

1) The system of linear equations:

$$3x - 2y - kz = 10; \quad 2x - 4y - 2z = 6; \quad x + 2y - z = 5m$$

is inconsistent if:

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(a) $k=3, m=\frac{4}{5}$

(b) $k \neq 3, m \in \mathbb{R}$

(c) $k \neq 3, m \neq \frac{4}{5}$

(d) $k=3, m \neq \frac{4}{5}$

Solution: (d)

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 & -k \\ 2 & -4 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 24 - 2(0) - k(8) = 0 \Rightarrow k = 3$$

$$\Delta_x = \begin{vmatrix} 10 & -2 & -3 \\ 6 & -4 & -2 \\ 5m & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 10(8) - 2(-10m + 6) - 3(12 + 20m)$$

$$= 8(4 - 5m)$$

$$\Delta_y = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 10 & -3 \\ 2 & 6 & -2 \\ 1 & 5m & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 3(-6 + 10m) + 10(0) - 3(10m - 6)$$

$$= 0$$

$$\Delta_z = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 & 10 \\ 2 & -4 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 5m \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 3(-20m - 12) - 2(6 - 10m) + 10(8)$$

$$= 40m - 32 = 8(5m - 4)$$

For inconsistent

$$k=3, \text{ \& } m \neq \frac{4}{5}$$