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1. 25 points For which values of  $k$  does the system  $\begin{cases} x + 2y + 6z = 2 \\ y + 2kz = 0 \\ kx + 2z = 1 \end{cases}$  have

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

**Solution:** Let us transform the augmented matrix to row echelon form.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2k & 0 \\ k & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2k & 0 \\ 0 & -2k & 2-6k & 1-2k \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4k^2-6k+2 & 1-2k \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2(2k-1)(k-1) & 1-2k \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $k = 1$ , then we obtain  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Therefore, the system has no solution.

If  $k = \frac{1}{2}$ , then we obtain  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Therefore, the system has infinitely many solutions.

If  $k \neq 1$  and  $k \neq \frac{1}{2}$ , then we obtain  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2(k-1)} \end{bmatrix}$  Therefore, the system have a unique solution.



2. (a) 15 points Calculate the determinant of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -2 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -2 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -2 \\ 4 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2(-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 & -2 \\ 4 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 0 + 0 + 0 \\ &= (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (-2) \left[ (2)(-1)^{3+1} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \right] = (-4)(-8 + 4) = 16 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) 10 points Suppose that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\det A = (-2)$ . Use Cramer's rule to find  $x_2$ .

**Solution:**

$$x_2 = \frac{|A_2|}{|A|} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}}{-2} = \frac{16}{-2} = -8$$



3. (a) 10 points Find the adjoint matrix ( $Adj A$ ) of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{11} &= (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 & C_{21} &= (-1)^{2+1} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -4 & C_{31} &= (-1)^{3+1} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 6 \\
 C_{12} &= (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 & C_{22} &= (-1)^{2+2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 & C_{32} &= (-1)^{3+2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = -6 \\
 C_{13} &= (-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0 & C_{23} &= (-1)^{2+3} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0 & C_{33} &= (-1)^{3+3} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$Adj A = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & C_{23} \\ C_{31} & C_{32} & C_{33} \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 2 & 0 \\ 6 & -6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) 15 points Find the inverse of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution:** First Way:

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} Adj A = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Second Way:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 6 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -6 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 \end{array} \right] \quad [A|I] \sim [I|A^{-1}]$$



4. (a) 10 points Suppose an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  satisfies the equation  $A^2 - 2A + I = 0$ . Show that  $A^3 = 3A - 2I$ .

**Solution:**

$$A^2 = 2A - I \Rightarrow A^3 = 2A^2 - A = 2(2A - I) - A = 3A - 2I$$

- (b) 15 points Let  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  be  $3 \times 3$  matrices with  $\det A = -3$ ,  $\det B = 4$  and  $\det C = 2$ . Compute  $\det(2A^2B^{-2}C^T)$ .

**Solution:**

$$\det(2A^2B^{-2}C^T) = 2^3(\det A)^2 \frac{1}{(\det B)^2} (\det C) = 8(-3)^2 \frac{1}{4^2} 2 = 9$$