

3.8 Tech Lab

Using Augmented Matrices to Solve Systems of Equations

For the system:

$$\begin{aligned}2x + y + z &= 1 \\3x + 2y + 3z &= 12 \\4x + y + 2z &= -1\end{aligned}$$

Write an augmented matrix

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 & 12 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

After entering the matrix into TI84, exit to home screen

Use the Matrix Math menu and locate rref (reduced row echelon form)

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Choose your matrix

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Example: Use an augmented matrix to solve the following system:

$$4x - 3y + 6z = 18$$

$$-x + 8y + 4z = 48$$

$$6x - 2y + 5z = 0$$

$$1. \begin{cases} 3x + 2y = -4 \\ 4x + 7y = 13 \end{cases}$$

$$2. \begin{cases} 2x + y = 6 \\ 6x - 2y = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$3. \begin{cases} 4x + 6y = 0 \\ 8x - 2y = 7 \end{cases}$$

$$4. \begin{cases} 6x - 4y + 2z = -4 \\ 2x - 2y + 6z = 10 \\ 2x + 2y + 2z = -2 \end{cases}$$

$$5x - 5y + 5z = 10$$

$$5. \begin{cases} 5x - 5z = 5 \\ 5y + 10z = 0 \end{cases}$$

6. A sporting goods store sells footballs, basketballs and volleyballs. A football costs \$35, a basketball costs \$25, and a volleyball costs \$15. On a given day, the store sold 5 times as many footballs as volleyballs. They brought in a total of \$3750 that day, and the money made from basketballs alone was 4 times the money made from volleyballs alone. How many footballs, basketballs and volleyballs were sold?

