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A.1 VERIFYING SOLUTIONS TO LINEAR EQUATIONS

MCQ 1: Which ordered pair (x, y) is the solution to the system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} 2x - 3y = 1 \\ x + 2y = 4 \end{cases}$$

- ☐ (1, 1)
- ☐ (2, 1)
- ☐ (-1, -1)
- ☐ (2, -1)

MCQ 2: Which ordered triple (x, y, z) is the solution to the system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 6 \\ 2x + y - z = 1 \\ x - 2y + 3z = 6 \end{cases}$$

- ☐ (1, 2, 3)
- ☐ (3, 2, 1)
- ☐ (2, 2, 2)
- ☐ (4, 3, -1)

MCQ 3: Which ordered pair (x, y) is **not** a solution to the equation $x + y = 2$?

- ☐ (1, 1)
- ☐ (4, -2)
- ☐ (2, 1)
- ☐ (-1, 3)

A.2 IDENTIFYING LINEAR EQUATIONS

MCQ 4: Is the equation $2x + xy - 3y = 2$ a linear equation?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

MCQ 5: Is the equation $2x + 2 = y$ a linear equation?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

MCQ 6: Is the equation $x^2 + 3y = 7$ a linear equation?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

MCQ 7: Is the equation $\frac{x+y}{2} = 1$ a linear equation?

- ☐ Yes

☐ No

MCQ 8: Is the equation $\frac{4}{x} + 2y = 5$ a linear equation?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

MCQ 9: Is the equation $x - 2\sqrt{y} = 3$ a linear equation?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

A.3 SETTING UP LINEAR SYSTEMS

Ex 10: A father is talking to his son. "The sum of our ages is 50, and the difference between our ages is 28." Let x be the father's age and y be the son's age. Write a system of linear equations that represents this situation.

Ex 11: On a farm, there are chickens and rabbits. The total number of heads is 100 and the total number of legs is 320. Let x be the number of chickens and y be the number of rabbits. Write a system of linear equations that represents this situation.

Ex 12: The perimeter of a rectangular garden is 34 meters. The length of the garden is 5 meters more than its width. Let x be the length and y be the width of the garden. Write a system of linear equations that represents this situation.

Ex 13: A student buys a total of 10 items, consisting of pens and notebooks. Pens cost \$2 each and notebooks cost \$4 each. The total cost of the purchase was \$28. Let x be the number of pens and y be the number of notebooks. Write a system of linear equations that represents this situation.

B REPRESENTATIONS OF SOLUTION SETS

B.1 IDENTIFYING PARAMETRIC SOLUTIONS

MCQ 14: Which of the following is the set of solutions for the equation $2x + 5y = 7$?

- ☐ $x = 1, y = 1$
- ☐ $x = 1 + 5t, y = 1 + 2t$, for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$
- ☐ $x = t, y = \frac{7-2t}{5}$, for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$
- ☐ $x = 6, y = -1 + 2t$, for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$

MCQ 15: Which of the following is the set of solutions for the equation $2x - 2y = -1$?

- ☐ $x = \frac{1}{2}, y = 1$
- ☐ $x = t, y = t - \frac{1}{2}$, for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$
- ☐ $x = t, y = t + \frac{1}{2}$, for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$
- ☐ $x = 1 + t, y = 2 + t$, for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$

MCQ 16: Which of the following is the set of solutions for the equation $3x + 2y = 4$?

- ☐ $x = 2, y = -1$
- ☐ $x = 2t, y = 2 + 3t$, for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$
- ☐ $x = 2 + 3t, y = -1 - 2t$, for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$
- ☐ $x = 2t, y = 2 - 3t$, for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$

B.2 FINDING PARAMETRIC SOLUTIONS

Ex 17: Find the solution set in parametric form for $2x + 4y = 1$.

Ex 18: Find the solution set in parametric form for $3x - y = 2$.

Ex 19: Find the solution set in parametric form for $x + 3y = 6$.

B.3 IDENTIFYING PARAMETRIC SOLUTIONS OF SYSTEMS

MCQ 20: Which of the following describes the set of solutions of the plane $x + 2y + z = 4$ in \mathbb{R}^3 ?

- ☐ $x = 1, y = 1, z = 1$
- ☐ $x = t, y = 2 - t, z = 2$, for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$
- ☐ $x = 4 - 2s - t, y = s, z = t$, for all $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$
- ☐ $x = 4 + 2s + t, y = s, z = t$, for all $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$

MCQ 21: Which of the following describes the set of solutions of the plane $x + 2y + 3z = 6$ in \mathbb{R}^3 ?

- ☐ $x = 1, y = 1, z = 1$
- ☐ $x = 6 - 2s - 3t, y = s, z = t + 1$, for all $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$
- ☐ $x = 6 - 2s - 3t, y = s, z = t$, for all $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$
- ☐ $x = t, y = s, z = 6 - t - 2s$, for all $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$

MCQ 22: Which of the following describes the set of solutions for the system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 3 \\ x - y + 2z = 2 \end{cases}$$

- ☐ $x = 1, y = 1, z = 1$
- ☐ $x = \frac{5}{2} + \frac{3}{2}t, y = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}t, z = t$, for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$
- ☐ $x = t, y = 1 - t, z = 2$, for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$
- ☐ $x = \frac{5}{2} - \frac{3}{2}t, y = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}t, z = t$, for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$

MCQ 23: Which of the following describes the set of solutions for the system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y - z = 1 \\ 2x + 3y + z = 8 \end{cases}$$

- ☐ $x = 3, y = 0, z = 2$
- ☐ $x = 13 - 5t, \quad y = 3t - 6, \quad z = t, \text{ for all } t \in \mathbb{R}$
- ☐ $x = 1, y = 1, z = 2$
- ☐ $x = 13 + 5t, \quad y = -6 - 3t, \quad z = t, \text{ for all } t \in \mathbb{R}$

C AUGMENTED MATRICES

C.1 WRITING AUGMENTED MATRICES

Ex 24: Write down the augmented matrix for the following system of linear equations:

$$\begin{cases} 3x + y = 7 \\ x - 4y = -2 \end{cases}$$

Ex 25: Write down the augmented matrix for the following system of linear equations:

$$\begin{cases} 2x - y + z = -1 \\ x + 3z = 4 \\ -x + 2y - z = 0 \end{cases}$$

Ex 26: Write down the augmented matrix for the following system of linear equations:

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y - z = 5 \\ -3x + 4z = 0 \end{cases}$$

Ex 27: Write down the augmented matrix for the following system of linear equations:

$$\begin{cases} x - y = 3 \\ 2x = 10 \\ -x + 4y = 1 \end{cases}$$

C.2 WRITING SYSTEMS FROM AUGMENTED MATRICES

Ex 28: Write the system of linear equations corresponding to the augmented matrix, using variables x and y .

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 \end{array} \right]$$

Ex 29: Write the system of linear equations corresponding to the augmented matrix, using variables x, y , and z .

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

Ex 30: Write the system of linear equations corresponding to the augmented matrix:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

Ex 31: Write the system of linear equations corresponding to the augmented matrix, using variables x, y , and z .

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 2 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & 5 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

D ELEMENTARY ROW OPERATIONS

D.1 PERFORMING ROW OPERATIONS

Ex 32: Write the equivalent system with the first row multiplied by 2.

$$\begin{cases} x - 3y = 1 \\ 2x + y = -1 \end{cases}$$

Ex 33: Write the equivalent system after applying the row operation $R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 2R_1$.

$$\begin{cases} x - 3y = 1 & (R_1) \\ 2x + y = -1 & (R_2) \end{cases}$$

Ex 34: Write the equivalent system after swapping Row 1 and Row 2 ($R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$).

$$\begin{cases} 4x + 2y = 10 & (R_1) \\ x - 5y = -13 & (R_2) \end{cases}$$

Ex 35: Write the equivalent system after applying the row operation $R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + 3R_1$.

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y = 4 & (R_1) \\ -3x + 5y = 1 & (R_2) \end{cases}$$

D.2 PERFORMING ROW OPERATIONS (MATRICES)

Ex 36: Given the augmented matrix below, write the equivalent matrix after multiplying the first row by 2 ($R_1 \leftarrow 2R_1$).

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

Ex 37: Given the augmented matrix below, write the equivalent matrix after applying the row operation $R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 2R_1$.

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

Ex 38: Given the augmented matrix below, write the equivalent matrix after swapping Row 1 and Row 2 ($R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$).

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 4 & 2 & 10 \\ 1 & -5 & -13 \end{array} \right]$$

Ex 39: Given the augmented matrix below, write the equivalent matrix after applying the row operation $R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + 3R_1$.

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

E GAUSSIAN ELIMINATION

E.1 SOLVING 2×2 SYSTEMS OF LINEAR EQUATIONS: LEVEL 1

Ex 40: Use Gaussian elimination to solve:

$$\begin{cases} x - 2y = 8 \\ 3x + y = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$x = \boxed{} \text{ and } y = \boxed{}$$

Ex 41: Use Gaussian elimination to solve:

$$\begin{cases} x + 3y = 5 \\ 2x + y = 5 \end{cases}$$

$$x = \boxed{} \text{ and } y = \boxed{}$$

Ex 42: Use Gaussian elimination to solve:

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 3y = 13 \\ x + 4y = 14 \end{cases}$$

$$x = \square \text{ and } y = \square$$

Ex 43: Use Gaussian elimination to solve:

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 3y = 7 \\ x - y = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$x = \square \text{ and } y = \square$$

Ex 44: Use Gaussian elimination to solve:

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 5y = 16 \\ x + 2y = 7 \end{cases}$$

$$x = \square \text{ and } y = \square$$

E.2 SOLVING 3×3 SYSTEMS OF LINEAR EQUATIONS: LEVEL 1

Ex 45: Use Gaussian elimination to solve:

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 6 \\ 2x + y - z = 1 \\ x + 2y + 3z = 14 \end{cases}$$

$$x = \square, y = \square, z = \square$$

Ex 46: Use Gaussian elimination to solve:

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y + z = 7 \\ 2x - y + z = 6 \\ 3x + y - 2z = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$x = \square, y = \square, z = \square$$

Ex 47: Use Gaussian elimination to solve:

$$\begin{cases} x + y + 2z = 9 \\ 2x + 3y + z = 11 \\ -x + y + z = 4 \end{cases}$$

$$x = \square, y = \square, z = \square$$

Ex 48: Use Gaussian elimination to solve:

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 6 \\ 2x + y - z = 3 \\ x + 2y + 3z = 13 \end{cases}$$

$$x = \square, y = \square, z = \square$$

F ANALYZING SOLUTIONS FROM ROW-ECHELON FORM

F.1 ANALYZING 2×2 SYSTEMS WITH PARAMETERS

Ex 49: Consider the following system of linear equations, where $k \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$\begin{cases} x + ky = 3 \\ 2x + 4y = 1 \end{cases}$$

Determine the values of k for which the system has:

1. a unique solution.
2. no solution.
3. infinitely many solutions.

For the case where a unique solution exists, find the expressions for x and y in terms of k .

Ex 50: Consider the following system of linear equations, where $k \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$\begin{cases} 2x - y = 4 \\ -6x + 3y = k \end{cases}$$

Determine the values of k for which the system has:

1. a unique solution.
2. no solution.
3. infinitely many solutions.

For the case where infinitely many solutions exist, find the general solution in parametric form.

Ex 52: Consider the following system of linear equations, where $a \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y - z = 1 \\ 2x + 5y + z = 5 \\ x + 3y + 2z = a \end{cases}$$

1. Find the value of a for which the system has infinitely many solutions.
2. For this value of a , find the general solution to the system of equations.
3. Describe the geometric interpretation of the system for this value of a .

F.2 ANALYZING 3X3 SYSTEMS WITH PARAMETERS

Ex 51: Consider the following system of linear equations, where $k \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 3 \\ x + 2y - z = 4 \\ 2x + 3y + kz = 8 \end{cases}$$

1. Find the value of k for which the system does not have a unique solution.
2. For this value of k , determine if the system has no solution or infinitely many solutions.
3. Describe the geometric interpretation of the system for this value of k .
4. Given that $k = 1$, find the unique solution to the system.

Ex 53: Consider the following system of linear equations, where $k, m \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 1 \\ x + 2y + 3z = 4 \\ 2x + 3y + kz = m \end{cases}$$

1. Find the value of k for which the system does not have a unique solution.
2. For this value of k , find the value of m for which the system has infinitely many solutions.
3. For the values of k and m found in parts (a) and (b), find the general solution to the system.

