R_2}{3}}{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 4R_2} \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & | & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & \frac{y - 8}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & | & \frac{29 - 4y}{3} \end{pmatrix}}{\frac{29 - 4y}{3}} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow -R_3} \tag{3}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
1 & -1 & 0 & \frac{41-8y}{3} \\
0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{y-8}{3} \\
0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{4y-29}{3}
\end{pmatrix}
\xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + R_2}
\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{33-7y}{3} \\
0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{y-8}{3} \\
0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{4y-29}{3}
\end{pmatrix}$$
(4)

Solution

Since $y \in \mathbf{R}$, we can conclude that there exists a unique solution and the system of equations is consistent.

Option (1) is the correct answer

C Code

Python + C Code

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import ctypes
import numpy as np
lib = ctypes.CDLL("./libcode.so")
lib.determinant.argtypes = [np.ctypeslib.ndpointer(dtype=np.int32
    , shape=(3,3)]
lib.determinant.restype = ctypes.c_int
A = np.array([[1, -1, 2],
             [2, 1, 4],
             [1, 3, 1]], dtype=np.int32)
det = lib.determinant(A)
if det != 0:
   print("Unique solution exists and consistent system of
       equations")
else:
   print("Inconsistent system of equations")
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Python Code