

8.4 Systems of Three Equations and Three Variables

8) Is $(x, y, z) = (-1, -3, 2)$ a solution of

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

Does the ordered triple $(-1, -3, 2)$ satisfy $\textcircled{1}$?

$$(-1) - (-3) + 2 = -1 + 3 + 2 \stackrel{?}{=} 4 \quad \text{yes.}$$

Does the triple satisfy $\textcircled{2}$?

$$(-1) - 2(-3) - (2) = -1 + 6 - 2 \stackrel{?}{=} 3 \quad \text{yes.}$$

Does the triple satisfy $\textcircled{3}$?

$$3(-1) + 2(-3) - (2) = -3 - 6 - 2 = -11 \neq 1 \quad \text{no.}$$

Overall answer: No

Ex [Solving by elimination]

$$8.4 \quad 10) \quad \begin{cases} x + y - z = 0 \\ 2x - y + z = 3 \\ -x + 5y - 3z = 2 \end{cases}$$

Idea: Go from
3 eqns / 3 variables
to 2 eqns / 2 variables
to 1 eqn / 1 variable.

Let's eliminate x , two ways.

$$\begin{array}{l} \textcircled{1}: \quad x + y - z = 0 \\ \textcircled{3}: \quad -x + 5y - 3z = 2 \\ \hline \textcircled{4} \quad \quad \quad 6y - 4z = 2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2 \cdot (3): -2x + 10y - 6z = 4 \\
 (2): \quad \underline{2x - y + z = 3} \\
 (5) \qquad \qquad \qquad 9y - 5z = 7
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{(4)} \\ \text{(5)} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 6y - 4z = 2 \\ 9y - 5z = 7 \end{array} \right. \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} -\frac{3}{2}(4): -9y + 6z = -3 \\ (5): 9y - 5z = 7 \end{array} \quad \underline{\quad} \quad \begin{array}{l} (6) \\ z = 4 \end{array}$$

10 cont'd) Now we "back-substitute" to find y and x .

$$\text{Use } \textcircled{5}: \quad 9y - 5(4) = 7$$

$$9y - 20 = 7$$

$$9y = 27$$

$$\boxed{y = 3}$$

$$\text{Use } \textcircled{1}: \quad x + (3) - (4) = 0$$

$$x - 1 = 0$$

$$\boxed{x = 1}$$

$$(x, y, z) = (1, 3, 4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 22) \quad & \textcircled{1} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x - y + z = 4 \\ \textcircled{2} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 5x + 2y - 3z = 2 \\ \textcircled{3} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 4x + 3y - 4z = -2 \end{array} \right. \end{array} \right. \end{array} \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$2. \quad \textcircled{1} \quad 2x - 2y + 2z = 8$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{5x + 2y - 3z = 2}{7x - z = 10}$$

$\textcircled{4}$

$$3. \quad \textcircled{1} \quad 3x - 3y + 3z = 12$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad \frac{4x + 3y - 4z = -2}{7x - z = 10}$$

Whoa! →

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 7x - z = 10 \\ \textcircled{5} \quad 7x - z = 10 \end{array} \right.$$

$$-1 \cdot \textcircled{4}: -7x + z = -10$$

$$\textcircled{5}: \quad \frac{7x - z = 10}{0 = 0}$$

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Dependent system: infinitely many solutions

$$18) \begin{cases} (1) \quad 4x + y + z = 17 \\ (2) \quad x - 3y + 2z = -8 \\ (3) \quad 5x - 2y + 3z = 5 \end{cases}$$

$$-4 \cdot (2): -4x + 12y - 8z = 32$$

$$\begin{array}{r} (1): \quad 4x + y + z = 17 \\ \hline (4) \quad 13y - 7z = 49 \end{array}$$

$$-5 \cdot (2): -5x + 15y - 10z = 40$$

$$\begin{array}{r} (3): \quad 5x - 2y + 3z = 5 \\ \hline (5) \quad 13y - 7z = 45 \end{array}$$

$$(4) \quad 13y - 7z = 49$$

$$(5) \quad 13y - 7z = 45$$

$$-1 \cdot (5): -13y + 7z = -45$$

$$\begin{array}{r} (4): \quad 13y - 7z = 49 \\ \hline 0 = 4 \end{array}$$

There is NO SOLUTION
The system is inconsistent.

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

$$4. (2): 20x - 4y + 8z = 12$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 (1): \quad 3x + 4y - 3z = 4 \\
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 (4): \quad 23x \qquad \qquad \qquad + 5z = 16
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2.(2) \quad 10x - 2y + 4z = 6 \\
 (3) \quad x + 2y - z = -2 \\
 \hline
 (5): \quad 11x \qquad \qquad \qquad + 3z = 4
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 (4) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} 23x + 5z = 16 \\ 11x + 3z = 4 \end{array} \right\} \\
 (5)
 \end{array}$$

ANSWER:
 (x, y, z)
 $= (2, -5, -6)$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 3.(4): \quad 69x + 15z = 48 \\
 -5.(5) \quad \underline{-55x - 15z = -20} \\
 (6) \quad 14x \qquad \qquad = 28 \Rightarrow \boxed{x=2}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{use (5): } 11(2) + 3z = 4 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{use (2): } 5(2) - y + 2(-6) = 3 \\ 10 - y - 12 = 3 \\ -y - 2 = 3 \\ -y = 5 \\ \boxed{y = -5} \end{array} \right\} \\
 \quad \quad \quad 22 + 3z = 4 \\
 \quad \quad \quad 3z = -18 \\
 \quad \quad \quad \boxed{z = -6}
 \end{array}$$