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## HansenMath<sup>™</sup> Pre-calc: 7.4 Matrices and Systems of Equations, Day 2

## Gaussian Elimination with Back-Substitution

- 1. Write the augmented matrix of the system of linear equations.
- 2. Use elementary row operations to rewrite the augmented matrix in row-echelon form.
- 3. Write the system of linear equations corresponding to the matrix in row-echelon form and use back-substitution to find the solution.

Example 2: Write the system as an augmented matrix. Solve via Gaussian Elimination.

With Gaussian elimination, elementary row operations are applied to a matrix to obtain a (row-equivalent) row-echelon form of the matrix. A second method of elimination, called **Gauss-Jordan elimination** after Carl Friedrich Gauss (1777–1855) and Wilhelm Jordan (1842–1899), continues the reduction process until a *reduced* row-echelon form is obtained.

This Gauss-Jordan method is great because there's no back substitution. Once the matrix is *reduced* rowechelon, the solutions are staring you right in the face. Just like example 1 above, right?

But this is a **lot** of work - with lots of opportunity for error. Hey, it's 2020, we've got technology. We've got this! RREF to the rescue...

- \* Instructions for using your TI-84 calculator to write a matrix and solve to reduced row-echelon form \*
- Step 1: Press  $2^{nd}$  MATRIX  $\rightarrow$  **EDIT enter**. This will edit matrix [A].
- Step 2: Enter the order, or the dimensions: m enter x n enter.
- Step 3: Next, type in the values. You may hit enter after each entry to move to the right by row. When finished, press 2<sup>nd</sup> QUIT
- Step 4: Press 2<sup>nd</sup> MATRIX → MATH. Cursor up or down until you see B: RREF. enter.
- Step 5: Press 2<sup>nd</sup> MATRIX **enter enter** to perform RREF on Matrix [A]. You'll get your solution in RREF form <sup>(2)</sup>

Example 2 (too good to be true?): Use your calculator to solve the system as an augmented matrix, using RREF

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y + z = -4 \\ 2x - y + z = -4 \\ x + 3y - z = -7 \end{cases} \begin{cases} 1 & 2 & 1 = -4 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 = -4 \\ 1 & 3 - 1 = -7 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 3x & 4 & \text{RREF} \end{cases}$$

$$(-3, -1, 1)$$

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

$$\begin{cases} 1 & 0 & -3 & -5 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 & -4 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & -2 \end{cases}$$

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Example 4 (who could ask for more?): Use calculator to solve the system as an augmented matrix, using RREF

$$\begin{cases} x+y-5z=3 \\ x-2z=1 \\ 2x-y-z=0 \end{cases}$$

$$0 \quad 1 \quad -3 \quad 2 \quad 7 \quad y \quad -3a=2$$

$$0 \quad 0 \quad 6=0 \quad y=3a+2$$

$$1 \quad 7 \quad Sdn \quad let \quad z=a \quad x-2a=1$$

$$210 \quad x=2a+1$$

Assignment: Page 522, #48-50 (by hand), then use calc: #55-59, 73, 79, 84. Try 'Em. Thank you ☺