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Quiz 1

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Exercise#1 [10 points]. Consider the linear system

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + x_2 - \alpha x_3 &= -1 \\ -3x_1 - 3x_2 + (\alpha^2 + 2)x_3 &= \alpha + 1\end{aligned}$$

Under what condition(s) on the constant  $\alpha$  does the the system have:

- (a) no solutions.
- (b) a unique solution.
- (c) infinitely many solutions.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -\alpha & -1 \\ -3 & -3 & \alpha^2+2 & \alpha+1 \end{array} \right] \quad (2 \text{ pts})$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -\alpha & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & (\alpha-2)(\alpha-1) & \alpha-2 \end{array} \right] \quad (2 \text{ pts})$$

$3R_1 + R_2$

(2 pts) (a)  $\alpha = 1$

(2 pts) (b) None

(2 pts) (c)  $\alpha \neq 1$

Good Luck

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Exercise#1 [10 points]. Consider the linear system

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 - x_4 &= 0 \\2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 + x_4 &= -1 \\x_2 + x_3 + \alpha x_4 &= \beta\end{aligned}$$

Under what conditions on the constants  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  does the the system have:

- (a) no solutions.
- (b) a unique solution.
- (c) infinitely many solutions.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ \alpha & 1 & 1 & 1 & \beta \end{array} \right] \quad (2 \text{ pts})$$

$$\rightarrow -2R_1 + R_2 \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & \alpha & \beta \end{array} \right] \quad (1 \text{ pt})$$

$$\rightarrow R_2 + R_3 \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \alpha+3 & \beta-1 \end{array} \right] \quad (1 \text{ pt})$$

(a)  $\alpha = -3$  and  $\beta \neq 1$  (2 pts)

(b) None (2 pts)

(c)  $\alpha \neq -3, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$   or  $\alpha = -3, \beta = 1$  (2 pts)

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