

SADLER UNIT 3 MATHEMATICS SPECIALIST

WORKED SOLUTIONS

Chapter 6: Systems of linear equations

Exercise 6A

Question 1

$$x = 3$$

$$y = -2$$

$$z = 5$$

Question 2

$$x = 4$$

$$y = 7$$

$$z = -2$$

Question 3

$$z = 1$$

$$2y + 5z = 15$$

$$y = 5$$

$$2x + y + z = 4$$

$$x = -1$$

Question 4

$$-z = 3$$

$$z = -3$$

$$3y + 2z = 6$$

$$y = 4$$

$$x - 2z = 7$$

$$x = 1$$

Question 5

$$2z = 12$$

$$z = 6$$

$$5y - 3z = 2$$

$$y = 4$$

$$x + 3y + 2z = 27$$

$$x = 3$$

Question 6

$$-3z = 9$$

$$z = -3$$

$$3y - 2z = 0$$

$$y = -2$$

$$2x + y + z = -3$$

$$x = 1$$

Question 7

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 10 \\ 1 & -4 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Question 8

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 5 & 12 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Question 9

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 & 18 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 11 \\ 5 & 2 & 1 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

Question 10

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 & 14 \\ 4 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 6 & 26 \end{bmatrix}$$

Question 11

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 & 8 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Question 12

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -5 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 7 & 37 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Question 13

$$x + 3y = 34 \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1}$$

$$2x + 5y = 59 \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2}$$

$$\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \times 2 \quad 2x + 6y = 68$$

$$\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \quad 2x + 5y = 59$$

$$\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} - \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \quad y = 9$$

$$x + 3y = 34 \quad (\text{Substitute } y = 9 \text{ into equation})$$

$$x = 7$$

Question 14

$$2x + 3y = 4 \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1}$$

$$4x + 9y = 2 \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2}$$

$$\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \times 2 \quad 4x + 6y = 8$$

$$\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \quad 4x + 9y = 2$$

$$\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} - \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \quad -3y = 6$$

$$y = -2$$

$4x + 9y = 2$ (Substitute $y = -2$ into equation)

$$x = 5$$

Question 15

$$\begin{array}{ll} r_1 & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \\ r_2 & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \\ r_3 & \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 1 & 14 \end{bmatrix} \\ r_1 & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \\ r_2 & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \\ r_3 - 3r_1 & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 & -2 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \\ r_1 & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \\ r_2 & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \\ r_3 - 3r_2 & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 7 & 14 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$7z = 14$$

$$z = 2$$

$$y + 3z = 7$$

$$y = 1$$

$$x + 2y + z = 7$$

$$x = 3$$

Question 16

$$\begin{array}{ll} r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right] \\ r_2 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & 4 & 6 \end{array} \right] \\ r_3 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 3 & -3 & 20 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right] \\ r_2 - r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \\ r_3 - 2r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & -5 & 8 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right] \\ \text{new } r_2 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \\ r_3 - r_2 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 0 & -8 & 8 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

$$-8z = 8$$

$$z = -1$$

$$y + 3z = 0$$

$$y = 3$$

$$x + y + z = 6$$

$$x = 4$$

Question 17

$$x + 4z = -1 \quad \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1}$$

$$2x + y + 3z = 8 \quad \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2}$$

$$5x + y = 35 \quad \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3}$$

$$5 \times \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \quad 5x + 20z = -5 \quad \text{new Eq}^n \textcircled{1}$$

$$\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} - 2\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \quad y - 5z = 10 \quad \text{new Eq}^n \textcircled{2}$$

$$\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} - \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \quad y - 20z = 40 \quad \text{new Eq}^n \textcircled{3}$$

$$\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} - \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \quad -15z = 30$$

$$z = -2$$

$$\text{From new equation } \textcircled{3} \quad y - 20(-2) = 40$$

$$y = 0$$

$$\text{From equation } \textcircled{1} \quad x + 4(-2) = -1$$

$$x = 7$$

Question 18

$$\begin{array}{ll} r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \\ r_2 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 3 & 2 & -1 \end{array} \right] \\ r_3 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 3 & 7 & -2 & 6 \end{array} \right] \\ r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \\ r_2 - 2r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & -1 & 4 & -7 \end{array} \right] \\ r_3 - 3r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & 1 & -3 \end{array} \right] \\ r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \\ -r_2 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & -4 & 7 \end{array} \right] \\ r_3 + r_2 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 0 & 5 & -10 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

$$z = -2$$

$$y - 4z = 7$$

$$y = -1$$

$$x + 2y - z = 3$$

$$x = 3$$

Question 19

$$\begin{array}{ll} r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 1 & 0 & 11 \end{array} \right] \\ r_2 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & -1 & 15 \end{array} \right] \\ r_3 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 3 & 9 & 1 & 16 \end{array} \right] \\ r_1 \leftrightarrow r_2 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & -1 & 15 \end{array} \right] \\ r_1 \leftrightarrow r_2 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 1 & 0 & 11 \end{array} \right] \\ r_3 - 3r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 3 & 4 & -29 \end{array} \right] \\ r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & -1 & 15 \end{array} \right] \\ r_2 - 2r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & -3 & 2 & -19 \end{array} \right] \\ r_3 + r_2 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 0 & 6 & -48 \end{array} \right] \\ z = -8 & \\ -3y + 2z = -19 & \\ y = 1 & \\ x + 2y - z = 15 & \\ x = 5 & \end{array}$$

Question 20

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 4 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_2 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 5 & -2 & 5 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_3 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 3 & 7 & -3 & 7 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_1 \div 2 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right] \\
 r_2 - r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_3 - 3r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} & 5\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right] \\
 r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right] \\
 r_2 - 2r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_3 + r_2 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 1\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right]
 \end{array}$$

$$z = 3$$

$$y + z = 4$$

$$y = 1$$

$$x + 2y - \frac{3}{2}z = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = 3$$

Question 21

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 3 & 4 & 5 & 14 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_2 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 5 & 7 & 6 & 13 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_3 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_1 - 3r_3 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & 2 & 5 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_2 - 5r_3 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 2 & 1 & -2 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_3 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & 2 & 5 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_2 - 2r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 0 & -3 & -12 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_3 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \\
 -3z & = -12
 \end{array}$$

$$z = 4$$

$$y + 2z = 5$$

$$y = -3$$

$$x + y + z = 3$$

$$x = 2$$

Question 22

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_2 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_3 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 5 & 1 & 3 & 10 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_1 \div 2 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 2 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_2 - r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 3 & 2 & -1 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_3 - \frac{5}{2}r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 2 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_2 - 3r_3 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -1 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_3 - r_2 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]
 \end{array}$$

$$y = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{2}z = -1 \Rightarrow z = -2$$

$$x + \frac{1}{2}z = 2 \Rightarrow x = 3$$

Question 23

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_2 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 3 & 2 & 1 & 7 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_3 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 5 & 4 & 4 & 19 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_2 - 3r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & -1 & -5 & -11 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_3 - 5r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & -1 & -6 & -11 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right] \\
 -r_2 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & 5 & 11 \end{array} \right] \\
 r_3 - r_2 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right]
 \end{array}$$

$$z = 0$$

$$y + 5z = 11$$

$$y = 11$$

$$x + y + 2z = 6$$

$$x = -5$$

Question 24

$$\begin{array}{ll} w + x - y + 3z = -1 & \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \\ x + 2y - 3z = -2 & \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \\ w + 2x + 2y + z = 0 & \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} \\ 2w + 3x + 2y + 7z = 4 & \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{4} \\ \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} & w + x - y + 3z = -1 \\ \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} & x + 2y - 3z = -2 \\ \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} - \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} & x + 3y - 2z = 1 \\ \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{4} - 2\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} & x + 4y + z = 6 \\ \\ \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} & w + x - y + 3z = -1 \\ \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} & x + 2y - 3z = -2 \\ \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} - \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} & y + z = 3 \\ \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{4} - \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} & 2y + 4z = 8 \\ \\ \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} & w + x - y + 3z = -1 \\ \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} & x + 2y - 3z = -2 \\ \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} & y + z = 3 \\ \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{4} - 2\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} & 2z = 2 \\ z = 1 & \\ y = 2 & \\ x = -3 & \\ w = 1 & \end{array}$$

Question 25

$$\begin{array}{ll} 5x + 3y = 270 & \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \\ 2x + 4y = 220 & \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \\ \\ 4 \times \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} & 20x + 12y = 1080 \\ 3 \times \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} & 6x + 12y = 660 \\ \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} - \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} & 14x = 420 \\ x = 30 & \\ y = 40 & \end{array}$$

Question 26

$$\begin{aligned}250p + 500q + 200r &= 8000 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \\10p + 5q + 20r &= 470 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \\50p + 100q + 100r &= 2800 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} \\\\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \quad 250p + 500q + 200r &= 8000 \\5 \times \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \quad 50p + 25q + 100r &= 2350 \\\\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} - \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \quad 75q &= 450 \\q &= 6 \\\\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} - 5\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \quad 375q - 300r &= -3750 \\r &= 20 \\\\text{From Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \quad 10p + 5(6) + 20(20) &= 470 \\p &= 4\end{aligned}$$

The vet used 4 of tablet P, 6 of tablet Q and 20 of tablet R.

Question 27

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{a} \quad 0.5x + 0.3y + 0.8z &= 610 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \\0.1x + 0.5y + 0.1z &= 180 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \\0.4x + 0.2y + 0.1z &= 210 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} \\5x + 3y + 8z &= 6100 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \\1x + 5y + 1z &= 1800 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \\4x + 2y + 1z &= 2100 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} \\\\mathbf{b} \quad -22y + 3z &= -2900 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \\x + 5y + z &= 1800 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \\-18y - 3z &= -5100 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} \\-40y &= -8000 \\y &= 200 \\-18(200) - 3z &= -5100 \\z &= 500 \\x + 5(200) + 500 &= 1800 \\x &= 300\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 6B

Question 1

If $k = 0$ there is no solution as $0 \neq 5$.

Question 2

If $k = 2$ there is no solution as $0 \neq 3$.

Question 3

If $k = -\frac{1}{2}$ there is no solution as $0 \neq 2$.

Question 4

Adding the two equations:

$$y + kz = 2 \text{ and } -y + 3z = 5$$

$$(3+k)z = 7$$

If $k = -3$ there is no solution as $0 \neq 7$.

Question 5

By subtracting 1.5 times the last equation from the second equation:

$$3y + kz = 4 \quad -$$

$$\underline{3y + 1.5z = 4.5}$$

$$(k - 1.5)z = -0.5$$

If $k = 1.5$ there is no solution as $0 \neq 1.5$.

Question 6

By adding twice the second equation to the last equation:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2y - 6z = 2k & + \\ -2y + 6z = -4 & \\ \hline 0 = 2k - 4 & \end{array}$$

If $k = 2$ there is a solution, for all other values of k there is no solution.

Hence $k \neq 2$.

Question 7

If $k = 2$ there is no solution as $0 \neq 4$.

Question 8

If $k = -1$ there is no solution as $0 \neq 5$.

Question 9

Twice the first equation minus the second equation will give:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x + 4y + 2kz = 2 & - \\ 2x - 3y + z = 5 & \\ \hline 7y + (2k - 1)z = -3 & \end{array}$$

Third equation minus three times the first equation:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 3x - y + 4z = 3 & - \\ 3x + 6y + 3kz = 3 & \\ \hline -7y + (4 - 3k)z = 0 & \end{array}$$

Add the two results found:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 7y + (2k - 1)z = -3 & + \\ -7y + (4 - 3k)z = 0 & \\ \hline (2k - 1 + 4 - 3k)z = -3 & \\ (-k + 3)z = -3 & \end{array}$$

If $k = 3$ there is no solution as $0 \neq -3$.

Question 10

Second equation minus first equation:

$$\begin{array}{r} x + y + z = 0 \\ x + 3y - 6z = 3 \\ \hline -2y + 7z = -3 \end{array}$$

Last equation minus three times the first equation:

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x + 5y + (k+1)z = 2 \\ 3x + 9y - 18z = 9 \\ \hline -4y + (k+19)z = -7 \end{array}$$

Twice the first result minus the second:

$$\begin{array}{r} -4y + 14z = -6 \\ -4y + (k+19)z = -7 \\ \hline [14-(k+19)]z = 1 \\ (-k-5)z = 1 \end{array}$$

If $k = -5$, there is no solution as $0 \neq 1$.

Question 11

The first equation minus twice the second equation:

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x + y + kz = -1 \\ 2x + 8y + 4z = 10 \\ \hline -7y + (k-4)z = -11 \end{array}$$

The third equation minus three times the third:

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x - 2y + 4z = 1 \\ 3x + 12y + 6z = -21 \\ \hline -14y - 2z = 22 \end{array}$$

The second result minus twice the first:

$$\begin{array}{r} -14y - 2z = 22 \\ -14y + 2(k-4)z = -22 \\ \hline [-2-2(k-4)]z = 44 \\ (6-2k)z = 44 \end{array}$$

If $k = 3$, there is no solution as $0 \neq 44$.

Question 12

Add the first two equations:

$$\begin{array}{r} x + y + 3z = 4 \\ -x + 5y + (k+1)z = 6 \\ \hline 6y + (k+4)z = 10 \end{array}$$

The last equation minus twice the first equation:

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x - y + z = 5 \\ 2x + 2y + 6z = 8 \\ \hline -3y - 5z = -3 \end{array}$$

The first result add twice the second result:

$$\begin{array}{r} 6y + (k+4)z = 10 \\ -6y - 10z = -6 \\ \hline (k+4-10)z = 4 \\ (k-6)z = 4 \end{array}$$

If $k = 6$, there is no solution as $0 \neq 4$.

Question 13

If $k = 0$, there are infinitely many solutions.

Question 14

If $k = -\frac{1}{2}$, there are infinitely many solutions.

Question 15

If $k = -2$, there are infinitely many solutions.

Question 16

If $k = 0$, there are infinitely many solutions.

Question 17

If $k = 0$, there are infinitely many solutions.

Question 18

Add twice the first to the second equation:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x - 4y + 6z & = & -2 \\ 2x - 4y + 6z & = & -2 \\ \hline 0 & = & 0 \end{array}$$

So regardless of the value of k , there are infinitely many solutions.

k can take any value.

Question 19

The second equation minus twice the first equation:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x + 3y + kz & = & 2 \\ 2x - 2y + 2z & = & 6 \\ \hline 5y + (k - 2)z & = & -4 \end{array}$$

The last equation minus four times the first equation:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 4x + 11y - 5z & = & 0 \\ 4x - 4y + 4z & = & 12 \\ \hline 15y - 9z & = & -12 \end{array}$$

The second result minus three times the first result:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 15y - 9z & = & -12 \\ 15y + 3(k - 2)z & = & -12 \\ \hline [-9 - 3(k - 2)]z & = & 0 \\ (-3 - 3k)z & = & 0 \end{array}$$

If $k = -1$, there are infinitely many solutions.

Question 20

$$\begin{aligned}x + 3y - 2z &= 4 \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \\x + 5y + (k-2)z &= 3 \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \\2x + (k+1)y - 7z &= 9 \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3}\end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned}\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} - \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \quad 2y + kz &= -1 \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2}' \\ \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} - 2\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \quad (k-5)y - 3z &= 1 \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3}' \\ \text{If } k = 3, 2y + 3z &= -1 \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2}' \\ \text{and } -2y - 3z &= 1 \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3}' \\ 0 &= 0 \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2}' + \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3}'\end{aligned}$$

If $k = 3$, there are infinitely many solutions.

Question 21

$$\text{Given } \begin{cases} x + py = 5 \\ 2x + 3y = q \end{cases}$$

The second equation minus twice the first gives $3 - 2p = q - 10$

- a** There are infinitely many solutions when $p = 1.5$ and $q = 10$.
- b** There are no solutions when $p = 1.5$ and $q \neq 10$
- c** The system will have a unique solution when $p \neq 1.5$, there is no restriction on the value of q .

Question 22

$$\text{Given } \begin{cases} px + 4y = 6 \\ 9x + 6y = q \end{cases}$$

The second equation minus one and a half times the first gives $9 - 1.5p = q - 9$

- a** There are infinitely many solutions when $p = 6$ and $q = 9$.
- b** There are no solutions when $p = 6$ and $q \neq 9$
- c** The system will have a unique solution when $p \neq 6$, there is no restriction on the value of q .

Question 23

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2y + z &= 3 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \\x + 3y - 2z &= 7 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \\3x + 4y + pz &= q \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} \\\\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} - \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \quad y - 3z &= 4 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2}' \\\\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} - 3\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} - 2y + (p-3)z &= q-9 \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3}' \\\\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3}' + 2\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2}' \quad (p-9)z &= q-1\end{aligned}$$

There are infinitely many solutions when $p = 9$ and $q = 1$.

Question 24

$$\begin{aligned}x + 3y - z &= 2 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \\2x + 8y - 2z &= q \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \\x - 3y + pz &= -1 \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} \\\\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} - 2\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \quad 2y &= q-4 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2}' \\\\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} - \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} - 6y + (p+1)z &= -3 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3}' \\\\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3}' + 3\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2}' \quad (p+1)z &= 3q-15\end{aligned}$$

There are infinitely many solutions when $p = -1$ and $q = 5$.

Question 25

$$\begin{aligned}x - 2y + z &= -2 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \\x + y + z &= 7 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \\-x + 5y + pz &= -4 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} \\\\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} - \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \quad 3y &= 9 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2}' \\\\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} + \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \quad 3y + (p+1)z &= -6 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3}' \\\\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3}' - \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2}' \quad (p+1)z &= -15\end{aligned}$$

There is a unique solution when $p \neq -1$.

Question 26

$$\begin{aligned}
 5x + 2y - z &= 2 && \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \\
 2x + y &= 1 && \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \\
 -3x + y + pz &= 1 && \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} \\
 \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} - \frac{2}{5} \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} & \quad \frac{1}{5}y + \frac{2}{5}z = \frac{1}{5} && \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2}' \\
 \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} + \frac{3}{5} \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} & \quad \frac{11}{5}y + \left(p - \frac{3}{5}\right)z = \frac{11}{5} && \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3}' \\
 \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3}' - 11 \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2}' & \quad (p - 5)z = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

There is a unique solution when $p \neq 5$.

Question 27

$$\begin{aligned}
 x + 3y - z &= 5 && \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \\
 -x + 3y + z &= 5 && \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \\
 2x + 6y - 2z &= 10 && \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} \\
 \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} + \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} & \quad 6y = 10 && \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2}' \\
 \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} - 2\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} & \quad 0 = 0 && \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3}'
 \end{aligned}$$

This system of equations has infinitely many solutions.

Question 28

$$\begin{aligned}
 x + 2y + z &= 4 && \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \\
 y - 3z &= 1 && \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \\
 (2k - 1)y &= m + 1 && \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

- a** There is a unique solution when $k \neq \frac{1}{2}$, there is no restriction on the value of m .
- b** There is no solution when $k = \frac{1}{2}$ and $m \neq -1$.
- c** There are infinitely many solutions when $k = \frac{1}{2}$ and $m = -1$.

Question 29

$$\begin{aligned}x - y + 2z &= 12 \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \\-x - 2y + z &= 3 \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \\8x + 7y + pz &= q \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} \\\\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} + \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} &\quad -3y + 3z = 15 \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2}' \\\\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} - 8\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} &15y + (p-16)z = q-96 \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3}' \\\\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3}' + 5\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2}' &(p-1)z = q-21\end{aligned}$$

- a** When $p = 1$ and $q = 10$, $0 = -11$, so there is no solution.
- b** When $p = 1$ and $q = 21$, $0 = 0$, so there are infinitely many solutions.
- c** When $p = 7$ and $q = 45$, $6z = 24$, so there is one solution, $(3, -1, 4)$.

Question 30

$$\begin{aligned}x - y &= m \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \\x + ky - 3z &= 7 \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \\4x - y - 3z &= 3 \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} \\\\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} - \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} &(k+1)y - 3z = 7 - m \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2}' \\\\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3} - 4\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} &3y - 3z = 3 - 4m \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3}' \\\\text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2}' - \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3}' &(k-2)y = 4 + 3m\end{aligned}$$

- a** When $k \neq 2$, for any value of m , there is a unique solution.
- b** When $k = 2$ and $m \neq -\frac{4}{3}$, there is no solution.
- c** When $k = 2$ and $m = -\frac{4}{3}$, there are infinitely many solutions.

Miscellaneous Exercise 6

Question 1

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \mathbf{c}, \quad \overrightarrow{BC} = \mathbf{a}, \quad \overrightarrow{CA} = \mathbf{b}$$

D is the midpoint of AB

E is the midpoint of BC

F is the midpoint of CA

P is the point where the medians of the triangle meet.

$$\overrightarrow{FB} = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}$$

$$\overrightarrow{FP} = r\left(\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}\right)$$

$$\overrightarrow{CD} = \mathbf{b} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{c}$$

$$\overrightarrow{CP} = (1-s)\left(\mathbf{b} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{c}\right)$$

$$\overrightarrow{FP} = -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b} + (1-s)\left(\mathbf{b} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{c}\right)$$

Comparing the coefficients of \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{c} in the two equations for \overrightarrow{FP} gives:

$$\frac{1}{2}r = -\frac{1}{2} + 1 - s \Rightarrow r = 1 - 2s$$

and

$$r = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}s$$

$$\text{Substitute } r = 1 - 2s \text{ into } r = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}s$$

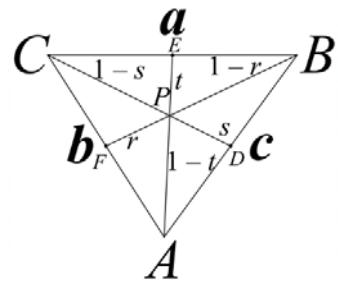
$$1 - 2s = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}s$$

$$-\frac{3}{2}s = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{So } s = \frac{1}{3} \text{ and } r = \frac{1}{3}.$$

r is not the length of the median closest to the vertex, so the median of the triangle closest to the vertex will be $1 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$.

Which means that the medians of a triangle intersect at a point that is two thirds of the way along each median, measured from the end of the median that is a vertex of the triangle.



Question 2

Find the extreme points for the range of values

$$\begin{array}{ll} x-a=5+x+3 & -x+a=5-x-3 \\ -a=8 & \text{OR} \\ a=-8 & a=2 \end{array}$$

- a** For there to be exactly two solutions $\{a \in \mathbb{R} : -8 < a < 2\}$.
- b** There are more than two solutions when $a = -8, a = 2$.

Question 3

- a** P_1 is the y -intercept of the function with equation $y = |x-a|$. $P_1(0, a)$.
 P_2 is the y -intercept of the function with equation $y = |0.5x-b|$. $P_2(0, b)$.
- b** P_1 is clearly above P_2 , so $a > b$.
- c** P_4 is the x -intercept of the function with equation $y = |x-a|$. $P_4(a, 0)$.
 P_6 is the x -intercept of the function with equation $y = |0.5x-b|$. $P_6(2b, 0)$.
- d** $|x-a|=|0.5x-b|$
 $x-a=0.5x-b$
 $0.5x=a-b$
 $x=2a-2b$
 $y=|x-a|=|2a-2b-a|=|a-2b|=2b-a$ in the first quadrant.

OR

$$x-a=-(0.5x-b)$$

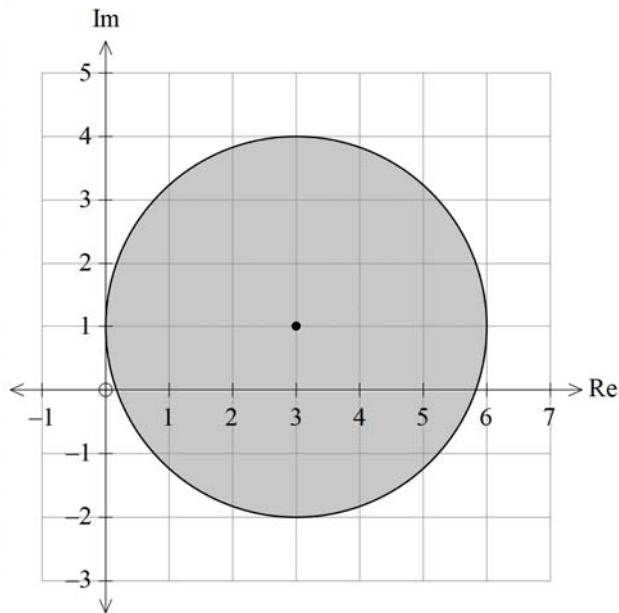
$$1.5x=a+b$$

$$x=\frac{2}{3}a+\frac{2}{3}b$$

$$y=|x-a|=\left|\frac{2}{3}a+\frac{2}{3}b-a\right|=\left|-\frac{a}{3}-\frac{2}{3}b\right|=\frac{2b-a}{3} \text{ in the first quadrant.}$$

The solutions are $(2a-2b, 2b-a)$ and $\left(\frac{2}{3}a+\frac{2}{3}b, \frac{2}{3}b-\frac{1}{3}a\right)$

- e** $\{(x, y) : y < |x-a| \text{ and } y < |0.5x-b|\}$ is made up of the regions A, E and G.
- f** $\{(x, y) : y > |x-a| \text{ and } y > |0.5x-b|\}$ is the region C.
- g** $\{(x, y) : y < |x-a| \text{ and } y > |0.5x-b|\}$ is made up of the regions B and F.
- h** $\{(x, y) : y > |x-a| \text{ and } y < |0.5x-b|\}$ is the region D.

Question 4**Question 5**

a $-5(\sqrt{3} + i) = -5\sqrt{3} - 5i$

$$r = \sqrt{(-5\sqrt{3})^2 + (-5)^2} = 10$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{-5}{-5\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\theta = -\frac{5\pi}{6}$$

$$-5(\sqrt{3} + i) = 10 \operatorname{cis}\left(-\frac{5\pi}{6}\right)$$

b $6 \operatorname{cis} \frac{3\pi}{4} = 6 \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} + 6 \sin \frac{3\pi}{4} i$
 $= -3\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{2}i$

Question 6

$$|z - 5| = |x + iy - 5| = |x - 5 + iy| = \sqrt{(x - 5)^2 + y^2}$$

$$|z + 5i| = |x + yi + 5i| = |x + i(y + 5)| = \sqrt{x^2 + (y + 5)^2}$$

$$3|z - 5| = 2|z + 5i|$$

$$3\sqrt{(x - 5)^2 + y^2} = 2\sqrt{x^2 + (y + 5)^2}$$

$$9[(x - 5)^2 + y^2] = 4[x^2 + (y + 5)^2]$$

$$9(x^2 - 10x + 25) + 9y^2 = 4x^2 + 4(y^2 + 10y + 25)$$

$$9x^2 - 90x + 225 + 9y^2 = 4x^2 + 4y^2 + 40y + 100$$

$$5x^2 - 90x + 5y^2 - 40y = -125$$

$$x^2 - 18x + y^2 - 8y = -25$$

$$(x - 9)^2 - 81 + (y - 4)^2 - 16 = -25$$

$$(x - 9)^2 + (y - 4)^2 = 72$$

Question 7

a $z = 1 - i$

$$r = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\tan \theta = -1$$

$$\theta = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$z = \sqrt{2} \operatorname{cis}\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

b
$$\begin{aligned} z^{14} &= \sqrt{2}^{14} \operatorname{cis}\left[14 \times \left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right] = 128 \operatorname{cis}\left(-\frac{7\pi}{2}\right) \\ &= 128 \operatorname{cis}\frac{\pi}{2} = 128 \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + 128i \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &= 0 + 128i = 128i \end{aligned}$$

Question 8

$$2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{k} + \lambda(2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}) = -2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k} + \mu(-2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$$

$$2 + 2\lambda = -2 - 2\mu$$

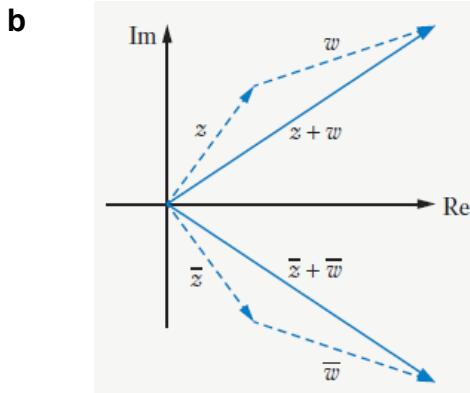
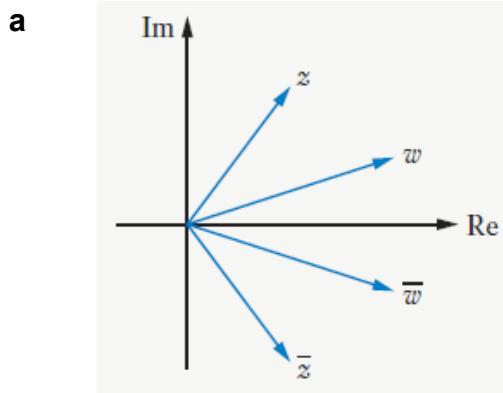
$$0 + 3\lambda = 1 - \mu$$

$$2 - 2\lambda = 6 + 2\mu$$

Solving gives $\lambda = \frac{3}{2}$ and $\mu = -\frac{7}{2}$.

The lines intersect at $5\mathbf{i} + \frac{9}{2}\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$

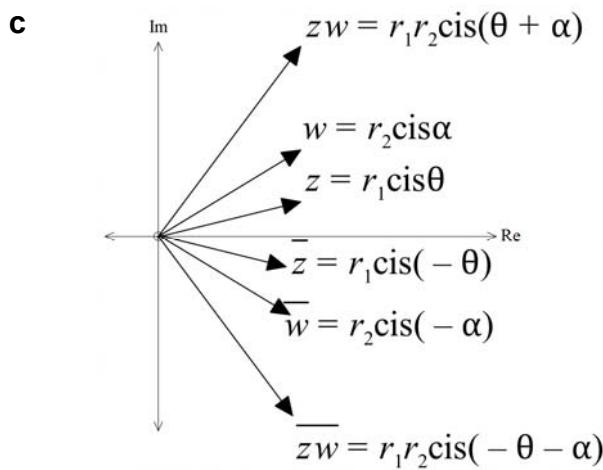
Question 9



$\overline{z+w}$ is the reflection of $(z+w)$ in the real axis.

But, from the diagram, $\overline{z} + \overline{w}$ is a reflection of $(z+w)$ in the real axis.

Hence $\overline{z+w} = \overline{z} + \overline{w}$.



\overline{zw} is the reflection of zw in the real axis.

From the labelled diagram, $\overline{zw} = \overline{z} \times \overline{w}$.

Question 10

$$360^\circ \div 4 = 90^\circ$$

Given $z_1 = 2 \text{ cis } 40^\circ$

$$z^4 = 2^4 \text{ cis } (4 \times 40^\circ) = 16 \text{ cis } 160^\circ$$

$$z_2 = 2 \text{ cis } 130^\circ$$

$$z_3 = 2 \text{ cis } (-140^\circ)$$

$$z_4 = 2 \text{ cis } (-50^\circ)$$

Question 11

a Given $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-3}} + 4$

Domain $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x > 3\}$ so that the denominator is the square root of a number ≥ 0 .

Range $\{y \in \mathbb{R} : y > 4\}$ as the lowest value of $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x-3}}$ approaches but does not equal 0.

b Function: $x \rightarrow x-3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-3}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-3}} + 4$

Inverse: $x \rightarrow x-4 \rightarrow \frac{1}{(x-4)^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{(x-4)^2}$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{(x-4)^2} + 3$$

Domain $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x > 4\}$

Range $\{y \in \mathbb{R} : y > 3\}$

Question 12

By de Moivre's theorem

$$\begin{aligned}\cos 4\theta + i \sin 4\theta &= (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^4 \\ &= \cos^4 \theta + 4 \cos^3 \theta i \sin \theta + 6 \cos^2 \theta i^2 \sin^2 \theta + 4 \cos \theta i^3 \sin^3 \theta + i^4 \sin^4 \theta\end{aligned}$$

Equating the real parts $\cos 4\theta = \cos^4 \theta - 6 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta + \sin^4 \theta$

Equating the imaginary parts $\sin 4\theta = 4 \cos^3 \theta \sin \theta - 4 \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta$

Question 13

The plane $\mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = -14$ is perpendicular to the line with vector equation $\mathbf{r} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$.

The plane $\mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = 42$ is perpendicular to the line with vector equation $\mathbf{r} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$.

The normal to the first plane is a scalar multiple of the normal to the second plane, therefore the planes are parallel.

The plane $\mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = -14$ meets the line $\mathbf{r} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$ at point A.

Substitute the equation of the line into the \mathbf{r} value of the plane to get:

$$\lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = -14$$

$$4\lambda + 9\lambda + 36\lambda = -14$$

$$49\lambda = -14 \Rightarrow \lambda = -\frac{2}{7}$$

Point A has position vector $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{4}{7} \\ \frac{6}{7} \\ -\frac{12}{7} \end{pmatrix}$. The plane $\mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = 42$ meets the line $\mathbf{r} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$ at point B.

Substitute the equation of the line into the \mathbf{r} value of the plane to get:

$$\left(\lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \right) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = 42$$

$$4\lambda + 9\lambda + 36\lambda = 42$$

$$49\lambda = 42 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{6}{7}$$

Point B has position vector $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{12}{7} \\ -\frac{18}{7} \\ \frac{36}{7} \end{pmatrix}$.

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{12}{7} \\ -\frac{18}{7} \\ \frac{36}{7} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{4}{7} \\ \frac{6}{7} \\ -\frac{12}{7} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{16}{7} \\ -\frac{24}{7} \\ \frac{48}{7} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\overrightarrow{AB}| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{16}{7}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{24}{7}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{48}{7}\right)^2} = 8 \text{ units}$$

Question 14

$$\overrightarrow{OX} = \begin{pmatrix} 2+5\lambda \\ 3+2\lambda \\ -1+\lambda \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2+5\lambda \\ 3+2\lambda \\ -1+\lambda \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{b}$$
$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let X be the point on the line that is closest to the origin, O is the origin.

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2+5\lambda \\ 3+2\lambda \\ -1+\lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$10 + 25\lambda + 6 + 4\lambda - 1 + \lambda = 0$$

$$30\lambda + 15 = 0$$

$$\lambda = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\overrightarrow{OX} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 2 \\ -\frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$|\overrightarrow{OX}| = \sqrt{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 2^2 + \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{26}}{2}$$

The shortest distance from the line to the origin is $\frac{\sqrt{26}}{2}$ units.

Question 15

$$\begin{aligned}pz - 3y &= 1 + x && \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{1} \\x + 3y &= 3 + 2z && \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{2} \\2x + 6y - 6z &= 5 && \leftarrow \text{Eq}^n \textcircled{3}\end{aligned}$$

Transfer this information to a matrix for ease of solving.

$$\begin{array}{ll}r_1 & \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 & p & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\r_2 & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \\r_3 & \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & -6 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \\-r_1 & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & p & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\r_2 + r_1 & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & p-2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\r_3 + 2r_1 & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2p-6 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \\r_1 & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & p & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\r_2 & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & p-2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\r_3 - 2r_2 & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}\end{array}$$

This system of equations will have no solution when $p = 2$, as the second row will become $0 = 4$, which is not possible.

If row 3 was multiplied by -4 , then the matrix would become:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & p & 1 \\0 & 0 & p-2 & 4 \\0 & 0 & 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

It follows that there will be infinitely many solutions when $p-2=8$, so when $p=10$.