

Q1. Solve

$$x + 2y - z = 6$$

by GE

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

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

$$[A:b] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -2 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1 \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xleftarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 & -9 \\ 0 & -3 & 2 & -8 \end{array} \right]$$

$$-z = 1$$

$$\boxed{z = -1}$$

$$-3y - 3 = -9$$

$$3y + 3 = 9$$

$$\boxed{y = 2}$$

$$x + 4 + 1 = 6$$

$$x + 5 = 6$$

$$\boxed{x = 1}$$

$(1, 2, -1)$  is solution ✓

Q2.

$$u+v+w=2$$

$$2u+2v+5w=7$$

$$4u+6v+8w=16$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 4 & 6 & 8 & 16 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[\substack{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 4R_1}]{\phantom{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 8 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_3 \leftrightarrow R_2$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$3z = 3$$

$$\boxed{z=1}$$

$$2y+4=8$$

$$2y=4$$

$$\boxed{y=2}$$

$$x+2+1=2$$

$$\boxed{x=-1}$$

$(-1, 2, 1)$  is sol



Q3.

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

$$2x + 5y - z = -4$$

$$3x - 2y - z = 5$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & -1 & -4 \\ 3 & -2 & -1 & 5 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -10 \\ 0 & -8 & -4 & -4 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 8R_2$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -10 \\ 0 & 0 & -28 & -84 \end{array} \right]$$

$$z = \frac{-84}{-28} = 3$$

$$y - 9 = -10$$

$$y = -1$$

$$x - 2 + 3 = 3$$

$$x = 2$$

$$(2, -1, 3)$$

Q4.

$$x + y - 2z + 3t = 4$$

$$2x + 3y + 3z - t = 3$$

$$5x + 7y + 4z + t = 5$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & -2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & -1 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 & 4 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 5R_1]{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & -2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 7 & -7 & -5 \\ 0 & 2 & 14 & -14 & -15 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\downarrow R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2$$

inconsistent

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & -2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 7 & -7 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 \end{array} \right]$$

Q5.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & : & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & : & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & (a^2 - 5) & : & a \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1]{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1} \downarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & : & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & : & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & a^2 - 4 & : & a - 2 \end{array} \right]$$

(1) Case 1:  $a = 2$

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

consistent

$$y + 2z = 1$$

$$\text{Let } z = k$$

$$x + (1 - 2k) - k = 2$$

$$y = 1 - 2k$$

$$x = 2 + k + 2k - 1$$

$$x = 1 + 3k$$

$$(1 + 3k, 1 - 2k, k)$$

(2) Case 2:  $a = -2$

inconsistent

(3) case 3:  $a \neq \pm 2$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & a^2-4 & a-2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$(a^2-4)z = a-2$$

$$z = \frac{a-2}{(a+2)(a-2)} = \frac{1}{a+2}$$

$$y + 2\left(\frac{1}{a+2}\right) = 1$$

$$y = \frac{a}{a+2}$$

$$x + \frac{a}{a+2} - \frac{1}{a+2} = 2$$

$$\left( \frac{a+5}{a+2}, \frac{a}{a+2}, \frac{1}{a+2} \right)$$

$$x = \frac{2a+4-a+1}{a+2}$$

$$x = \frac{a+5}{a+2}$$

Q6. Investigate the values of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}x + 3y + 5z &= 9 \\x - y + 2z &= 1 \\2x + 2y + \lambda z &= \mu\end{aligned}$$

- (i) has unique sol
- (ii) infinitely many solutions
- (iii) no solutions

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 5 & 9 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & \lambda & \mu \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1]{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 5 & 9 \\ 0 & -4 & -3 & -8 \\ 0 & -4 & \lambda - 10 & \mu - 18 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\downarrow R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2 \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 5 & 9 \\ 0 & -4 & -3 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda - 7 & \mu - 10 \end{array} \right]$$

(i) unique solution:  $\lambda \neq 7$  and  
 $\mu \neq 10$

(ii) infinite solutions:  $\lambda = 7$  and  
 $\mu = 10$

$$-4y - 3z = -8$$

$$\text{let } z = k$$

$$-4y = -8 + 3k$$

$$y = 2 - \frac{3}{4}k$$

$$x + 6 - \frac{9}{4}k + 5k = 9$$

$$x = 3 - 5k + \frac{9}{4}k$$

$$x = 3 - \frac{11}{4}k$$

$$\left( 3 - \frac{11}{4}k, 2 - \frac{3}{4}k, k \right)$$

(iii) no solution:  $\lambda = 7$  and  $\mu \neq 10$

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