

1. (12 points) Work through the following process for the following system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 3 \\ 2x_1 - 2x_2 - 6x_3 + 2x_4 = 2 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + x_4 = 9 \end{cases}$$

- (a) (1 point) Write an augmented matrix for this system.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -2 & -6 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 9 \end{array} \right]$$

- (b) (8 point) Convert the augmented matrix above to reduced row-echelon form.

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -2 & -6 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 9 \end{array} \right] &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -8 & -8 & 0 & -4 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 9 \end{array} \right] \\ &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -8 & -8 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right] \\ &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 6 \end{array} \right] \\ &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right] \\ &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{13}{2} \end{array} \right] \\ &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

- (c) (3 point) Indicate whether the system is inconsistent, has a unique solution, or has multiple solutions. If the system is consistent, identify its solution or solutions.

Since the constant row is a pivot, the system is inconsistent.

2. (8 points) For the two matrices given below, either calculate each of the following expressions, or briefly explain why it cannot be calculated.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) (1 points)  $A - B$ .

Because  $A$  and  $B$  have different dimensions, they cannot be subtracted.

(b) **(1 point)**  $4B$ .

$$4 \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \cdot -4 & 4 \cdot -1 \\ 4 \cdot 0 & 4 \cdot 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -16 & -4 \\ 0 & 12 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(c) **(2 points)**  $A^T$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(d) **(2 points)**  $AB$ .

Since  $A$  has 3 columns and  $B$  has 2 rows, they cannot be multiplied (in this order).

(e) **(2 points)**  $BA$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} -4 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \cdot 5 - 1 \cdot -3 & -4 \cdot 2 - 1 \cdot 1 & -4 \cdot 0 - 1 \cdot 1 \\ 0 \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot -3 & 0 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 1 & 0 \cdot 0 + 3 \cdot 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -17 & -9 & -1 \\ -9 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$