

Instructions: Solve the following systems of linear equations by translating the system into an augmented matrix and reducing to RREF.

1)

$$x - 3y + 5z = 6$$

$$2x + y - 3z = -1$$

$$3x - 2y + z = 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] &\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 7 & -13 & -13 \\ 0 & 7 & -14 & -14 \end{array} \right] \\ &\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 7 & -13 & -13 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

So, the unique solution is $(x, y, z) = (1, 0, 1)$.

2)

$$\begin{aligned}2x + y + 2z &= 1 \\3x - y + z &= 2 \\3x + 4y + 5z &= 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 1 \end{array} \right] &\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 10 & 8 & -2 \end{array} \right] \\ &\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4/5 & -1/5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \\ &\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 3/5 & 3/5 \\ 0 & 1 & 4/5 & -1/5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]\end{aligned}$$

So, there are an infinite number of solutions which are characterized by

$$\left\{ \left(\frac{3}{5} - \frac{3}{5}z, -\frac{1}{5} - \frac{4}{5}z, z \right) \mid z \text{ is free} \right\}.$$