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Part A. True or false questions. Each question carries one mark

1. Any $m \times n$ matrix can be reduced to a matrix in an echelon form.

T F ✓

2. A linear system can have exactly three solutions

T F ✓

3. The number zero can be a pivot.

T F ✓

4. When the linear system corresponding to the reduced echelon form of the augmented matrix of a linear system has free variables, the solution set of the initial system is infinite.

T F ✓

5. If the reduced echelon form of the augmented matrix of a linear system has a row with zero in all entries (zero row), then the linear system has no solution.

T F ✓

Part B. Essay questions

6. Find the solution set of the following linear system by reducing its augmented matrix to the reduced echelon form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix} R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 6 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_2 + 2x_3 &= 6 \\ x_1 + x_2 + x_3 &= 4 \\ -3x_1 + x_2 + x_3 &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

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[5 marks]

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 3R_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 & 20 \end{bmatrix} R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 4R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & -4 \end{bmatrix} R_3 / -4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_1 &= -1 \\ x_2 &= 4 \\ x_3 &= 1 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{solution set.}$$

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7. Consider the following matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

a. Is the matrix A in echelon form? Justify your answer.

[1 marks]

NO, row the "all zero" should be below all non zero rows.

b. Is the matrix B in a reduced echelon form? Justify your answer.

[1 marks]

NO, the pivot position in row 3 column 4 is not "1" as it should be in reduced echelon form.

c. Is the matrix C in echelon form? Justify your answer.

[1 marks]

yes, all entries below the pivot position are "0" ~~NO~~

d. Assume that A is the augmented matrix of a linear system of four equations in three variables. What is the solution set of this system?

[1 marks]

There is no solution set, row 4 or $0 = 5$ is not valid. the system is inconsistent

8. Consider the following system

$$x_1 + 2x_2 = 6$$

$$2x_1 + hx_2 = k$$

where h and k are parameters. Give separate answers for each of the following questions. Find all the values of h and k such that the given system has

a. No solution such that $b \neq 0$ and $x_1, x_2 = 0$

[2 marks]

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 2 & h & k \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & h-4 & k-12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} h-4=0 \\ h=4 \\ k-12 \neq 0 \\ k \neq 12 \end{cases}$$

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∴ There is no solution when $h=4$, and when k is equal to any number except for 12.

b. A unique solution

[2 marks]

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & h-4 & k-12 \end{bmatrix} \text{ such that } h \neq 0, \text{ and } k \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\therefore h-4 \neq 0$ $\boxed{h \neq 4}$, and $k-12 \in \mathbb{R}$

$\therefore h \neq 4$ and $k = \text{any number}$

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c. Infinitely many solutions. In this case, describe the solution set.

[2 marks]

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & h-4 & k-12 \end{bmatrix} \text{ such that } a_{11} = 0, a_{22} = 0 \text{ \& } b = 0$$

$\therefore h-4 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{h = 4}$, and $k-12 = 0 \Rightarrow$

$k = 12$ \therefore there are infinitely many solutions

when $\boxed{h = 4}$

and

$\boxed{k = 12}$

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