



**Assessment 1**  
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Math 220

$$\text{mean} = 78.7\%$$

$$\text{median} = 83.8\%$$

**No work = no credit**

**No Calculators**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Key

We must admit with humility that, while number is purely a product of our minds, space has a reality outside our minds, so that we cannot completely prescribe its properties a priori.

Johann Carl Friedrich Gauss  
1777 - 1855 (German mathematician)

Warm-ups (1 pt each):  $-3^2 = \underline{-9}$

$$1 - (-1) = \underline{2}$$

When did Gauss die?  
= 1855

- 1.) (1 pt) According to Gauss (above), were numbers discovered or invented? Answer using complete English sentences.

Numbers are a product of our mind which leads me to think he believed they are invented.

- 2.) (1 pt) Slack hint: The number is 12

- 3.) (4 pts) Solve the system  $\begin{array}{rcl} 4x_1 + 5x_2 & = & -7 \\ 3x_1 - 2x_2 & = & 12 \end{array}$  using matrix methods.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 4 & 5 & -7 \\ 3 & -2 & 12 \end{array} \right] R_1 - R_2 \rightarrow R_1 \quad \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \end{array} \right] \\
 \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 7 & -19 \\ 3 & -2 & 12 \end{array} \right] R_2 - 3R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \\
 \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 7 & -19 \\ 0 & -23 & 69 \end{array} \right] - \frac{1}{23}R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\
 \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 7 & -19 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \end{array} \right] R_1 - 7R_2 \rightarrow R_1
 \end{array}$$

$x_1 = 2$  and  $x_2 = -3$

- 4.) (2 pts) Determine the value(s) of  $h$  such that the matrix  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ -4 & h & 8 \end{array} \right]$  is the augmented matrix of a consistent linear system.

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & h+12 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

since this will never be  $0 = \frac{\text{not zero}}{\text{zero}}$   
 $h$  can be any real number.

5.) (2 pts) Give an example of a 3x4 augmented matrix of an inconsistent linear system.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 \end{array} \right] \leftarrow 0=8$$

$$x_1 - 3x_2 = 5$$

6.) (4 pts) Solve the system  $-x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 = 2$  using matrix methods.  
 $3x_2 = 3$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -3 & 0 & 5 \\ -1 & 1 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & -3 \end{array} \right] R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_2$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -3 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 & 7 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & -3 \end{array} \right] R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -3 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 & 7 \end{array} \right] \frac{1}{3}R_2 \rightarrow R_2$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -3 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 & 7 \end{array} \right] R_3 + 2R_2 \rightarrow R_3$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -3 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 5 \end{array} \right] \frac{1}{5}R_3 \rightarrow R_3$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$