

$$\begin{aligned} Q3.b) \quad \tilde{A} &= \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} k & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & k & -7 \\ k & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right) \\ &= \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} k & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{k-2}{k} & \frac{k^2-4}{k} & -\frac{7k+2}{k} \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 2 \end{array} \right) \\ &= \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} k & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{k-2}{k} & \frac{k^2-4}{k} & -\frac{7k+2}{k} \\ 0 & 0 & k+1 & -\frac{5k+6}{k-2} \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

~~The domain of k is all real values except~~ real

The given system has a unique solution for all values of k except $\{-1, 0, 2\}$

~~$|A| = k \cdot \frac{k-2}{k} \cdot (k+1)$~~

If A is invertible, $\det(A) \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore |A| &= k \cdot \frac{k-2}{k} \cdot (k+1) + \frac{k^2-4}{k} + 2 - 2 \cdot \frac{k-2}{k} \cdot k \cdot \frac{k^2-4}{k} - (k+1) \\ &= k^2 - k - 2 + \frac{k^2-4}{k} + 2 - \frac{2k^2-4}{k} - k - 1 \\ &= -2k + \frac{k(k-2)}{k} + 2 = (k+1)(k-2) \\ &= -k+1 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore Matrix A is invertible for all real values of k except $\{-1, 0, 2\}$.

b) The given system has infinitely many solutions / is inconsistent when $\det(A) = 0$.

\therefore From (a),

$\det(A) = 0$ when $k = -1$ or $k = 2$

when $k = -1$,

$$\tilde{A} = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 5 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right)$$

\therefore no real solutions when $k = -1$.

When $k = 2$,

$$\tilde{A} = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & -7 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 48 \end{array} \right)$$

\therefore no real solutions when $k = 2$

\therefore There is no real solutions when the system has infinite solutions.

\therefore The system is inconsistent when $k = -1$ or $k = 2$.

Q3.2^a) $\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k & 1 & | & k \\ k & 1 & 1 & | & 2 \\ -3 & 0 & -1 & | & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

\therefore The linear system has a unique solution when $\det(A) \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore |A| &= -1 + (-3k) - (-3) - (k^2) \\ &= k^2 - 3k + 2 \\ &= (k-2)(k-1) \end{aligned}$$

~~$(k-2)(k-1) \neq 0 \rightarrow k \neq 2 \text{ or } k \neq 1$~~

$\therefore (k-2)(k-1) \neq 0 \rightarrow k \neq 2 \text{ or } k \neq 1$

\therefore The system has a ^{unique} solution when $\{k \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1, 2\}\}$.

By Cramer's rule,

$$x_n = \frac{\det(A_n)}{\det(A)}$$

$$\therefore x_1 = \frac{\det(A_1)}{\det(A)}$$

$$= \frac{\begin{vmatrix} k & k & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix}}{(k-2)(k-1)}$$

$$= \frac{-k - 2k - (-2) - (-2k)}{(k-2)(k-1)}$$

$$= \frac{-(k-2)}{(k-2)(k-1)}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{k-1}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{\det(A_2)}{\det(A)}$$

$$= \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & k & 1 \\ k & 2 & 1 \\ -3 & -2 & -1 \end{vmatrix}}{(k-2)(k-1)}$$

$$= \frac{-2 - 3k - 2k - (-6) - (-2) - (-k^2)}{(k-2)(k-1)}$$

$$= \frac{k^2 - 5k + 6}{(k-2)(k-1)}$$

$$= \frac{(k-2)(k-3)}{(k-2)(k-1)}$$

$$= \frac{k-3}{k-1}$$

$$x_3 = \frac{\det(A_3)}{\det(A)}$$

$$= \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & k & k \\ k & 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix}}{\det(A)}$$

$$= \frac{-2 - 6k - (-3k) - (-2k^2)}{(k-2)(k-1)}$$

$$= \frac{2k^2 - 3k - 2}{(k-2)(k-1)}$$

$$= \frac{(2k+1)(k-2)}{(k-2)(k-1)}$$

$$= \frac{2k+1}{k-1}$$

\therefore The system has the solution $x_1 = -\frac{1}{k-1}$, $x_2 = \frac{k-3}{k-1}$, $x_3 = \frac{2k+1}{k-1}$, when the system has a unique solution where k the possible value of k is all real numbers except $k=1$ and 2 .

b) The given system is inconsistent / has infinitely many solutions when $\det(A)=0$

$$\text{From (a), } \det(A) = (k-1)(k-2) = 0$$

$$\therefore k = 1 \text{ or } = 2$$

When $k=1$,

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{A} &= \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 0 & -1 & -2 \end{array} \right) \\ &= \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)\end{aligned}$$

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\therefore The system is inconsistent when $k=1$.

When $k=2$,

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{A} &= \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 0 & -1 & -2 \end{array} \right) \\ &= \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 6 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \right) \\ &= \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)\end{aligned}$$

\therefore The system has infinitely many solutions when $k=2$.

When $k=2$,

~~Let the solution of the system when $k=2$ be z .~~

$$\tilde{A} = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 & -2 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 2 & \text{--- ①} \\ -3x_2 - x_3 = -2 & \text{--- ②} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{②, } -3x_2 - x_3 &= -2 \\ x_3 &= \frac{2-x_2}{3}\end{aligned}$$

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$$x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 2$$

$$x_1 = 2 - x_3 - 2\left(\frac{2-x_3}{3}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{x_3}{3} \\ \frac{x_3}{3} \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

∴ ~~$x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$~~ ∴ $x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2-x_3}{3} \\ \frac{2-x_3}{3} \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$, where x_3 is a free variable.

∴ When $k \neq 1$ or $\neq 2$, the solution is $x_1 = -\frac{1}{k-1}$, $x_2 = \frac{k-3}{k-1}$, $x_3 = \frac{2k+1}{k-1}$.

When $k=2$, the solution is $x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{x_3}{3} \\ \frac{x_3}{3} \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$, where x_3 is a free variable.

When $k=1$, there is no solution.