

Quiz 5 Student Mistakes

Q1:

- Jumping into 2nd part without doing 1st part
 - Must parametrize with first 2 equations, and then again after including 3rd
 - If only 2nd, 2 points maximum. If only 1st, 3 points maximum.
- Algebraic mistakes
 - Solving with row reduction
 - not properly subtracting, missing entries
 - Solving with variable elimination
 - Making up equations, substituting incorrectly
- Parametrization
 - Not trying to parametrize -> lose most points
 - Skipping part 1 and only getting $w = 3$, $x = -1$ for part 2 -> at most 1 point

Q2

- Claiming possible with example
 - Only $AB \neq BA$: already did in class, 0.5 or 1 points
 - $AB = 0 = BA$: invalid, no points
 - $AB \neq 0 = BA$: half credit since you could just swap A and B
 - Other: varies, see me
- Claiming impossible
 - Used “If $AB = 0$, then $A = 0$ or $B = 0$,” which is false
 - Claimed “ $AB = BA$ if A, B defined,” which is false
- In general
 - Talking about what dimensions A or B must have
 - Square/non-square: can have both
 - Must be $1 \times n$, 1×1 , 2×2 etc.: false, all of these work
 - Any impossibility argument based on dimensions fails
 - Reading not equal symbol ‘ \neq ’ as equal symbol ‘ $=$ ’ or vice versa

Q3: True/false questions, so it’s right or wrong. Nothing more to say without mind reading.