

This is a system of linear equations with 4-unknowns and 4 equations.

$$\begin{aligned} x+2y-w &= 3 \\ 2x-y+z+3w &= 2 \\ x+7y-z-6w &= 7 \\ x-3y+z+4w &= -1 \end{aligned} \rightarrow [A \cdot b] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 7 & -1 & -6 & 7 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 & 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

<1>  $(R_2 - 2R_1) \rightarrow R_2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & 1 & 5 & -4 \\ 1 & 7 & -1 & -6 & 7 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 & 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

<2>  $(R_3 - R_1) \rightarrow R_3$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & 1 & 5 & -4 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 & -5 & 4 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 & 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

<3>  $(R_4 - R_1) \rightarrow R_4$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & 1 & 5 & -4 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 & -5 & 4 \\ 0 & -5 & 1 & 5 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

<4>  $(R_3 + R_2) \rightarrow R_3$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & 1 & 5 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 1 & 5 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

<5>  $(R_4 - R_2) \rightarrow R_4$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & 1 & 5 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

<6>  $R_2 \times (-\frac{1}{5}) \Rightarrow \text{REF}$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{5} & -1 & \frac{4}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$x \quad y \quad z \quad w$

In this case, the leading variables are  $x, y$  and free variables are  $z, w$ . So, to get the solution, we should assign parameters to free variables;  $z=r, w=s$

$\therefore x+2y-s=3$

$y - \frac{1}{5}r - s = \frac{4}{5} \Rightarrow y = \frac{r+5s+4}{5}, x = -\frac{2r+5s-7}{5}$

Answer:  $x = -\frac{2r+5s-7}{5}, y = \frac{r+5s+4}{5}, z=r, w=s$