

Books, watches, notes or cell phones are not allowed. The only calculators allowed are the Sharp EL-531\*\*. You must show all your work, the correct answer is worth 1 mark the remaining marks are given for the work.

**Question 1. (3 marks)** The augmented matrix for a system of linear equations has been reduced by row operations to the given row echelon form. Solve the system.

$$\begin{array}{cccc|c} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & b \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 0 & -5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -9 & 3 \end{array}$$

Let  $x_2 = s$   
 $x_4 = t$   $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6-2s+5t \\ s \\ 3+9t \\ t \end{pmatrix} \quad s, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

and it follows that  $x_1 = 6-2s+5t$   
 $x_3 = 3+9t$

**Question 2. (2 marks)** The augmented matrix for a system of linear equations has been reduced by row operations to the given row echelon form. Solve the system.

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & b \\ \hline 1 & -101 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}$$

The system has no solutions since  $\nexists x_1, x_2, x_3$  that satisfy  $0x_1 + 0x_2 + 0x_3 = 1$

**Question 3. (5 marks)** Determine the values of  $p$  for which the system has no solutions, exactly one solution, or infinitely many solutions

$$\begin{array}{rrcr} -x & + & 4y & - & 2z & = & 1 \\ -2x & + & 10y & + & (2p-4)z & = & 6 \\ 3x & - & 11y & - & (p^2+6)z & = & 5p-1 \end{array}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 4 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 10 & (2p-4) & 6 \\ 3 & -11 & (p^2+6) & 5p-1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \begin{array}{l} -2R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ 3R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 4 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2p & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & p^2 & 5p-2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \frac{1}{2}R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 4 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & p & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & p^2 & 5p-2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim -R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 4 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & p & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & p^2-p & 5p \end{array} \right]$$

unique solution: #leading entries in var. col. = #var

$$\begin{array}{l} p^2 - p \neq 0 \\ p(p-1) \neq 0 \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ p \neq 0 \quad p-1 \neq 0 \\ \quad \quad \quad p \neq 1 \end{array} \quad \therefore p \neq 0, 1$$

no solution: leading entry in constant col.

$$\begin{array}{l} p^2 - p = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 5p \neq 0 \\ p(p-1) = 0 \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ p = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad p = 1 \\ \therefore p = 1 \end{array}$$

infinitely many solutions: #leading entry < #var

$$\begin{array}{l} p^2 - p = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 5p = 0 \\ p(p-1) = 0 \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ p = 0 \quad p = 1 \\ \therefore p = 0 \end{array}$$