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**Math 2250-1**  
**Quiz 5 Solutions**  
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1) Consider the following system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}2 \cdot x + y + 3 \cdot z &= 4 \\ x + y - z &= 3 \\ -x - 2 \cdot y + 6 \cdot z &= -5\end{aligned}$$

1a) Exhibit the augmented matrix corresponding to this system, compute its reduced row echelon form, and find all solutions to the system.

(7 points)

$$A := \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 & 6 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$R2 \rightarrow R1, R1 \rightarrow R2 :$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ -1 & -2 & 6 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$R2 \rightarrow -2 \cdot R1 + R2, R3 \rightarrow R3 + R1 :$

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

$R2 \rightarrow -R2, R3 \rightarrow -R2 + R3 :$

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

$R1 \rightarrow -R2 + R1 :$

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

Thus  $z$  can be a free parameter,  $z = t$ ,  $y = 2 + 5 \cdot t$ ,  $x = 1 - 4 \cdot t$ , or in vector linear combination form

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

This is the parametric equation for a line through  $[1, 2, 0]$  and with velocity vector  $[-4, 5, 1]$ .

1b) If we interpret solutions to this system as the intersection set of three planes, what geometric configuration of the planes does this system exhibit?

(1 point)

*From the solution above we see that the solution set to this system represents three planes intersecting in a line.*

2) Here are two matrices  $A$  and  $B$ . Only one of the matrix products  $AB$ ,  $BA$  exists. Compute this product.

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

*Only  $BA$  makes sense, and*

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 2 \\ -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

(2 points)