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Non-programmable calculators are allowed. This test has 7 questions.

1. [5 Marks] Find the solution(s) of the following linear systems. Write out the name (Gaussian Elimination or Gauss-Jordan Elimination) of the method that you are using. Show all your work. If the linear system has infinitely many solutions then find the formula that expresses all the solutions (parametric vector form).

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 + 4x_2 + 6x_3 = 18 \\ 4x_1 + 5x_2 + 6x_3 = 24 \\ 3x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3 = 4 \end{cases}$$

Gauss-Jordan Elimination
Augmented matrix of the system

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 & 18 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 24 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \text{ by } \\ R_1 \cdot \frac{1}{2}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 9 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 24 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 \text{ by } \\ R_2 - 4R_1 \\ R_3 \text{ by } \\ R_3 - 3R_1}}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 9 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & -12 \\ 0 & -5 & -11 & -23 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 \text{ by } \\ R_2(-\frac{1}{3})}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 11 & 23 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_3 \text{ by } \\ R_3 - 5R_2}}$$

Gaussian Elimination stops here

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 \text{ by } \\ R_2 - 2R_3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \text{ by } R_1 - 3R_3}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \text{ by } \\ R_1 - 2R_2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution (4, -2, 3).

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 &= 9 \\ x_2 + 2x_3 &= 4 \\ x_3 &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_2 &= 4 - 2x_3 \\ &= 4 - 6 = -2 \\ x_1 &= 9 - 2x_2 - 3x_3 \\ &= 9 - 2(-2) - 9 = 4 \end{aligned}$$

(4, -2, 3)

2. [5 Marks] Determine whether \underline{b} is a linear combination of \underline{a}_1 , \underline{a}_2 and \underline{a}_3 .

$$\underline{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \underline{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \underline{a}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix},$$

Is \underline{b} is linear combination of $\underline{a}_1, \underline{a}_2$ & \underline{a}_3 .
 \vec{b} is equivalent to the question.

Does ~~the~~ vector equation $x_1 \underline{a}_1 + x_2 \underline{a}_2 + x_3 \underline{a}_3 = \underline{b}$ have a solution.

The equation

$$\textcircled{2} \quad x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{---} \textcircled{1}$$

has the same solution set as the linear system whose augmented matrix is

$$\textcircled{1} \quad M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & -6 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_2+2R_1]{R_2 \text{ by}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3 \frac{1}{2}]{R_3 \text{ by}}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3 - R_2]{R_3 \text{ by}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

The linear system corresponding to M has a solution. so the vector equation $\textcircled{1}$ has a solⁿ.

$\therefore \underline{b}$ is a linear combination of $\underline{a}_1, \underline{a}_2$ & \underline{a}_3

3. [5 Marks] If the following matrix A is the reduced echelon form of an augmented matrix of a linear system of equations with variables x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 and x_5 , then write out the solution in parametric vector form (i.e. $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p} + s\mathbf{u} + t\mathbf{v}$)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 5 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0 & 0 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 9 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Basic variables: x_1, x_2, x_4

Free variables: x_3, x_5

The corresponding system

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_1 \quad \cdot \quad -3x_5 = 5 \\ x_2 \quad \cdot \quad -4x_5 = 1 \\ x_4 + 9x_5 = 4 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_1 = 5 + 3x_5 \\ x_2 = 1 + 4x_5 \\ x_3 \text{ free.} \\ x_4 = 4 - 9x_5 \\ x_5 \text{ free.} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 + 3x_5 \\ 1 + 4x_5 \\ x_3 \\ 4 - 9x_5 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_3 + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ -9 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{\mathbf{p}} + s\underline{\mathbf{u}} + t\underline{\mathbf{v}}$$

Where $\underline{\mathbf{p}} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\underline{\mathbf{u}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ & $\underline{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ -9 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

4. [1.5 Marks] Suppose that $Ax = 0$ has only a trivial solution. What can you say about the solution to $Ax = b$?

- (a) Unique solutions (b) infinitely many solutions
(c) no solutions (d) Not enough information

5. [1.5 Marks] If the columns of an $m \times n$ matrix A span \mathcal{R}^m , then what can you say about the equation $Ax = b$ for each b in \mathcal{R}^m ?

- (a) Empty solutions (b) Inconsistent
(c) Consistent (d) Not enough information

6. [2.5 Marks] Circle the matrices that are in reduced echelon form. (equivalently called row-reduced echelon form)

(a) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ b) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ c) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (d) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Questions 7 to 9 are true or false questions. Write True after the question if you think that the statement is true and False if you think that the statement is false. **IMPORTANT: YOU DO NOT NEED TO JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS. JUST TO WRITE TRUE OR FALSE.** (4 points)

5) [1.5 Marks] Elementary row operations on an augmented matrix never change the solution set of the associated linear system. *True*

6) [1.5 Marks] Reducing matrix to echelon form is called the forward phase of the row reduction process. *True*

7) [1.5 Marks] If the augmented matrix $[Ab]$ has a pivot position in every row, then the equation $Ax = b$ is inconsistent. *False.*