

3) The values of λ and μ for which the system of linear equations

$$x + y + z = 2$$

$$x + 2y + 3z = 5$$

$$x + 3y + \lambda z = \mu$$

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has infinitely many solutions are, respectively:

(a) 6 and 8

(b) 5 and 7

(c) 5 and 8

(d) 4 and 9

Solution: (c)

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2\lambda - 9) - (\lambda - 3) + (3 - 2) = \lambda - 5.$$

We know, $D = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda - 5 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \boxed{5}$

$$D_x = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 & 3 \\ \mu & 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(10 - 9) - (25 - 3\mu) + (15 - 2\mu) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 - 25 + 3\mu + 15 - 2\mu = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu = 10 - 2 = \boxed{8}$$