MA 26500-215 Quiz 2

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1. (10 points) Given the system of linear equations

$$x - 2x_2 + x_3 - x_4 = 3$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - x_4 = 1$$

$$x_1 + x_3 - x_4 = 2$$
(*)

find its matrix representation and the reduced row-echelon form of that matrix.

A.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

B.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

C.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

D.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

E. Not listed.

Solution: Finding the matrix representation of

2. (10 points) Given the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 & -1 \\ -1 & -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and the vector $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, find the vector \mathbf{x} such that $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ by finding A^{-1} :

A.
$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

B.
$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -3 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

C.
$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 3 & 5 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

D.
$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 3 & 5 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

E. Does not exist; the matrix *A* is singular.