



Use the Gauss-Jordan method to solve each system of equations. For systems in two variables with infinitely many solutions, give the solution with  $y$  arbitrary; for systems in three variables with infinitely many solutions, give the solution with  $z$  arbitrary. See Examples 1–4.

15.  $x + y = 5$   
 $x - y = -1$

18.  $2x - 3y = 10$   
 $2x + 2y = 5$

21.  $2x - y = 6$   
 $4x - 2y = 0$

24.  $\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{5}y = \frac{1}{4}$   
 $10x + 12y = 5$

27.  $x + y - z = 6$   
 $2x - y + z = -9$   
 $x - 2y + 3z = 1$

16.  $x + 2y = 5$   
 $2x + y = -2$

19.  $6x + y - 5 = 0$   
 $5x + y - 3 = 0$

22.  $3x - 2y = 1$   
 $6x - 4y = -1$

25.  $x + y - 5z = -18$   
 $3x - 3y + z = 6$   
 $x + 3y - 2z = -13$

28.  $x + 3y - 6z = 7$   
 $2x - y + z = 1$   
 $x + 2y + 2z = -1$

17.  $3x + 2y = -9$   
 $2x - 5y = -6$

20.  $2x - 5y - 10 = 0$   
 $3x + y - 15 = 0$

23.  $3x - 4y = 7$   
 $-6x + 8y = -14$

26.  $-x + 2y + 6z = 2$   
 $3x + 2y + 6z = 6$   
 $x + 4y - 3z = 1$

29.  $x - z = -3$   
 $y + z = 9$   
 $x + z = 7$

SOLUTION:

15.  $x + y = 5$   
 $x - y = -1$

This system has the augmented matrix

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & -2 & -6 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-1R_1 + R_2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{2}R_2} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-1R_2 + R_1}$$

Solution set:  $\{(2, 3)\}$

16.  $x + 2y = 5$   
 $2x + y = -2$

This system has the augmented matrix

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & -3 & -12 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-2R_1 + R_2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{3}R_2} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-2R_2 + R_1}$$

Solution set:  $\{(-3, 4)\}$

17.  $3x + 2y = -9$   
 $2x - 5y = -6$

This system has the augmented matrix

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & 2 & -9 \\ 2 & -5 & -6 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 7 & -3 \\ 2 & -5 & -6 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-1R_2 + R_1} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 7 & -3 \\ 0 & -19 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-2R_1 + R_2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 7 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{19}R_2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-7R_2 + R_1}$$

Solution set:  $\{(-3, 0)\}$

18.  $2x - 3y = 10$

$2x + 2y = 5$

This system has the augmented matrix

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -3 & 10 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{3}{2} & 5 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R1} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{3}{2} & 5 \\ 0 & 5 & -5 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-2R1+R2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{3}{2} & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{5}R2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & \frac{7}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{3}{2}R2+R1}$$

Solution set:  $\left\{ \left( \frac{7}{2}, -1 \right) \right\}$

19.  $6x + y - 5 = 0$

$5x + y - 3 = 0$

Rewrite the system as  $\begin{array}{l} 6x + y = 5 \\ 5x + y = 3 \end{array}$

The augmented matrix is  $\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 6 & 1 & 5 \\ 5 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$ .

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{5}{6} \\ 5 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{6}R1} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{5}{6} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{6} & -\frac{7}{6} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-5R1+R2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{5}{6} \\ 0 & 1 & -7 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{6R2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -7 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{6}R2+R1}$$

or

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-1R2+R1} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -7 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-5R1+R2}$$

Solution set:  $\{(2, -7)\}$

20.  $2x - 5y - 10 = 0$

$3x + y - 15 = 0$

Rewrite the system as  $\begin{array}{l} 2x - 5y = 10 \\ 3x + y = 15 \end{array}$ .

The augmented matrix is  $\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -5 & 10 \\ 3 & 1 & 15 \end{array} \right]$ .

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{5}{2} & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & 15 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R1} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{5}{2} & 5 \\ 0 & \frac{17}{2} & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-3R1+R2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{5}{2} & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{2}{17}R2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{5}{2}R2+R1}$$





or

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & -6 & -5 \\ 3 & 1 & 15 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-1R2+R1} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 6 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & 15 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-1R1} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 6 & 5 \\ 0 & -17 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-3R1+R2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 6 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{17}R2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-6R2+R1}$$

Solution set:  $\{(5,0)\}$

21.  $2x - y = 6$   
 $4x - 2y = 0$

This system has the augmented matrix

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -1 & 6 \\ 4 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 3 \\ 4 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R1} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -12 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-4R1+R2}$$

The second row of the augmented matrix corresponds to the equation  $0x + 0y = -12$ , which has no solution. Thus, the solution set is  $\emptyset$ .

22.  $3x - 2y = 1$   
 $6x - 4y = -1$

This system has the augmented matrix

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 6 & -4 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ 6 & -4 & -1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{3}R1} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-6R1+R2}$$

The second row of the augmented matrix corresponds to the equation  $0x + 0y = -3$ , which has no solution. Thus, the solution set is  $\emptyset$ .



23.  $3x - 4y = 7$   
 $-6x + 8y = -14$

This system has the augmented matrix

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & -4 & 7 \\ -6 & 8 & -14 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{4}{3} & \frac{7}{3} \\ -6 & 8 & -14 \end{array} \right] \frac{1}{3}R1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{4}{3} & \frac{7}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] 6R1 + R2$$

It is impossible to go further. The equation that corresponds to the first row in the final matrix is  $x - \frac{4}{3}y = \frac{7}{3} \Rightarrow x = \frac{4}{3}y + \frac{7}{3}$

Solution set:  $\left\{ \frac{4}{3}y + \frac{7}{3}, y \right\}$

24.  $\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{5}y = \frac{1}{4}$   
 $10x + 12y = 5$

This system has the augmented matrix

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{5} & \frac{1}{4} \\ 10 & 12 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & \frac{6}{5} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 10 & 12 & 5 \end{array} \right] 2R1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & \frac{6}{5} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] -10R1 + R2$$

It is impossible to go further. The equation that corresponds to the first row in the final matrix is  $x + \frac{6}{5}y = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x = -\frac{6}{5}y + \frac{1}{2}$

Solution set:  $\left\{ -\frac{6}{5}y + \frac{1}{2}, y \right\}$

25.  $x + y - 5z = -18$   
 $3x - 3y + z = 6$ ; This system has the augmented matrix  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -5 & -18 \\ 3 & -3 & 1 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 & -2 & -13 \end{array} \right]$   
 $x + 3y - 2z = -13$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -5 & -18 \\ 0 & -6 & 16 & 60 \\ 1 & 3 & -2 & -13 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} -3R1 + R2 \\ -1R1 + R3 \end{array} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -5 & -18 \\ 0 & -6 & 16 & 60 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 5 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} -1R2 \\ -1R1 + R3 \end{array} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -5 & -18 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{8}{3} & -10 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 5 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} -\frac{1}{6}R2 \\ -1R1 + R3 \end{array}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -\frac{7}{3} & -8 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{8}{3} & -10 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 5 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} -1R2 + R1 \\ -2R2 + R3 \end{array} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -\frac{7}{3} & -8 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{8}{3} & -10 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{25}{3} & 25 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} -1R2 + R1 \\ -2R2 + R3 \end{array} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -\frac{7}{3} & -8 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{8}{3} & -10 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} -\frac{7}{3}R3 + R1 \\ \frac{8}{3}R3 + R2 \end{array}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \frac{7}{3}R3 + R1 \\ \frac{8}{3}R3 + R2 \end{array}$$

Solution set:  $\{(-1, -2, 3)\}$

26.  $-x + 2y + 6z = 2$   
 $3x + 2y + 6z = 6$ ; This system has the augmented matrix  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 2 & 6 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 6 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right]$   
 $x + 4y - 3z = 1$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -6 & -2 \\ 3 & 2 & 6 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} -1R1 \\ -3R1 + R2 \\ -1R1 + R3 \end{array} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -6 & -2 \\ 0 & 8 & 24 & 12 \\ 0 & 6 & 3 & 3 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} -1R1 + R3 \\ -1R1 + R3 \end{array}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -6 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 6 & 3 & 3 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{8}R2 \\ \frac{1}{8}R2 \end{array} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 6 & 3 & 3 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} 2R2 + R1 \\ -1R1 + R3 \end{array}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{5} \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} -1R1 + R3 \\ -6R2 + R3 \end{array}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{3}{10} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{5} \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} -3R3 + R2 \\ -3R3 + R2 \end{array}$$

Solution set:  $\left\{ \left( 1, \frac{3}{10}, \frac{2}{5} \right) \right\}$



27.  $x + y - z = 6$   
 $2x - y + z = -9$ ; This system has the augmented matrix  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & -9 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right]$   
 $x - 2y + 3z = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 & -21 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{-2R_1 + R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 & -21 \\ 0 & -3 & 4 & -5 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{-1R_1 + R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 & -21 \\ 0 & -3 & 4 & -5 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{3}R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 7 \\ 0 & -3 & 4 & -5 \end{array} \right] \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 7 \\ 0 & -3 & 4 & -5 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{-1R_2 + R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 7 \\ 0 & -3 & 4 & -5 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{3R_2 + R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 16 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{R_3 + R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 23 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 16 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Solution set:  $\{(-1, 23, 16)\}$

28.  $x + 3y - 6z = 7$   
 $2x - y + z = 1$ ; This system has the augmented matrix  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -6 & 7 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & -1 \end{array} \right]$   
 $x + 2y + 2z = -1$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -6 & 7 \\ 0 & -7 & 13 & -13 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & -1 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{-2R_1 + R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -6 & 7 \\ 0 & -7 & 13 & -13 \\ 0 & -1 & 8 & -8 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{-1R_1 + R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -6 & 7 \\ 0 & -1 & 8 & -8 \\ 0 & -7 & 13 & -13 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftrightarrow R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -6 & 7 \\ 0 & -1 & 8 & -8 \\ 0 & -7 & 13 & -13 \end{array} \right] \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -6 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & -8 & 8 \\ 0 & -7 & 13 & -13 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{-1R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 18 & -17 \\ 0 & 1 & -8 & 8 \\ 0 & -7 & 13 & -13 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{-3R_2 + R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 18 & -17 \\ 0 & 1 & -8 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & -43 & 43 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{7R_2 + R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 18 & -17 \\ 0 & 1 & -8 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & -43 & 43 \end{array} \right] \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 18 & -17 \\ 0 & 1 & -8 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{43}R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 18 & -17 \\ 0 & 1 & -8 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{-18R_3 + R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -8 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{8R_3 + R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Solution set:  $\{(1, 0, -1)\}$

29.  $x - z = -3$   
 $y + z = 9$ ; This system has the augmented matrix  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 9 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 7 \end{array} \right]$   
 $x + z = 7$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 10 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{-1R_1 + R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right] \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{R_3 + R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{-1R_3 + R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Solution set:  $\{(2, 4, 5)\}$