

# Jordan-Gauss Elimination

# Unique Solutions

**Question 1**

Solve the following simultaneous equations by manipulating their augmented matrix into reduced row echelon form.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 5 & 2 & 16 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{V}}, \boxed{\quad}, x = -10, y = 19, z = 1$$

WRITE THE SYSTEM INTO AN AUGMENTED MATRIX

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -3 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 & 16 & 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2(-2)} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & 10 & -9 \\ 5 & 2 & 16 & 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3(-5)} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & 10 & -9 \\ 0 & -3 & 21 & 24 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3(3)} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & 10 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & -3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2(-1)} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -10 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & -3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1(-1)} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 7 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & -10 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2(-10)} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 7 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 19 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad \therefore x = -10, y = 19, z = 1$$

KEY TO THE ROW OPERATIONS

$R_{ij} = \text{SWAP Row } i \text{ & } j.$

$R_i(\lambda) = \text{MULTIPLY Row } i \text{ BY } \lambda.$

$R_i(-\lambda) = \text{MULTIPLY Row } i \text{ BY } -\lambda, \text{ AND ADD IT TO Row } j.$

**Question 2**

$$\begin{aligned}x + 3y + 5z &= 6 \\6x - 8y + 4z &= -3 \\3x + 11y + 13z &= 17\end{aligned}$$

Solve the above system of simultaneous equations by manipulating their augmented matrix into reduced row echelon form.

$$\boxed{\mathbf{V}}, \boxed{\quad}, \boxed{x = -\frac{1}{2}, y = \frac{1}{2}, z = 1}$$

**TRANSFORM THE SYSTEM INTO MATRIX ROW-ECHO**

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x + 3y + 5z = 6 \\ 6x - 8y + 4z = -3 \\ 3x + 11y + 13z = 17 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & -8 & 4 & -3 \\ 3 & 11 & 13 & 17 \end{array} \right]$$

**APPLY ROW OPERATIONS**

$$\begin{array}{ll} R_2 \leftrightarrow R_2 - 6R_1 & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & -14 & -26 & -39 \\ 3 & 11 & 13 & 17 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \times (-\frac{1}{14})} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{13}{7} & \frac{39}{14} \\ 3 & 11 & 13 & 17 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 \times \frac{1}{3}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{13}{7} & \frac{39}{14} \\ 0 & 2 & \frac{10}{7} & \frac{17}{7} \end{array} \right] \\ R_3 \leftrightarrow R_3 - 2R_2 & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{13}{7} & \frac{39}{14} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{16}{7} & -\frac{51}{7} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 \times (-\frac{7}{16})} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{13}{7} & \frac{39}{14} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{51}{16} \end{array} \right] \\ R_1 \leftrightarrow R_1 - 5R_3 & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 0 & \frac{9}{16} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{13}{7} & \frac{39}{14} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{51}{16} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \times \frac{7}{13}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 0 & \frac{9}{16} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{51}{16} \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

**KEY TO ROW OPERATIONS**

- $R_2 \leftrightarrow R_2$  = SWAP Row 1 & 2
- $R_3 \leftrightarrow R_3$  = HAVING Row 3 BY  $\frac{1}{14}$
- $R_3 \times 2$  = MULTIPLY Row 2 BY -2 AND ADD INTO Row 3

**Question 3**

$$\begin{aligned}x + 5y + 7z &= 41 \\5x - 4y + 6z &= 2 \\7x + 9y - 3z &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Solve the above system of simultaneous equations by manipulating their augmented matrix into reduced row echelon form.

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**PUT THE SYSTEM INTO A AUGMENTED MATRIX**

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x + 5y + 7z = 41 \\ 5x - 4y + 6z = 2 \\ 7x + 9y - 3z = 1 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 5 & 7 & 41 \\ 5 & -4 & 6 & 2 \\ 7 & 9 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

**APPLY ELEMENTARY ROW OPERATIONS TO REDUCE THE MATRIX**

$$\begin{aligned}R_2 \leftrightarrow R_2 &\Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 5 & 7 & 41 \\ 0 & -25 & -29 & -203 \\ 7 & 9 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad R_3 \leftrightarrow R_3 \\R_3 - 7R_1 &\Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 5 & 7 & 41 \\ 0 & -25 & -29 & -203 \\ 0 & -26 & -22 & -280 \end{array} \right] \\R_3 - 2R_2 &\Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 5 & 7 & 41 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & -26 & -104 \end{array} \right] \quad R_3 \leftrightarrow R_3 \\R_3 \div (-26) &\Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 5 & 7 & 41 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] \\R_1 - 5R_2 &\Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] \quad R_1 \leftrightarrow R_1 \\R_1 - 2R_3 &\Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] \quad R_2 \leftrightarrow R_2 \\R_2 - R_3 &\Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] \quad R_3 \leftrightarrow R_3 \\R_1 \rightarrow R_1 &\Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right]\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore x = 2, y = 3, z = 4$

**KEY TO ROW OPERATIONS**

- $R_{ij} = \text{Swap Row } i \text{ & } j$
- $R_i \leftrightarrow R_j = \text{Multiply Row } i \text{ by } -\frac{1}{k}$
- $R_i(S) = \text{Multiply Row } i \text{ by } S, \text{ and add it into Row } 3$

**Question 4**

$$\begin{aligned}4x + 2y + 7z &= 2 \\10x - 4y - 5z &= 50 \\4x + 3y + 9z &= -2\end{aligned}$$

Solve the above system of simultaneous equations by manipulating their augmented matrix into reduced row echelon form.

$$\boxed{\quad}, \quad x = 4, \quad y = 0, \quad z = -2$$

**Start by creating an augmented matrix for the given coefficients. Rewrite as follows:**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4x + 2y + 7z & 2 \\ 10x - 4y - 5z & 50 \\ 4x + 3y + 9z & -2 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2y + 4x + 7z & 2 \\ -4y + 10x - 5z & 50 \\ 3y + 4x + 9z & -2 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} y + 2x + \frac{7}{2}z & 1 \\ -4y + 10x - 5z & 50 \\ 3y + 4x + 9z & -2 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & \frac{7}{2} & 1 \\ -4 & 10 & -5 & 50 \\ 3 & 4 & 9 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

**Apply row operations:**

$$\begin{aligned}r_1(4) &= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & \frac{7}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 8 & 9 & 54 \\ 0 & -2 & -\frac{1}{2} & -5 \end{array} \right] & r_2(\frac{1}{8}) &= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & \frac{7}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{9}{8} & \frac{27}{4} \\ 0 & -1 & -\frac{1}{8} & -\frac{5}{4} \end{array} \right] \\r_3(2) &= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & \frac{7}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{9}{8} & \frac{27}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right] & r_3(-1) &= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & \frac{7}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{9}{8} & \frac{27}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \\r_3(-2) &= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & \frac{7}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{9}{8} & \frac{27}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{array} \right] & r_2(-3) &= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{8} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{9}{8} & \frac{27}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{array} \right] \\r_2(-\frac{9}{8}) &= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{8} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{27}{8} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{array} \right] & & \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore x = 4, \quad y = 0, \quad z = -2$

**KEY TO ROW OPERATIONS:**

- $r_1(4)$  = Swap Row 1 & 2
- $r_2(\frac{1}{8})$  = Multiply Row 2 by  $\frac{1}{8}$
- $r_3(-2)$  = Multiply Row 3 by  $-2$ , and add it into Row 1

**Question 5**

$$\begin{aligned}x + 3y + 2z &= 14 \\2x + y + z &= 7 \\3x + 2y - z &= 7\end{aligned}$$

Solve the above system of simultaneous equations by manipulating their augmented matrix into reduced row echelon form.

$$x = 1, \quad y = 3, \quad z = 2$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 14 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 3 & 2 & -4 & 7 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 14 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 3 & 2 & -4 & 7 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 - 3R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 14 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & -5 & -3 & -21 \end{array} \right] \\ \xrightarrow{R_3 + 5R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 14 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 - 2R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 14 \\ 0 & -5 & -3 & -21 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 14 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & -5 & -3 & -21 \end{array} \right] \\ \xrightarrow{R_3 + 5R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 14 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 - 2R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 14 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -6 \end{array} \right] \\ \xrightarrow{R_3 \times (-1/6)} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 14 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Final}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 14 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]. \end{array}$$

$\therefore x = 1, \quad y = 3, \quad z = 2$

**Question 6**

$$\begin{aligned}2x + 5y + 3z &= 2 \\x + 2y + 2z &= 4 \\x + y + 4z &= 11\end{aligned}$$

Solve the above simultaneous equations by manipulating their augmented matrix into reduced row echelon form.

$$x = 12, \quad y = -5, \quad z = 1$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 5 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 11 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 11 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 - 2R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -6 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 11 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -6 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 7 \end{array} \right] \\ \xrightarrow{R_3 + R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 + R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 - 2R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ \xrightarrow{\text{Final}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]. \end{array}$$

$\therefore x = 12, \quad y = -5, \quad z = 1$

**Question 7**

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + y - z &= 3 \\ x + 3y + z &= 2 \\ 3x + 2y - 3z &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Solve the above system of simultaneous equations by manipulating their augmented matrix into reduced row echelon form.

$$x = 3, y = -1, z = 2$$

AUGMENTED MATRIX

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -5 & -3 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_3 - 3R_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -5 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & -13 & -6 & -5 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \left(\frac{-1}{5}\right)} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \\ 0 & -13 & -6 & -5 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_3 - 13R_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{18}{5} & -\frac{46}{5} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \left(-\frac{5}{18}\right)} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{23}{9} \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 \left(-\frac{3}{5}\right)} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{23}{9} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{23}{9} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 - R_3} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 0 & \frac{13}{9} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{23}{9} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \quad z = \frac{23}{9} \quad \boxed{x = 3, \quad y = -1, \quad z = 2}$$

**Question 8**

Solve the following simultaneous equations by manipulating their augmented matrix into reduced row echelon form.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x = 3, y = -1, z = 0$$

AUGMENTED MATRIX

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 & 3 & 4 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 + R_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 \left(\frac{-1}{1}\right)} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 - 2R_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 \left(\frac{1}{1}\right)} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 \left(\frac{1}{1}\right)} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 \left(\frac{1}{1}\right)} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

**Question 9**

$$\begin{aligned}x + 3y + 2z &= 13 \\3x + 2y - z &= 4 \\2x + y + z &= 7\end{aligned}$$

Solve the above system of simultaneous equations by manipulating their augmented matrix into reduced row echelon form.

$$x = 1, \quad y = 2, \quad z = 3$$

AUGMENTED MATRIX

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 13 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 7 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 13 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 - 1.5R_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & -11 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 13 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & -11 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \times (-1)} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 11 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_3 - 2R_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & -16 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_3 \times (-\frac{1}{3})} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{16}{3} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 - R_3} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 & \frac{13}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{16}{3} \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 - 2R_3} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 & \frac{13}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{15}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{16}{3} \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 - R_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & \frac{8}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{16}{3} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} x = \frac{8}{3} \\ y = 5 \\ z = \frac{16}{3} \end{cases}$$

**Question 10**

Solve the following simultaneous equations by manipulating their augmented matrix into reduced row echelon form.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x = 2, \quad y = -1, \quad z = 4$$

AUGMENTED MATRIX

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 & 8 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 8 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 - 2R_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 8 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 \times \frac{1}{2}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 - R_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 - R_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} x = 2 \\ y = -1 \\ z = 4 \end{cases}$$

**Question 11**

$$\begin{aligned}x + 5y + 7z &= 41 \\5x - 4y + 6z &= \quad 2 \\7x + 9y - 3z &= \quad k\end{aligned}$$

Use the Jordan-Gauss algorithm to determine the solution of the above system of simultaneous equations, giving the answers in terms of the constant  $k$ .

$$\boxed{\quad}, \quad x = \frac{k-27}{13}, \quad y = \frac{k+77}{26}, \quad z = \frac{105-k}{26}$$

**PROCEDURE BY THE JORDAN-GAUSS ALGORITHM**

$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc c} 1 & 5 & 7 & 41 \\ 5 & -4 & 6 & 2 \\ 7 & 9 & -3 & k \end{array} \right]$	$\xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3}$	$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc c} 1 & 5 & 7 & 41 \\ 0 & -21 & -29 & -203 \\ 0 & -26 & -32 & -37+k \end{array} \right]$	$\xrightarrow{R_3 \leftrightarrow R_2}$
$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc c} 1 & 5 & 7 & 41 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & -26 & -32 & -37+k \end{array} \right]$	$\xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3}$	$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc c} 1 & 5 & 7 & 41 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & -26 & -k+105 \end{array} \right]$	$\xrightarrow{R_3 \leftrightarrow R_3}$
$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc c} 1 & 5 & 7 & 41 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{-k+105}{26} \end{array} \right]$	$\xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3}$	$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 6+\frac{k-105}{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 7+\frac{k-105}{26} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{-k+105}{26} \end{array} \right]$	$\xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3}$
			$\therefore x = 6 + \frac{k-105}{13} = \frac{5 \times 13 + k - 105}{13} = \frac{k-27}{13}$
			$y = 7 + \frac{k-105}{26} = \frac{26 \times 7 + k - 105}{26} = \frac{k+77}{26}$
			$z = \frac{105-k}{26}$

# Non-Unique Solutions

**Question 1**

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + 2z &= 2 \\2x - y + z &= -2 \\3x + y + 4z &= 2\end{aligned}$$

Show, by reducing the augmented matrix of the above system of equations into row echelon form, that the solution can be written as

$$x = -t, \quad y = 2 - t, \quad z = t$$

where  $t$  is a scalar parameter.

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• PUT THE SYSTEM OF EQUATION INTO A MATRIX

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x + y + 2z = 2 \\ 2x - y + z = -2 \\ 3x + y + 4z = 2 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

• APPLY ELEMENTARY ROW OPERATIONS

$$\begin{aligned}r_2 \leftrightarrow r_2 &= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 & -6 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 2 \end{array} \right] \quad r_3 \leftarrow r_3 - 3r_1 \\r_3 \leftrightarrow r_3 &= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 & -6 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & -4 \end{array} \right] \\r_3 \leftrightarrow r_3 &= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]\end{aligned}$$

• CONTINUE THE ECHELONISATION, IGNORING THE THIRD ROW

$$r_2 \leftrightarrow r_2 = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

• SO WE HAVE

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2z &= 0 \\y + z &= 2\end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned}x &= -2z \\y &= 2 - z\end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned}\text{Let } z &= t \\y &= 2 - t \\x &= -t \\z &= t\end{aligned}$$

KEY TO ROW OPERATIONS

- $r_1 \leftrightarrow r_2$  = SWAP Row 1 & 2
- $r_3 \leftrightarrow r_3$  = MULTIPLY Row 3 By  $\frac{1}{2}$
- $r_3 \leftrightarrow r_3$  = MULTIPLY Row 1 BY  $-2$ , AND ADD IT TO Row 3

**Question 2**

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2y + z &= 1 \\x + y + 3z &= 2 \\3x + 5y + 5z &= 4\end{aligned}$$

Show that the solution of the above simultaneous equations is

$$x = 3 - 5t, \quad y = 2t - 1, \quad z = t$$

where  $t$  is a parameter.

**V**,  , proof

• FIND THE SOLUTION BY THE JORDAN-GAUS ALGORITHM.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 2x + 2y + 2z = 1 \\ x + y + 3z = 2 \\ 3x + 5y + 5z = 4 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 & 5 & 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_2 \leftrightarrow R_1 \\ R_3 - 3R_1 \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 - 2R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_1 - 2R_2 \\ R_3 \leftrightarrow R_1 \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

• EXTRACT THE SOLUTION.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 2x + 5z = 3 \\ y + 2z = 1 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x = 3 - 5z \\ y = -1 + 2z \end{array}$$

→ LET  $z = t$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x = 3 - 5t \\ y = 2t - 1 \\ z = t \end{array}$$

AS PROVED

**Question 3**

$$\begin{aligned}3x - 2y - 18z &= 6 \\2x + y - 5z &= 25\end{aligned}$$

Show, by reducing the above system of equations into row echelon form, that the solution can be written as

$$\mathbf{r} = 8\mathbf{i} + 9\mathbf{j} + \lambda(4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}),$$

where  $\lambda$  is a scalar parameter.

proof

$$\begin{array}{c} \left( \begin{matrix} 2 & 1 & -5 & 25 \\ 3 & -2 & -18 & 6 \end{matrix} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \left( \begin{matrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} & \frac{25}{2} \\ 3 & -2 & -18 & 6 \end{matrix} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 - 3R_1} \left( \begin{matrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} & \frac{25}{2} \\ 0 & -\frac{7}{2} & -\frac{27}{2} & -\frac{27}{2} \end{matrix} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 \cdot (-\frac{2}{7})} \\ \left( \begin{matrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} & \frac{25}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{9}{7} & \frac{27}{7} \end{matrix} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 - \frac{1}{2}R_2} \left( \begin{matrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{4}{7} & \frac{13}{7} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{9}{7} & \frac{27}{7} \end{matrix} \right) \\ \left( \begin{matrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{4}{7} & \frac{13}{7} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{9}{7} & \frac{27}{7} \end{matrix} \right) \end{array}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} 1x - 2z = 8 \\ y + 3z = 9 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{l} x = 8 + 2z \\ y = 9 - 3z \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{l} x \\ y \\ z \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{l} 8 \\ 9 \\ 0 \end{array} \right] + \left[ \begin{array}{l} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{array} \right] z$$

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**Question 4**

$$\begin{aligned}x + y - 2z &= 2 \\3x - y + 6z &= 2 \\6x + 5y - 9z &= 11\end{aligned}$$

Show, by reducing the above equation system into row echelon form, that the consistent solution of the system can be written as

$$x = 1 - t, \quad y = 3t + 1, \quad z = t$$

where  $t$  is a scalar parameter.

proof

• START BY WRITING THE SYSTEM IN MATRIX FORM

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x+y-2z=2 \\ 3x-y+6z=2 \\ 6x+5y-9z=11 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 & 6 & 2 \\ 6 & 5 & -9 & 11 \end{array} \right]$$

• APPLY STANDARD GAUSS-JORDAN ELIMINATION BY ROW OPERATIONS

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 \leftrightarrow R_2 \\ R_3 - 2R_1 \rightarrow R_3 \\ R_3 - 4R_1 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & -4 & 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -3 \end{array} \right] \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3 \\ R_3 - R_2 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.5 & -3 \end{array} \right] \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \end{array} \right]$$

• EXTRACTING THE SOLUTION WE FIND

$$\begin{array}{l} x+2=1 \\ y-3z=0 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x=1-2 \\ y=1+3z \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{let } 2=t \\ x=1-t \\ y=1+3t \end{array}$$

AS REQUIRED

KEY TO OPERATIONS
$R_2 \leftrightarrow R_2$ : SWAP ROW 1 & 2
$R_3 - 2R_1$ : MULTIPLY ROW 2 BY $-3$
$R_3 - R_2$ : MULTIPLY ROW 3 BY $-2$ , AND ADD IT TO ROW 2

**Question 5**

$$\begin{aligned}3x - y - 5z &= 5 \\2x + y - 5z &= 10 \\x + y - 3z &= 7\end{aligned}$$

Show, by reducing the above system into row echelon form, that the consistent solution of the system can be written as

$$x = 2t + 3, \quad y = t + 4, \quad z = t.$$

**V**,  , proof

● WRITE THE EQUATIONS AS AN AUGMENTED MATRIX

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 3x - y - 5z = 5 \\ 2x + y - 5z = 10 \\ x + y - 3z = 7 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & -1 & -5 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & -5 & 10 \\ 1 & 1 & -3 & 7 \end{array} \right]$$

● USING ELEMENTARY ROW OPERATIONS

$$R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3 \quad R_2 - 2R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \quad R_3 - R_1 \rightarrow R_3$$

$$R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3 \quad R_2 + 4R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \quad R_3 - 4R_1 \rightarrow R_3$$

$$R_2 \leftrightarrow R_1 \quad R_1 + 2R_2 \rightarrow R_1 \quad R_3 - 4R_2 \rightarrow R_3$$

● EXTRACTING THE SOLUTION

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x = 2t + 3 \\ y = t + 4 \\ z = t \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} x = 3 + 2t \\ y = 4 + t \\ z = t \end{array} \right\}$$

KEY TO ELEMENTARY ROW OPERATIONS

- $R_{ij}$ : Swap rows  $i$  &  $j$
- $R_i(\lambda)$ : Multiply row  $i$  by  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$
- $R_i(-\lambda)$ : Multiply row  $i$  by  $-\lambda$  and add it to row  $j$

**Question 6**

$$\begin{aligned}x + 5y + 2z &= 9 \\2x - y + 2z &= 4\end{aligned}$$

Show, by reducing the above system of equations into row echelon form, that the solution can be written as

$$x = A\lambda + B, \quad y = C\lambda + D, \quad z = E\lambda + F$$

where  $A, B, C, D, E$  and  $F$  are integers, and  $\lambda$  is a scalar parameter.

$$\boxed{\mathbf{V}}, \quad \boxed{x = 12\lambda + 7}, \quad \boxed{y = 2\lambda + 2}, \quad \boxed{z = -11\lambda - 4}$$

Given equations:

$$\begin{aligned}x + 5y + 2z &= 9 \\2x - y + 2z &= 4\end{aligned}$$

AUGMENTED MATRIX

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 5 & 2 & 9 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

Row operations:

$$\begin{aligned}R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 5 & 2 & 9 \\ 0 & -11 & 0 & -14 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Row 2 (divide by -11)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 5 & 2 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{14}{11} \end{array} \right]$$

EXTRACTING THE SCALAR

$$\begin{aligned}x + \frac{14}{11}y &= \frac{29}{11} \\y + \frac{14}{11}z &= \frac{14}{11}\end{aligned}$$

LET  $z = t$  AND TRY 0

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \frac{29}{11} - \frac{14}{11}t \\y &= \frac{14}{11} - \frac{14}{11}t \\z &= t\end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{29}{11} \\ \frac{14}{11} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{14}{11} \\ -\frac{14}{11} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{29}{11} \\ \frac{14}{11} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - 4 \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{14}{11} \\ -\frac{14}{11} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} \frac{14}{11} \\ -\frac{14}{11} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{29}{11} \\ \frac{14}{11} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} \frac{14}{11} \\ -\frac{14}{11} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}x &= 12t + 7 \\y &= -2t + 2 \\z &= t - 4\end{aligned}$$

**Question 7**

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z &= 0 \\2x + 4z + w &= -1 \\3x + 2y + 4z + w &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Find a general solution of the above system of simultaneous equations.

$$\boxed{\mathbf{V}, \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \left. \begin{array}{l} x+y+z=0 \\ 2x+4z+w=-1 \\ 3x+2y+4z+w=0 \end{array} \right\} \text{ AUGMENTED MATRIX } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{array}{c} R_1(2) \\ R_2(3) \\ R_3(2) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} R_2(-2) \\ R_3(-2) \\ R_3(-1) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} R_2(2) \\ R_3(-1) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \\ \text{So } \begin{array}{l} x = -2z \\ y = -2z \\ w = 1 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x = -1 - 2z \\ y = 1 + 2z \\ w = 1 \end{array} \\ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

# Cramer's Rule

**Question 1**

Use Cramer's rule to solve the following system of simultaneous equations.

$$3x + y + 2z = 11$$

$$x + y + z = 4$$

$$x - y + 2z = 9$$

No credit will be given for using alternative solution methods.

N ,  x = 2 ,  y = -1 ,  z = 3

**• WRITE THE SYSTEM IN MATRIX NOTATION**

$$\begin{cases} 3x+y+2z=11 \\ x+y+z=4 \\ x-y+2z=9 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 4 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

**• WORK OUT THE DETERMINANT OF THE SYSTEM**

$$\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 3(3) - 1(5) + 1(-2) = 4$$

**• COMPUTE  $\Delta_x, \Delta_y, \Delta_z$**

$$\Delta_x = \begin{vmatrix} 11 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 9 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 11 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - 4 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 9 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 9 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 11(4) - 4(-1) + 2(-15) = 8$$

$$\Delta_y = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 11 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 9 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 9 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - 11 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 9 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 3(-5) - 11(0) + 2(5) = -10$$

**• HENCE WE HAVE**

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x = \frac{\Delta_x}{\Delta} = \frac{8}{4} = 2 \\ y = \frac{\Delta_y}{\Delta} = \frac{-10}{4} = -1 \\ z = \frac{\Delta_z}{\Delta} = \frac{4}{4} = 1 \end{array} \right\} \text{ i.e. } (x, y, z) = (2, -1, 1)$$

**Question 2**

Use Cramer's rule to solve the following system of simultaneous equations.

$$\begin{aligned} 3x - y + z &= 7 \\ x + y + 2z &= 7 \\ x + 3y + z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

No credit will be given for using alternative solution methods.

,  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  ,  $y = -\frac{3}{2}$  ,  $z = 4$

<p><u>WRITE THE EQUATIONS AS A MATRIX EQUATION</u></p> $\left. \begin{array}{l} 3x - y + z = 7 \\ x + y + 2z = 7 \\ x + 3y + z = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 7 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ <p><u>FIND THE DETERMINANT OF THE SYSTEM</u></p> $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$ $= 3(-5) + (-1) + (4)$ $= -14$ <p><u>CALCULATE <math>\Delta_x, \Delta_y</math> &amp; <math>\Delta_z</math></u></p> $\bullet \Delta_x = \begin{vmatrix} 7 & -1 & 1 \\ 7 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 7 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 7 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$ $= 7(-5) + 7 + 21 = -7$ $\bullet \Delta_y = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 7 & 1 \\ 1 & 7 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \begin{vmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 7 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 7 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$ $= 3(47) - 7(-1) + (-7) = 21$	<p><math>\bullet \Delta_z = \begin{vmatrix} 3 &amp; -1 &amp; 7 \\ 1 &amp; 1 &amp; 7 \\ 1 &amp; 3 &amp; 0 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 &amp; 7 \\ 3 &amp; 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 &amp; 7 \\ 1 &amp; 0 \end{vmatrix} + 7 \begin{vmatrix} 1 &amp; 1 \\ 1 &amp; 3 \end{vmatrix}</math></p> $= 3(-8) + (-7) + 7(-1)$ $= -56$ <p><u>HENCE WE CAN OBTAIN THE SOLUTION</u></p> $\left. \begin{array}{l} x = \frac{\Delta_x}{\Delta} = \frac{-7}{-14} = \frac{1}{2} \\ y = \frac{\Delta_y}{\Delta} = \frac{21}{-14} = \frac{3}{2} \\ z = \frac{\Delta_z}{\Delta} = \frac{-56}{-14} = 4 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow (x, y, z) = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, 4)$
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**Question 3**

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2y + 3z &= 5 \\3x + \quad y + 2z &= 18 \\4x - \quad y + z &= 27\end{aligned}$$

Solve the above system of the simultaneous equations ...

- a) ... by manipulating their augmented matrix into reduced row echelon form.  
 b) ... by using Cramer's rule.

$$\boxed{\quad}, \quad x = 6, \quad y = -2, \quad z = 1$$

a) WRITE THE SYSTEM AS AN AUGMENTED MATRIX

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x+2y+3z=5 \\ 3x+y+2z=18 \\ 4x-y+z=27 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 18 \\ 4 & -1 & 1 & 27 \end{array} \right]$$

$$r_1 \leftrightarrow r_3 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & -1 & 1 & 27 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 18 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 \end{array} \right] \quad r_2 \leftrightarrow r_2 - 3r_1 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & -1 & 1 & 27 \\ 1 & 5 & -7 & -39 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

$$r_3 \leftrightarrow r_3 - r_2 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & -1 & 1 & 27 \\ 1 & 5 & -7 & -39 \\ 0 & -3 & 10 & 44 \end{array} \right] \quad r_3 \leftrightarrow r_3 + 3r_1 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & -1 & 1 & 27 \\ 1 & 5 & -7 & -39 \\ 0 & 8 & 1 & 71 \end{array} \right]$$

$$r_3 \leftrightarrow r_3 - 8r_2 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & -1 & 1 & 27 \\ 1 & 5 & -7 & -39 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -27 \end{array} \right] \quad r_2 \leftrightarrow r_2 + 7r_3 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & -1 & 1 & 27 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -60 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -27 \end{array} \right]$$

$$r_1 \leftrightarrow r_1 + r_2 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 5 & -1 & 1 & -33 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -60 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -27 \end{array} \right] \quad \text{Thus the unique solution is } \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

b) PREPARE THE REQUIRED DETERMINANTS OF THE SYSTEM

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & x \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & y \\ 4 & -1 & 1 & z \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c} s \\ 18 \\ 27 \end{array} \right]$$

$$|\Delta| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 3 - 2(-5) + 3(-7) = 3 + 10 - 21 = -8$$

$$|\Delta_x| = \begin{vmatrix} s & 2 & 3 \\ 18 & 1 & 2 \\ 27 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = s \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 11 & 2 \\ 27 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 5s - 2(-30) + 3(-45) = 5s + 60 - 135 = -85$$

$$|\Delta_y| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & s & 3 \\ 3 & 18 & 2 \\ 4 & 27 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 18 & 2 \\ 27 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 5 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 18 \\ 4 & 27 \end{vmatrix} = -36 - 5(-2) + 3(9) = -36 + 25 + 27 = 16$$

$$|\Delta_z| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & s \\ 3 & 1 & 18 \\ 4 & -1 & 27 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 18 \\ 27 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 18 \\ 4 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + 5 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 45 - 2(4) + 5(-7) = 45 - 8 - 35 = -8$$

HENCE BY CRAMER'S RULE

$$x = \frac{|\Delta_x|}{|\Delta|} = \frac{-85}{-8} = 10.625$$

$$y = \frac{|\Delta_y|}{|\Delta|} = \frac{16}{-8} = -2$$

$$z = \frac{|\Delta_z|}{|\Delta|} = \frac{-8}{-8} = 1$$

**Question 4**

$$\begin{array}{l} 7x + 2y - 3z = 30 \\ 3x + 4y - 5z = 14 \\ 5x - 3y + 4z = 18 \end{array}$$

Solve the above system of the simultaneous equations by using Cramer's rule.

$$[ ] , [x = 4, y = -2, z = -2]$$

<p>● WRITE THE SYSTEM IN MATRIX FORM</p> $\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 2 & -3 \\ 3 & 4 & -5 \\ 5 & -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 30 \\ 14 \\ 18 \end{pmatrix}$ <p style="text-align: center;"><math>\Delta</math></p> <p>● CALCULATE ALL THE RELEVANT DETERMINANTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\det \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 7 &amp; 2 &amp; -3 \\ 3 &amp; 4 &amp; -5 \\ 5 &amp; -3 &amp; 4 \end{vmatrix} = 7 \begin{vmatrix} 4 &amp; -5 \\ -3 &amp; 4 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 3 &amp; -5 \\ 5 &amp; 4 \end{vmatrix} - 3 \begin{vmatrix} 3 &amp; 2 \\ 5 &amp; -3 \end{vmatrix}</math>  <math>= 7 \times 1 - 2 \times 37 - 3(-24) = 20</math></li> <li>• <math>\det \Delta_x = \begin{vmatrix} 30 &amp; 2 &amp; -3 \\ 14 &amp; 4 &amp; -5 \\ 18 &amp; -3 &amp; 4 \end{vmatrix} = 30 \begin{vmatrix} 4 &amp; -5 \\ -3 &amp; 4 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 14 &amp; -3 \\ 18 &amp; 4 \end{vmatrix} - 18 \begin{vmatrix} 14 &amp; 2 \\ 18 &amp; -3 \end{vmatrix}</math>  <math>= 30 \times 1 - 2 \times 146 - 3(-14) = 80</math></li> <li>• <math>\det \Delta_y = \begin{vmatrix} 7 &amp; 30 &amp; -3 \\ 3 &amp; 14 &amp; -5 \\ 5 &amp; 18 &amp; 4 \end{vmatrix} = 7 \begin{vmatrix} 14 &amp; -5 \\ 18 &amp; 4 \end{vmatrix} - 30 \begin{vmatrix} 3 &amp; -5 \\ 5 &amp; 4 \end{vmatrix} - 5 \begin{vmatrix} 3 &amp; 14 \\ 5 &amp; 18 \end{vmatrix}</math>  <math>= 7 \times 146 - 30 \times 37 - 3(-16) = -40</math></li> <li>• <math>\det \Delta_z = \begin{vmatrix} 7 &amp; 2 &amp; 30 \\ 3 &amp; 4 &amp; 14 \\ 5 &amp; -3 &amp; 18 \end{vmatrix} = 7 \begin{vmatrix} 4 &amp; 14 \\ -3 &amp; 18 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 3 &amp; 14 \\ 5 &amp; 18 \end{vmatrix} + 30 \begin{vmatrix} 3 &amp; 2 \\ 5 &amp; -3 \end{vmatrix}</math>  <math>= 7 \times 114 - 2(-16) + 30(-24) = -90</math></li> </ul>	<p>● HENCE WE HAVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>x = \frac{\det \Delta_x}{\det \Delta} = \frac{80}{20} = 4</math></li> <li>• <math>y = \frac{\det \Delta_y}{\det \Delta} = \frac{-40}{20} = -2</math></li> <li>• <math>z = \frac{\det \Delta_z}{\det \Delta} = \frac{-90}{20} = -2</math></li> </ul>
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**Question 5**

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z + w &= 2 \\2x - y + 2z - w &= 1 \\3x + y - z - w &= 1 \\4x + 2y + 3z - 2w &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Use Cramer's rule to find the value of  $w$  in the above system of simultaneous equations

$$\boxed{\quad}, \quad w = \frac{3}{2}$$

• WRITE THE HOMOGENEOUS SYSTEM OF EQUATIONS AS A DETERMINANT

$$\begin{array}{l}x + y + z + w = 2 \\2x - y + 2z - w = 1 \\3x + y - z - w = 1 \\4x + 2y + 3z - 2w = 0\end{array} \quad \text{Hence} \quad \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

• EXPAND BY THE 2<sup>nd</sup> COLUMN, THEN EXPAND BY THE 2<sup>nd</sup> ROW

$$= - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -4 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 & -6 \end{vmatrix} = -3(24 - 3) = -63$$

• HENCE BY CRAMER'S RULE WE HAVE

$$w = \frac{\text{DETERMINANT OF THIS MATRIX, WITH } w \text{ COLUMN REplaced BY THE NUMBER COLUMN}}{\text{DETERMINANT OF THE MATRIX OF A HOMOGENEOUS SYSTEM}}$$

$$w = \frac{-63}{-42} = \frac{3}{2}$$

• EXPAND BY THE 2<sup>nd</sup> COLUMN, THEN EXPAND BY THE 2<sup>nd</sup> ROW

$$= - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 6 & 3 \\ 2 & -3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = +2 \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ -3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = -2(-12 - 9) = -42$$

• EXPAND BY THE 2<sup>nd</sup> COLUMN AGAIN, THEN EXPAND BY THE FIRST ROW

$$\begin{array}{l} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & -4 \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{C}_{12}(2) \\ \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{C}_{13}(2) \\ \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 & -6 \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{C}_{14}(2)\end{array}$$

**Question 6**

Use Cramer's rule to find the value of  $x$  in the following system of simultaneous equations.

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + y - z &+ t = 9 \\ x + y + z - w - t &= 0 \\ 2x - y - z + 2w + 2t &= 12 \\ x + 2y + w + t &= 8 \\ 3x + z - w &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

No credit will be given for using alternative solution methods.

,  $x = 3$

WRITE THE SYSTEM IN MATRIX FORM

$$\begin{aligned} 2x+y-z+t &= 9 \\ x+y+z-w-t &= 0 \\ 2x-y-z+2w+2t &= 12 \\ x+2y+w+t &= 8 \\ 3x+z-w &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

CALCULATE THE DETERMINANT OF THE MATRIX OF THE SYSTEM

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{matrix} R_1 \leftrightarrow R_4 \\ R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3 \\ R_3 \leftrightarrow R_4 \end{matrix}$$

EXPANDING THE DETERMINANT BY THE FIRST COLUMN

$$= -C_1(C_1) \begin{vmatrix} -6 & 10 & 10 \\ -4 & 4 & 5 \\ -5 & 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = -C_1(C_1) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 4(-4) - 10(-3) = -16 + 30 = 14$$

NEXT CALCULATE THE DETERMINANT OF THE MATRIX WITH THE 3<sup>rd</sup> COLUMN REVERSED

$$\begin{vmatrix} 9 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 12 & -1 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 8 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 6 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 9 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 & 2 & -6 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{matrix} R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \\ R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3 \\ R_3 \leftrightarrow R_4 \\ R_4 \leftrightarrow R_1 \end{matrix}$$

EXPANDING BY THE FIRST COLUMN WE OBTAIN

$$= C_{1(3)} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 5 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -3 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \times 1 \times \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 & -9 \\ -2 & -3 & 11 \\ 1 & -1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = C_{1(3)} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 9 & -9 \\ -2 & -5 & 11 \\ 1 & 0 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$$

EXPANDING BY THE BOTTOM ROW

$$\begin{aligned} &= 4 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + 6 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 9 & -9 \\ -2 & -5 & 11 \\ 1 & 0 & 6 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 9 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} - 12 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 9 \\ 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 9(-4) - 12(-1) \\ &= 54 - 12 \\ &= 42 \end{aligned}$$

THIS BY CRAMER'S RULE WE FIND

$$\begin{aligned} \text{DETERMINANT OF THE SYSTEM MATRIX WITH } 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ COLUMN}\\ \text{REMOVED BY THE NUMBER COLUMN 1} &= \text{DETERMINANT OF THE SYSTEM MATRIX} \\ x &= \frac{42}{14} \\ x &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

# Matrix Inverse

**Question 1**

The  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $\mathbf{C}$  is given below.

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- a) Use the standard method for finding the inverse of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, to determine the elements of  $\mathbf{C}^{-1}$ .
- b) Verify the answer of part (a) by obtaining the elements of  $\mathbf{C}^{-1}$ , by using a method involving elementary row operations.

**V**,  $\boxed{\quad}$ ,  $\boxed{\mathbf{C}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -7 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}}$

a)  $\underline{\mathbf{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  MATRIX OF MINORS =  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$   
 MATRIX OF COFACTORS =  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & +1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$   
 ADJOINTIVE MATRIX =  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

$|\underline{\mathbf{C}}| = 1(2 \cdot 2) + 2(-3) + 1 \cdot 7 = -2 - 6 + 7 = -1$

$\mathbf{C}^{-1} = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{C}|} (\text{ADJOINTIVE}) = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

b) FIND THE INVERSE BY ROW OPERATIONS

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & | & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 & | & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & | & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & | & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & | & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 - 2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & | & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & | & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & | & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 - 3R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & | & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & | & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & | & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & | & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & -7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & | & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & -7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - 7R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & | & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & | & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - \frac{1}{2}R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & | & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\xrightarrow{R_2 \cdot 2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 - 2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 & -7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - 7R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 & -7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

## Question 2

The  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is given below:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find  $A^{-1}$ , by using a method involving elementary row operations

$$\boxed{\phantom{000}}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

FINDING THE INVERSE BY ELEMENTARY ROW OPERATIONS, i.e. SOLVING SIMULTANEOUS EQUATIONS

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$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cc} 3 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_4 \\ R_2 + R_1 \\ R_3 - R_1 \\ R_4 - R_1}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cc} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \cdot 2 \\ R_2 + R_1 \\ R_3 - R_1 \\ R_4 - R_1}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cc} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$


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$$\Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cc} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \cdot 2 \\ R_2 + R_1 \\ R_3 - R_1 \\ R_4 - R_1}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cc} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$


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$$\Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cc} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \cdot 2 \\ R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 - R_1 \\ R_4 - R_1}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cc} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$


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$$\Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_4 \\ R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3 \\ R_3 \leftrightarrow R_1}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$


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$$\therefore \frac{A^{-1}}{|A|} = \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}$$

# Various

**Question 1**

The following four vectors are given.

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- a) Show that  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are linearly independent.  
 b) Express  $\mathbf{p}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ .

$$\boxed{\mathbf{p} = 2\mathbf{u} - 4\mathbf{v} - 7\mathbf{w}}$$

TO SHOW INDEPENDENCE IT'S SUFFICIENT TO WRITE THE VECTORS AS A MATRIX & CHECK THAT THE DETERMINANT IS NOT ZERO

Hence

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2(-1) + 2 - 1 = 1 \neq 0$$

$\therefore$  THE VECTORS ARE LINEARLY INDEPENDENT

Now

$$2\mathbf{u} + 4\mathbf{v} + 7\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + 4 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + 7 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 3R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - 2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + 5R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

EXTENDING THE SYSTEM

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda + 2\gamma - \delta &= 1 \\ \gamma - \frac{2}{3}\delta &= \frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{2}\delta &= \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \delta = -\frac{4}{3}$

- $\bullet \gamma - \frac{2}{3}\delta = \frac{2}{3}$
- $\bullet \lambda + 2\gamma - \delta = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} 3\gamma - 2\delta &= 2 \\ 3\gamma + 4\gamma + 2 &= 1 \\ 3\gamma &= -12 \\ \gamma &= -4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \lambda - 8 + 7 &= 1 \\ \lambda - 1 &= 1 \\ \lambda &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - 4 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - 7 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{p} = 2\mathbf{u} - 4\mathbf{v} - 7\mathbf{w}$$

**Question 2**

The following three vectors are given.

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- a) Show that  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are linearly dependent.
- b) Find a linear relationship, with integer coefficients, between  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ .

$$\boxed{\mathbf{u} = 3\mathbf{v} - 4\mathbf{w}}$$

**WRITE THE VECTORS AS THE COLUMNS OF A MATRIX**

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 7 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 7 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

EXPAND BY THE FIRST COLUMN

$$= 1 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 7 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1(9-8) - 7(21-20)$$

$$= 0$$

AS THE DETERMINANT IS ZERO  
THE VECTORS ARE LINEARLY DEPENDENT

**KNOW HOW TO WRITE THE VECTORS AS AN AUGMENTED MATRIX**

$$\begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow 2\mathbf{u} + 4\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w} \\ \Rightarrow 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 4 \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 28 \\ 12 \\ 16 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2+28 \\ 2+12 \\ 0+16 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \therefore u = \frac{5}{2} \\ 9. \lambda + 7(\frac{1}{2}) = 5 \\ \lambda + 3(\frac{1}{2}) = 2 \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow 2\lambda + 1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

HENCE

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u} + \frac{3}{2}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w} \\ &\Rightarrow -\mathbf{u} + 3\mathbf{v} = 2\mathbf{w} \\ &\Rightarrow \mathbf{u} = 3\mathbf{v} - 4\mathbf{w} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 3**

The following four vectors are given.

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- a) Show that these four vectors are linearly dependent.  
 b) Express  $\mathbf{p}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ .

,  $\mathbf{p} = \frac{3}{2}\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} + \frac{5}{2}\mathbf{w}$

$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

a) FORMING A MATRIX WITH COLUMNS THE 4 VECTORS

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_4 \\ R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_3 \leftrightarrow R_4 \\ R_2 + R_3 \\ R_1 + R_2}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

TWO IDENTICAL ROWS IMPLY ZERO DETERMINANT  
 THEREFORE THE VECTORS ARE LINEARLY DEPENDENT

b)  $2\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} + t\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{p}$

$$2\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + t\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2+3+t=1 \\ 2+0-t=-1 \\ 0+1=0 \\ 0+0=0 \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2+3+t=1 \\ 2-t=-1 \\ 1=t \\ 0=0 \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2+3+t=1 \\ 2-t=-1 \\ t=1 \\ t=1 \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2t=4 \\ 1-t=1 \\ t=1 \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} t=2 \\ t=0 \\ t=1 \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} t=\frac{3}{2} \\ t=0 \\ t=1 \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow$

$$\therefore \mathbf{p} = \frac{3}{2}\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} + \frac{5}{2}\mathbf{w}$$

OR  $\mathbf{p} = \frac{3}{2}\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} + \frac{5}{2}\mathbf{w}$

ALTERNATIVE

TAKING IT FROM THE 2x2 REDUCTION OF PART (a)  
 AND IGNORING THE BOTTOM 2x2

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3 \\ R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_3 \rightarrow R_3/(-2) \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_3}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 3R_3 \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2 \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \times (-1)}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_3 \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \times (-1) \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \times (-1)}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \times (-1) \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_1}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \times (-1) \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \times (-1)}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \times (-1)}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \times (-1) \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \times (-1)}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \times (-1) \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_1}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \times (-1) \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \times (-1)}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right]$$

