Linear Equations

- (1) A triangle has vertices (1, 2), (3, 4), (2, 3). Find the area of the triangle.
- (2) The currents running through an electrical system are given by the following system of equations. The three currents I_1, I_2, I_3 are measured in amps. Solve the system to find the currents in this circuit. (Use elementary row operations to find the inverse matrix.)

$$I_1 + 2I_2 - I_3 = 0.425$$

 $3I_1 - I_2 + 2I_3 = 2.225$
 $5I_1 + I_2 + 2I_3 = 3.775$ (1)

- (3) Find the equation of the parabola $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ that passes through the following three points: (-2, 40), (1, 7), (3, 15). (Use the determinant/adjugate method to find the inverse matrix.)
- (4) The Arcadium arcade in Lynchburg, Tennessee uses 3 different colored tokens for their game machines. For \$20 you can purchase any of the following mixtures of tokens: 14 gold, 20 silver, and 24 bronze; OR, 20 gold, 15 silver, and 19 bronze; OR, 30 gold, 5 silver, and 13 bronze. What is the monetary value of each token?
- (5) In the position function for vertical height

$$s(t) = \frac{1}{2}at^2 + v_0t + s_0 \tag{2}$$

- s(t) represents height in meters and t represents time in seconds.
 - 1. Find the position function for a volleyball served at an initial height of one meter, with height of 6.275 meters 0.5 seconds after serve, and height of 9.1 meters one second after serve.
 - 2. How long until the ball hits the ground on the other side of the net if everyone on that team completely misses it?
- (6) Last Tuesday, Regal Cinemas sold a total of 8500 movie tickets. Proceeds totaled \$64,600. Tickets can be bought in one of 3 ways: a matinee admission costs \$5, student admission is \$6 all day, and regular admissions are \$8.50. How many of each type of ticket was sold if twice as many student tickets were sold as matinee tickets?