

No books, watches, notes or cell phones are allowed. You must show all your work, the correct answer is worth 1 mark the remaining marks are given for the work.

Question 2.¹ (6 marks) Consider the following system:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x + & 3y + & 4z = 3 \\ 2x + (h+1)y + & 6z = 4 \\ 4x + & 6y + (h-4)z = k-1 \end{array} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & h+1 & 6 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 & h-4 & k-1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{-R_1+R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ -2R_1+R_3 \rightarrow R_3}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & h-2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & h-12 & k-7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find all value(s) of h and k, if possible, such that the system has: a unique solution, infinitely many solutions, no solution. Be very clear about your combinations of h and k in each case and justify!

a unique solution if # leading entries in var. col. = # var. So $h-2 \neq 0$ and $h-12 \neq 0$.

∴ unique solution if $h \neq 2$ and $h \neq 12$. And $k \in \mathbb{R}$

infinitely many solutions if # leading entries in var. col. < # var. So case 1) $h=2$

then the augmented matrix becomes $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -10 & k-7 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & k-2 \end{bmatrix}$ $5R_2+R_3 \rightarrow R_3$

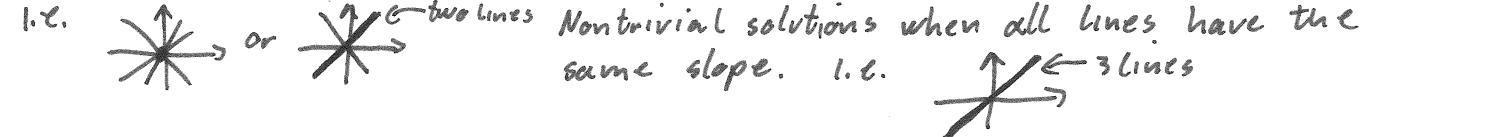
Case 2) $h=12$ then the augmented matrix becomes

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 10 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & k-7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{if } k=7 \text{ then } \infty \text{ many sol.} \\ \text{if } k \neq 7 \text{ then no solutions} \end{array}$$

If $k=2$ then ∞ many sol.
If $k \neq 2$ then no solution since there is a leading entry in the constant column.

Question 2. (2 marks) Discuss the relative positions of the lines $ax + by = 0$, $cx + dy = 0$, and $ex + fy = 0$ when the system composed of the three lines has only the trivial solution and when it has nontrivial solutions.

Trivial solution (only) when at least one line has a different slope than the others.



Question 3. Determine whether the following statements are true or false. If the statement is false provide a counterexample. If the statement is true provide a proof of the statement.

a. (2 marks) If an elementary row operation is applied to a matrix that is in row echelon form, the resulting matrix will still be in row echelon form.

False, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim R_1+R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
matrix in REF ↑ not in REF

b. (2 marks) Every matrix has a unique row echelon form.

False, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim R_2+R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ Two REF of the same matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

c. (2 marks) If a linear system has more unknowns than equations, then it must have infinitely many solutions.

False, $\begin{array}{l} x+y+z=1 \\ x+y+z=2 \end{array}$ \leftarrow less variables than equations but has no solutions since a set of numbers can not add to 1 and 2

¹From a previous John Abbott final examination