

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. (5 marks) Find the value(s) of k , if any, for which the following system

$$\begin{cases} (2-k^2)x + (2-k^2)y + z = k \\ kx + y + kz = 4 \\ x + y + z = k \end{cases} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2-k^2 & 2-k^2 & 1 & k \\ k & 1 & k & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & k \end{bmatrix}$$

has

- a. exactly one solutions,
- b. infinitely many solutions,
- c. no solutions.

a) if $k \neq \pm 1$ then the system has a unique solution since # leading entries in var. col. = # var.

$$\begin{aligned} &\sim R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & k \\ k & 1 & k & 4 \\ 2-k^2 & 2-k^2 & 1 & k \end{bmatrix} \\ &\sim -kR_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & k \\ 0 & 1-k & 0 & 4-k^2 \\ 0 & 0 & k^2-1 & k-k(2-k^2) \end{bmatrix} \\ &\sim -(2-k^2)R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & k \\ 0 & 1-k & 0 & 4-k^2 \\ 0 & 0 & (k-1)(k+1) & k(k^2-1) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & k \\ 0 & 1-k & 0 & (2-k)(2+k) \\ 0 & 0 & (k-1)(k+1) & k(k^2-1) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & k \\ 0 & 1-k & 0 & (2-k)(2+k) \\ 0 & 0 & (k-1)(k+1) & k(k+1)(k-1) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

if $k=1$ then

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

∴ no solution since leading 1 in constant column.

if $k=-1$ then

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

∴ infinitely many solutions since # leading entries in variable column < # variable

Question 2. (5 marks) Find a sequence of elementary row operations that brings

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_1+c_1 & b_2+c_2 & b_3+c_3 \\ c_1+a_1 & c_2+a_2 & c_3+a_3 \\ a_1+b_1 & a_2+b_2 & a_3+b_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ to } \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\sim -R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \quad \begin{bmatrix} b_1+c_1 & b_2+c_2 & b_3+c_3 \\ a_1-b_1 & a_2-b_2 & a_3-b_3 \\ a_1+b_1 & a_2+b_2 & a_3+b_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\sim R_3 + R_2 \rightarrow R_3 \quad \begin{bmatrix} b_1+c_1 & b_2+c_2 & b_3+c_3 \\ 2a_1 & 2a_2 & 2a_3 \\ a_1+b_1 & a_2+b_2 & a_3+b_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\sim \frac{1}{2}R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \quad \begin{bmatrix} b_1+c_1 & b_2+c_2 & b_3+c_3 \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_1+b_1 & a_2+b_2 & a_3+b_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\sim -R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \quad \begin{bmatrix} b_1+c_1 & b_2+c_2 & b_3+c_3 \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\sim -R_3 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \quad \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\sim R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \quad \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\sim R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3 \quad \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$